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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of P.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN (1118).**—*King Edward's Stamps.* By the time this issue of E.W.S.N. is in the hands of readers, the new ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d. stamps will have made their appearance. No definite information is forthcoming yet as to when the other values will be ready. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* gives credence to a rumour that the "high value" series will be augmented by the addition of 30/- and 50/- stamps. "It was at one time intended (continues our contemporary) to make all the high values from 10s. upwards of a uniform design, and in a uniform colour—mauve. They were to have the respective values inserted in black in a lower label, much in the manner of the Unappropriated Dies. But whether this original plan has been put into execution or abandoned we are unable to say."

Adhesives, "Postage and Revenue."

½d. dull green.  
1d. crimson.  
2½d. bright ultramarine.  
6d. purple.

The earliest dated specimen we have yet seen is postmarked Hull, December 31st, 1901, and was sent to us by Mr. G. H. Hansell. Extraordinary pains seem to have been taken by the Postmaster-General to prevent the sale before January 1st. The Norwood District Office placed the new stamps on sale at 8 a.m. on New Year's day, but was sold out within five minutes. Further supplies were, however, forthcoming later in the morning, and from all accounts record sales of stamps are being made.

**ANTIOQUIA (D 117).**—Another new 1c. adhesive has now to be recorded, 1c. brown. The following is the provisional list as it stands at present (the last regular series having appeared in 1899.)

*Postage Adhesives.* Type I. Numeral in centre, "Colombia" at top, "Centavo" at each side and below. Printed in square blocks of four types.

July 27th. 1c. carmine (5000).

Type II. Numeral in centre, "1901—Antioquia" at top, "Centavo" at foot, "Correos" at left, "Colombia" at right, with framing of type ornaments.

October? 1c. deep blue, perf. 12.

"? 1c. brown, perf. 12.

*Too late Adhesive.* As type I., but "Retardo" at each side.

August 6th. 2½c. violet.

The above particulars are given on the authority of various contemporaries.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (E110).**—*Official Stamps.*—On December 1st states *La Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina*, it is intended to repeat the experiment of issuing special stamps for official correspondence. An issue was made in 1884, but was apparently unsuccessful as the stamps were soon withdrawn. The new set is to be as follows:—

1 centavo, grey.	10 centavos, green.
2 centavos, brown.	30 " blue.
5 " red.	50 " orange.

As yet we have no information regarding the designs of the stamps, or as to whether they will be surcharged like the 1884 issue. The reason for the issue is the pilfering of stamps in Government Departments and the use by employés of such for their private correspondence. Unless the official stamps are distinguishable, it is almost impossible to detect their illegal use.

**BAHAMAS (I 115).**—*New Issues expected.* According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the three new values, 5d., 2/- and 3/- recorded in E.W.S.N. No. 115 are to be in the "Queen's Staircase" design, and may be expected to make their appearance early in January. Seven values will very likely appear at the same time with portrait of King Edward, 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 5/- and £1. Why not a halfpenny stamp too?

**BENGASI (C99).**—The *Rivista del Francobollo* reproduces a portion of the official decree relating to the institution of the Italian post-office at Bengasi (which has been published in the *Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno* of May 21st). The posts are in charge of the Vice-Consul of Italy, who receives 3000 lire gold per annum to cover the costs of forwarding the mails. The Consulate post-office was opened on March 15th, 1901, the decree being dated March 3rd.

**BHOR (A).**—We take the following interesting extract from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—"Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. tell us that the Postmaster of this State, while consenting to supply them with a small quantity of new stamps, informed them that the sale of these stamps to dealers was prohibited, and that they were intended solely for postal purposes. We are glad to hear that there is only the one low value at present; if there were higher ones the authorities might be tempted to relax the wholesome rule quoted above. It is only right to add that the *P. J. of I.* for November repeats its warning on the subject of these labels, and again asserts that there are 'no State Post Offices at all in Bhor.'"

**BRAZIL (C114).**—*Unpaid Letter Stamp.*—According to *La Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* the perforated set of unpaid letter stamps which has been gradually appearing since 1895 has received a new addition.

*Unpaid Letter Stamp.* 10 reis, dark blue, perf., 11½. Its predecessor was orange in colour and rouletted.

**BRITISH GUIANA (K116).**—*Destruction of remainders.*—In E.W.S.N., No. 95 (July 20th), we reported that the 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40 and 72 cents of the provisional 1888-89 issue had been officially withdrawn from circulation. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* states, on the authority of a Demerara newspaper, that the following quantities have now been destroyed "at the Rubbish Destructor, Georgetown, by order of the acting Governor, and in the presence of representatives of the Receiver General, Auditor General and Postmaster General,"—3c., 46,273; 4c., 39,910; 8c., 71,517; 10c., 96,595; 20c., 111,003; 40c., 117,061; 72c., 110,401; embossed 5 cents envelopes, 2,784; 2 cents surcharge, 360.

It will be noticed that there are no 6c. amongst the stamps destroyed, and we believe that there were no remainders. The 6c. referred to in the original notice was not unlikely the old 6c. brown of the 1876 type, of which there are (or were) large remainders. Why they have not been destroyed too is incomprehensible.

An interesting note respecting the rare \$1 of 1890 will be found in another column.

**CEYLON (C 95).**—*Variety of 5c. on 15c. 1888.* It appears that there must have been at least two different settings of the surcharge of the 5c. on 15c. of the 1888-90 issues. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* learns from a correspondent that he has a pane showing the error—"Five" on the first stamp of the sheet, whereas another correspondent possesses a pane with the error on the 4th stamp of the 4th row. Both panes show the variety "cents" with inverted "s," on the 2nd stamp in the 10th row.

**CHILE (K 118).**—A correspondent in a city firm having a large regular correspondence writes as follows:—"Herewith a specimen of the new 5c. which came over by this morning's mail for the first time." The specimen is dated "Valparaiso, November 16th." The *Monthly Journal* however states that the stamp was issued on October 21st.

**CONGO STATE (A).**—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles the 1 franc of 1894 in black and carmine instead of black and lilac.

**CRETE (D115).**—*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—We are indebted to M. Questiaux for pointing out a mistake which occurred in our issue of December

7th (No. 115). No new unpaid letter stamps of 1 and 2 drachmai have been issued; the stamps we chronicled are really the ordinary postage issue (issued early in 1901), which we have unfortunately resuscitated as a novelty under another name.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS (A).**—In another column we publish some very interesting details respecting the King Edward issue of stamps. They are to be of the following values:—

Adhesives, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-.  
Post cards, ½d., 1d. Reply Card, 1d. + 1d.  
Wrappers, ½d., 1d. Envelopes, 1d., 2½d.  
Registration Envelope, 2d.

As the decree authorizing the construction of plates and dies was only made on September 3rd, it is unlikely that the stamps will be ready for issue before Coronation Day. The Leeward Islands are Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher (or "St. Kitts"), and Virgin Islands. The latter already has an independent set, and St. Christopher is to follow its example at an early date. Will the other four colonies seize the opportunity to have special sets also?

**NORTH BORNEO (H 118).**—The *M. J.* suggests that the 1c. orange, 1886, perf. 18½, described in E. W. No. 115, may have 'bogus' perforation. Can any reader say definitely?

**PARAGUAY (F114).**—*Fiscal Postal.*—The 5c. postage adhesive having been exhausted in certain provincial districts (*Habiéndose agotado en el interior de esta república*, to quote our contemporary's exact words), the 5c. grey fiscal stamp has been allowed to do postal duty. It is without surcharge, and the tablet at foot which is usually occupied by a consecutive number, is left blank.—*Revista de la S.F.A.*

**PHILIPPINES (D115).**—*Remainders.*—The 26,000,000 stamps which were seized by the American authorities at Manila have been sold to M. Victor Robert, of Paris, for nearly £8000. Catalogue prices will fall heavily in the near future.

**SALVADOR (D 116).**—With reference to the status of the 1c. stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 115, the *Monthly Journal* quotes from the *Diario Oficial* (dated June 18th, 1900) to the effect that "one centavo additional will be charged upon each article of correspondence conveyed by post from and to the interior of the Republic." Consequently the 1c. "*Timbres de Instruccion Primaria*" must be classed as fiscals, notwithstanding that they are only used on letters.

The provisional fiscals were supplemented in June by the issue of a stamp of primitive design, consisting of a rectangle with Arms in centre, "Timbre de—1900—Instruccion Primaria" in the upper corner in two lines and "Un Centavo" at foot.

1 centavo, black on white.

**SEYCHELLES (E 115).**—*Fiscal Postal.*—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles a 10c. stamp surcharged in two lines, vertically in black, "REVENUE—4 Cents."

*Fiscal Postal.* 4c. on 10c. ultramarine and brown.

Several of the stamps have been seen used postally on a letter which was posted on September 7th.

(E115).—The ordinary 6c. value has been reprinted and is now again in issue. The 8c. and 36c. values are now both obsolete.

**SIRMOOR (B 98).**—*Bogus? Varieties.*—The *P. J. of India* states that the "On S.S.S." surcharge was never officially made on the elephant issue, (S.G. Nos. 73 to 77). The catalogue records them as "Doubtful."

**TASMANIA (C 113).**—The £1 green and yellow should be a very scarce stamp, and probably not less than £8 or £10 would represent the true value of a mint specimen. None have been issued since December 1st, 1900, and enquiries at a number of post offices shows that they were very thoroughly recalled from circulation. All the fiscal stamps formerly available for postage, together with the above mentioned £1 stamp, are now overprinted "Revenue" and are available for fiscal purposes only.

**TRINIDAD (F 118).**—With reference to the note respecting the expected issue on January 1st of the new 3d., 1d. and 1/- stamps (E. W. No. 118), *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* is informed by the Postmaster-General that a whole series of stamps in new colours has been sent out, but that none of them are likely to be issued for some months yet, unless the new law, under which some of the postage stamps are to be used also for revenue purposes should cause an unexpected demand for certain values.

**TUMACO (B100).**—We do not appear to have chronicled the following new values:—

Adhesives, perf. 12.  
\$5 black on white.  
\$10 " " "

**UNITED STATES (J. 117).**—*Pan-American Statistics*.—The figures relating to the issue of the Pan-American stamps are now complete, and we are able to give the following three tables on the authority of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Value.	First Order to Printers.	Second Order to Printers.	Actually Issued.
1c.	71,000,000	75,000,000	91,401,500
2c.	160,000,000	165,000,000	209,759,700
4c.	5,000,000	4,500,000	5,737,100
5c.	8,000,000	6,500,000	7,201,300
8c.	3,000,000	4,000,000	4,921,700
10c.	4,000,000	4,500,000	5,043,700

The first order to the printers—the Bureau of Engraving and Printing—was sent out about Feb. 1st, 1901 and the second about July 1st. It is unlikely that the second requisition was filled in entirety, so the exact number actually printed remains unknown. The 325 million stamps sold cost \$65,000 to print (20 cents per 1000), or \$48,000 more than an equal amount of ordinary stamps would have cost.

**VICTORIA (L. 115).**—*New £1 Stamp*. Mr. N. C. Horwood writes: "I have just received a letter from the Comptroller of Stamps stating that the £1 Victorian postage stamp was issued to the public on the 18th November, and that the £2 which is not yet ready is expected in about a month. The question as to adding these £1 and £2 stamps to the sets of lightly post-marked stamps which are now being sold at 4/- per set and the cost of such sets should this be done is now under consideration, but has not yet been decided."

"Re the enquiry of Mr. G. F. M. Camroux, in E.W.S.N. of Oct. 12th regarding the 1d. olive green stamp duty Victorian postmarked 14th August, 1901, this stamp was not available for postage after 30th June, so probably Mr. Camroux's copy slipped through the post unnoticed."

Mr. A. H. Stamford informs us that the £2 stamp was expected to be ready on December 19th and also corroborates the above information.

**VIRGIN ISLANDS (B 118).**—The values of the present set in use here correspond exactly to those of the current "Leeward Islands" series. Both sets are on sale in the island and the purchaser can have which he prefers. As we see elsewhere, the new King's Head series for the Leeward Islands is to include three new values, 2d., 3d. and 2/6, and will drop two, the 4d. and 7d. Will corresponding changes be made in the "Virgin Islands" set? Of course, no alteration is really necessary, but that is of comparative unimportance.

## British Guiana, \$1, of 1889.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO THE NUMBER ISSUED OF THIS VERY SCARCE STAMP.

A valued correspondent in the colony, Mr. J. W. Dorman, sends us the following copy of an official letter bearing on the above subject:

[COPY.] Treasury, George Town, Demerara, 8th October, 1901.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of 4th inst., I am authorised to make the following reply in respect of the issue of \$1 stamps of the 1889 issue.

2. In May, 1890, there were received in the Colony 114,000 of these stamps, and 7,946 were supplied by the Crown Agents, subsequently making in all 121,946. No more of these stamps have been ordered or received from the Crown Agents. Of the 121,946 received, 144 stamps, and no more, were issued to the public as \$1 stamps. Two stamps were destroyed, and the remainder, 121,800 stamps, were surcharged and issued to the public as 1 cent stamps in 1891.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

C. B. HAMILTON,

J. W. DORMAN, Esq., Commissioner of Stamps.

To this Mr. Dorman adds: "Very few specimens of this one dollar stamps can be held by any dealer, as during my ten years in this Colony some 60 (out of a total of 144) have passed through my hands. Of these, I still hold 40, and of the remaining 84 copies, some 25 to 30 were used fiscally."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. C. J. Phillips writes:—

"In looking through your paper yesterday I noticed you say that I used to specialise in Russian Locals. Would you mind contradicting because I do not want any of your readers to think that I am a subject fit for a Lunatic Asylum, which if I did specialise in these stamps I should consider myself to be. I have never collected any local stamps of any kind whatever. Gibbons had a good many in stock bought in the usual way of business, and my chief aim since I have had the business has been to get rid of them, so far with a considerable amount of success, but I have never collected or specialized in them at all."

[As requested, we make the correction, but fail to see why anyone should not collect and even specialize Russian locals, if he likes. Perhaps Mr. Phillips would suggest that anyone who collected out of the usual run was mad, that is to say, anyone who does not take the catalogue as his guide. If anyone wishes to collect stamps for pleasure, our advice to him is to collect just what he likes, without reference to anyone else.—ED.]

THE TWOPENCE BLACK.

Judge Philbrick, writes:—

"It may conduce to elucidate the apparent mystery with which this stamp is surrounded if the possessor would state explicitly one or two facts, which any expert Philatelist would at once determine, if he is unable to do so.

1. Is the stamp die I. or II.? Has it the white lines, and are they thin or broad?
2. What is the plate number, if any (in the side engine-turning)?
3. Are there letters in all four corners?
4. What corner letters does the stamp bear?
5. Is it imperforate, or what is the perforation 14 or 16?

The one fact really stated is that the specimen in question is watermarked Large Crown, which takes the date anyhow, to 1855 or later. The letter from Mr. G. Fox in your No. 118, p. 208, calls attention to a Statement in Wright and Creeke pp. 22-3; but these colour trials of 1840 were on small crown paper. No printing of the twopence in black as a stamp for use, ever took place, consequently none were ever issued, and the few specimens printed in black were simply colour trials, essays—or proofs, such as those for the Paris Exhibition in 1867. The Stamp Office is the primary source for information, they supply all the Post Office issues to the public."

BLACK 2D.

Mr. O. Firth writes:—

"The thanks of your readers are due to you for providing them with so much humorous matter for the Festive Season. Let me add my little quota. It seems sad that these poor tuppennies should remain in their lonely condition, so I venture to submit to you the statement that there exists a perfectly black embossed 1d. envelope stamp, and as I am sure the Postmaster General would not deny it, it would seem safe to assume that it was issued that way. There is only one of it, so it must be very valuable indeed, and it makes me feel like kicking myself when I reflect that instead of refusing hundreds of pounds for it I gave it away! How I should like to know the prominent northern collector who wishes to buy such rarities at £100 apiece.

I ought not to omit to mention that the 1d. envelope stamp, though perfectly black throughout is nevertheless the 1d. pink de-oxidised, and no amount of hard swearing will I hope ever suffice to induce anyone to accept and record the existence of stamps that are too valuable to record. I confess I feel puzzled by two points in your issue for December 28th, your correspondent proclaiming the stamps genuine, though no one has ever doubted their genuineness so far as I know; and his reference to the use of the microscope as a test for colour. He was previous in paying up that bet on the strength of a microscopic test: if only he had applied one single minim of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> before glaring through the microscope he might have seen something, and that without using such an implement. I trust, sir, that you will accord my 1d. envelope stamp all the honour due to it, and as a favour, would ask you to confide to me the identity of the profuse gentleman who offers pounds where pence would be excessive.

Please do not misunderstand me to express any opinion on stamps I have not seen, for this little *jeu d'esprit* would fail were it not to make it quite clear that anonymous and non-appearing stamps have no claim to any consideration whatever in the opinion of yours faithfully."

## Leeward Islands Decrees.

MR. A. LOHMEYER has kindly sent us the following clippings from the *Leeward Islands Gazette* touching upon the new King Edward issue of stamps, cards, etc., to be issued in the early part of the year. We reprint the Acts in full:

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands at Government House, Antigua, the 3rd day of September, 1901.

Present,

His Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., Acting Governor.

The Hon. E. A. Foster, Acting Colonial Sec.

The Hon. W. H. Stoker, Attorney General.

The Honourable T. D. Foote.

Whereas by Section 22 of the Leeward Islands Act No. 11 of 1886, intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of the Post Offices of the Colony and to repeal the laws heretofore in force for the regulation of Post Offices," it is enacted (inter alia) that the Governor-in-Council may from time to time by order in Council fix the rates of postage to be charged in respect of postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post.

And whereas by Section 36 of the said Act the expression "Postal Packets" means and includes post cards.

And whereas it is expedient to fix the rate of postage to be charged in respect of post cards conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post from any one Presidency of the colony of the Leeward Islands to any other Presidency of the said colony or from any place within any Presidency of the said colony to any other place within the same Presidency at the rate of one halfpenny for each post card.

Now it is hereby ordered by the Governor-in-Council that the rate of postage to be charged in respect of post cards conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post from any Presidency of the colony of the Leeward Islands to any other Presidency thereof or from any place within any Presidency of the said colony to any other place within the same Presidency shall be one halfpenny for each postcard so conveyed or delivered for conveyance.

Made in the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands the 3rd day of September, 1901.

EDWARD B. JARVIS,  
Clerk of Council.

GEO. MELVILLE, Acting Governor.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands held at Government House, Antigua, on Tuesday the 3rd September, 1901.

Present,

His Excellency Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., Acting Governor.

The Hon. E. A. Foster, Acting Colonial Sec.

The Hon. W. H. Stoker, Attorney General.

The Honourable T. D. Foote.

Whereas by Section 3 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act 1890 it is provided (inter alia) that there shall be a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the colony whereby all postage rates and stamp duties shall be expressed.

And whereas by Section 4 of the said Act it is provided (inter alia) that the Governor shall from time to time by Order in Council fix the design or designs of such stamp or stamps and the mode in which each design shall be used and the several values of such stamp or stamps, and shall provide proper dies and other implements for denoting by adhesive or embossed or impressed stamps or otherwise such postage rates and stamp duties required by law or be denoted or expressed by means of stamps.

And whereas it is expedient to fix new designs for such stamps and to provide proper dies and other implements for the purposes aforesaid.

Now it is hereby ordered by the Governor-in-Council as follows:—

On and after the first day of January, 1902, or on and after such other date as may hereafter be fixed by Order in Council the designs and several values of stamps to be used shall be as follows:

The design shall be that of the head of His Majesty King Edward VII. and the several values of stamps shall be: ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh. 6d., 5sh. The post cards bearing a similar design the values of which shall be: Single, ½d., 1d.; Reply, 2d.; Wrappers of a similar design the values of which shall be ½d., 1d. Envelopes bearing a similar design the values of which shall be 1d., 2½d. (Square Envelopes Register large and small, bearing a similar design).

And it is hereby further ordered that the proper dies and other implements for denoting adhesive, embossed and impressed stamps or otherwise shall be provided accordingly.

Made in the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands this 3rd day of September, 1901.

EDWARD B. JARVIS,  
Clerk of the Council.

(From *The Weekly Philatelic Era*.)



**FOREIGN ARRIVALS.**

(NOTE.—Most foreign stamps are almost as good an investment in mint unused condition as those issued by British Colonies, if purchases are made with care, and countries like Abyssinia, Persia, Nicaragua, Honduras, etc., are ignored. That there is a good market for unused foreigners is evidenced by the fact that a collection consisting entirely of unused Europeans recently sold for £30,000).

- Bosnia.  
35 heller, cornflower-blue, nett 5d.  
20 heller, perf. 11½, nett 3d.; block of 4, 11d.
- Sweden, 25 öre, wmk. Crown inverted, 5d.
- Venezuela, surch. "Resellada-Castro" inverted.  
5c. green, mint, 1/-; block of 4, 4/-.
- Cartagena Provisionals.  
1 centavo, black on white, 1d.
- Greece, Small Head of Mercury.  
1 lepton, brown, 1d.; block of 4, 1d.  
2 lepta, bistre, 1d.; block of 4, 2d.  
5 " green, 1d.; block of 4, 3d.  
10 " orange, 2d.; block of 4, 6d.
- Greek Provisionals, surcharged on old types.  
*Large Head of Mercury.*  
30 on 40 lepta, 5d.\*  
40 on 2 " 5d.\*  
50 on 40 " buff, 6d.\*  
3dr. on 10 lepta, 2/9.  
5dr. on 40 lepta, lilac on blue, 3/9.
- \*NOTE.—Pairs can be supplied, showing wide and narrow "O," 1/- each.
- Small Head of Mercury.*  
1dr. on 40 lepta, violet, 1/- (imperf.)  
2dr. on 40 " " 1/9 (perf. 13).
- Olympian Games (Axia Metallika).*  
25l. on 40 lepta, nett 5d.  
50l. on 2dr. stone, nett 10d.  
1dr. on 5dr. green, nett 1/3.  
2dr. on 10dr. brown, nett 2/6.
- (N.B.—The numbers given are those of the Universal Standard Catalogue, 1902 edition).
- (a) Venezuela, 1899, Unsurcharged. USED.
- |     |                |     |     |     |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 121 | 5c. blue-green | ... | ... | —   |
| 122 | 10c. red       | ... | ... | —   |
| 123 | 25c. blue      | ... | ... | 2d. |
| 124 | 50c. black     | ... | ... | —   |
| 125 | 1 bol. green   | ... | ... | —   |
| 126 | 2 bol. orange  | ... | ... | —   |
- (b) 1900, Surcharged "Resellada R.F.M."
- |     |                |     |     |     |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 127 | 5c. blue-green | ... | ... | —   |
| 128 | 10c. red       | ... | ... | —   |
| 129 | 25c. blue      | ... | ... | 4d. |
| 130 | 50c. black     | ... | ... | 4d. |
| 131 | 1 bol. green   | ... | ... | 8d. |
| 132 | 2 bol. orange  | ... | ... | —   |
- (c) 1900, Surch. "Resellada, Castro, 1900."
- |     |                |     |     |     |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 133 | 5c. blue-green | ... | ... | 2d. |
| 134 | 10c. red       | ... | ... | —   |
| 135 | 25c. blue      | ... | ... | 4d. |
- (d) 1900, Surch. "1900" only.
- |     |              |     |     |     |
|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 136 | 50c. yellow  | ... | ... | 6d. |
| 137 | 1 bol. black | ... | ... | 9d. |
- Peru. Issues of 1896-1901.  
110 22c. green and black ... 2d.  
111 50c. rose ... 5d.
- United States, surcharged "Porto Rico."  
176 1c. green ... 1d.  
177 2c. carmine... 2d.  
178 5c. blue ... 3d.  
179 8c. puce ... 6d.  
180 10c. brown ... 6d.
- Port Said, surcharged on French, old type.  
1c. black on blue, pair with mill. o, nett 2d.
- China, surcharged on French, old type.  
5c. yellow-green, pair with mill. o, nett 3d.
- France, "Chiffre Taxe"  
1c. black, 5c. blue, 10c. brown, set of 3, nett 3d.
- Belgium, unpaid.  
Set of 5, 5, 10, 20, 50c. 1fr., nett 1/11.
- Belgium, Sunday stamps.  
Set of ten, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c., 1, 2fr., nett, 4/5.
- Luxemburg, 1fr. violet, (old type), nett 2/-; 5fr. orange-brown (old type), nett 5/10.
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN (J 119).**—King Edward's Stamps. The new ½d. and 1d. stamps seem to have been issued pretty generally throughout the United Kingdom on New Year's Day, although the smaller offices were perhaps only supplied on special requisition. On the other hand the 2½d. and 6d. values were unobtainable except at the most important Post Offices. The 6d. value is no doubt being held back till the old "1d. purple" supplies are exhausted, so as to lessen the risk of mistakes being made.

As recorded last week, the earliest date of use yet noted is Hull, December 31st, 1901, but specimens had evidently been specially issued from headquarters some days before, as most of the newspapers were able to illustrate the new stamps in advance. Specimens of all four new values were shown by a member at the meeting of the Philatelic Society, London, on December 20th.

Many rumours are current to the effect that the designs of the new stamps will be modified after the Coronation, but there is no unanimity as to what alteration will take place, if any. One correspondent suggests that the crown may be brought down on to the King's Head; another that His Majesty may be provided with a collar, whilst we are also told the bright crimson and blue inks are much too expensive to admit of their permanent use.

**Tenpence, plate 2.**—In the Editor's catalogue of the stamps and postmarks of the United Kingdom, the date of issue of 10d. wmk. spray, plate 2, is given as "late in 1867 or early in 1868." We are now informed that Mr. H. J. Crocker, the well known San Francisco collector, possesses an example on the original cover, postmarked "London, November 18, 1867." The letter is addressed to a firm in Bombay and endorsed "Received 12.12.67." This stamp was evidently from one of the five sheets struck on August 30th, 1867. One of these, after receiving the "imprimatur," was filed at Somerset House, and the other four sheets (960 stamps) were perforated and issued. In this connection it is interesting to note that of the two known used copies of the 10d. plate 1, wmk. emblems (a printer's error), one is postmarked November 11th, 1867, or only seven days earlier than the plate 2 mentioned above. Of the 10d. plate 1, wmk. spray, roughly about 14,000 sheets or 3,361,200 stamps were printed. When in 1876, the postal rate to India was reduced to 8d. the demand fell off to such an extent that it was officially declared out of stock in September 1877, remainders to the extent of 195,660 stamps being destroyed. Most of the known copies of the 10d. plate 2, by the way, are stated in the London Society's work to have been used by Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell on their Indian correspondence.

**Early dates of 1d. red (B117).**—Mr. R. Humphrey Jones advises us of two new records.

Plate 99. Postmarked "Bangor, 26.2.66."  
" 100. "Oswestry, 20.3.66."

**Railway Letter Stamps (H 116).**—Professor Napier has shown us a block of 12 North Staffordshire stamps which were issued at Leigh Station, on December 23rd, 1898, and may possibly belong to the hitherto unidentified 6th issue. The block is evidently from a sheet of 20 and is in an exactly similar yellow-green shade to the 4th issue (22.8.98), which has hitherto been recorded in sheets of eight only. The 5th

issue (30.11.98) is generally taken to have been the dark bluish-green, whilst, as already stated, the 6th issue (19.12.98) has not been identified, although presumably it was in use a year or more. Either the block is 6th issue or we must assume that the fourth supply was delivered partly in sheets of eight and partly in sheets of 20.

**ANTIOQUIA (E119).**—Type-set Provisionals. —The 1c. blue and 1c. brown described in our last issue are evidently printed from the same type and appear to be issued in blocks of A B four stamps, perforated all round. C D The four types are readily distinguishable (we designate them, A, B, C, D). The two left-hand stamps (A, C) have outlines of curved lines, whilst in the two right-hand stamps (B, D) they consist of dotted curves. Round the figure of value in the centre of each stamp there are arranged four rows of five foliate ornaments, the rows forming a square. The rows at either side have the 5 ornaments joined together, but at top and bottom they are separated by dots.

Type A. Top, 1+3+1; bottom, 1+3+1; sides, 5.  
" B. " 1+2+2; " 4+1; " 5.  
" C. " 1+3+1; " 1+3+1; " 5.  
" D. " 4+1; " 1+3+1; " 5.

These variations are of course of no particular philatelic importance and fall far short of "catalogue rank."

The first issue, 1c. carmine, does not appear to have been yet seen in London, and as it was brought up entirely by one speculator, it is to be hoped cataloguers will ignore it.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (F 119).**—Official Stamps. Further particulars of the new official set are published by *L'Essor Philatèlique*. The stamps are similar in size and shape to the high values of the current postage set. In the centre, within an oval, is a profile to right representing the Republic; above, on a scroll, *Republica Argentina*; below, the value in words, together with the word *oficial* between figures of value in the lower corners. The stamps were expected to be issued on December 1st.

**AUSTRIA (D 116).**—In our issue of October 12th we chronicled the values of the current set up to 30 heller with the diagonally lined varnish. *Le Timbrophile Belge* now records the 60 heller.

**BAHAMAS (J 119).**—The 1/- CC., perf. 12½ × 14, recorded in our issue of September 28th, turns out to be a fraud. The 14 perf. is genuine, but the 12½ is not.

The "Queen's Staircase" envelope, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of November 16th, had not been issued in the Bahamas on December 23rd, so presumably only specimen copies have yet been circulated.

**BRAZIL (D119).**—We note the following additions to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue.  
Perf. 11½. 12 × 8½ to 9½; 20 reis, orange and blue.  
" 12½ to 14; 50 reis, deep green.  
" 8½ to 9½; 50 reis deep green.

It should be stated that recent Brazilian stamps are found with four different perforations—(a) p. 12½ to 14; (b) p. 11, 11½, 12; (c) p. 5½ to 7, rare; (d) p. 8½ to 9½, very scarce—and also with compounds of the above. Most values have been found with two or more perforations, but the 50, 100 and 200 reis issued in 1900 in the Postal Union colours have hitherto been uniformly perf. 11½.

**Newspaper Stamp.** The *Monthly Journal* chronicled the following provisional, overprinted "200—1898—200" diagonally.

200 in black on 100 reis, violet (2nd issue), p. 12½ to 14 and 11, 11½, compound.

There have been three issues of newspaper stamps (1889, 1889 and 1890), but of the third type no values have yet appeared above 50 reis.

**CHILE (L 119).**—*L'Essor Philatèlique* publishes a translation of the decree authorising the use for postal purposes of the new 1, 2, 5, 10, 30 and 50 centavos stamps recently ordered from the American Bank Note Company. The decree is dated Santiago, October 18th, 1901.

**CYPRUS (C 117).**—King Edward's Issue.—We are informed on good authority that the design for the new stamps has been approved by the authorities at Larnaca and that it will be similar to the general design for most of the

Crown Colonies. The values will probably be the same, except that the 1 piastre wrappers will be discontinued and a 3 piastre adhesive may be introduced. The present issue will continue until exhausted and is not at all likely to be surcharged in any way.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (F 115).**—Postage Dues.—According to the *A.J. of P.* the colour of the four new Postage Due stamps, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of November 9th, is brown-olive, not black.

**FERNANDO POO (B111).**—Inverted Surcharges. Gibbons' varieties Nos. 95a and 95b are believed to be due to one of the dies on the 10c. plate having been inverted. If so, pairs of the 10c. blue may possibly be found *tête bêche*. The *American Journal of Philately* records a block of four 5c. on 10c. blue in the possession of Mr. W. Thorne, one of the stamps being *tête beché*, so that presumably the whole surcharge "Correos—5 cen." is inverted. Gibbons' No. 95a is recorded as having "5 cen." alone inverted.

**FIJI (A).**—Perforation Variety.—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* announces the discovery of the ½d. grey, perf. 10 × 12. The only value with this perforation catalogued by Gibbons is the 1d. black (priced at 6d.).

**FRANCE (I 118).**—Pneumatic Stationery.—To Messrs. Cervigon and Auscher we are indebted for specimens and particulars of the new stationery in connection with the Pneumatic Post. The changes are as follows:—

**Postcards.** All are suppressed.  
**Envelope.** This is reduced in value to the price hitherto charged for the postcard, and is surcharged "Tax Réduite, 30c." in red.

30c. on 50c. rose on bluish.  
**Letter Card** (officially known as "Carte Pneumatique Fermée" and popularly as *Petit Dieu*). Reduced in price to 30c. with same surcharge as the envelope, printed diagonally in red to left of the stamp, the value on which is barred out.

30c. on 50c. black on blue.  
**Reply letter-card, ditto.** 60c. on 1fr. black on blue.

The new rates came into force on January 1st.

**GERMANY (F 118).**—Post Card.—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* states that the current 2pf. post cards are watermarked "WtW" vertically, as well as "StS" (see *E.W.S.N.*, Dec. 28th), and that these are the control marks of the cardboard manufacturers, and they were formerly represented by the missing dot in the address lines, or by various marks.

**GREECE (F 115).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states, on the authority of a correspondent, M. Argyriou, that a "Special A.M. Set" is to be issued—5, 25, 50 lepta, and 1 and 2 drachmai. We do not quite understand whether a new set surcharged "A.M." is intended, or whether it is to be of special designs with values in gold currency (*Axia Metalliki*).

**GUATEMALA (D 114).**—Postal Fiscals.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicled three provisional fiscal stamps which have presumably been allowed to be used postally. The previous fiscal stamps issued for postage purposes were overprinted *Correos Nacionales* ("National Posts,") but the present issue is surcharged "Vale—10—Centavos—1901" in four lines, thus indicating that it was originally intended for fiscal use only.

**Fiscal Postals.**  
5 centavos on 5 pesos, red (5d.)  
10 " " on 50 cent. orange (1/-)  
10 " " on 10 pesos, green (7d.)

We add in brackets the approximate market value of unused specimens. Except for the surcharge, this issue corresponds very closely to that chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of November 23rd. There are however two discrepancies. In our former note, 5c. on 1p. should read "5c. on 5p. rose" and the latter surcharge should be either '10' or '50'; which, it is not clear.

**MALTA (A).**—Mr. W. R. Gatt states that an early appearance of a King Edward issue is not expected in Malta, owing to the very large stock of "Queen's Heads" on hand. In the case of the 2½d. value, new stock appears to have been issued before the old was exhausted, so that there is a prospect of early shades being re-issued. The old stock is, however, mostly in

bad condition, without gum. The catalogue chronicles three shades, pale blue (2/-), deep ultramarine (6d.) and ultramarine. Our correspondent also states that the ½d. stamps have been issued in sheets of 240 as well as 120; we have, however, never met with any of the larger size although we have received supplies from Malta fairly regularly.

**NEW ZEALAND (J 117).**—*New perforation.*—Mr. A. H. Stamford has shown us specimens of the current ½d. and 1d. postage adhesives perforated 14½, and we learn from several sources that all the values are shortly to appear with this perforation. Certain values will now not unlikely be indistinguishable from the London prints, unless the new supplies should turn out to be on watermarked paper.

*Local prints; perf. 14½.*

½d. dark green.

1d. carmine (Universal Postage.)

Mr. Stamford considers the perforation easily distinguishable from the "perf. 14 to 15" of the rare London print issue, and no doubt an expert will have no difficulty in identifying specimens, but so far as the general collector is concerned, the two perforations are to all intents and purposes alike. Unless the new stamps are on watermarked paper or are otherwise distinct, we have to look forward to a reissue of the following "London Prints" (catalogue prices in brackets): 2½d. blue (6d.); 3d. yellow-brown (1/-); 5d. brown (2/6); 8d. blue (2/6); 9d. purple (4/-); 1/- vermilion (4/6); 2/- green (10/-); 5/- vermilion (25/-). It is to be hoped, however, that the New Zealand authorities will differentiate the new stamps somehow.

**NICARAGUA (F 118).**—*Provisionals.*—A number of new provisional stamps have been issued, but the descriptions which have reached us are so conflicting that we must publish the following particulars under reserve.

*L'Essor Philatélique* translates from the *Diario Oficial*, of October 31st, a decree purporting to have been signed at Managua, on October 24th, 1901. It authorises the creation of five new provisional postage stamps.

*Provisionals.*—Postage stamps of 1900 overprinted in three lines "5 cent.—[three curved lines one below the other]—1901."

3c. on 6c. rose.

4c. on 6c. rose.

5c. on 1p. yellow.

10c. on 2p. orange-red.

20c. on 5p. black.

The accuracy of the statistics given in the translation of the decree is doubtful, and we do not reproduce them.

*Telegraph Provisionals.*—Our contemporary also records two surcharged varieties.

10 cent in black on 50c. carmine.

20 " " on 1 peso yellow.

The surcharges are made on the "Figure of Electricity" type, which appeared in 1900 and formed the first distinctive telegraph series. From 1891 to 1900 the authorities were content with merely surcharging the postage stamps "Telegrafos."

**NORTH BORNEO (J 119).**—*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write to the *London Philatelist* stating on the authority of the Postmaster-General of the Protectorate that no values above 8c. of the 1897 type have been issued in Borneo, although such are on the London market.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (E 116).**—*Minor Variety.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* records a pair of the 1d. violet surcharged V.R.I., the left-hand stamp of which has a thick V and no stops after R and I, truly a remarkable variety.

**PARAGUAY (G 119).**—A new set is reported by the *A.J. of P.* to be in preparation,—values 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 28 and 40 centavos.

**ROUMANIA (B 111).**—Two new values have been issued here, and the 1 bani has been modified in design.

*Postage Adhesives.*

30 bani, violet (type of 10 bani).

75 " brown and violet (type of 50 bani).

"1 bani." (instead of "1 bani") brown.

The above descriptions are given on the authority of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*; the gauge of perforation is not stated.

**SPAIN (B 112).**—*In preparation.*—A Dalziel telegram states that a series of commemorative postage stamps will be issued on the occasion of the young King's Coronation. There will be thirteen kinds of postage stamps [the current set has only twelve], each of which will portray the head of one of the thirteen King Alfonsos who have reigned over the destinies of Spain.

**UNITED STATES (K 119).**—*Inverted centres* (B 117).—The *American Journal of Philately* states definitely that the 4c. Pan-American is known with inverted centre. Mr. H. G. Mandel is the fortunate possessor. The 2c. inverted centre is on the market at \$200 (£40). The 1c. is catalogued by Gibbons at £6.

**URUGUAY (C 115).**—*Statistics of 1901 Issue.*—With reference to the new issue which appeared this year and which was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of March and April (Nos. 78 and 80), Dr. Berg furnishes the following interesting particulars to the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina*.

Value.	Quantity.	Date of Issue.
1c. green	100,000	March 22nd.
2c. orange	100,000	" 22nd.
5c. slate-blue	100,000	" 5th.
7c. orange-brown	50,000	" 22nd.
10c. dull lilac	50,000	" 5th.
20c. blue and black	10,000	" 8th.
50c. olive-brown	30,000	" 5th.
50c. lake	Not yet issued.	
1p. green	5,000	March 22nd.

Our contemporary further states that the stamps were printed "with the concurrence of the Accountant General of the State, in the *Litografía Oriental* of Sr. Luis Peña." We were however under the impression they were supplied by Messrs. Waterlow, of London, and think the above must be an error. The 50c. value, too has surely been issued?

**VICTORIA (M 119).**—Mr. J. C. Morgenthau writes to the *American Journal of Philately* that the current 1d. rose with "Postage" has apparently been re-engraved. Here is his statement:—

"The effect of this process may be noticed in many parts of the stamp, but especially in the horizontally lined background above the head. In the re-engraved stamp the lines are thicker and more regular; also, in front of the throat a number of these lines appear to be double at the ends, as though the re-cutting had not been carefully done. We find some varieties in which these double lines have been replaced by very thick lines, but we are unable to say whether this is the result of a second re-cutting or of an excess of ink."

Personally we should have thought most of these variations could be more easily accounted for by careless printing or the reverse.

*Discovery.* The *A.J. of P.* states that Dr. Benjamin has found a copy of the 6d. blue of 1865 with watermark single-lined figure 2. It is already known watermarked with 4 and 6 single-lined, 1, 2 and 4 double-lined, and 3d., 4d., and 6d. in words, as also of course with V and Crown.

## Our Postcard Column

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

*Mr. A. F. Clarke writes:—*

"With reference to Mr. Chapman's note in this week's *E.W.S.N.*, I would like to point out that 'Found open and Officially Sealed' bearing the initials E.R. have been in use at the P.O. here for at least two months. Mr. Chapman's paragraph gives one the impression that only labels bearing the letters 'V.R.' are being used."

*Mr. F. G. Warwick writes:—*

"Have you seen the enclosed variety of the current ½d. stamp? I have not seen it mentioned before. You will notice that the triangle inside the 4 of ½d. is quite blank, ordinarily as you know it is filled in with 3 bars of brown, I have not been able to examine a whole sheet, so cannot say if these occur on each sheet."

[We believe the variety occurs only in impressions from worn plates.—Ed.]

*Mr. G. Sandiford writes:—*

"Re distance apart of O.S. in New South Wales service stamps, 1871-83, and in reply to Capt. Halford's note. The note in Gibbons' New Catalogue '9¼mm instead of 8¼mm' is a mistake and should read, '8½mm instead of 7mm' the normal distance. This was first noted correctly in the *Monthly Journal* for May, 1901 and subsequently in the *Addenda to Priced Catalogue*."

"I suppose all philatelists will be examining the new stamps in search of varieties. On looking over a sheet of the new ½d. stamps the following varieties led me to examine some dozen more sheets with the result that I found the same on all, viz.:—(1) On the lower pane, 3rd row from bottom, 3rd stamp from right-hand side the tail of the R in Revenue is filled up and so short as to resemble a P; (2) The stamp with Control letter A has a white patch over the V in Revenue as if a piece had been knocked out of the plate; (3) In the top pane of the sheet 2nd row from bottom the 2nd stamp from right-hand side has a large blot of colour over the letters TA in postage. Are these varieties of interest? At another post office I visited their sheets of new ½d. did not show these varieties."

[We cannot find any of these defects on our sheets but of course the stamps are printed from several plates and any particular set of marks would naturally appear only on one plate and consequently only on a portion of the issue.—Ed.]

## THE ½D. GREAT BRITAIN.

*Mr. G. E. Sayce writes:—*

"In reference to the varieties of the ½d. English I send for your inspection three lower left-hand panes, showing varieties in the lower right hand corner stamp. This stamp on close examination is guilty of very many faults. Two of the panes, which I designate C1 and C2 have narrow margin at foot AB (nearly ¼ inch) and one (G1) has margin CD over ¼ inch wide. This would lead one to suppose the stamps are printed in two groups of 4 panes each, panes C and D having the narrow margin at foot, and G and H the wider margin. The variations are as follows.

*Pane C1.* Green and carmine. Left outline of stamp No. 20, is broken close to the lower tip of the N.W. triangle. The lowest red horizontal bar on the margin to the right of the stamp is broken on the lower edge.

*Pane C2.* Green and deep carmine (heavy printing). Stamp No. 20, shows the broken "1" in "4½" in the N.E. corner. The lowest red bar on the margin is broken at the N.W. corner.

*Pane G1.* Green and carmine. Stamp No. 20 shows the dot between "4" and "½d." Bars on the margin are not defective.

"I also send a marginal specimen of the broken 'I' variety which tallies with the description given under C2, and which also has a faint dot on the left edge of the square in the N.E. corner." [We should be glad to hear again from former correspondents as to whether their panes tally with the above detailed descriptions.—Ed.]

## The New Registered Envelopes.

It provokes a smile to recall that for 24 years past, the upper right corner of all our registered envelopes has provided a space for the postage stamp, with the imperative injunction "must be placed here." Now after all this strict training in the way we should go, and just as we thoroughly know our lesson, we are suddenly debarred from occupying the dear old corner; it is usurped without so much as a by-y'r-leave, neither are we told where we may stick the needful penny; after a quarter-century of *must*, it is hard to be thus left to our own devices. A very new idea occurs to me in connection with that same old corner; (and of course being so new, we will pardon any official obtuseness on the subject)—and that idea is, why should not a *threepenny* stamp have been struck on these envelopes all along, seeing that a penny has always to be added to make the twopence available. One die might easily bear either of these legends, viz.: "POSTAGE and REGISTRATION, THREE PENCE," or—"POSTAGE ONE PENNY; REGISTRATION TWOPENCE. As the current stamp must be superseded very shortly, why should not such a compound die be adopted?"

—(Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser).

## Foreign Extracts.

The following mistakes occurred in the Foreign Extracts published in *E.W.S.N.* of December 28th.

Par.	Line.	Read
II.	7	Read côté.
II.	10	For sent read sont.
II.	17	Read intérêt.
II.	17	" connaître (also par IV., line 2).
III.	1	" série (also par. III., line 8).
III.	4	" qu'on or que l'on.
III.	5	" laquelle (one word).
III.	6	" épuisé.
III.	10	" conséquences.
IV.	2	" régulier.
IV.	3	" d'être.

Minor mistakes.

II.	9	" u " of philatélique inverted.
III.	8	write indo-chinoise without capitals.
IV.	6	" Antipodes with capital A..

Of the 13 important errors, twelve were due to wrong accents. The following competitors head the list, having pointed out ten or more.

1.	Rev. F. W. S. le Lièvre (12); all except connaître in par. II.
	M. Armand Dethier (12); all except connaître in par. II.
2.	Mr. C. G. Temple (11); overlooked sent and la quelle.
	Mr. C. P. Ward (10); overlooked épuisé, laquelle and régulier.
3.	Mr. S. O'Connchubhair (10); overlooked série (twice) and connaître.

As the competition has resulted in a tie, we are awarding two sets of the new North Borneo "British Protectorate" stamps instead of one.



## King Edward's Stamps.

PRESS OPINIONS, FAVOURABLE AND OTHERWISE.

From the *Daily Mail*, Jan. 2nd.—

Quite a number of ardent philatelists waited until midnight on Tuesday at the G.P.O., and began asking for the new stamps, which were on sale immediately after twelve o'clock had struck. In the majority of cases the stamps were promptly affixed to letters and post cards, which were forthwith posted in the nearest available letter box.

These arrived in due course at their destinations yesterday morning, the stamps bearing the official date mark, "12.15 a.m., Ja. 1, 02," indicating that if they were not actually the very first of the new stamps purchased, they were certainly among the very first to be used for franking a letter through his Majesty's mail.

In many of the London branch post offices the scene in the early morning was in consequence a busy and quite unusual one.

Small and ragged urchins went up to the counters and asked for a "penn'orth o' the new ones." Well-dressed young men called nonchalantly for a shilling's worth of penny stamps, but refused to complete the transaction when the old ones were offered. A bank sent out for a sovereign's worth, but was informed that at that hour of the day a shilling's worth was the biggest order that could be taken.

Everybody demanded the new edition, and frequently the supplies were exhausted. "New edition sold out; fresh supply at two o'clock," one postal clerk called out to a disappointed batch of customers.

At New Bridge-street post office the demand throughout the day was as great as anywhere, and the office had occasionally to fall back upon the old issue. An erroneous idea had got abroad these old stamps would be unpurchasable with the advent of the New Year, but the manue Victorians were as plentiful as ever yesterday. There is no doubt whatever from gossip heard in the post offices that the public are highly pleased with the new King Edward stamps, especially the penny red ones.

From the *Daily Mail*, Jan. 3rd.—

No fewer than 82,270,720 of the new stamps bearing the King's head had been issued up till Thursday night.

The Postmaster-General had instructed the Inland Revenue Department to supply post offices with the new issue up to a maximum of a fortnight's supply.

The idea throughout has been to use up the old stamps first, and for this reason only the ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d. varieties have yet been issued. The more expensive stamps are ready, but will not be issued until the post offices exhaust the old supplies.

The Comptroller of Stamps at Somerset House was prepared for a gigantic demand. It has not been so great, however, as was anticipated, although on the first two days the quantity supplied seems to have equalled a week's ordinary demand.

[The *Daily Express* of Dec. 30th states that the expected New Year's day issue was estimated at 80,000,000 penny and 50,000,000 half-penny stamps.]

The usual average weekly issue of penny stamps is about 48,000,000, in 200,000 sheets of 240 each. The new stamps were on sale on January 1st, and by the following evening 205,000 sheets of penny stamps, amounting to 49,200,000, had been distributed.

Of the ½d. stamps, 29,680,000 were issued, 1,830,720 of the 2½d., and 1,560,000 of the 6d.

[The average weekly issue of 2½d. and 6d. stamps is something like 1,200,000, and of the ½d. about 28,000,000.]

Several enthusiastic collectors secured sets of four complete sheets, one of each issue, on New Year's morning. This has cost them £10 each.

The Leeds post office sold £6,000 worth of the new stamps on January 1st, and equally large amounts were sold in other provincial towns, yet, strangely enough, the majority of yesterday's letters bore the familiar Queen's head.

The total face value of the new stamps issued from Somerset House during the first forty-eight hours of the New Year is stated to have been £270,920.

From the *Daily Express*, December 30th.—

Many curious requests for "advance copies" of the new issue have been received at Somerset House, principally from collectors. But the crown jewels are not more carefully guarded than these bits of engraved paper.

A few sets of the penny and halfpenny stamps have been given to newspapers and magazines for reproduction, but for each set an agreement has been signed whereby the recipients bind themselves not to use the stamps, or even display them publicly, until the issue is placed on sale.

From the *Daily Express*, Jan. 2nd.—

The present provisional issue may be exhausted within a fortnight or three weeks. The remainder of the old stamps, which are still in stock in very large quantities, will then be issued until their final distribution is complete, and the supply of the new stamps will be resumed.

An interesting feature of the new issue is the large number of stamps shipped yesterday by well-known London philatelists to their agents on the Continent and the United States.

From the *Yorkshire Post*, Jan. 2nd.—

The new postage stamps issued to the public on the first day of the New Year will be to most people a great disappointment. When so much is said of art education it is not encouraging to find a design which will be before the eyes of the public every day so utterly destitute of any distinction or character. It is, in a word, nothing more than a piece of "commercial engraving," and not very successful as such. To come to details, the design lacks unity; it is all in bits, and has no character. The head is weak and finicking in treatment, and is completely overshadowed by the wreath, into which all the force and vitality that can be found in the design seems to have passed. It is, indeed, no exaggeration to assert that many a student at our Schools of Art could have produced a design with infinitely more character, and the new stamps must be pronounced as yet another instance of the paralyzing effect of officialdom on art. We have no wish to parade our patriotism, for we always incline to advocate the choice of the best man, of whatever nationality, but surely our British school of sculptors is not so effete that it could not turn out a passable design for a postage stamp, and, without disparaging the ability of the Austrian artist responsible for the King's head, his reputation was hardly of so world-wide a character as to warrant his selection over the heads of men like Alfred Gilbert, Frampton, Thornycroft, Drury, and half-a-dozen others whose names occur to one.

From the *Nottingham Express*, Jan. 2nd.—

The new postage stamps are now in circulation. They have a foreign look, as one might of course expect from the source of the design; and the likeness to His Majesty is by no means striking. It is a pseudo-classical effigy, fresh from the band-box as it were.

From the *Nottingham Guardian*, Jan. 2nd.—

There was quite a rush to the Post Offices in London to-day to secure specimens of the new stamp. At some of the busier offices at certain periods of the day one had to wait his turn to get at the counters. Speaking generally, the new issue seems to meet with favour. The change in the colour of the penny stamp is commented upon very favourably. Considered as a likeness, the portrait of the King is not very satisfactory, but the Austrian sculptor, Herr Fuchs, who was commissioned to prepare the designs, has contrived by the introduction of a little light and shade to throw the head into rather pleasing relief.

From the *Birmingham Gazette*, Jan. 2nd.—

The new stamps which are being issued to-day are admitted to be perfectly beautiful, and remind one of a fine cameo. The King's image is admirable, and it quite loses the Henry VIII. aspect that has sometimes been given to his Majesty.

From the *Echo*, Jan. 3rd.—

"A correspondent writes:—Sir,—On all the specimens of the new postage stamps, both penny and half-penny, appears a speck or smudge just above the King's nose. Is this by accident or design? In any case it is a great disfigurement.

From the *Westminster Gazette*, Jan. 3rd.—

*The New Stamp: a Child's Comment.* A little girl on being shown the new stamps looked thoughtfully at the effigy of the King, and then said, "Mamma, has the King sent his collar to the wash?" The remark, which would have delighted Lewis Carroll, expresses exactly the impression the bare neck of the King has made on many people.

*The Chemistry of the Stamp.* We all at times lick postage stamps, and the *Lancet* has been

subjecting the new issues to certain tests to discover whether there is any danger in so doing.

Our contemporary says:

In the particular instance of the new penny stamp the colour, as we find by experiment, is admirably adapted for the purpose. We have been able to recognize it as one of the innocuous aniline reds, which is peculiarly resistant to atmospheric action or the action of moisture. Indeed, strong acids disturb it but little. We could find no injurious matters present, no irritant or metallic poison. The new halfpenny stamp, we find, is coloured with similar innocent materials to those which we found on a previous occasion. The adhesive material is dextrin or British gum in all instances. From a chemical standpoint, therefore, the postage stamps are not likely to prove poisonous.

That is satisfactory. Our contemporary, however, reiterates that "infection from septic matter must always remain a strong possibility (when it is considered how postage stamps are handled and how they are left lying about, frequently under an undesirable environment) so long as the habit of licking them is persisted in."

From the *Irish Times*, Jan. 2nd.

It is calculated that the following will be the numbers issued during this year of the four sorts of new stamps:—Halfpenny, 1,400,000,000; penny, 2,200,000,000; two-pence-halfpenny, 60,000,000; sixpenny, 60,000,000; total, 3,720,000,000. It has to be remembered that there is a vast number of the Victorian issues to be disposed of.

From the *Leicester Post*, Jan. 3rd.—

The comments made by the general public upon Edwardian postage stamps find an echo in art coteries. It is pointed out that the neck is too broad, and gives the suggestion of shortness in stature. It is also said that the breadth of the neck, in any event, is excessive. The aim of the authorities, doubtless, was to avoid the ridicule which they earned by the egregious Jubilee portrait of the late Queen, in which the slenderness of the neck, stout in all Guelphs, was carried to an extreme. On the other hand, very great praise is given in professional circles to the contour of the skull in the new stamps, and the accuracy of the curves is recognised as being singularly good.

From the *Sheffield Independent*, Jan. 2nd.—

People will probably at first sight say the new stamps don't give a good likeness of the King. The fact is, his Majesty has very seldom been photographed in profile, and the public are not at all familiar with that aspect of his features. He looks more like some other member of his family. There is a general resemblance between the stamp profile and the design to be used on the new coinage, though the heads for stamps and coinage respectively have been drawn by different artists.

From *Freeman's Journal*, Jan. 1st.—

The new stamps with the King's head on them were supposed to come out at the General Post Office [Dublin] this morning just as the clock under the portico in O'Connell street struck twelve. As a matter of fact they came out much before their time, like bees in a February sunshine. Last night one could have got a King Edward stamp shortly after ten o'clock. Strictly speaking, it seems it was illegal to issue them before the first of the New Year; but the Post Office, notwithstanding Lord Londonderry's devoted loyalty to the late Queen Victoria, seems quite to have forgotten to be off with the old love before it was on with the new; in other words, the old stamps ran out before they should have run out, and the new stamps had to be called up. As to the merits of this work of art, we think the less said the better. The old stamp did not certainly give a very accurate picture of Queen Victoria at any period of her life. The new stamp gives the most curious presentment of the features of King Edward VII. that one could conceive. The face is cadaverous, hungry-looking, discontented; the very opposite of the reality as the public know it. The artist apparently has endeavoured to make his Majesty look like Julius Cæsar, with a beard, and the result has been very unhappy.

[Jan. 2nd.] While casual callers at the General Post Office in Dublin were able to get the new stamp on Tuesday night at eleven o'clock, it seems that "a little band of enthusiasts" were patiently waiting at twelve outside the General Post Office in London, "in order to be amongst the first to purchase of the new issue." "As the last stroke of twelve died away," says the *Morning Leader*, "an official carefully opened a drawer and drew out a little book containing the new stamps. Turning to a colleague he politely asked him whether he would care to be first to break the paper, and to a *Morning Leader* representative fell the luck of purchasing actually the first stamp of the new issue and also of 1902." This reads rather amusing, considering the experience we had in Dublin. [We have a specimen postmarked Hull, 8 p.m., on New Year's Eve, thus beating Dublin by over two hours.—ED. E.W.S.N.]

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward's Stamps* (I 121).—Mr. J. T. Cricks has shown us the new 1d. stamp postmarked "Stratford, S.O.—8 M—DE 30—01—E." Presumably "8 M" signifies 8 P.M. but the letter P is omitted. He is accordingly record-holder as regards the 1d. value—for the present.

Mr. Harry Crisp informs us that he has two post cards franked with the new ½d. stamps, and dated "Dec. 30. 01—6.45 p.m." and "Dec. 30. 01—9 p.m." We shall be obliged if he will submit them for inspection so that we may note the town of use; we will then formally enter him as record-holder for the ½d. value.

*Archer perforation* (C 116).—Mr. A. H. Stamford has shown us another example of Archer perforation. The stamp—"1d. red, Archer perf. 16"—is postmarked "806" (the number for Torrington) and is on part of the original letter which bears the circular datemark "Torrington, Jan. 19. 1852" on the back.

*Railway Letter Stamps* (I 120).—A correspondent writes:—"The other day I got from the Secretary of the Highland Railway at Inverness, a sheet of their stamps which has the old perforation, gauge 12 and is in yellow-green. It seems to me it must be 6th issue which has been re-issued."

Our correspondent is no doubt correct in his surmise. When we were compiling the *History of Railway Letter Stamps* the 10th printing was alone in issue, and we had the very greatest difficulty in finding specimens of the four preceding printings (the 5th had been largely supplied to collectors in 1898), sheets of the 6th, 7th and 9th issues being quite unobtainable. Subsequently it transpired that the authorities responsible for the issue of the stamps had regularly placed new supplies over the old and issued the sheets from the top, and in this way, sheets of the old issues had gradually accumulated. In 1901 the process was reversed, and the new supply (the 11th), if it has been received from the printers, must have been placed at the bottom of the accumulation, which has been gradually used up. The following is our record of sheets received from the Company:—1898, 5th issue; March 1901, 10th issue; July 1901, 10th issue; Sept. 9th 1901, 8th issue; Sept. 13th 1901, 6th issue; October 7th and 17th, 9th issue. We are unable to say what issue is to be had just now. Sheets of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th issues of the Highland Railway are still unknown; in fact, not a single specimen of the 2nd issue has been yet recorded.

*Early Dates* (C 120).—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall has shown us the following six new records.—

Plate 87.	Postmarked London, E.C.,	2.5.64.
" 165.	" Enniskillen,	16.5.73.
" 187.	" London, E.C.,	29.2.76.
" 198.	" London, S.E.,	9.4.77.
" 199.	" London, W.C.,	24.4.77.
" 202.	" Brighton,	21.7.77.

The plate 87 is an exceptionally interesting example, the date 2.5.64 being a record for the 1d. red with letters in 4 corners. The London Society's work states that the official date of issue for the stamp was April 1st, 1864, but no examples have yet been found used during that month. The previous bests were the 3.5.64 of plate 80 and 9.5.64 of plate 79. Until the end of May, the "1d. reds with stars in top corners" held sway.

The earliest date given in E.W.S.N. No. 117 for plate 209 should be 21.1.78, not 20.1.78.

*1/- green I.R. Official.*—Mr. Ostara writes to the *Philatelic Record*:—"People would do well to keep a look out for 1s. green, Great Britain, I.R. Official with short L in Official, thus: L. I have had two copies shown me within the last fortnight, and I know the same to have been sold here in Manchester. The [foot of the] L has been very cleverly erased with a sharp instrument, and is scarcely discernible without a strong glass."

**BAHAMAS** (K 120).—*King Edward Issue.*—We are able to state on the authority of the Postmaster that the colours of several values may very likely be changed in the new stamps. The "King's Heads" are expected to be ready for issue about the end of February and will be shortly followed by the new "Queen's Staircase" values.

**BOSNIA** (D 114).—When chronicling the new 35 heller in E.W.S.N. of November 23rd, we mentioned that the 20 and 50 heller were also likely to be printed with value in black. We are now informed on the authority of the Postmaster of Sarajevo that the values will be 20, 30 and 40 heller and that they will only be issued when existing stocks in the old colours are exhausted. The stocks of these three stamps will however not unlikely last out 1902.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA** (E 116).—The *Australian Philatelist* states that the design on these stamps represents a "lakatoi" or trading canoe, under full sail. The "lakatoi" consists of two large canoes fastened together and fitted with sails made of pandanus leaf. The manufacture of pottery—jars, pitchers, bowls, jugs, etc.—is carried on largely at Port Moresby and in the neighbouring district, and at a certain season of the year, this is collected on the *lakatois*, and an expedition proceeds along the coast, bartering the pottery for sago. The design on the stamps is thus illustrative of the principal industry of British New Guinea.

**FRANCE** (J 120).—*Stationery.*—We believe that the only stationery stamped with the 1901 designs which has yet been chronicled is as follows:—Envelope, 10c. rose; Post card, 15c. grey; Letter Card, 15c. orange; Wrapper, 1c. grey. The list seems very meagre. M. Auscher now advises us of the following, but omits to state date of issue in the case of the card.

*Reply card.* 10c. + 10c. carmine on greenish.  
*Envelope* (for visiting cards). 5c. (issued Dec. 24th.)

Our correspondent also informs us that varieties in the surcharge occur on the recently issued pneumatic stationery. There are two types of the hand-stamped surcharge on both the envelope and the letter-cards (reply and single).

- Figures '30' or '60' close together; old value not barred.
- Figures shorter and further apart. Old value barred.

The single letter-card is also found with the overprint (b) printed, but the figures are tall and thin.

**JAPAN** (D 115).—*Kitashirakawa Commemorative.*—The *Japan Gazette*, of September 11th (states the *P.F. of G.B.*), contained a notice to the effect that the new commemorative stamp (described in E.W.S.N. No. 115) was to have been issued on the first day of, or about a week before, the festival of the Formosan Shinto Shrine, which is dedicated to Prince Kitashirakawa. The festival was to have been celebrated at Taipeh, on October 27th and 28th. The late Prince died on November 5th, 1895.

**NATAL** (A).—*King Edward issue.*—Mr. A. Lyddon Austin writes to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that the new issue with King's Head was expected on January 1st.

**PARAGUAY** (H 120).—*La Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina*, states that the recently issued 1 peso with portrait of General Eguzquiza, was placed in circulation on Sept. 24th, 1901, and that each sheet consists of 50 stamps. The plate was made in Germany. This information is supplementary to that given in E.W.S.N., Nos. 113 and 114.

Last week we stated that a new set of seven values was in preparation. We are now informed that three of the values are actually in issue.

*Postage Adhesives.* Shield type, lithographed.  
2 centavos, olive-grey.  
4 " sky-blue.  
5 " violet.

They are lithographed at Asuncion by Sr. H. Krause in sheets of 200, instead of 100 as formerly, and the paper is slightly thinner.

The colour of the 2c. now reverts from red to the olive-grey or dark-grey of the 1900 engraved issue. The design is nearly similar to that of the 2c. red, but the figure of value is slightly larger and the star in the upper part of the shield is smaller.

The other values of the new set (1, 10, 28 and 40c.) will appear as required.

**ST. VINCENT** (A).—*Discovery.*—Mr. W. H. Peckitt is reported by the *Philatelic Record* to have discovered a hitherto unrecorded variety, namely, the 1/- violet-rose of the first type, perforated 14 to 15 *all round*. The specimen in question is used and in good condition. The 1/- value of St. Vincent, after being printed successively in slate, indigo, brown and rose-red, appeared in violet-rose about 1875, and has hitherto been recorded "perf. 11 to 12½ × 14 to 15" only. From 1877 to 1900 the colour was vermilion.

**URUGUAY** (D 120).—With reference to the note in last week's E.W.S.N., Mr. T. F. Phillpot writes:—"I beg to inform you I received the 50c. deep lake from Monte Video last autumn, but I have not yet seen the 20c., although I saw in some foreign philatelic journal that it had been issued. I am inclined to doubt the dates of issue given, as the stamps were not to be bought at the G.P.O. in Montevideo for a very long time after."

**URUGUAY** (D 120).—*Correction.*—Last week we published on the authority of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina*, some statistics referring ostensibly to the current issue of Uruguay, and at the same time questioned their accuracy. Our contemporary, in its November issue just to hand, now admits being in error. The statistics refer not to the ordinary set, but to the current set overprinted "Official," of which the 1c. value is alone listed in Gibbons' new catalogue. This fully explains the apparent discrepancies. There is no doubt about the stamps having been printed by Messrs. Waterlow; it is the surcharge which has been applied by the *Litografia Oriental*. The 50c. value recorded as being "not yet issued," is known to have been behindhand in the official set, but has chronicled in E.W.S.N. of November 30th.

## Exit the "Twopenny Black."

The owner of the famous "Twopenny Black" (Mr. G. C. Nixon, of Newcastle-on-Tyne), has now come forward and writes us as follows:—

Newcastle, Jan. 7th, 1902.

"I am sorry that I am unable at the moment to give you the particulars of the 2d. black stamp which Judge Philbrick has asked for, but as I am the owner, I shall be pleased to shew it to any of the experts when I am in London in the course of a week or two, if they will be good enough to send me their addresses, so that I can make an appointment."

[On receipt of the above, we wrote Mr. Nixon and receive the following reply from him just as we go to press.—Ed.]

Newcastle, Jan. 13th, 1902.

"As per your instructions I immersed the 2d. black stamp in the proxide of hydrogen for a period of fifteen minutes, when I found that the stamp was very much cleaner, but still black. Last night I put the stamp in the solution again, and kept it in for two hours, when it came out blue, the same as the ordinary 2d. stamp. On the strength of this test, I don't think it necessary to write an article on the subject, but you are at liberty to make use of this letter if you wish."

## Our Postcard Column

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. E. Evans writes:—

"I venture to point out what appears to be a minor fault in the design of King Edward VII. stamps. I have examined all the four values (viz.) ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d. and find they all show this particular error. By a careful examination of the pearls in the crown, you will observe that the central pearl right under the cross is surrounded by a ring, and instead of the pearl being in the centre, it deviates to the left causing it to blend into the circle, possibly this might be the fault of the ink?"

[It seems to us that the crown is throughout very carelessly engraved. At the extreme left there are two dots; at the right, one. Are not both sides intended to be alike?—Ed.]

Rev. J. H. Astley writes:—

"Are you aware that N.S.W., No. 334 (S.G.), 2½ purple, Die I., imperfectly describes the issue. I have a mint copy and a used pair of this stamp in a dirty shade of purple. Till I found the used pair which I received from a non-collector I was under the impression that the mint copy was a 'shop window' variety, but I found that the dealer from whom it came has no window for display of stamps and that it was bought in October, 1897. This fact induced a letter to G.P.O., Sydney, and the official reply states 'that the 2½d. postage stamp issued in 1897 was printed in two shades of purple, the lighter shade superseding the darker because it was found that the latter was a fugitive colour. Both these stamps have of course been superseded by the present blue one.'"

Mr. A. R. Hayward enquires:—

"I have been offered a used pair of Brazilian stamps, No. 146 in Gibbons' Catalogue of 1900-1901, with the blue portion of the printing omitted. Can you tell me if this variety, if genuine, is of any value?"

Mr. J. C. Macpherson writes:—

"I am greatly pleased with the specimen copy of the *Stamp News* sent. On reading your 'Postcard Column' I wondered if you had noticed an issue of the current Dutch Indies 10c. stamp which has not the 2 dots over the 'E' of Indië. I have an unused specimen of it and my brother, from whom I got it, informed me that it was a regular issue. It was issued about the beginning of last year I think."

Mr. F. Möckler writes:—

"I send you enclosed the marginal paper torn from the bottom of a sheet of 1d. red, plate 86. You will notice towards the right-hand end the letter 'M' is watermarked in an inverted position. Is this the control letter, which is now printed?"

[The watermark M referred to by our correspondent occupied exactly the same position on the margin of the sheet as the control letter on sheets of current ½d. and 1d. stamps, except that it is inverted. We have examined several sheets and corner blocks, and find the following:—

Plate 59 (stars in top corners, die II.); entire sheet. Reversed F watermarked on the margin above the first stamp of the sheet, and again on the margin below the last stamp.

Plate 71 (letters in four corners); entire sheet. Letter H watermarked on the margin above the 12th stamp in the top row, and again on the margin below the 11th stamp in the bottom row.

Plate 105, part sheet. Letter P above the 12th stamp in the top row. Lower right-hand corner of sheet missing.

Plate 187, corner block. Letters SS inverted on the margin under the 11th stamp in the lowest row.

2d. blue, Pl. 13. Letter S inverted above the 2nd stamp in top row.

We are unable at the moment to say what the letters refer to. The London Society's work is silent on the subject of the large crown paper, but as regards that with the small crown watermark it states:—"The letters found watermarked at the edge of the sheet refer to the mould in which the paper was made."

Apparently the sheets of present-day stamps also have these watermarked letters, or at any rate, the majority of them. We have sheets of King Edward's stamps showing the following letters—½d., F; 1d., D; 2½d., E. In each case the letter is on the left margin of the sheet, between the two panes, and is very near the edge of the sheet.

Miss E. Hirschberg writes:—

"Having read in *E.W.S.N.* that Dr. Berg had stated that the 50c. value of Uruguay 1901 had not been issued, I should like to mention that I

have in my collection a specimen of this stamp postmarked June, 1901, the exact date not being legible."

[We are obliged to our correspondent for the note, but as will be seen from the current "Week's News," the Uruguay notice published last week should have referred to the official and not the general postage issue.—Ed.]

Mr. J. T. Cricks, writes:—

"In two lots of the new ½d. stamps I bought on the 1st with control letter, I have secured one with the perforation quite through the margin and one with the margin imperf. All the 1d. I have seen have the imperf. margin.

"I think the effect of the new design is spoiled by having too much detail in the limited space. Had the head been ¾-face, slightly larger, and without the laurel wreath, with the value in bolder type, we should have had a much more effective stamp."

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N.B.—The Editor regrets that it is impossible to publish every post card received, but hopes in future to acknowledge under the above heading, all for which he cannot find a place in the Postcard Column.

W.H.S. (Wandsworth).—We should say that a used copy of the 1d. red, plate 225 is worth two, if not three, copies of the ½d., plate 9. Most catalogues under-price the former and over-price the latter.

J.G.S. (Redruth).—We are getting rather tired of the minor varieties in the ½d. on 2d. Transvaal and have decided for the present to draw the line in this case. That which you mention would be very difficult to describe without an illustration. We expect the Gold Coast provisionals will be turning up in quantity shortly; a friend who has just returned from the Gold Coast says most of the passengers on the boat in which he returned had quantities. Rumour puts the number of 1d. on 6d. at about 28,000.

R.C.T. (Lerwick).—Your suggestion with regard to recording the earliest date of use of the new stamps has already been adopted, see *E.W.S.N.* of Jan. 4th and 11th. Your date of 6 a.m. on New Year's Day (Edinburgh) is so far a record for Scotland, but is far behind England.

E.R. (Yeovil).—The 1c. Hong Kong must be a forgery. This colony has never issued a postage stamp of less facial value than 2 cents.

W.C.H. (Blackburn).—The Roman II. for H in the ½d. on 2d. Transvaal has already been chronicled. See reply above on the subject of this stamp.

A.C.H. (Leeds).—Not only the 5d. C.A. but the other recent "Niger Coast" stamps may be found in various shades. Those of the 5d. are perhaps as distinct as any.

A correspondent who hides his identity under the various and expressive pseudonyms of "Sceptical," "Rats" and "Not taking any" suggests that we should draw a veil over the further history of the now famous "Twopenny Black." As however the owner of this wonderful stamp has now courageously come forward, we feel bound to give his letter equal publicity, especially as he extends an invitation to London Experts to "see for themselves." (Since writing this, we have received a second letter from the owner, which we also publish.)

E.C.G. (Sandwich).—Your 1st type 1d. red Nevis certainly appears to be a genuinely used imperforate copy, but we do not remember hearing of such before.

C.D.B. (Bungay).—Perhaps some reader can oblige with the meaning of the "D.P." overprint on certain Hong Kong stamps.

A. de S. (Edinburgh).—The varieties you mention are rather too minute.

C.C.P.L., J.H.P. and C.B.P.—Postcards held over.

J.T.C. (Seven Kings).—An illustrated article on prisoners' letters and censors' postmarks employed during the South African war is now appearing in the *Bazaar, Exchange and Mart*, the last instalment which has come under our notice being that of December 21st last.

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## Obtaining Stamps by False Pretences.

At the Penge Police Court, on Saturday, before Sir William Trelour, William John Tanner, 19, alias Williams and Roberts, of 14, Wellington Avenue, Bristol, was charged with, on the 16th April last, obtaining by false pretences from Herbert L'Estrange Ewen, of Norwood, a quantity of West Indian postage stamps, with intent to cheat and defraud. Detective-Sergeant Lee, of the P Division, Metropolitan Police, said on Friday he received prisoner into custody from the Bristol Police. He read the warrant over to the prisoner, who replied, "Yes, I had them. I was going to keep them for a year or two and then sell them. I wrote the reference and application with two different pens." Prisoner was placed with five other men, and was identified by Miss Maria Kritchell as an individual for whom she had received 150 letters at 9A, Jamaica Street, under the name of John Williams. Prisoner was also identified by Mrs. Georgina Jarvis, of 29, Horsefair, Bristol. She had received letters for prisoner under the name of Arthur Roberts. Two books, containing stamps, which had been found in prisoner's possession, were handed to witness, and prisoner remarked, "I bought the books, but not the stamps." The 35 letters and eleven post-cards produced were also handed to witness. The letters contained stamps and also applications for the return of stamps which had been sent previously, all addressed to John Williams. On the prisoner witness found the copy of a letter which had been sent to the prosecutor. On one side of this was a testimonial purporting to come from a man named Johnston, of Bristol. This was the reference. On the other side was the draft of a letter which had been sent to the prosecutor asking for some stamp-approval sheets with a few rare specimens upon them. This was all the evidence offered on Saturday. Prisoner coolly remarked that there would be no trouble in sending the stamps back. Detective Lee said there were 43 cases altogether against the prisoner, and he applied for a remand. The magistrates remanded prisoner for a week.

(Report from the *Bristol Times*.)

## Japanese Postage Stamps.

SEN'S *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* gives some very interesting statistics relative to the issue of Japanese stamps from 1871 to 1894; whether on official authority or not is not quite clear. A reproduction of the lists may perhaps interest our readers.

Period of Use.	Value and Colour.	Quantity Sold.
1.71 to 2.72	48 mon, brown	394,088
" to "	100 " blue	678,321
" to "	200 " orange-red	552,251
" to "	500 " green	226,736
2.72 to 9.72	½ sen, brown	341,821
" to 7.72	1 " blue	821,185
" to "	2 " orange-red	516,790
" to 5.72	5 " green	514,246
9.72 to 2.75	½ " brown	2,685,204
7.72 to "	1 " blue	19,108,685
" to 7.73	2 " orange-red	3,450,332
9.72 to 2.75	10 " green	525,902
" to "	20 " lilac	192,365
" to "	30 " grey	159,416
9.73 to 5.76	2 " yellow	40,488,837
4.73 to 2.75	4 " red	4,344,343
1.73 to 2.74	6 " violet-brown	515,219
1.75 to 6.77	12 " carmine	182,958
" to "	15 " lilac	175,641
" to 8.77	45 " carmine	119,881
2.75 to 5.76	½ " grey	395,968
" to "	1 " brown	1,809,740
" to 6.76	4 " green	1,993,634
1.75 to "	5 " green	235,566
2.74 to 1.75	6 " orange	866,281
2.75 to 6.77	10 " blue	800,810
" to 8.77	20 " rose	216,553
" to "	30 " violet	114,500
5.76 to 3.94	5 rin grey	177,714,127
" to 10.79	1 sen black	62,414,603
" to "	2 " olive	71,837,891
6.76 to 3.88	4 " blue-green	29,051,346
" to 1.83	5 " brown	2,208,949
6.77 to 3.88	6 " orange-brn.	2,438,467
11.77 to "	8 " lilac-brown	4,612,514
6.77 to "	10 " blue	6,705,010
" to "	12 " rose	109,204
" to "	15 " green	631,129
8.77 to "	20 " blue	866,457
" to "	30 " violet	135,028
5.77 to ?	45 " carmine	27,646
10.79 to 1.83	1 " red-brown	102,014,217
" to "	2 " violet	111,830,114
1.88 to 3.91	3 " yellow	2,536,029
? to 3.88	50 " carmine	225,281
1.88 to 3.94	1 " green	134,155,618
" to "	2 " carmine	644,670,657
" to "	5 " blue	14,142,673
3.88 to "	4 " buff	18,636,740
" to "	8 " lilac	6,164,483
" to "	10 " red-brown	13,170,492
" to "	15 " violet	21,612,600
" to "	20 " orange	1,082,577
" to "	25 " green	4,130,395
" to "	50 " red-brown	546,660
" to "	1 yen carmine	171,627
5.92 to "	3 sen red-lilac	4,702,864



# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c. ..	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c. ..	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c. ..	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c. ..	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c. ..	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c. ..	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/5	—
107A	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/4	—
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c. ..	10	2/1	—
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c. ..	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c. ..	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf. ..	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø. ..	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø. ..	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur. ..	10	2/10	3/4
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø. ..	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø. ..	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop. ..	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk. ..	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h. ..	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f. ..	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50h. ..	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st. ..	9	1/2	1/6
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l. ..	6	0/7	0/9
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l. ..	10	0/11	1/2
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n. ..	7	1/2	—
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b. ..	11	2/2	2/7
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par. ..	7	1/1	1/4
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior) ..	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior) ..	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	5	0/10	1/1
148	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/1	2/6
149	French Congo, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
150	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
151	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
152	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
153	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
154	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
155	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
156	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
157	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
158	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
159	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
160	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
161	Obock, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
162	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
163	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
164	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
165	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
166	Soudan (French), 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
170	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	13	2/6	3/7
171	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. ..	12	3/1	—
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIII. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Aschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XIV. to XXI.</b>				
Particulars will be published later.				

<b>FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.</b>			
	Face Value.	Our Price.	
601	Austria, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0
602	" 2kr. violet ..	1/8	2/0
603	" 4kr. green ..	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet ..	1/0	1/2
606	" 2m. orange ..	2/0	—
607	" 3m. brown ..	3/0	—
608	" 5m. green ..	5/0	—
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange ..	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet ..	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0
614	" 2kr. blue ..	1/8	2/0
615	" 5kr. green ..	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red ..	0/10	1/0
618	" 2 leva, rose ..	1/8	—
619	" 3 leva, blk. & br. ..	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet ..	0/6	0/8
622	" 2dr. brown ..	1/0	1/2
623	" 5dr. green & black ..	2/6	2/11
631	Finland, 10mk. black ..	8/4	9/9
632	" Old rr. br. & or. ..	—	—
633	" 3½r. gr. & bl. ..	—	—
634	" 7r. yel. & bl. ..	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong ..	0/10	1/0
938	" 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
639	" 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose ..	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue ..	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac ..	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose ..	5/0	5/10
647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/0
648	" 2dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l. ..	—	—
650	" 5dr. on 40l. ..	—	—
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr. ..	—	1/3
652	" 2 on 10dr. ..	—	2/6
653	" 1901, 1dr. black ..	0/6	0/8
654	" 2dr. bronze ..	1/0	1/2
655	" 3dr. silver ..	1/6	1/9
656	" 5dr. gold ..	2/6	2/11
659	Holland, 1g. green ..	—	—
660	" 2½g. lilac ..	—	—
661	" 5g. marone ..	—	—
664	Hungary, 1k. brown ..	0/10	1/0
665	" 2k. blue ..	1/8	1/11
666	" 3k. green ..	2/6	2/11
667	" 5k. lilac ..	4/2	4/10
670	Italy, 1l. gr. and br. ..	0/10	1/0
671	" 5l. rose and blue ..	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac ..	0/10	1/0
674	" 2½fr. grey ..	2/0	2/4
675	" 5fr. claret ..	4/0	4/8
677	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell. ..	0/10	1/0
678	" 5fr. red on grn. ..	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green ..	1/8	—
681	" 2fl. brown ..	3/4	—
683	Norway, 1k. green ..	1/1	1/4
684	" 1½k. blue ..	1/8	1/11
685	" 2k. rose and br. ..	2/2	2/7
687	Portugal, 300r. blue ..	1/0	—
688	" 500r. blk. on bl. ..	1/9	—
690	Roumania, 1l.br. and rose ..	0/10	1/0
691	" 2l.or. and brn. ..	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or. ..	2/3	2/8
694	" 3½r. grey ..	7/0	—
695	" 7r. bl. and yel. ..	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire ..	—	—
698	" 2 lire ..	—	—
699	" 5 lire ..	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake ..	0/6	—
707	" 4p. lilac ..	2/0	—
708	" 10p. orange ..	5/0	—
711	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey ..	1/1	1/4
714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake ..	0/10	1/0
715	" 3fr. brown ..	2/6	2/11
717	Wurtemberg, 2mk. ..	—	—
718	" 5mk. ..	5/0	5/10
<b>FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.</b>			
721	Alexandria, 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
722	" 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
723	Anjouan, 1 fr. ..	0/10	1/0
724	Benin, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
725	Canton, 5fr. ..	—	—
726	Cavalle, 8 piast. ..	—	—
727	China, 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
728	" 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
729	Dedeagh, 8 piast. ..	—	—
730	Djibouti, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
731	" 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11

	Face Value.	Our Price.
732	Djibouti, 5fr. ..	4/0 4/8
733	" 25fr. ..	—
734	" 50fr. ..	—
735	French Congo, 1fr. ..	0/10 1/0
736	" 2fr. ..	1/8 1/11
737	" 5fr. ..	4/0 4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr. ..	0/10 1/0
739	French Guinea, 1fr. ..	0/10 1/0
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr. ..	0/10 1/0
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward's Stamps* (L 121).—We have received several more early date records for the new stamps. Mr. H. Crisp has shown us his two postcards with ½d. stamps cancelled "Northwich 6.45 p.m. (and 9 p.m.) Dec. 30th, 1901." This record (as also that of 8 p.m. on the same day for the 1d. value) is beaten by some specimens submitted by Mr. Alderman Armistead of Burnley. These are as follows:

Sowerby Bridge, ½d. green, Dec. 30th,	10.15 a.m.
Bradford .. .. .	10.20 a.m.
Sheffield .. .. .	3.15 p.m.
Grimsby .. .. .	4.30 p.m.
Batley, Yorks, 1d. carmine, Dec. 30th,	4.30 p.m.

It is not clear that the stamps were purchased at these places; but in any case Sowerby Bridge has the honour at present of having been the first to obliterate one of the new stamps.

Mr. G. H. Hansell writes that he has the complete set of four values postmarked "Hull, Dec. 31st, 1901, 3 p.m." which is a record as regards the 2½d. and 6d. stamps.

Of course curious errors in the dates occurred. Mr. E. Parry sends us a 1d. stamp postmarked "Axminster, Dec. 1st, 1902." The first example we met with, perforated with a firm's initials, was dated January 2nd.

The new stamps are now obsolete in Norwood and district. Even at the Head Office in Westow Street none are to be had, the old stamps being again in issue.

*New Values with Jubilee Lines.*—Mr. O. Marsh informs us that the sheets of current 5/- and 10/- postage stamps now have the "Jubilee" line round the panes, and the lined blocks or 'pillars' between them.

*Envelope Dies.*—(C 117).—Mr. Oswald Marsh informs us that he has an impression from the ½d. die 55, in green. It is postmarked Jan. 7th, 1902.

*Envelope Dies, King Edward Series.*—Mr. T. S. Tyrrell has shown us an envelope embossed with an oval stamp in green. In the centre is King Edward's profile, surmounted by a crown, with the inscription "Postage Half Penny" round the lower half of the oval. On either side of the Crown are branches of bay and oak leaves. At the base of the bust, in the position usually assigned to the die number, is embossed what appears to be the initials "E.R." The specimen submitted is postmarked "London, W.C., January 18th, 1902," the earliest date yet noted.

*Envelope Stamp.* Head of King Edward, embossed ½d. dark green.

For the benefit of collectors who are interested in stationery apart from the actual stamp, we may mention that the envelope is of the ordinary commercial size, with folding-in flap at the right hand end.

*Early Dates of 1d. red.*—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall sends us another early date record:—  
Plate 205. London, S.E., 5.11.77.

We have also been shown the following by Mr. S. H. Toole.

Plate 79. London, S.W., 7.5.64.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (G 120).—*Letter Card.*—The *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* chronicles a "New Year's Letter Card" which has been published ("published" seems

more correct under the circumstances than "issued") by the Argentine Post Office. It may be obtained in fifty different views printed in six colours.

*Letter Card*, 15c. dark blue on white.

**AUSTRIAN-LEVANT** (B 116).—*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—A set of unpaid letter stamps has been issued here. It is similar to the current Austrian set of these stamps except that it is printed in green instead of brown and is surcharged in black in large sans-serif capitals "10 PARA," "1 PIASTER," etc., in two lines.

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.* Perf. 12½, 13.

"10 para" on 5 heller, green
"20 para" on 10 " "
"1 piaster" on 20 " "
"2 piaster" on 10 " "
"5 piaster" on 100 " "

We have received all except the 5 piaster, which is given on the authority of the M.P.Z.

**BARBADOS** (C 115).—*Re-issue of 6d.*—We are now informed on excellent authority that the 6d. value of the arms type (1892) will be re-issued and that a further supply has already been ordered from England. The local authorities deny that any new issue is in preparation and consider it likely that the present design will remain unchanged for some time.

**BRITISH GUIANA** (L 119).—*Registration Envelope.*—We learn that the stamp on the present Registration Envelope is to be altered shortly. It is the only stamp ever issued in British Guiana bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria, the ship design having been otherwise uniformly adopted. The "4c. vermilion Queen's Head" is to become a "4c. blue ship." As to the date of the change, our correspondent is silent. We have official information to the effect that the design of the adhesives is not at all likely to be changed at present. As in Barbados, no King Edward stamps are to be expected.

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA** (B 101).—It may be of interest to record that the set of postage adhesives now current consists of Gibbons' Nos. 72 to 81, 85, 86, 102 to 104, 107 to 109. Of the intermediate values, the 1, 2 and 3 rupees are in the large, and the 4 and 5 rupees in the small type. The small series of the high values appeared in 1896, but was superseded for a short time in the following year by the large type series, which was soon withdrawn. Only the small series was obtainable during 1900 and the greater part of 1901. Recently however, in order to make way for the King Edward series it became necessary to clear out both stocks, and as those of the small type become exhausted, the remainders in the large type superseded them, instead of printing fresh supplies of the former. The large 1 rupee was reissued early in 1901, the large 2 rupee followed in the summer and the large 3 in the autumn. As to when they will in turn be superseded by the King's Head issue, the postal officials at Monbasa profess ignorance.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA** (F 114).—*Re-issue of £2.*—Our readers will perhaps have remarked on the sudden drop in the catalogue value of the £2 rose-red of the 1890 issue of the British South Africa Company. In the 1900 edition it stood at £6, whilst Gibbons now quote it £3 10s. The reason is that the stamp has been re-issued (not reprinted), a certain amount of stock having apparently remained in the hands of the Company. The Colonial Market is this week quoting it at its usual rate (46/8), having received a supply.

*New £2 Expected.*—We are informed by the British South Africa Company that the £2 in the new type is now printed, but that under no circumstances are any copies for sale at present. Particulars of the colour are not divulged. The new set is also to contain 2½d., 3d. and 2/6 values (in addition to the 10/- mentioned recently), but we have no information yet that they have been printed.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** (B 109).—*King Edward Issue.*—It will interest our readers to learn that the Figure of Hope is to disappear from the stamps of Cape Colony, after adorning them for nearly 50 years. The first stamps issued by this Colony were printed at the end of 1852

or beginning of 1853 and came into use on September 1st, 1853. We have official authority for the statement that a new set bearing the portrait of King Edward will be introduced towards the close of the present year. The values and colours will be as before—½d. green, 1d. carmine, 2d. brown, 2½d. blue, 3d. magenta, 4d. pale green, 6d. violet, 1s. ochre, 5s. brown-orange. This announcement is of some political importance, if we remember what an outcry there was in certain quarters against the Table Bay design of the 1d. stamp issued in 1900. It was then freely asserted that the absence of the Queen's Head was due to Boer influence; probably without truth, however.

**COSTA RICA** (B 113).—*Repudiation.*—We are informed by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the 1892 set of postage stamps has been demonetized and that the recently issued 1901 set is alone available for postal use. We presume that, following precedent, the remainders will be sold under face value. Collectors therefore would do well to avoid purchasing specimens for the present. The present catalogue value of the set is 79/5 and it may be expected to fall to 15/- if the remainders are sold.

**ECUADOR** (F 117).—*Remainders.*—In *E.W.S.N.* of November 30th, we mentioned that various remainders were to be sold by auction on January 15th, 1902. It would seem, however, that a sale was effected before this date, as sets of the 1894 and 1895 sets are already on the Continental market at a fraction of face value. The following quotations are made by a French dealer.

		Cat.	Offered at
1894, Postage, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 5s.		31/-	1/5
			(1fr. 75c.)
1895 .. .. .	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 5s.	—	1/5
1894, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1s.		7/4	1/5
1895 .. .. .	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1s.	7/4	1/5

The postal issues of Ecuador may now be taken as finally discredited. It should be mentioned that some of the remainders have been sold cancelled, so that market values of used stamps will also fall.

**FRANCE** (K 121).—*Pneumatic Stationery.*—We have various additions to the lists of varieties given in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 119 and 120. The complete list to date is as follows:—

*Envelope*, 50c. rose on bluish, surcharged:—  
(a) "Taxe Réduite—30c." in red  
(b) Same, with 6 bars on the old value.  
(c) "Taxe Réduite—0.30c." in violet; seven bars.

*Letter Card*, 50c. black on blue, surcharged:—  
(a) "Taxe Réduite—30c." hand-stamped in red or carmine.

(b) Same, but slightly smaller.  
(c) Same as (a), but with 6 bars.  
(d) Same as (c), but in black instead of red.  
(e) "Taxe Réduite—30c." and 6 bars printed.

*Reply Letter Card*, 1fr. black on blue, surcharged:—  
(a) "Taxe Réduite—60c." without bars.  
(b) " " " " with 6 bars.

*New Postage Adhesives.*—Our Parisian contemporaries state that the second of the three types in the current set—that of the 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30c. ("Droits de l'Homme")—is to be modified and that impression from the new plates may be expected to be in circulation about June.

*Surcharge FM inverted.*—*La Tribune des Collectionneurs* says that the surcharge FM exists inverted, and that an example on the entire envelope, cancelled at Algiers, was sold on the Paris Philatelic Bourse for 10 francs (8/-).

*New Stationery.*—Major Lister informs us that our list of stationery bearing stamps of the new types, given in last week's *E.W.S.N.*, should have contained the 10c. post card, carmine on greenish, which has been issued a long time.

**HOI-HAO** (A).—Not to be outdone by Canton, the Chinese town of Hoi-hao now employs the stamps of Indo-China surcharged with its name in French and in Chinese.

*Surcharged on Indo-China in red.*

1c. black on azure	25c. black on rose
2c. brown on buff	30c. cinnamon on drab
4c. purple-brown on grey	40c. red on yellow
5c. green on pale green	50c. carmine on rose
10c. black on lilac	75c. brown on orange
15c. grey	1fr., olive-green
20c. red on green	fr., lilac on pale lilac



**HOLLAND** (B 106).—*La Revue Philatélique Belge* states that the 1c. postage adhesive is to be printed in future in olive instead of rose-red. We have not yet actually seen it.

**HUNGARY** (B 109).—*Post Card*.—The current inland post card of 4 fillers was to have been superseded on January 11th by others with value of 5 fillers, states *Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr*. We have not yet seen the new card. The old one will still be available for use up to April 30th, if a 1 filler adhesive is attached.

*Remainders*, 3 korona. Our Buda Pest contemporary states that only 11,000 of the 3 korona value of the current set were issued, the remainder being destroyed by order of the Postal Administration, before delivery by the printers.

**JAMAICA** (C 117).—*Plate Numbers*.—Mr. Oswald Marsh writes:—

"In your issue of Dec. 21st, I notice you state that the new Jamaican 1d. pictorial stamps have the plate number '2' doubly printed on the margin, once in red and once in black. I have just obtained a copy which shows the number 2 in red and No. 1 in black. It would be interesting to know if any other combinations exist."

**MALTA** (B 120).—*King Edward's Stamps*.—Mr. W. R. Gatt writes:—

"The first Maltese stamp with the King's Head is to be the 'three-pence.' Specimens of this stamp have already been sent here by the Crown Agents for inspection, and as far as I can learn, they have been approved. The stamp is to be yellowish-brown, with an oval containing the head of the King in blue. The inscription at the top will be 'Malta,' and that at the bottom will give the value. This stamp will be very useful, as it will prepay a registered letter to all places enjoying Penny Postage."

*New Fiscal Stamps*.—We are also indebted to Mr. Gatt for a sight of three new fiscal stamps, surcharged in black "REVENUE" in large sans-serif capitals, with or without new value. The stamps are of the ordinary postage type.

"REVENUE" on 2d. grey.

"3d. REVENUE" (in two lines) on 1s. magenta.

"6d. REVENUE" (in two lines) on 1s. olive-green.

The latter two have a bar through the original value, just under "Revenue." All three made their appearance at Malta quite unexpectedly, the date of issue being about the 16th January (or earlier).

**MAURITIUS** (E 115).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* furnishes us with the valuable information that the current set of postage stamps is about to be overprinted "Postage and Revenue."

**MONG-TSE** (A).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns from a reliable source that this Chinese town may shortly follow the example set by Canton. See also above, under Hoï-hao.

**NEW ZEALAND** (K 120).—*New Perforation*.—The earliest date we have met with on a stamp with the new perforation (1d. Universal Postage) is December 18th, but doubtless earlier than this exist. Our New Zealand readers seem to be asleep, or we should have had definite particulars from them ere this.

*Advertisements* (C 117).—As we published in *E.W.S.N.*, of Sept. 7 (No. 102), a list of all the different advertisements found on the backs of New Zealand stamps and gave a number of additions to the list in our issue of Dec. 21, we reproduce from the *Australian Journal of Philately* some further examples vouched for by Mr. G. Lumsden, of Invercargill, N.Z.:—

Adv. No. 4, 3d., 1/-; 5, 4d.; 8, 4d.; 11, 4d., 6d.; 15, 6d.; 16, 3d.; 18, 3d.; 19, 4d.; 20, 3d.; 21, 4d.; 27, 4d., 6d.; 31, 3d.; 32, 6d.; 35, 3d.; 44, 4d.; 46, 6d.; 49, 4d.; 50, 3d., 1/-; 55, 3d.; 56, 6d.; 59, 4d.; 60, 4d.; 62, 4d., 6d.; 72, 6d.; 75, 6d.; 77, 3d.; 80, 3d.; 82, 6d.; 84, 4d.; 89, 3d.; 90, 6d.; 92, 4d.; 97, 4d.

No entirely new advertisements have been met with.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (F 116).—*Printed on wrong paper*.—The stock of watermarked paper in this Colony is apparently divided up and appropriated to certain values before being printed upon. For instance, if a quantity of sheets are intended to be used in printing two-shilling stamps, they are previously numbered "2/- 001," "2/- 002" and so on. During the last few years however, (if not for a longer period), it has frequently occurred that the wrong paper was used in printing. We have for instance part of a sheet of 6d. stamps printed "4d. 008213" in yellow on the margin at the top right hand corner. We also recall seeing the £1 blue on 1d. paper. Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg sends us the following additions, but does not mention the numbers:—

Old perf. 11½, 9d. on 6d. paper; 9d. on 2/-; 1/- on 6d.; new pins, 1/- on 2/- paper.

Perf. 10, ½d. on 6d.; 3d. on 4d.; Perf. 13, 3d. on 1d.

Perhaps our readers can add to the list.

**SWEDEN** (A).—*Envelope*.—The 2 öre stamp on the envelope for local use no longer has the inscription "För lokalförsändelse—Utan skriftligt meddelande" round it.

*Envelope*. 2 öre, orange, without inscription round the stamp.

The new envelopes were issued on January 1st.

**TRINIDAD** (G 119).—*New Colours*.—Messrs. A. H. Stamford and J. H. Parry send information of the actual issue of the 1d. value in the new colour, dull black on red paper (similar to the current 2c. British Guiana.) Mr. Parry's copy is dated January 2nd.

**TUNIS** (B 105).—Two new values have been added to the current set.

*Postage Adhesives*. 35c. brown ("brun-havane"). 2fr. violet.

*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles also a new Unpaid Letter Stamp.

*Unpaid Letter Stamp*. 1 fr. olive.

Hitherto (1888 to 1901) Tunis has made use of ordinary stamps perforated with a large T, but last year it commenced to issue a series similar in type to the "Chiffre Taxe" French. Values 1 to 50c. had already appeared.

**TURKEY** (A).—*New Issue for 1903*.—The following is a translation of an article which appeared recently in the *Servet*, a Constantinople Journal.

"The design of some of the Turkish postage stamps will be changed on the 1st—14th March, 1319 [1903]. The dies are now being prepared. A sum of 25,000 piastres will be allocated to defray the cost.

"The Commission which superintends the printing of the new stamps includes the following:—Fevzi Bey, Director of the Stamp Department; Fahri Bey, Member of the Commission of Postal Reforms; M. Tedeschi, Director of the Stamp Office, and Melcon Effendi, Director of the Foreign Correspondence Department.

"The Commission has already come to several decisions, of which the following are the principal:—

"The 8 sorts of postage stamps actually in use will be maintained.

"Stamps of 10 piastres and 100 paras will be created for the money order and parcel post services.

"The colours will be:

5 paras, orange	100 paras, marone
10 " walnut	5 piastres, electric-blue
20 " rose	10 " red-brown
1 piastre, blue	25 " olive
2 " dark green	50 " coffee-brown.

"Since their creation Turkish stamps have been changed fourteen times. They are now changed every two years."

The colours are described in several cases with distinctly original names and we must confess to a difficulty in translating "10 piastres, coing cuit." The 10c. *noyer* and 50 pias. *café* are more easily understood.

## Extracts from the Public Press.

Extract from a letter to the *Times*, January 15th.

The objection to the colour of the new penny stamp is, however, but a small one when compared with what would appear to be a grave blunder, involving, as it does, considerable risk to the Post Office revenue if the use of the stamp, as now printed, be persisted in. It is well known that the penny stamp is very largely used for fiscal purposes (receipts, &c.). The sixpenny stamp is also to a more limited extent used for like purposes (agreements, &c.). Needless to say that it is most important that neither stamp should be cleasable.

Now, it will scarcely be believed that, if a test be applied, it will be found that, although the old purple penny, the old red sixpenny, and the new purple sixpenny stamps are all secure on this head, any tiro in chemistry can, without much difficulty, remove from the new penny stamp the writing ink obliteration by which it will be usually cancelled when employed for receipt purposes.

From the *Glasgow Herald*, January 13th.

The new coinage. Although the new coinage is not officially issued to the public until tomorrow, a good many "King's heads" have been put into circulation, some of the banks yesterday having distributed samples to specially favoured customers, thus ignoring the implied understanding with the authorities that the money should be held back until to-morrow. The result was that thousands of the new coins changed hands at fancy prices, the pennypiece being readily sold for threepence, and the sovereign fetching as much as 25s. This bartering of coin of the realm is regrettable, but there are always people prepared to pay for the privilege of having the advantage of their neighbours. The design of the new coins is generally approved. The effigy of the King is bolder and a better likeness than that on the stamps, which, by the by, have been so adversely judged by the public that many purchasers at London post offices ask specially for the old issue.

From the *Tatler*, January 15th.

The artist, Herr Fuchs, drew two heads for the consideration of the authorities—one full face, the other that with which the last few mornings have made most of us familiar. The authorities at St. Martin's-le-Grand were not, I understand, enchanted with either, but they gave their preference to the profile and His Majesty entirely endorsed their view, and the full face stamp was, to use a sporting phrase, "scratched." Whether any of the "essays" (as they technically term them), exist I know not; if so, philatelists would doubtless "sell their souls" for specimens.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. J. H. Parry writes:—

"The new issues for Trinidad were probably put on sale the first of January, as some are already putting in an appearance in this country. The design is exactly the same as before, the colour of the one penny is a dull black on red paper, similar to the current 2 cent stamp of Br. Guiana. The one before me now, is postmarked Trinidad, Jan. 2/02, and was delivered here on the 16th inst.

Can any reader confirm the following two varieties described by Mr. J. J. Barratt?

"Two well known stamps which Gibbons do not appear to catalogue, are the 1c. 1859 Luxemburg, with value spelt centimes, and also the 4c. green, 1874 of this country printed in black in error."

Mr. W. Kühn writes:—

"Glancing over your valuable list, 'The Philatelic Press in 1901,' I notice that you credit my article on the Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post wrongly to the *Fortnightly*. It should read:—Great Barrier Island, S.C., June. I also would have imagined the Coolgardie Cycle Express Stamps (S.C., May), of sufficient interest to be worthy a place in your index."

Mr. R. Whillis explains the "D.P." surcharge on the Hong Kong stamps.

"The meaning of the D.P. on the Hong Kong stamps is 'Daily Press,' a newspaper published there."

Mr. E. W. Richardson enquires re a somewhat similar surcharge on Ceylon Stamps.

"Can you inform me why the enclosed 6 cents stamps bears the surcharge 'CAVE.' It happens to be the name of my correspondent, but it is surely unusual to allow such a large surcharge on stamps intended for postal use? As you see, it covers just about a quarter of the design of the stamp."

Miss A. M. Tracy writes:—

"I have recently been shown a B.C.A. post card that was one of the three that have come through from Central Africa via Egypt. It was brought by Mr. E. S. Grogan the first traveller to accomplish the journey from the Cape to Cairo.

It took 15 months on its journey, the first postmark is Kota-Kota in B.C.A., Dec. 17th, 98; the next Toro in Uganda Protectorate, July 27th, 99; then Ondurman, Feb. 8th, 1900; and Cairo, Feb. 16th, 1900; from there by the usual postal system it arrived at Beccles, Feb. 22nd. It also bears a curious red postmark, evidently some native mark, possibly Abyssinian, which I cannot decipher."

## Answers to Correspondents.

E. J. (Croydon).—The imperforate 6d. rose Natal you mention are probably proofs, although very interesting. The 6d. rose was really intended to be used as a fiscal stamp but as there was no inscription on it to this effect, the rule seems to have been frequently relaxed, and like the 1d. yellow, the 6d. in this colour can hardly be considered out of place in a postage-stamp album.

C. W. H. (Huddersfield) and H. T. J. (Lewes).—The discussion on the 4½d. Great Britain must really be closed.

J. J. H. (Cambridge).—The rule about reversing the head when a new sovereign comes to the throne applies only to coins and not to stamps.

N. Y. (Amsterdam).—Thanks for note of the broken letters on the 2½d. O.R.C. on Cap e, but the varieties are just a little too minute.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/5	—
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/4	—
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60 ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/2	1/6
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	0/11	1/2
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	—
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	2/7
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	1/4
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
158	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
159	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
162	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
163	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164	Obock (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
165	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
169a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
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171	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
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184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Aschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XIV. to XXI.</b>				
Particulars will be published later.				
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
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222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	—	—
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	—	—
233	Italian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 60c.	8	—	—
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	—	—
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

<b>FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.</b>			
	Face Value.	Our Price.	
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602	" 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603	" 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606	" 2m. orange	2/0	—
607	" 3m. brown	3/0	—
608	" 5m. green	5/0	—
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614	" 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615	" 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618	" 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
631	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632	" Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633	" 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634	" 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938	" 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
939	" 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648	" 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	—	—
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	—	—
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	1/3	—
652	" 2 on 10dr.	2/6	—
653	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/6	0/8
654	" 2dr. bronze	1/0	1/2
655	" 3dr. silver	1/6	1/9
656	" 5dr. gold	2/6	2/11
659	Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660	" 2½g. lilac	—	—
661	" 5g. marone	—	—
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665	" 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666	" 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667	" 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac	0/10	1/0
674	" 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675	" 5fr. claret	4/0	4/8
677	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681	" 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684	" 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	—
688	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690	Roumania, 1l.br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691	" 2l.or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694	" 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698	" 2 lire	—	—
699	" 5 lire	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708	" 10p. orange	5/0	—
711	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715	" 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717	Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
718	" 5mk.	5/0	5/10
<b>FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.</b>			
721	Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723	Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0
724	Benin, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
725	Canton, 5fr.	—	—
726	Cavalle, 8 piast.	—	—
727	China, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
728	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
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### The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.—King Edward Stamps (M 122).**—The foreign press generally, has little to say on the subject of our new stamps, but we find the following interesting note in our Leipzig contemporary, the *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung*:—

“Nun sind sie da, die vielbesprochenen Marken mit dem Bildnis des Königs Eduard VII., welche der österreichische Künstler Fuchs erzeugt hat. Nun, schön ist die erzielte Wirkung nicht, und die englischen Künstler, welche uns Sammler schon mit so herrlichen Miniaturwerken erfreut haben, sind nicht in den Schatten gestellt worden durch diese neue Serie “Auslandmarken.”

**New ½d. dies, Queen's Head type (D 122).**—Mr. Oswald Marsh has shown us impressions in green from the ½d. dies 56 and 59.

**New Envelopes (B 122).**—The following descriptions of the new Envelopes and Postcards were written for last week's E.W.S.N., but were unfortunately omitted through an oversight. We say unfortunately as a large number of readers, who have kindly sent specimens, have been put to needless trouble, as we believe all the new stationery was issued at the S.W. district office in London earlier than anywhere else. It was Mr. T. Le Ryt who sent us the first envelope with an embossed 1d. stamp of the King Edward series.

**Envelope Stamp.** Head of King Edward, embossed—1d. dark carmine.

The general design is similar to that of the old 1d. pink, but the profile in the centre is surmounted by a crown with bay and oak leaves on either side. The appearance is more pleasing than in the case of the ½d. value. The initials BR are embossed at the base of the bust. So far we have only the A size envelopes. The band round each packet of 20, is dated on the inside “1.1902.” Our earliest dated copy is 22.1.02, 1 a.m., but Mr. Le Ryt states that the envelopes were on sale at the S.W. District Office on the morning of January 21st.

**King Edward Postcard.**—Mr. T. Le Ryt sends us one of the court-shaped postcards bearing a rectangular stamp with portrait of King Edward. At each side is the word “Postage”; at the foot, “Halfpenny”; at the top, a crown. The profile of the King is within an octagonal frame.

**Postcard.** Court-shape; Portrait of King Edward. ½d. green; inscription on postcard as usual; Arms, type II.

Our correspondent states that the cards were first placed on sale at the S.W. District Office on the evening of January 20th. We have seen no official notice relating to them, and at the G.P.O. nothing was known on the subject.

**Early dates of 1d. reds (E 122, 121).**—Mr. P. P. Wood has shown us the following new early-date records.

1d. red, plate 137	Glasgow, 9.4.70.
“ “ 147	London, 11.4.71.
“ “ 199	Sheffield, 7.4.77.
“ “ 219	Liverpool, 11.3.79.

Mr. F. C. Scarr advises us of a new record for plate 157 (Brighton, 22.7.72) but omitted to enclose his specimen for inspection. We cannot formally record any early-date without seeing it; otherwise we should not be in a position to personally guarantee the accuracy of our lists, which hitherto we have been able to do.

**Tenpenny Envelope Dies (B 66)**—In E.W.S.N. of December 29th, 1900, in the course of an article on the tenpenny embossing dies employed for stamping envelopes and telegram forms at Somerset House, it is stated that “die 6 has not been met with.” The editor has just been fortunate enough to obtain a fine impression in blue from this die, showing the number very clearly. The stamp had evidently been cut from an unused telegram form. As our readers are doubtless aware, dies 1, 2, 3 and 4 were used in printing the adhesive stamps current from 1848 to 1855. Dies 5 and 6 had been created in 1853, in readiness for use, but were not required. In 1889, however, when the post office commenced to issue stamped telegram forms, they were resuscitated, both dies being employed, although No. 6 evidently very sparingly. The impression was made in blue down to 1892, when the colour was changed to red-brown, impressions from die 5 and from a new die, No. 7, being alone known in the new colour. We believe that foreign telegram forms stamped from die 7 in red-brown are still obtainable at post offices.

**King Edward ½d. Envelopes, Early Date.**—Mr. W. Findlater sends us one of the new ½d. envelopes, of which the stamp is cancelled “N—16.1.02—7 p.m.” On the back of the envelope is the postmark “Leeds, 2.45 a.m., 17.1.02. This is, so far, the earliest record.

**King Edward 3d. Registration Envelope.** The new registration envelopes are to be embossed with 3d. stamps in brown. The following notice has been issued by the Postmaster-General.

No. 1.

### REGISTERED LETTER-ENVELOPES.

Introduction of a combined Registration and Postage Medallion.

It has been decided to substitute for the present medallion (value 2d.) on Registered Letter Envelopes a Brown Medallion (value 3d.), denoting a registration fee of 2d. and postage 1d.

The price of the new Envelopes of all sizes will consequently be 1d. per envelope more than the prices of the old ones, and will be as follows:

Size.	Price.	
	Per Single Envelope.	Per Packet of Twelve.
F 5½ × 3½	3½d.	3s. 3d.
G 6 × 3½	3½d.	3s. 4d.
H 8 × 5	3½d.	3s. 9d.
H2 9 × 4	3½d.	3s. 9d.
K 11½ × 6	4d.	4s. 0d.

When the new envelopes are used, no adhesive stamps will as a rule be necessary, but in cases where a registration or Insurance Fee of more than 2d. is paid or the postage is more than 1d., adhesive stamps to the value required should be placed on the envelope immediately to the left of the Medallion. The new envelopes will be on sale at all Post Offices in the course of the next few weeks.

By Command of the Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
21st January, 1902.

**BRITISH GUIANA (M 122).**—**New 6c. adhesive.**—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the current 6c. adhesive has been changed in colour from lilac and brown to grey and ultramarine.

**New Adhesive, CA14.** 6c. grey and ultramarine.

It is not clear whether the stamp has yet been actually issued, or whether the information is only gained from advance copies sent to foreign post offices as specimens.

**BRITISH HONDURAS (D III).**—**Varieties of 10c. “Revenue.”**—In E.W.S.N. of September 28th, we described a number of varieties in the surcharge which occurred in the then current 10c. violet and green overprinted “Revenue.” One of the most important peculiarities was however overlooked when we stated that the top seven rows of each pane had the large surcharge (12 mm. long), whilst the 8th, 9th and 10th rows had the small (11 mm. long). The 2nd stamp in the 8th row provides an exception, as it has the long surcharge. It is curious that

it should have been overlooked so long. It of course renders it possible to get *side-pairs* showing the two types.

**BULGARIA (E 115).**—**Unpaid Letter Stamps.** In E.W.S.N. of December 7th, we stated that a new set of unpaid letter stamps—5, 10, 30, and 50 stotinki—was in preparation. We are now able to chronicle the actual issue of the following, on the authority of *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*.

**Provisional Issue,** overprinted on the Prince Ferdinand series with a “T” within a circle, issued January 4th, 1902.

“T” in black on 5 st.,	green and brown.
“ “ 10 st.,	rose and black.
“ “ 30 st.,	brown and black.
“ “ 50 st.,	blue and brown.

**Permanent Issue.** New type; perf. 11½. 5 stotinki, carmine.

The permanent type is very similar to that of the current issue of postage stamps, except that the Arms of Bulgaria replace the portrait of Prince Ferdinand in the centre, posthorns are substituted for the figures of value in the upper corners, and the inscription “Zu doplaschtschane” (“For after-payment”) is added at the foot of the design.

**New Post Cards.**—From the same source we learn of two new postcards.

5 stot. green on cream,	138 × 91mm.
10 “ rose “	138 × 91mm.

The stamps are similar in design to the adhesives of the Prince Ferdinand series.

**COSTA RICA (C 122).**—With reference to our note last week respecting the remainders of the 1892 issue, it seems we were unduly optimistic. The value of the unused set has already fallen from 79/5 to about 7/6, only half our prophesied quotation.

**DANISH WEST INDIES (E 105).**—**Provisionals.**—Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., writes to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that he is informed by the postal authorities of the island that owing to a change in the rates which was to take effect on January 1st, 1902, stamps of 2 and 8 cents had become necessary and that to meet the want, existing stamps of 3 and 10c. had been surcharged. We presume therefore we may chronicle the following as having been issued on New Year's Day.

**Adhesive Provisionals.**

2 on 3c. rose and blue.
8 on 10c. dark brown and indigo.

**Postcards.**—There are also provisional postcards.

1c. on 3c. red.
1c. + 1c. on 3c. + 3c. red.

We have not yet seen any of the above, but specimens may perhaps reach England by the mail due Jan. 29th.

**FRENCH CHINA (C 112).**—The Colonial Market has shown us the 50c. Gibbons' type (a). —“INV.” under B of *Republique*—overprinted “Chine” in black in the usual type. Only the 5c., 10c. and 2fr. of type (a) have as yet been catalogued.

**GREECE (G 120).**—**New Printings.**—In our issue of December 7th, we stated that several values of the new series were already running short and that the 5 lepta was actually out of stock. With commendable promptness, however, the authorities obtained further supplies and thus avoided the necessity for a fresh outbreak of surcharging. The new printings are all on a thinner paper than before, but otherwise do not appear to differ.

**Adhesives.**—Thinner paper; wmk. as before.

1l. brown.	10l. carmine.
5l. green.	20l. lilac.

The difference is hardly sufficient to give the varieties catalogue rank.

**HOLLAND (C 122).**—**New Unpaid Letter Stamps.**—We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Robert for specimens of the new ½c. stamps. They are of the ordinary type, with “½ CENT” in the centre, *Te Betalen* at top, and *Port* at bottom.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.** Perf. 12½. Type I., 34 loops. ½c. dark ultramarine, value in black.

**INDIA** (B116).—*Forged C.E.F.*—The *Philatelic Journal of India* states that the C.E.F. surcharges are being extensively forged.

*New Colour Name.*—The official report of the Indian Post Office publishes a list of the Indian postage stamps now on sale, amongst which we notice the lower values ( $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  annas) are listed in both old and new colours. The 6 annas is described as "cool yellow."

**MALTA** (C 122).—*New Fiscal Stamps.*—Last week we described three new fiscals, and we have now a further three to add to the list, also kindly sent us by Mr. Gatt.

"9d. REVENUE" on 1/- yellow (postage type.)  
"2/- REVENUE" on 2/6 yellow ( " " )  
"REVENUE" on 2/6 olive (or "greenish-grey"?)

The list of Revenue stamps now current in Malta comprises the following values:— $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 and 5/-. They are all made by surcharging impressions from the existing plates used hitherto for printing postage stamps only, and must be considered a temporary issue, as with the exception of the 2/- and 2/6 values, they bear the portrait of the late Queen Victoria.

**MONTENEGRO** (A).—*Perforation Varieties.* According to Gibbons' new Catalogue, the current issue may be found with two perforations, gauges  $10\frac{1}{2}$  and  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . The stamps in the new colours, issued in 1898-99, are recorded as follows: Perf.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 5, 7, 15 nov.; perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 10, 25 nov. We have now received the following from Cettinje:

Perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ , 7 nov., grey.  
15 nov., brown-lake.  
Perf.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , 10 nov., magenta.

It is rather remarkable that the design of the current issue is similar to that of the first issue made in 1874. Unlike their Northern neighbours, the countries of Southern Europe are usually so very inconstant.

**NATAL** (B 121).—*King Edward Stamps.*—The extract from the *P.F. of G.B.* which we reproduced in our issue of January 18th, appears to have been unreliable, as we are now informed under date of December 31st, that the Postmaster-General of Natal then expected the new stamps "in the course of a few months." No date can be assigned for their issue, but from what our correspondent says, we should think the new stamps may be expected by collectors in England about May next.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (E 117).—*Chalky Paper.*—Mr. L. E. Bradbury informs us that he has just received the 10d. violet on chalky paper, perf.  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ . The only values which have not as yet been met with on this new paper are the 3d., 5d.,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ d. and higher values.

**OBOCK** (A).—*Remainders.*—We are officially informed that the remainders of the 1892 issue of Obock, as also the entire stock of the current issues of both Djibouti and Obock, held in reserve at Paris, have been shipped to Djibouti, and that on and from January 25th, none will be obtainable in Paris from the Postal Authorities. Is this clearance to make way for a new issue?

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (F 120).—*King Edward Stamps.*—We are officially informed that no change in the values and colours will be made in the new set. As to the date of issue, no information is forthcoming, but it does not seem to have been yet decided whether the old Free State stamps will be employed with the "E.R.I." overprint, or whether an entirely new set with portrait of King Edward will be ordered; consequently, the new stamps need not be expected for some time yet.

**ROUMANIA** (C 120).—*30 and 75b. not issued.*—We are informed that the two new values—30 and 75 bani—chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of January 11th, are not yet issued, although printed.

**RUSSIA** (B 109).—*Local issues.*—The following new local issues are given on the authority of Herr Eugen Lentz, of St. Petersburg.

*Bachmut* (Ekaterinoslav). First issue of stamps (August 1st, 1901).  
1 kop. dark lilac.  
3 kop. green.

*Kolonna* (Moscow). Colour change (Early in 1901).  
1 kop. ochre-yellow (formerly orange-red).

*Lebedjan* (Tamboff). New colour.  
5 kop. carmine.

*Sapojok* (Riazan). New types (Sept. 1, 1901).  
5 kop., red and green (Helvetia).  
10 " green and yellow (Arms).

*Schadrinsk* (Perm). New type (August 1901).  
3 kop., black, carmine, rose and blue (Wolf).

*Sienkow* (Poltava). New types (Nov. 15, 1901)  
1 kop. orange yellow.  
2 " carmine rose.  
3 " green.

**SIERRA LEONE** (A).—*King Edward Stamps.*—We are officially informed that the new

stamps are not likely to be issued until "about the early part of 1903." There does not seem to be any intention to alter the values or colours, but this has not of course yet been definitely decided.

**SIRMOOR** (C 119).—*Stamps obsolete.*—In *E.W.S.N.* of August 10th, we stated that the Sirmoor local post would probably amalgamate with the Imperial Post Office on November 1st, 1901. We are now informed by the *Philatelic Journal of India* that the stamps were demonezitized as from 1st January, 1902.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (G 122).—We are informed that a new issue has been made here, but have no particulars whatever, up to the time of going to press.

*Printed on Wrong Paper.*—Mr. L. E. Bradbury informs us he has the 3d. green, perf. 13 printed on 2d. paper, and the Colonial Market has received a supply of the 2/6 violet, perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , printed on 1d. paper.

**TRANSVAAL** (K 115).—*King Edward Stamps.*—We are officially informed that no information respecting the new stamps with portrait of King Edward can be given. Unofficially, however, our correspondent (writing under date of December 30th), states that he believes that the new issue will make its appearance very shortly.

**UNITED STATES** (L 121).—"Pre-cancelled" *Stamps.*—Collectors interested in these should get the January number of the *New York Philatelist*, where 4 pages are devoted to the listing of 258 varieties! The list is too long to reproduce.

**ZANZIBAR** (C 116).—*No new issue yet.*—We are officially informed, under date Dec. 31st, 1901, that "there is no probability of the current Zanzibar stamps being changed so soon," as might be inferred from the paragraph in *E.W.S.N.* of December 14th.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. W. Laird Clowes writes:—*

"From the historic point of view, the Pietersburg emission of the expiring government of the South African Republic is probably the most interesting on record. It may therefore be worth while to note that, in addition to the numerous errors and varieties catalogued by Gibbons, there is a 2d. (Type I.) which, after the word 'PENNY,' has a comma instead of a full-stop. Most of the stamps are initialled on the left-hand side, the initials reading downwards. At least one sheet, however, of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. is initialled on the right-hand side, the initials reading upwards. This is one of the imperforate sheets initialled in black ink. I am sorry to say that some of these stamps, clean and with immaculate gum, are cancelled. Mr. Pemberton has shown me a copy of the perforated 1d., postmarked (evidently to order) 'Pietersburg, Z.A.R., 5 (?) Apr. 01.' The British occupation took place, I believe, on April 9th."

*Mr. J. A. Storey writes:—*

"The surcharge 'Cave' on the 6c. Ceylon stamps is the name of the firm, 'H. W. Cave and Co., of Colombo.' It is always their custom to surcharge the stamps they use in this manner, and similar surcharges are made by other Ceylon firms, though 'Cave' is the worst offender."

*Mr. H. W. Cobb writes:—*

"Re Mr. Sidey's and Mr. Russell Rendle's notes on Indian stamps, used at Zanzibar, I have the 9 pies carmine as well, postmarked MY. 16. 93. I think these are interesting, as showing the postal history of the country."

*Mr. W. Findlater writes:—*

"Re Early dated King Edward stamps, I bought the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d.,  $2\frac{1}{4}$ d., and 6d., on December 24th [at Leeds?] but as I had no particular interest in pre-dated specimens I did not get any used till January 1st, 1902."

*Mr. W. Denison Roebuck writes:—*

Can the early dates given (30th and 31st December)—be relied upon as stamps genuinely cancelled on those dates? I write this because I have been informed for a fact that the stamps cancelled "Hull, 31st Dec., 1901," never passed through the post, but that the date stamps were altered and the false cancellation so made was actually put on on the forenoon of 1st Jan., 1902.

I had some of these stamps offered me—but I refused to have them unless genuinely passed through the post."

[Our correspondent must, we think, be misinformed. It so happens that the Colonial Stamp Market received in the ordinary course of business, a postcard on which the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. King's Head stamp was cancelled "Hull, 9 p.m., Dec. 31st, 1901." As the postcard was delivered in

Norwood, mid-day on January 1st, 1902, there can be no doubt whatever that the postmark was absolutely *bona-fide*. And if in one case, why not in others?—Ed.]

*Mr. M. J. Harding writes:—*

"The Postmaster of a local office in this district volunteered to *date back* for me any of the new King Edward stamps! In view of this fact, it would be instructive to learn how many of the date records have been obtained in this way, and how many really passed the post before Jan. 1st. I need hardly add that I did not take advantage of the above offer."

[Doubtless instances have occurred where obliging postal officials have "dated back" but we believe all the records described in *E.W.S.N.* are *bona-fide* ones.—Ed.]

## Answers to Correspondents.

C.W.H. (Oxford).—The changes of shade in the late  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. green adhesive are well-known. Some are almost emerald; others quite grey-green.

D.M. (Southampton).—The late  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. adhesive was very liable under certain conditions to turn blue, and has been frequently referred to in our columns.

H.K.M. (London).—We have heard the rumour you refer to, but do not think the King's head on the current stamps is likely to be turned round. Someone has suggested that it would be disrespectful for the portrait on the stamp to turn its back on the addressee! We cannot recall any precedent amongst foreign stamps for reversing the head.

G.H.D. (London).—Thanks for the cutting from the *Daily Chronicle*, but despite its authoritative tone, we do not believe the King's head will be turned round.

T.C.T. (Leicester).—The King's Head stamps have not been recalled, but Post Offices which have exhausted their supplies, have been replenished with the old types and not until the reserve stocks of these have been exhausted will the new stamps be reissued. We believe, however, that the new penny *coins* have been recalled, on account, it is said, of the mis-spelling of the King's name, "EDWARDVS." Perhaps it was thought the correct Latin spelling of "EDVARDVS" (*i.e.* Eduardus) would have too foreign an appearance. Either way there seems to be a difficulty.

G.H. (West Bromwich).—See reply above to D.M.

*New  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. postcard and 1d. envelope.* Through an oversight our descriptions of these novelties did not reach the printers in time for insertion in last week's issue and we are afraid we have given a number of readers needless trouble in sending specimens. We take the opportunity of recording the following early dates for various towns:—

	Postcard.	1d. Envelope.
Norwich	22.1.02	—
Oxford	—	23.1.02
Liverpool	24.1.02	—
Stratford-on-Avon	25.1.02	25.1.02

We have to thank the following for details of early specimens:—J.A. (Portrush), L.W.C. (Aylesbury), J.M. (Glasgow), A.W.G. (Norwich), T.P. (Warrington), C.C.P.L. (Oxford), W.K. (Liverpool), M.C. (Stratford), M.J.H. (Shrewsbury), J.J.B. (Chingford).

## Obtaining Stamps by False Pretences.

At the Penge Police Court on Saturday, William John Tanner, of Wellington Avenue, Bristol, was brought up, on remand, charged with obtaining a quantity of West Indian stamps by false pretences from Herbert L'Estrange Ewen, of 32, Palace Square, Upper Norwood. Last week it was stated that there were 43 cases against prisoner altogether, but only one of these was proceeded with. The prosecutor, a dealer in foreign stamps and editor of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, said in April last he received an application from John Williams, of 9a, Jamaica Street, Bristol, asking for some West Indian postage stamps. On April 16th witness sent stamps in reply to the value of 17s. 8d. An invoice was sent to the prisoner, but neither the money nor the stamps were returned. Subsequently witness received an application from Arthur Roberts, of 29, Horsefair, Bristol, and he then communicated with the Chief Constable of Bristol. It was subsequently found that Roberts, Williams, and Tauner were one and the same person. Detective-Sergeant Lee confirmed the evidence he gave last week, and also stated that he received the two letters sent to Mr. Ewen—one signed in the name of Williams and the other Arthur Roberts. He showed these to Tanner, who admitted that he wrote them. Prisoner elected to be dealt with by the magistrates, and, on pleading guilty, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

(Report from the "Bristol Times" of Jan. 20.)

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	11/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
122	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

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	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	—
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	—
608 " 5m. green	5/0	—
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615 " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
631 Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632 " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	—
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	—
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	1/3	—
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	2/6	—
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660 " 2½g. lilac	—	—
661 " 5g. marone	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666 " 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670 ¶ Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671 " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr. claret	4/0	4/8
677 Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678 " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687 Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	—
688 " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
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707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711 Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
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718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10
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723 Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0
724 Benin, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
725 Canton, 5fr.	—	—
726 Cavalle, 8 piast.	—	—
727 China, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
728 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
729 Dedeagh, 8 piast.	—	—
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (N 123).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* states that the 1½d. value is the next of the new set which is expected to appear. The set will remain as before, except for the omission of the ½d. value.

The Postmaster-General informs us that no change whatever is contemplated in the new King Edward stamps. The Head is not to be turned round.

**King Edward Stationery** (C 123).—We take the following interesting and complete description of the new stamped stationery issued or about to be issued by the Post Office, from the *London Philatelist*.

**Envelopes.**—½d. green on white, "N" size. Design.—Head of King to left, embossed on solid colour, in oval; above the head there is an imperial crown and branches of bay and oak leaves; below, "POSTAGE HALFPENNY" in white sans-serif capitals.

1d. carmine, in "Court," "Commercial," and "C" sizes. Design.—Embossed Head of King to left, on solid colour, within oval engine-turned frame inscribed "POSTAGE ONE PENNY" in coloured sans-serif capitals. The stamp is an upright oval, and in the upper part of the frame is an imperial crown with bay and oak branches.

**Registered Envelope.**—"H" size, value 3d., colour chocolate-brown. The stamp is placed at top of flap, which folds over on to address side of envelope. The shape of the stamp is circular, and the instructions on envelope, in blue, are found at back and front. Design.—Embossed Head of King to left, on solid colour, in circular frame. The inscription in white sans-serif capitals, reads "REGISTRATION TWO PENCE" and "POSTAGE ONE PENNY." Between the inscriptions in upper part of frame, there is a small imperial crown.

**Letter Card.**—1d. carmine on bluish. Design.—Head of King to left, on solid colour, in octagon frame, at top of which there is an imperial crown. Straight white labels at each side inscribed "POSTAGE," and another at the foot inscribed "ONE PENNY" in coloured sans-serif capitals. The shape of the stamp is rectangular, the spandrels being filled in with ornamentation. At top, bottom, and sides there is a projecting conventional ornament.

**Post Cards.**—1d. carmine on buff, as at present in use, but with similar stamp to that on letter card described above.

½d. green, single and reply, on buff and on white card, as at present; but the stamp, which is almost identical with that of the penny card, has the inscriptions in white on colour, and there are no projecting ornaments.

**Wrapper.**—½d. green on buff, upright oval with rounded corners. Head of King to left, on solid ground, in circle, on top of which there is an imperial crown. White curved labels above and below, inscribed respectively "POSTAGE" and "HALFPENNY" in coloured Roman capitals. Design filled in with conventional ornamentation.

**Envelope Dies** (E 123).—As heretofore, the dies employed at Somerset House to stamp stationery, etc., to public order will differ in one respect from those used to stamp "post office stationery." That is to say, they will still have their consecutive number embossed at the base of the

bust, whilst in the latter the space is occupied by the initials "B.R." We are informed that the only King Edward dies at present available at Somerset House for public employ are those of the ½d. and 1d. values. As yet, we have only seen impressions from the former, which were stamped on January 29th, and which bear the die number 8.

*Envelope Dies; King's Head.*  
½d. green, die 8.  
1d. carmine, die ?

We have no doubt other die numbers are also in use.

**Old Issues still available.**—The Postmaster-General's notice of December 17th gave a list of the current stamps with the Queen's Head, and added that "no other stamps are valid in payment of postage." It occurred to us to ask (states the Editor of *Alfred Smith and Son's Monthly Circular*) what had become of the franking power of the 8d. yellow (1876), 2/- blue (1867), and 2/- brown (1880), since these values were not included in the list of stamps demonetized by the order of April 19th, 1901, of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The Post Office itself has no authority to demonetize stamps by a single official statement and the reply received by us shows that there has been an oversight on its part.

INLAND REVENUE.  
Somerset House, London, W.C.

7th January, 1902.

"Your letter of the 20th ultimo to the Secretary of the Post Office has been forwarded to this Department, and I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to inform you that the three stamps mentioned therein are still available for use for Postage purposes.

I am, etc.

[Signed] T. Crafer, Secretary.

**Early date, ½d. Envelopes.**—We are indebted to Mr. W. J. England for a copy of the ½d. envelope postmarked "London, January 9th, 1902," thus antedating Mr. Findlater's record date by seven days. The Secretary to the Inland Revenue Department at Somerset House has kindly informed us that the first issue took place on January 7th, so that the 9th is nearly the earliest date it is possible to discover.

**ALGERIA** (A).—The excellent catalogue published by M.M. Yvert & Tellier records three stamps for use in France in connection with the Parcel Post, namely:—

1892 (a) Large rect., inscribed "Apport à la gare."  
25c. brown on yellow.

(b) Inscribed "Valeur déclarée jusqu'à 500."  
10c. red.

(c) Inscribed "Livraison par Expres."  
25c. green.

It has just been discovered that a similar set was issued in Algeria in 1892, but printed in different colours:—(a) dark blue on blue; (b) black on yellowish; (c) violet on blue.

**BULGARIA** (F 123).—*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Robert for specimens of the 5 stotinki chronicled last week. The colour is rose-red, rather than carmine. Our correspondent also kindly sends us another value of the set.

*Unpaid Letter Stamp, perf. 11½.*  
30 stot., marone.

**CANTON** (D 118).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* understands that the 20c. of the new surcharged set is temporarily out of stock at the Canton Post Office. Only 2780 were made. A further supply is likely to be printed, but one cannot always be certain that a second supply will be exactly like its predecessor.

**CARTAGENA** (D 118).—The *Monthly Journal* describes the new provisionals as having a rose surcharge, not red, as stated in E.W.S.N. of December 28th. The 2c. value is printed in purple, not brown. The 1c. has the Arms in a circle, "Republica" at left, "De" above the circle, "Colombia" at right; the 2c. has the Arms within a transverse oval band, with the name in the upper part of it. Mr. Hadlow is reported to have found a sheet of 100 of the preceding issue, 1c. black (Gibbons' No. 250) imperforate.

**COOK ISLANDS** (E 108).—Mr. H. Bolitho writes to the *Stamp Collector* that the 1d. stamps surcharged with a Crown were then obsolete (November?). A further stock of stamps (all values?) had however been sent over from the Cook Islands to New Zealand to be surcharged, and was expected to go back "by the boat leaving here on the 1st" (January 1st?). The Cook Islands were included in the boundaries of the Colony of New Zealand by proclamation dated June 10th, 1901.

**CRETE** (E 119).—*Large Surcharge.*—The 25c. blue has been surcharged "Prosorinon" in a larger type than usual. The old surcharge is 15½mm. long by 1½ high, whilst the new type is 17½mm. by 3mm.

*Postage Adhesive.* Large surcharge, "Prosorinon."  
25 lepta, dark blue. Surch. in black.

The overprint is not very clearly made, the 'S' being almost invisible on some of the stamps. Our supply was received on January 17th, but we unfortunately did not notice the difference at the time.

**ECUADOR** (G 122).—*Warning.*—A correspondent informs us that the majority of the cheap 1894 and 1895 sets recently put on the market (and referred to by us as remainders) are little better than forgeries. At the best they are official reprints printed from plates which had been re-made from the original dies. The reprints are distinguishable by shade and paper, and are slightly different in size from the originals.

**GOLD COAST** (E 115).—*Error in Provisional Issue.*—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* describes a pane of 60 of the recently issued "ONE PENNY" on 6d. which shows some rather curious characteristics. The surcharge was apparently set up in five horizontal rows of six, and on the pane in question the word "ONE" failed to print on the stamps in the fourth and sixth rows. Traces of the missing word can be seen on some of these stamps, but others have only "PENNY" and the bar below it.

**HOLLAND** (D 122).—The ½c. unpaid letter stamps chronicled last week is stated by *Le Timbrophile Belge* to have been issued on January 20th.

**KISHENGARH** (B 100).—*Uncatalogued variety.*—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* records the discovery of the 1 anna, pink, pin-perforated like the rest of the series. It is only catalogued imperforate.

**LIBERIA** (A).—M. Maury states in his journal that the 1c. adhesives are apparently running short, as some of these surcharged "Official" have received an additional hand-stamped overprint of "ORDINARY" in black. An example has been seen postmarked Dec. 7th, 1901.

**MALTA** (D 123).—*Revenues.*—We are officially informed that the new Revenue stamps, chronicled in E.W.S.N., Nos. 122 and 123, were first issued on January 11th. No circulars on the subject were published by the Post Office. The list of values of the Revenue stamps given last week was incomplete, and should be as follows:—½d., 1d., 2d., 3d. on 1/-, 4d., 6d. on 1/-, 9d. on 1/-, 1/-, 2/- on 2/6, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-.

**NEWFOUNDLAND** (C 111).—The 4c. Cabot is still on sale, but the 24c. appears to be out of stock at St. John's. The 30c. and higher values have not been on sale at the Post Offices for several years, although always obtainable on special requisition.

## NOTICE.

Special Attention is directed to the Important Announcements made this Week by the

**Colonial Stamp Market.**

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**NEW ZEALAND (L 122).**—It seems that the new perforating machine recently imported makes one row of holes only at each operation, thus giving the authorities an opportunity of making "compound perf." varieties, which they have not been slow to avail themselves of.

*Local prints.*

½d. dark green, perf. 14½ (already chronicled)  
 " perf. 14½ × 11  
 " perf. 11 × 14½  
 1d. Universal Postage, perf. 14½  
 " perf. 14½ × 11  
 " perf. 11 × 14½

If this sort of thing is to continue, the perforation varieties of the local series will soon be as complex and uncollectable as those of the London print issue.

Mr. Rosenberg writes to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* that 3000 sheets of 240 stamps of the halfpenny value have received the compound perforation, so they are hardly likely to be rare.

*On Public Service.*—From the same source we learn that the 1d. and 5d. stamps of the current set, and these alone, are surcharged diagonally, "O.P.S.O."—"On Public Service Only".

*Postal Fiscal.*—The *Monthly Journal* describes an error in the current 2/6 brown, Gibbons' type 53. A supply of some 5000 were ordered, but the impression was made from the wrong plate, which had the word "counterpart" printed just above the lower label. However, they were used for fiscal and telegraph purposes, and were presumably available also for postal use.

*Postal Fiscal.* Error, with "Counterpart."  
 2/6 brown.

The ordinary "Counterpart" stamp is printed in yellow, and is available for fiscal use only.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (G 123).**—Messrs. Bright & Son inform the *London Philatelist* that a proof of a new 2½d. stamp has been sent out for approval. It bears the King's Head in a very small oval, value at top 2½d., and a picture below of a springbok and a wildebeest, with typical veldt scenery in back ground. The whole is in blue, quite neat, though full of inaccuracies of drawing. It will probably not be issued for some time.

This, taken into conjunction with the statement published in *E.W.S.N.* last week, leads us to suppose that the first King Edward set for this Colony will consist principally of the old Free State stamps overprinted E.R.I., unless of course, there is such a big stock of the old V.R.I.'s that no new stamps will be required for several years.

*Postcards.*—The Editor of *Stamps* has furnished the *Monthly Circular* with a very interesting list of postcards, which we take the liberty of reproducing. The dates in brackets are the earliest known dates of use.

(a). *V.R.I. (level stops and thick V), stop after value.*

½d. rose (12.7.00) | 1d. orange (7.4.00)

(b). *V.R.I. (raised stops).*

½d. + ½d. green (21.4.00) | 1½d. on 2d. mauve (29.4.00)  
 1d. + 1d. brown (21.4.00)

(c). *V.R.I. (level stops), no stop after value.*

½d. rose (3.7.00) | 1d. + 1d. brown (12.5.00)  
 ½d. + ½d. green (?) | 1½d. on 2d. mauve (7.7.00)  
 1d. orange (28.6.00)

(d). *V.R.I. (sans-serif).*

½d. rose (27.7.00) | 1d. orange (?)  
 ½d. + ½d. green (?) | 1d. + 1d. brown (25.9.00)

(e). *Surcharged on Cape Cards.*

1d. + 1d. carmine (5.01 ?) | 1d. on 1½d.  
 (S.G. Nos. 10, 11, 12)

**REUNION (C 112).**—An exhaustive article appears in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* on the subject of the recently issued surcharged stamps. The decree authorising the issue of a first supply (as described in *E.W.S.N.* of November 9th) is dated "Saint Denis," September 20th, 1901, and was signed by the Secretary General, M. Hibon, "for the Governor and by authorization." It provided for 50,000 of each of the provisionals, which however only lasted from morning till sunset on the 28th of that month. Apparently all the leading residents took a hand in speculating.

On October 15th, the *Journal Officiel de la Réunion* published a further notice, signed by the Governor, M. Paul Samary, and dated "Saint-Denis, October 14th, 1901." The new decree called for the following quantities:—

60,000 5c. on 40c. | 50,000 15c. on 75c.  
 40,000 5c. on 50c. | 50,000 15c. on 1fr.

They were however only to be surcharged as required, and not more than 1 franc worth sold at a time to anyone. Four days after, however, on the 18th October, the new stamps, 5c. yellow-green and 15c. grey, arrived in the Island, so that probably very few of the new provisionals had been issued. It does not appear that they differ from the first issue. There are however varieties in the surcharge "15." The printer first set up "5c." 75 times in 15 rows of 5, and then, after printing the surcharge of this value, filled in 75

figures "1," but had not sufficient in the same type and had to make use of several slightly broader and smaller.

**ST. LUCIA (C 105) and ST. VINCENT (B 121).**—The *London Philatelist* learns that both these Colonies are to have pictorial sets before long.

**SUDAN (D 113).**—*Military Telegraphs.*—In *E.W.S.N.* of October 26th we chronicled a new 25 piastres, ultramarine and brown. From specimens now to hand, it appears that it has the multiple Crescent and Star watermark. It may perhaps be worth noting that the set is found with three different watermarks, the varieties still current being the following:—

Wmk. Maltese Cross, 1, 5 piastres.  
 " Crescent and Star, 10 piastres.  
 " Multiple Crescent and Star, 5 mill., 2, 25 piastres.

We believe all values up to 10 piastres exist with the first two watermarks, but such are mostly obsolete now.

*Official Stamps.*—In *E.W.S.N.* of November 16th, it was stated that the current 1 millième adhesive had been perforated S.G. for official use. It may be of interest to note that this is not quite such an innovation as was at first supposed, as in 1900 the 5 millième of the first issue, Soudan on Egypt, was similarly perforated, and is still in use. We have seen both postmarked January, 1902.

**TRANSVAAL (L 123).**—Messrs. Bright & Son inform the *London Philatelist* that the new King Edward set will comprise stamps of the following values:—½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1/- and 2/- for postage and revenue, and 2/6, 5/- and 10/- for postage only. It seems strange that there should be no value between 2½d. and 6d., also that the high values should be postage only, "revenue" one could have understood.

**TRINIDAD (H 122).**—*New colours, early date.*—The Postmaster-General informs us that the 1d. value alone of the new series has yet been issued, and that it was first on sale during December. The *Monthly Journal* records a specimen postmarked as early as Thursday, December 19th.

**VICTORIA (N 120).**—*Newsband.*—The ½d. newspaper wrapper has had the word "postage" added to the design of the stamp, which is now like the current adhesive of the same value.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. T. Le Ryt sends us one of the new King's Head letter-cards with the following note:—*

"These letter-cards are on sale to-day (January 30th), for the first time, at the Charing Cross Post Office. They may however have been previously issued at other offices as there does not appear to be any general distribution of the stationery (envelopes, cards, &c.), but a supply is sent to any office at which they may be required, and I have found in some cases that they have been sold without the officials noticing that they were the new issue!"

## Answers to Correspondents.

H.C. (Northwich). It is not at all rare that letters and circulars pass through the post without the stamps being cancelled, although taking into consideration the immense amount of correspondence handled daily by the Post Office, the proportion must be infinitesimal.

C.M., Jr. (Cromer).—We consider the Salt Tax Stamps of Egypt purely fiscals, although in certain quarters they have been advertised so as to appear to be high values of the current postal set. They bear genuine post office cancellations, because the tax is collected through the Post Office. But the "postmark" in this case does not even give the stamps the status of "postal-fiscals," and they are not worthy a place in a collection of postage stamps.

R.M.A. (Newcastle).—Thanks for the cutting.

W.N.R. (Whitby).—The varieties you mention are rather too minute to chronicle in *E.W.S.N.*

M.A. (Chislehurst).—It is a comparatively common occurrence to find old 1d. red stamps with inverted watermarks. We believe that tens of thousands of plate 83 were so printed, and nearly all other plate-numbers are also known.

D.S.D. (Sibford).—The 2/6 Niger Coast, surcharged "Consular Service," might be of use to fiscal collectors. We could not say its value.

## Press Cuttings.

*From the Westminster Gazette of January 27th.—*

"A great sensation has been caused in Sofia by the suicide of M. Diko Joseph, a lawyer, member of the new Reform Party, and director of the *Svet* newspaper. M. Joseph had been arrested in connexion with a series of thefts of postage stamps from the national printing establishments, by which the State has lost something like £80,000."

*From the Newcastle Chronicle, January 31st.—*

"The extensive stamp frauds successfully carried on in Bulgaria have excited a feeling almost amounting to consternation in that principality. It has been discovered that at least 10,000,000 stamps of illicit manufacture have been put into circulation, and it is believed that the arrests which are being actively promoted on the information of a prisoner named Kapanoff will include several persons of high position and public importance. The extent to which the frauds have affected the revenue derived from stamps in Bulgaria is shown by some interesting figures given in "Die Information." In 1898 the yield from stamps was, in round figures, 800,000 francs. In 1899 it was 740,000 francs, and in 1900 it was 700,000 francs. But in 1901 the sum dropped to 250,000, and this startling decrease has now been traced to its true cause. In view of the financial crisis which is depressing the country, Bulgarians are anxiously asking themselves whether their Government is to be trusted. Their point is that Ministers and officials who can allow such a huge fraud as the circulation of 10,000,000 spurious stamps to go on undetected, might reasonably be supposed to be careless and supine as regards other matters. The situation in Bulgaria seems sufficiently serious.

*The New Postage Stamps in the House of Commons.*  
*From the Times, February 1st:—*

"In reply to Dr. Farquharson (Aberdeenshire, W.), Mr. Austen Chamberlain said,—It is not intended to make any change in the postage stamps now in circulation. The Postmaster-General thinks that the original drawing would not be useful for purposes of comparison, if placed on view, as some slight modifications were made in it in the process of arranging for its reproduction.

## A Long Way after Kipling.

(WITH THE USUAL APOLOGIES.)

"Now we think it will be generally agreed that collectors find these so-called minor varieties an unmitigated nuisance." — MORLEY'S PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

A man there was and he made his prayer,  
 (Even as you and I).

To a splash and a dash and a line of hair,  
 Or a sportive perf. (he denoted it rare)—  
 For cover and card he had never a care,  
 (Even as you and I).

Oh the pipes we light and the cheques we write,  
 In the spoil of the sea and land  
 Partake of the toll of the mean and small—  
 The fevered whim for the nothing-at-all—  
 One never can understand.

A man there was and his heart lie hent—  
 (Even as you and I).

On fads and fakes to colossal extent—  
 (It wasn't a bit what Philately meant)  
 But the pigeon is plucked from Kabul to Kent  
 (Even as you and I).

Oh the time we've lost and the cash it cost  
 On the wonderful stuff to hand—

On the crossless T and the dotless I—  
 And the phantom fun of a doubtful die  
 We know it—and understand.

The man was sad when his purse was spent,  
 (Even as you and I).

He fixed up an "ad," on a sale intent,  
 And sold—at a loss of some sixty per cent.,  
 (But that didn't matter as long as they went)  
 (Even as you and I).

Oh it isn't the price of the sacrifice  
 When we've furrowed the fruitless sand—  
 Its the fact of finding absurdity's marge  
 In the wild weird quest of the double surcharge  
 That at last we understand.

From the "Philatelic Journal of India."

On Saturday, 25th January, 1902, the members of the Junior London Philatelic Society held their third annual *Conversazione and Dance* in Raleigh Hall, Brixton, S.W. A large party of members and friends were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The special dance of the evening, "The Philatelic Quadrilles," was so persistently encored that it had to be repeated. Great credit is due to Mr. Fred J. Melville and Mr. Crosby Blumsum who were responsible for the arrangements.



# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.	Face Value.	Our Price.		
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>								
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11	601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7	602	" 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—	603	" 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3	605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0	606	" 2m. orange	2/0	—
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3	607	" 3m. brown	3/0	—
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	11/11	608	" 5m. green	5/0	—
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2	610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6	611	" 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—	613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½	614	" 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>								
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2	617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
116	Bavaria 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2	618	" 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4	619	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8	621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9	622	" 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—	623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10	631	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø!	11	1/10	2/3	632	" Old ir. br. & or.	—	—
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2	633	" " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6	634	" " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>								
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6	637	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6	938	" 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4	639	" 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7	641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2	642	" 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4	643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6	644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—	647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—	648	" 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—	649	" 3dr. on 10l.	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—	650	" 5dr. on 40l.	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>								
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	652	" " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7	653	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1	654	" " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7	655	" " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	656	" " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—	659	Holland, 1g. green	—	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	660	" 2½g. lilac	—	—
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	661	" 5g. marone	—	—
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	665	" 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	666	" 3k. green	2/6	2/11
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	667	" 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	670	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	671	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4	673	Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac	0/10	1/0
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7	674	" 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	675	" 5fr. claret	4/0	4/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	677	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	678	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8	680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>								
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—	681	" 2fl. brown	3/4	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	683	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	684	" 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	685	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	687	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	—
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	688	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	690	Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	691	" 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8	693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>								
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7	694	" 3½r. grey	7/0	—
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0	695	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75. ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11	697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0	698	" 2 lire	—	—
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9	699	" 5 lire	—	—
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2	702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0	706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0	707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	—
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0	708	" 10p. orange	5/0	—
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>								
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11	711	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	715	" 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	717	Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	718	" 5mk.	5/0	5/10
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	<b>FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.</b>			
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	721	Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6	722	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	723	Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	724	Benin, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2	725	Canton, 5fr.	—	—
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	726	Cavalle, 8 piastres	—	—
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2	727	China, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>								
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10	728	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10	729	Dedeagh, 8 piastres	—	—
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1	730	Djibouti, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3	731	" 2fr.	1/8	—
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3	732	Djibouti, 5fr.	4/0	4/8
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3	733	" 25fr.	—	—
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3	734	" 50fr.	—	—
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3	735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
743	Indo-China, 1fr.	12	0/10	1/0
744	" " 5fr.	8	4/0	

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### The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting, newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward Stamps* (O 124).—Mr. C. W. Hughes informs us he has the 1d. carmine postmarked "Port Said, 23.1.02." This is the first we have to record with a foreign postmark. It was doubtless used from one of the mail steamers.

*I.R. Official* (C 121).—Mr. H. Clark informs us that the 1d. carmine, with overprint "I.R. Official," has already been issued. His earliest copy is dated "Camberwell S.O., 4.30 p.m., 6th Feb. 1902."

*I.R. Official*, overprinted in black, in usual type.  
1d. carmine, Head of King Edward.

A.O. writes us that he has not yet seen any mention of the actual issue of the ½d. green *I.R. Official* (Queen Victoria issue), and informs us that it was in use at Teignmouth on January 3rd. We regret having omitted to record it, and now remedy the omission, on the principle of better late than never. It is too late, we are afraid, however, to get information of any very early dated specimens.

*Registration Envelopes*, 2d. blue (B120).—Mr. T. F. Phillpot points out that *E.W.S.N.* of December 14th. We chronicled the 2d. blue registration envelope, size H2, with square flap and stamp impressed in top corner, but that we have omitted to record the other sizes. He has met with sizes F, G, H, and K, so that we can now formally record the actual issue of all five sizes.

Registered Envelopes. Stamp in N.E. corner.

2d. blue, Head of Queen Victoria. 5 Envelopes, sizes F, G, H, H2, K.

*King Edward Stationery* (D124).—A number of examples of the new envelopes, postcards, etc., have again been submitted us, with a request to amend the list of records. We have accordingly compiled the following list of early dates:—

Description.	Date.	Record Holder.
Envelopes—		
1d. "Court"	London, S.W., 21.1.02	Mr. T. le Ryt
½d. "Commercial"	London, 9.1.02	Mr. W. J. England
Postcards—		
½d. "Court"	Sunderland, 17.1.02	Mr. C. W. Cummings
1d. on buff	Chiswick, 10.2.02	Mr. A. Sonn
Lettercard—		
1d. carmine	Walthamstow, 4.2.02	Mr. J. E. Moss
Wrapper		
½d. green	London, W.C., 5.2.02	Editor, <i>E.W.S.N.</i>

For the others, no dated copies have yet been forthcoming. We also have to thank Messrs. H.C., J.K., J.I.B., H.F., and J.B. Jr. for specimens.

*Tenpenny Envelope Die* 6 (B 123).—Mr. F. G. Warwick has shown us another example of the 10d. Envelope die, No. 6, printed in blue. The impression had evidently been made on a telegram form. This makes two examples we know of. There is a rumour of a third, but we should like to see it before formally recording it.

*Early dates of 1d. reds* (F 123).—Mr. H. W. Harrison has shown us the following three record dates:—

Plate No. 108	High Wycombe,	21.7.68.
" 159	—	8.11.72.
" 177	Inverness,	13.2.75.

We also have the two following from Mr. H. L. Bevir.

Plate No. 164,	Weymouth,	8.2.73.
" 181,	Calne,	13.9.75.

Mr. Scarr has also shown us his plate 157 and we now have pleasure in formally recording it.

Plate No. 157	Brighton,	22.7.72.
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*Watermarked Control Letters* (B 121).—In our issue of January 18th, we gave some instances of watermarked Control Letters found on the edges of sheets and blocks of old 1d. red and 2d. blue stamps. Mr. G. Fox has now favoured us with an additional list:—

1d. plate 122.	DD above 12th stamp in top row.
" 138.	II under 11th stamp in bottom row.
" 170.	GG over 2nd and 3rd stamps in top row.
" 186.	KK over 2nd and 3rd stamps in top row.
½d. plate 11.	6 (or inverted 9) over 3rd stamp from right end of top row.

**CEYLON** (D 119).—*King Edward Stamps*.—Mr. Sirisene writes:—"The *Times*, of Ceylon, of December, 1901, says: 'Apropos of the use in England from the beginning of next year of the new postage stamp bearing representations of H.M. the King's head, we learn on enquiry that the change will probably not come into force locally for another six or twelve months. No steps have been taken to secure a new die, and the initiative will, we are told, have to be taken in England. As it is, the treasury has just received a new indent of the old stamps likely to suffice for six months or more.'"

The above shows that we in Ceylon will not be able to have a set of new postage stamps bearing H.M. the King's portrait till after the close of this year, though many Ceylon stamp collectors were anxiously waiting to include the new stamps in their albums.

**CHILE** (M 120).—*Post Card*.—The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* chronicles a new post card, 2c. ultramarine on bluish, similar in design to its predecessor. It is stated to have been issued on December 20th, 1901.

**CYPRUS** (D 120).—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 111, we recorded new printings of the 6 and 12 piastres with marginal plate-number 4. We have now received the ½ piastre printed from this plate.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (F 123).—*New Provisionals*.—The surcharge on the 2c. on 3c. recently issued is in black, and consists of "2-CENTS—1902" in three lines, in small light Roman type. For this information we are indebted to Mr. W. Warwick.

**DJIBOUTI** (C 123, 112).—*More stamps cut in half*.—In *E.W.S.N.* of November 12th we chronicled two provisionals made by cutting the Djibouti 30c. and 50c. stamps in two, the halves respectively doing duty for 15c. and 25c. We have now the following to add to the list:—

*New Provisionals. Obock stamps cut in half.*  
Halves of 20c., used as 10c.  
Right-hand half of 25c., used as 5c.

The provisionals are authorised by M. Ormières, Governor *pro tem* of Djibouti. In the case of the 25c., only the right-hand halves, which carry the figure 5 of the original value, are to be issued at present. The left-hand halves being retained in stock as vouchers for 20c. each, although they may be ultimately made use of, if there is need. There is no necessity to collect these "split provisionals" or "semi-Djiboutis" and collectors should be grateful to M. Ormières for falling back on such an expedient, rather than adopting what we should have thought the simpler method of surcharging.

**FRENCH COLONIES** (A).—See at end of *Week's News*.

**GAMBIA** (A).—According to rumour, the ½d. value is at present out of stock in the Colony.

**GOLD COAST** (F 124).—*New value*.—According to *Der Philatelist* and the *N.T. v. P.*, the set in the current type has received an addition in the shape of a 2d. value.

*New Adhesive, CA, 14.*  
2d. lilac and brick-red.

It is not clear whether the stamp has been actually issued or not.

**GREECE** (H 123).—*New Issue*.—The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* furnishes full particulars of the new A.M. set, of which the preliminary notice appeared in *E.W.S.N.* of January 11th. The new set chronicled last year is really for inland use, and can be purchased with the much depreciated paper currency; on

the other hand, the newest set—that now under notice—is for use on foreign correspondence and will be sold for gold only. The values are as follows:—

*New Adhesives for Foreign Correspondence.*

5 lepta,	orange.
25 "	green.
50 "	ultramarine.
1 drachma,	carmine.
2 drachmai,	brown-orange.

The design is very similar to that of the Tasmanian 1870 type, but the figure of value within a circle is introduced into each lower corner and the initials "A.M." similarly framed into the two upper corners. The Head of Mercury to right fills in the centre of the design. The set was issued on January 1st (old style).

*Unpaid Letter Stamps*.—From the same source we learn of the existence of a new series in the following values—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 and 200 lepta. They are to be issued shortly, if in fact they have not already appeared.

*Money Orders*.—Two new series of Money Orders are now in use, and the stamps being of the following values:—(Inland Money Orders), 30, 50l., 1, 1.30, 1.60, 1.90, 2.20, 2.50, 2.80, 3.10 and 3.40 drachmai; (Foreign Money Orders), 25, 50, 75l., 1, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.—, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75 and 3 drachmai (A.M.)

**INDO-CHINA** (A).—This French Colony is reported by the *Revue Philatelistique Belge* to have further designs on the pockets of stamp collectors. Not content with getting its stamps surcharged "Hoi-hao," "Indo-Chine," "Mong tsé," etc., it is to have an entirely new set in a special design, said to have been chosen by the Governor-General, M. Doumer, when on his last visit to France. The plates are at present being made.

**NEWFOUNDLAND** (D 124).—The 24c. Cabot has been re-issued.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (F 123).—*Correction*.—Mr. L. E. Bradbury kindly points out that the 7½d. value should be added to the list of those which have not yet appeared on the new chalky paper.

**PERU** (D 115).—The new 22c. green, foreshadowed in *E.W.S.N.* of December 12th, is now coming over.

*New Adhesive, large design* (25 x 31mm.) Perf. 12.  
22c. green.

The design consists of a rectangular frame in the centre, with "Union Postal Universal" above it and "Veintidos Centavos" below. Within the frame is the figure of Liberty seated, with Peru above and Franqueo below. No figures of value appear. At the foot of the stamp is the imprint "American Bank Note Co., N.Y." The appearance of the stamp is rather pleasing, although its size will surely be found inconvenient. Our earliest copy is dated 11.1.02.

**ST. HELENA** (B 118).—*King Edward Stamps*.—We are informed on official authority that a new die (plate ?) has already been asked for, but it is not likely the new stamps will be ready for issue before the end of the year. It has not yet been decided what values will be printed.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (H 123).—We are officially informed, under date January 3rd, that "there is no present intention of altering the design of the postage stamps of the State." This statement is somewhat difficult to reconcile with that published in *E.W.S.N.* of February 1st, but perhaps the substitution of the portrait of King Edward for that of Queen Victoria is not considered an alteration of the design. We are, therefore, still in the dark as to whether any new issue has taken place or not.

**TASMANIA** (D 119).—We are officially informed, under date January 4th, that there is no likelihood of stamps being issued with portrait of King Edward, at present.

**TRINIDAD** (I. 124).—*Discovery*.—Mr. A. H. L. Hughes has made what appears to be rather an important discovery. There would undoubtedly seem to be two types of the words "ONE PENNY" in the 1d. lilac and carmine postage stamps of the current design. Mr. Hughes submits two specimens, in one of which



the words are printed in tall thin type and in the other in thick square type. The difference is very apparent but difficult to measure. The chief distinction seems to lie in the letter "O" of "One," the centre of which is oval in one case (the space being 1 1/2 mm. high by 3/4 mm. wide) and round in the other (diameter 1 mm.) The height of the letters themselves is in one case 1 1/2 mm. and in the other about 1 1/4 mm. We are unable to say whether both types occur on the same plate, or if distinct, which appeared first. The Colonial Market's stock of the 1d. lilac and carmine, received only 2 or 3 months ago is entirely in the thick square type, whereas the few specimens we have yet seen of the 1d. lilac on red paper have the value in the tall thin type.

**URUGUAY (E 121).**—*Post Card.*—Miss E. Hirschberg has shown us the following post cards, which appear to be new:—

*Post Cards.*—Printed by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. Circular design. Head of Liberty to left.  
2 centesimos carmine on pale pink.  
3 " brown on buff.

There is a view of the *Palacio de Gobierno* (Montevideo) in the lower left hand corner of the 3c. brown card shown us, but other views are doubtless to be had.

**FRENCH COLONIES.**—The Colonia Market has shown us blocks of the 10, 15, 25 and 50c. values of each French Colony in the new colours, carmine, grey, blue and brown on azure. In most cases, the *millésime* "0" or "1" is shown on the margin between the second rows of each pair of panes on the sheet, whilst on the lowest margin of the sheet is the "*numéro de fabrication*." This latter usually takes the following form "O 1209 12"; the centre figures indicate the day and month of printing (Sept. 12th), whilst the "O" and the "12" are supposed to indicate the number of the machine and the officer in charge. We have evidence of the following dates of printing.

*Millésime* omitted; lower margin of sheet left unperforated; *numéro de fabrication* under right-hand pane.

A 508	E 1308
A 1400	E 2108
A 1908	E 2308

*Millésime* "0"; lower margin of sheet perforated; *numéro de fabrication* on margin under left-hand pane.

O 409 12	O 1209 12
O 709 12	P 29011 13
O 1109 12	

*Millésime* "1"; sheets similar.

J 304 11	J 1204 11
J 504 11	J 1504 11

Assuming that the sheets without *millésime* were printed in 1900, we can furnish the following table showing exactly when the stocks now in issue were printed.

	10c.	15c.	25c.	50c.
Anjouan	23.8.00	11.9.00	4.9.00	7.9.00
Dahomey	"	"	"	"
French Congo	5.4.01	3.4.01	12.4.01	15.4.01
" Guinea	23.8.00	11.9.00	4.9.00	7.9.00
" Soudan	5.4.01	3.4.01	"	15.4.01
Grand Comoro	23.8.00	11.9.00	"	7.9.00
Guiana	"	12.9.00	"	"
Guadeloupe	19.8.00	11.9.00	21.8.00	13.8.00
Indian Estab.	23.8.00	"	4.9.00	7.9.00
Indo-China	29.11.00	"	"	"
Ivory Coast	23.8.00	"	"	"
Martinique	"	12.9.00	"	"
Mayotte	"	"	"	"
Madagascar	"	"	21.8.00	13.8.00
New Caledonia	"	11.9.00	"	"
Oceania	"	"	4.9.00	7.9.00
Réunion	"	14.8.00	"	"
St. Pierre and Miquelon	"	11.9.00	"	"
Sénégal	5.8.00	12.9.00	21.8.00	13.8.00

If the sheets without *millésime* were printed in 1901, the dates given in the above table as August, 1900, should be changed to August, 1901, but that is unlikely.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

R.B.H. (Catford).—The numbers on English postmarks run from 1 to 999, 001 to 999, and A01 to K99 (approximately). From time to time, post offices are closed and numbers become vacant. During 1878-82, when the Cyprus Post Offices were being given numbers (the island had only just been ceded to Great Britain), various vacant numbers were made use of, such as 942 (Larnaca), 962 (Nicosia), 974 (Baffo, originally in 1844, Sedbergh), 975 (Famagousta, originally Easingwold); 971 (Limassol), and so on. The full list is given on page 178 of the "Standard Catalogue of British Stamps and Postmarks," 6th Edition, 1898.

Rev. R.B.E.—Your letter re 2d. black English unfortunately arrived just after we had closed this discussion.

L.W.C. (Aylesbury).—So far as we are aware, the 1d. yellow is the only envelope stamp found with the arrow heads.

A.M. (Cardiff).—The Antigua Duty stamps are part of large remainders sold some time ago, and are not worth anything approaching face value.

**Orange Free State.**

**AN INTERESTING FIND.**

(From the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.*)

Few collectors could have collected Orange Free State stamps without being struck by the unusual and apparently absurd fact that the 3d. and 4d. stamps which were in use at the same time are practically identical in design and colour, the only difference being that one is inscribed "drie pence" and the other "vier pence." This must have led to endless confusion, which would not be lessened by the fact that the 3d. and 1d. (before 1894) were also very much alike. But perhaps the most perplexing thing of all is that the latter value was changed in 1894 into almost the exact colour of the 2d.

[See note at foot.—ED. E.W.S.N.]

In this connection our publishers have lately come into possession of a most interesting document dated 23. Nov. 1883, which shews that at the time the idea of making extensive colour changes were in contemplation. It is headed "Orange Free States (sic) Postage Stamps—Existing and proposed Schemes of Colours."

This evidently emanated from Messrs. De la Rue's offices and was found amongst the papers of a gentleman (now dead) who once held an official position in the Orange Free State. It is written on two sheets of foolscap paper joined together at the right. In its original state there was evidently a complete set of the then current stamps of the Republic placed, one below the other, down the left hand margin of the lower sheet, but these have unfortunately all been torn off. Opposite the positions of the third and sixth stamps was written, in each case, the sentence.—"This colour cannot be improved upon." Now the stamps in use at that time were 3/4d. chestnut, 1d. brown, 3d. ultramarine, 4d. ultramarine, 6d. rose, 1/- orange-yellow, and 5/- green. We may reasonably suppose therefore from the position of the remarks, that the 3d. and the 1/- values were those referred to as being satisfactory in hue. There is nothing further than this on the lower sheet.

The upper sheet however, which folds over the lower one, contains the proposals submitted by Messrs. De la Rue for changing the colours of the 1/4d., 1d., 4d., 6d. and 5/- denominations and also for the colour of the new two-penny value then in preparation. Fortunately the essays in these colours are still on the document, with the exception of that for the two-penny. They are all from the *one-penny die* and are printed in green, rose-carmine, brown, pearl-grey and olive-green. The first two were intended for the *half-penny* and *one penny* respectively. They are bracketed together with the following recommendation written at the side.—"Proposed colours, being those established by the International Postal Convention for these duties." Below these there was, beyond doubt, a mauve stamp, as the following is written at the side.—"Colour in which the new duty is to be printed in accordance with the instructions contained in the order." We know that the 2d. mauve was issued a month or two after the date of this document, so there is every probability that the essay which is missing was printed in that colour. The *brown*, the *pearl-grey* and the *olive-green* were intended for the 4d., 6d., and 5/-, and against them is written "Proposed Colours."

Here is a carefully conceived plan for giving the Orange Free State a set of postage stamps, all values in which would be distinct from one another in colour. Even if not accepted by the Orange Free State authorities *in toto* one would have supposed that it might have been at least in part, so it would be interesting to know whether any other reason than sheer inertia was responsible for the continuation of the peculiar state of affairs which the proposals were designed to improve.

All the essays which are affixed to the document are perforated 12, and as the ordinary stamps are perf. 14, the missing *mauve* stamp would be a curiosity which, if it should turn up some day in a used or unused condition, will very likely puzzle somebody. The probability is that it was used, as it is noticeable that the only stamps which have been torn off the document were stamps which were available for postage, evidence which makes it almost certain that they were all taken off for that purpose. So if any reader comes across a *one penny* Orange Free State stamp perforated 12 and printed in the pale mauve shade of the *two-penny* instead of the brighter violet of the *penny*, he will know what it is!

**Note by Editor of E.W.S.N.**

We take the liberty of reproducing the above article in toto, as it throws interesting light on the subject of the colours of the Orange Free State stamps. We are able to reply to the enquiry contained in the last paragraph but one, "it would be interesting to know whether any other reason than sheer inertia was responsible for the continuation of the peculiar state of affairs

which the proposals were designed to improve." The reason was evidently that the suggested changes of colours were not considered satisfactory by the authorities of the Orange Free State. The matter was not however allowed to drop, and some years later a new colour scheme was actually adopted. The delay in the appearance of the new colours was due to the fact that the stocks on hand of the stamps in the old colours were very large. It was not until 1894 that stamp collectors first obtained tangible proof of the existence of the new scheme. The appended table will show the original and new colour schemes.

Original Colours.	Scheme proposed in 1883 and ultimately rejected.	New Colours eventually adopted (Date unknown.)
3/4d. chestnut (1882)	3/4d. green	3/4d. yellow (1897)
1d. brown (1868)	1d. carmine	1d. violet (1894)
—	2d. violet (1884)	2d. red
—	—	2 1/2d. green
3d. blue (1882)	As before	3d. brown
4d. blue (1878)	4d. brown	4d. grey
6d. rose (1868)	6d. pearl-grey	6d. blue (1900)
1/- orange (1868)	As before	1/- red-brn. (1900)
—	—	2/6 orange
5/- green (1878)	5/- olive-green	5/- carmine

A reference to the above table will show why the colour of the 1d. value was changed in 1894 to violet so as to consequently clash with the colour of the 2d. It had already been definitely decided that the next printing of the 2d. should be in red. The date of the adoption of the second scheme was evidently between 1888 and 1894, as in 1888 the stocks of the 1d. and 2d. values had been exhausted, as witness the issue of numerous surcharged provisionals, which were replaced by a new stock in the old colours.

**Our Postcard Column.**

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. H. A. L. Hughes writes:—

"I beg to submit the following two items, which I discovered the other day while looking through my collection:—

"Trinidad.—I am sending two of the present issue, which I happened to compare the other day, and found the 'One Penny' to be printed in larger letters on one than on the other. I cannot find any of the rest of the set are the same, but as you have a large stock you will probably be able to see if any of the others shew this difference."

[See under Trinidad in Week's News.—ED.]

"Orange Free State.—I noticed that one of the 1/4d. orange had the curious cancellation (?) which I enclose. It is clearly not a postmark, as traces of the postmark are to be seen on the stamp; and I saw a similar stamp in a friend's collection a little while ago which clearly shewed a postmark as well as the cancellation already referred to. Can you explain this?"

The mark you refer to represents the arms of the late Orange Free State. It was impressed on adhesive stamps, which were stuck on blank cards to make post cards.—ED.]

Mr. N. G. Hadden writes:—

"Can you inform why in Stanley Gibbons' 1902 catalogue both the 50c. and 1 gourde King type of Hayti are omitted? The 50c. and 1 gourde are put in as the Arms type only. The King's Head type are by no means too recent to be catalogued, as the specimens I have were bought at a Hayti post-office in January, 1901."

[There is evidently a misprint in the catalogue. We do not recall having seen the 50c. and 1 gourde in the Arms type.—ED.]

Mr. G. B. Browne writes:—

"I have lately acquired a large quantity of old 1d. English, a great number of which were oxidised. I have passed them through a bath of per-oxyde of hydrogen, with the result that a great many of the imperfs. and 16 small Crowns come out a bright orange and even yellow colour. Can you kindly tell me from your experience if these colours are natural ones for these issues, or if the chemical I used can in any way do harm by taking out a portion of the colouring. I enclose 8 stamps for your inspection as an example of what I mean.

All the stamps I submitted to this process are beautifully cleaned, but if this has been done at the expense of the proper colour I had better have left them alone."

[Our correspondent's specimens certainly have an orange tinge, which we should think, with equal certainty, was not their original colour. We can only suppose they have been soaked in the peroxide too long. Collectors who pay big prices for orange-red 1d. stamps would do well in future to look well into their *bona-fides*.—ED.]

(A number of Postcards are held over till next week.)

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	11/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 pias.	—	—
747 " 20 pias.	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750 Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753 Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762 Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 pias.	—	—
769 " 20 pias.	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—

FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.			
	Face Value.	Our Price.	
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0	
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0	
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11	
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2	
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	—	
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	—	
608 " 5m. green	5/0	—	
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0	
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0	
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0	
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0	
615 " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10	
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0	
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/11	
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11	
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0	
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0	
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11	
631 Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9	
632 " Old Ir. br. & or.	—	—	
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—	
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—	
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0	
938 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11	
639 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8	
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2	
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4	
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6	
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10	
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0	
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9	
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	—	
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	—	
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3	
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6	
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9	
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4	
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1	
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4	
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—	
660 " 2g. lilac	—	—	
661 " 5g. marone	—	—	
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0	
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11	
666 " 3k. green	2/6	2/11	
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10	
670 ¶ Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0	
671 " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8	
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac	0/10	1/0	
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4	
675 " 5fr. claret	4/0	4/8	
677 Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0	
678 " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8	
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN (P125).**—King Edward stamps have now been re-issued, all values being again on sale at post-offices. The remaining stock of "Queen's Heads" was exhausted early in the month, and it is now getting difficult to buy such in London, although doubtless there will be no scarcity of any of the values amongst collectors for many years to come.

**Early Date Records (C122, 121).**—Mr. W. J. England has shown us an envelope franked with the ½d. and 1d. King Edward stamps, showing marginal paper with control letter A, postmarked "Woodford Green, 9.30 p.m., DEC. 27, 1901." The envelope is also postmarked "London, B.—DEC. 28, 01" on the back. The stamps were bought in London.

**King Edward Stationery (E 125).**—We have the following new date-records to announce:—

Description.	Date.	Record Holder.
Envelope— 1d. "Commercial"	Walthamston, 15.2.02	Mr. J. E. Moss.
Postcard— 1d. carmine	London, E.C., 14.2.02	Mr. J. E. Moss.
Letter Card	London, 31.1.01	Mr. G. C. Gardner.
Postcard— ½d. buff	London, E.C., 6.2.02	Mr. D. J. Gadsby.

**Registration Envelopes, 3d. (C124).**—Mr. J. E. Moss informs us that the new 3d. registration envelope was on sale in London on February 13th.

**Early dates of 1d. reds (G 125).**—Mr. G. C. Gardner has shown us the following record:—  
Plate No. 209. Birmingham, 1.1.78.

**I.R. Official (D 125).**—Mr. D. Ellis informs us he has the ½d. green I.R. Official (Queen's Head) used on 31.12.07. from Hitchin. Surely much earlier dates than this occur?

**Army Official (A).**—Capt. Brooks informs us the 1d. carmine overprinted "Army Official" has been issued.

**Foreign Postmarks (B125).**—Mr. J. E. Moss tells us he has the ½d. and 1d. King Edward stamps postmarked Salonica, January 27th. It is not clear whether they were issued there.

**Envelope Die 10d. (D 125).**—We publish a further note on the subject of the 10d. die 6 in the postcard column.

The following notice has been posted up at Somerset House:—

"18th January, 1902.—From this date the use of the 10d. Postage Die will be discontinued.—By Order."

**Envelope Dies (F125).**—Our explanation under this heading last week was not quite correct. Down to 1880 or 1881, as is well-known, all the 1d. pink stamps on envelopes were embossed from numbered dies, which were used alike for post office stationery and for that taken to Somerset House by the public. About the time mentioned, when the series of dies had reached No. 220, a new arrangement seems to have come into force, by which Messrs. De la Rue & Co. undertook to stamp the post office stationery at their works. This arrangement has continued down to the present day, and it has been stated (whether accurately or not, we are unable to say) that one and the same machine performs all the operations of cutting, stamping, gumming and folding the envelopes. For a short time during 1881, from March to August, Somerset House stamped the post office stationery with a new series of dies, numbered 1 to 36 (Die No. 1 was given out to the stampers on 28.3.81 and Die 36 on 16.8.81), but after the latter month, when Messrs. De la Rue

& Co. took over the work, the dies have always been unnumbered and indistinguishable. Somerset House had continued uninterruptedly to stamp paper delivered by the public, dies 218, 219, 220 remaining in use for this purpose, and being succeeded during the ensuing years by dies 221 to 228. The latest date we have noted is 26.2.85 (die 227). In 1885, the practice of inserting the die numbers ceased, and consequently die 229 and its successors are quite indistinguishable from the stamps embossed on the post office stationery by De la Rue. In 1892, it was found necessary to make some distinction, and the dies used at Somerset House had the initials "S.H." inserted.

In the King Edward 1d. envelope dies a new system has been adopted. The dies employed at Somerset House are again, after a lapse of seventeen years, numbered, whilst those used by Messrs. De la Rue to stamp ordinary post-office envelopes have the initials B.R. ("Bunhill Row"?) This system has also been adopted for the ½d. value. Down to the present time, we have obtained the following King Edward envelope stamps:—

**Envelope Stamps.** Embossed by De la Rue & Co.  
½d. green, dies "B.R."  
1d. carmine, dies "B.R."

Embossed at Somerset House.

½d. green, die 8 (stamped 29.1.02).
" " 9 ( " 13.2.02).
" " 10 ( " 7 or 8.2.02).
" " 12 ( " 15.2.04).
1d. carmine, " 11 ( " 7 or 8.2.02).
" " 13 ( " 13.2.02).

Collectors would do well to be on the look out for numbered dies, as they will soon get scarce and valuable. The Editor has never been able to meet with unused examples of dies 17, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 38, 39, 40, 45, 46, 47, 53 (red), 52, 56, 58 (green) in the Queen's Head series and would willingly pay a good price. A complete set, even used, has never yet been made. This will give an idea of what unobtainable rarities some of the dies become.

**AUSTRIA (E 120).**—**Newspaper Stamp.**—Major Lister informs us that he has the 2 heller blue Newspaper stamp of 1900, perf 11 to 11½. It is catalogued imperforate only. A variety occurs perforated vertically only. It would be interesting to know whether the perforation is official or private, or perhaps it is semi-official like the pin-perforation of the Unpaid Letter Stamps issued at Karlsbad in December, 1900 (E.W.S.N. No. 116).

**BRITISH HONDURAS (E 123).**—Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper sold by auction last week the only known unused copy of the inverted "6" surcharge in black on the 10c. on 4d. of 1891. Three sheets of 30 of this stamp with inverted red surcharge and one with inverted black surcharge were issued to a Scottish collector, Mr. Aikman, who happened to be visiting Belize at the time. Unfortunately he was ill-advised enough to get them nearly all postmarked, only keeping a single unused copy with the inverted black surcharge. In May, 1897, the stamp was sold at auction for £20 (or bought in?), but last week a Strand dealer secured it for the very reasonable sum of £15 10s. It is strange how novices always get their stamps postmarked; several hundred pounds of V.R.I., stamps alone must have been spoilt in this way.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA (F 121).**—The rumour published in our issue of November 21st, is now confirmed by the *Australian Journal of Philately*. In fact, the ½d. and 1d. values were both temporarily out of stock about September or October. Further supplies were expected from London.

**BULGARIA (G 124).**—**Unpaid letter stamp.**—Our Northern contemporary, the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* records another value in the new series.

*Unpaid Letter Stamp.* 10 stot., green.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS (B 98).**—**King Edward Issue.**—The various foreign post offices have now received examples of the new 2½d., 6d. and 1/- stamps, overprinted 'specimen' and we are able to state that they are similar in type to the ½d. and 1d. values, except that the portrait of King Edward is substituted for that of Queen Victoria.

**Adhesives.**—Head of King Edward; CA 14.  
2½d. blue.  
6d. brown.  
1/- orange.

In the 2½d. and 6d. the values are on a horizontally-lined ground, and in the 1/-, on a plain ground.

**COREA (B 108).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that there is in preparation an official set of postcards with views of the principal Korean places of note. There is also likely before long to be a new series of postage stamps, larger in size than the current issue. In the centre of the design will be a representation of a falcon, with the Yu Yang, a sacred Korean symbol (a circular object shaded dark and light in various ways and symbolic of life and death, good and evil, etc.) on the breast.

**GAMBIA (A).**—**King Edward Issue.**—Herr Kronmann is reported by the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* to have actually received the 1d. carmine, with portrait of King Edward. The stamp is similar in type to the present issue.

**Adhesive.** Head of King Edward; CA 14.  
1d. carmine.

It may, after all, be only one of the officially circulated advance copies overprinted 'specimen.'

**GOLD COAST (G 125).**—**Provisionals.**—We are informed by the Postmaster-General of the Gold Coast that the 1d. on 2½d. and 1d. on 6d. surcharged stamps were issued on the 6th October of last year, and remained on sale to the public up to about the 20th October. The supply was consequently exhausted before the news of the issue reached England, thus effectually preventing dealers outside the Colony obtaining specimens. The total quantity of stamps surcharged was 1000 sheets, of 60, so that the provisional issue only realised £250. Not unlikely 30,000 or more of the stamps were bought up by local collectors and dealers; if so, the present London quotations of 6d. to 8d. apiece may be expected to fall before long. There is no foundation for the idea that it is intended to surcharge other values.

The provisional 1d. on 6d. was first recorded in E.W.S.N. of November 16th. In our issue of November 30th we recorded a copy apparently postmarked "Sekondi, October 3rd, 1901," thus ante-dating the official date of issue by three days.

The date of issue of the King Edward stamps has not yet been fixed.

**MOROCCO AGENCIES (A).**—**Variety.**—In a batch of sheets recently received by the Colonial Stamp Market, the fifth stamp in the third row of the right-hand pane had in each case a hyphen between the 'n' and 'c' of "Agen-cies," joining the two letters together.

**NATAL (C 123).**—Mr. Osborn writes us that the 3d. is the first of the Queen's Head Series to run out of stock. No doubt as soon as the stock of the other values is a little lower, the King Edward Series will make its appearance.

**NEW SOUTH WALES (G 125).**—**Bisected Provisionals.**—The *Australian Journal of Philately* describes an interesting example of a bisected stamp which was apparently passed by the New South Wales postal authorities. The Government Railway Department send out every month hundreds, if not thousands, of circulars relating to season tickets. They are usually franked with ordinary postage stamps, perforated "G.R." but one of the circulars, posted in the ordinary way on the 13th December, 1901, was closed down with half a 1d. stamp cut diagonally, the half being perforated "G." Our contemporary does not state whether the stamp was postmarked or not. It would be interesting to know how many circulars were franked in this way.

**NICARAGUA (G 120).**—**Bisected stamp.**—Mr. R. W. Hartman sends *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* particulars of a "split provisional" of the 1900 issue. It consists of half of a 2c. vermilion, cut diagonally, and used as one cent to make up the foreign rate of three cents on a 2c. interior postcard. It is postmarked "Corinto, 6.8.00."

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (H 124).**—**Postcards.**—A correspondent points out that the list of postcards published in E.W.S.N. of Feb. 8th, contains a small error. In the last line the 1d. + 1d. should be described as brown, not carmine. The single card is in carmine, but has not

yet been surcharged. Our correspondent also writes:—

"There is one variety (most usually met with) of the (c) class of V.R.I. on O.F.S. cards you list, that should be mentioned, which has a slightly smaller or damaged V., the top serifs scarcely showing in all four values. In the (d) class there are several distinct settings, the latter ones occupying about 2mm. less width in V.R.I., and some with value lower down."

**UNITED STATES (M123).—Postcard.**—The new McKinley postcard was expected to be placed on sale on February 1st, states the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

**VICTORIA (O 124).—King Edward Stamps.**—We have official authority for the statement that the new King Edward stamps are not yet in preparation and there is no intention of issuing such at present. Our correspondent states that the £2 value had not made its appearance down to the time of writing, January 13th.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. W. Clark enquires:—*

"In the issue of Bermuda 1884-1901 there has been an addition of a newly surcharged stamp, as follows—½d. in words on a 1s. (1/-) grey stamp. Now I have searched in vain for a way of procuring the 1/- grey stamp, unsurcharged. How is this? Surely the officials at Bermuda did not go to the trouble of printing the 1/- stamp in a new color, only to be surcharged in words One Farthing."

[Bermudan stamps are printed in London by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. When the ½d. stamp was required, the order was sent to London in the ordinary course, and instead of having a new plate constructed, it was found cheaper to print a number of impressions from one of the existing plates and surcharge them from ordinary type which was easily set up. The 1/- plate was chosen, and to lessen the chance of confusion with the 1/- stamps, the impressions were made in the new colour, grey.—Ed.]

*Mr. F. W. Moorhouse writes:—*

"I notice under the heading of 'Orange River Colony—Postcards,' in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, No. 124, that no date is quoted for use of postcard ½d. + ½d. green, V.R.I. (level stops), no stop after value. I have one before me now dated Bloemfontein, May 12, 1900. I do not, of course, claim this as a record, but thought the information might be useful. I also possess a rather strange specimen of the 1d. lilac Gt. Britain, Queen's Head, 16 pearls, unused. The lower diagonal half only has been printed. The other portion remaining white, as shown in rough sketch. I should like to know if others similar are in existence."

[The latter variety is presumably due to the corner of the sheet of the paper having been folded over, so that the under edge received the impression intended for the surface. Every now and then such freaks turn up; they are not of any particular value.—Ed.]

*Mr. D. S. Darkin writes:—*

"I have come across the New Zealand 2d. pale blue of 1863-66 issue with the perforation twice at the bottom of the stamp, the first time just cutting into the words TWO PENCE, and again immediately under the first row of perforation. Is this of any value?"

[Such errors will occur occasionally, despite the greatest care. We should not attach any extra value to them.—Ed.]

*Mr. H. Fox writes:—*

"A few days ago a friend in Br. Morocco sent me a pair of the current 1 peseta, London surcharge, with the following variety. On one of the stamps the top portion of the M of Morocco was missing, and the letter was thereby reduced to nearly half its normal size. The pairs were taken from the top right-hand corner of a sheet, plate 2. Have any of your readers seen a similar variety?"

[The variety may of course occur regularly on the sheets, but the description reads rather as if a speck of dust had got in the way of the plate.—Ed.]

*M. Auscher writes us:—*

"Vous annoncez que le Gouvernement de l'Equateur aurait revendu des Remainders de 1894 et 1895. Cela est complètement inexact. Des renseignements que j'ai, les planches ont été refaites par la maison Seebeck et les timbres sont vendus en série par la Maison Calman de New York. Or tous les remainders de 1894 et 1895 ont été surchargés 1897-98! Je vous envoie pour les comparer 5 timbres vrais de 1895. Les

dimensions, les couleurs, les papiers, la gravure, etc., sont différents dans les timbres qui sont faux et vendus 1fr. 75c. la série! Je vous demanderai de me retourner ces timbres lorsque vous aurez pu les signaler à vos lecteurs en les engageant à ne pas acheter ce papier gommé."

[We accordingly warn our readers against cheap unused sets of Ecuador, 1894 and 1895 and thank M. Auscher for his note.—Ed.]

*The Rev. R. B. Earée writes, re "Cave" surcharge on Ceylon Stamps:—*

"I have had some of these a good many years. I fancy I have seen somewhere that it is the name of a large publisher there, but I am not sure of this. I fancy that, in most of the Asiatic Colonies, some mark is almost a necessity, if it is desired that letters shall reach their destination; and so the name of a firm stamped, or the word "stamped" written across the label, is the rule, rather than the exception, in Ceylon, Hong Kong, Straits and India. Whoever 'Cave' is, he must be in a very large way of business, as his surcharge is frequently to be met with."

*Mrs. Crawford writes:—*

"I think the following advertisement may interest your readers. It has been in the *Yorkshire Post* three days, costing 2/6!

For Sale, black Victorian stamp, defaced with red. Offers to L. 120, *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds.

If it is the common black 1d., it is a case where ignorance is not bliss."

*Miss Ready writes:—*

"Referring to Mr. J. J. Barratt's postcard published in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 122, I can confirm the existence of a 4c. black, in the Luxemburg 1874 issue, a copy of which 'error' I have possessed for several years."

[Can any reader say what this stamp is? Is it a chemical changeling or a bona-fide error in the colour of the 2c.—Ed.]

*Mr. Heginbottom takes us to task for chronicling "early dates":—*

"Re early dates of postmark on present new stamps of the four values, I ask what importance you really attach to any of these stamps which may happen owing to a freak, to have been dated prior to the 1st of last month? I really fail myself to see any, for this reason, that I presume I am right when I say that they were not available for postage according to the P.O. Regulations prior to twelve o'clock on the 31st December, hence I gather from this that even if a few were dated before this time there is not special philatelic value as regards them. Clearly to my mind they are mere freaks and of no true philatelic importance whatsoever. Call them curios if you like, but personally I consider they are not worth writing about, as they are not the thing in the true philatelic sense, for the simple reason that they were not authorised for postage before the 1st of last month, and they lose their importance owing to this fact in my humble opinion, I may add. My opinion however is one which I find is similarly held by many other collectors of English also."

[We are not aware that we have ever claimed serious philatelic importance for the early dates of use of the new King's Head stamps, which we have recorded in *E.W.S.N.* They are, however, a subject of considerable topical interest, and we would like to point out that the aim of philately is not only to instruct, but to amuse, and we hope our scientific confrères will permit us occasionally to devote a little space to the lighter side of philately.—Ed.]

*Mr. J. H. Parry writes:—*

"In your issue of December 28th, there are one or two items in connection with the prices you forecast for the stamps of Angola and Cape Verde (the remainders of which are shortly to appear before the public) in regard to which a little fuller explanation would I am sure prove interesting to many of your readers; for instance, why should the lowest value of Angola of which over 1200 copies remain, rise from 1½d. to 2d., and again why predict a fall in the price of the 40 reis Cape Verde (of which we are told only about 5000 copies remain) from the present cat. price 6d. to 4d., unless, which seems scarcely likely, a very large stock of the latter and a small one of the former is in the hands of dealers, at the present time one would be inclined to the belief that the former would remain stationary and the latter rise a trifle in value if any difference were made at all. No doubt the many Commemorative Issues of the Portuguese Colonies have caused many to transfer their affections to another part of the globe, but surely enough remain who take an interest in these Colonies to prevent so small a stock causing so great a slump."

[There would seem to have been a misprint in *E.W.S.N.* No. 118, but as the original copy has now been destroyed, we cannot say whether the figures given for the Cape Verde 40c. were wrong or whether the error occurred in printing our estimate. If the quantity of the 40c. was only 5,058, its value may be expected to at least remain stationary at 6d. However, if the official

sale of the Angola and Cape Verde remainders took place yesterday (February 21st) as originally announced, we should soon be able to form an accurate idea of where catalogue prices will fall to.—Ed.]

*Mr. E. Kondel writes:—*

"Re Transvaal V.R.I. Cards, the ½d. green is obsolete. I see you still keep the 10/- V.R.I. in your list. This stamp has been obsolete for a very long time."

[Obsolete at the Transvaal G.P.O. perhaps, but a friend recently (December) to our knowledge purchased a certain number at one of the smaller Post Offices.—Ed.]

*Mr. W. H. Earl writes:—*

"In the museum in Tamworth Castle, I saw recently a date stamp "Bloemfontein—M—18." Very useful if anyone wishes to cancel Orange River V.R.I.'s. Probably looted by some one."

*Major Evans writes:—*

"In regard to the 10d. blue, die 6, I believe this has only been found upon the rare Telegraph Forms 'For Stock Exchange only.' I cannot make out the number on the stamp on my copy of this form, but Judge Philbrick had (has still, I think) two copies with die 6. Mine is probably the same; it is one of a few that Mr. Morley found a few years ago, which were no doubt all alike. Large quantities of these forms were used, I fancy, and their existence was unknown to collectors until after they had been superseded by the later 10d. forms."

## Answers to Correspondents.

C.G.C. (Gloucester).—The stamp you send is an official Wurtemberg. "*Porto pflichtige Dienst-Sache*" signifies roughly "postage of official matter," equivalent to "for official use." The other label you send is one of the once famous, but now almost forgotten, "Sédangs." Time was when every schoolboy's collection had a set, but their bona-fides were never established and the catalogues never recognized them. If you want their history, refer to *E.W.S.N.*, No. 49, p. 234 (Sept. 1, 1900), or better still, to Mr. Henry Norman's interesting book, "*The Far East*." You will there read how a Frenchman, M. Marie David de Mayréna, established himself as "S. M. le Roi des Sédangs," a tribe living in the Hinterland of Annam, and how he in due course issued his famous set of stamps.

## Another Philatelic Society for South London.

ON Saturday, 8th February, a large gathering assembled in St. John's Hall, North Cross Road, East Dulwich, on the occasion of the opening of the Dulwich Branch of the Junior London Philatelic Society. The occasion was marked by a lantern lecture on "Postage Stamps with Stories" by Mr. Fred J. Melville. With reference to the comprehensive nature of Postage Stamps and their designs, specimens were shown by means of the magic lantern of some seventy stamps that possessed some peculiar interest. Numerous stories and anecdotes, some full of pathos and others altogether humorous, were told by the lecturer, and much interest was aroused by the display of some great rarities. The large audience evidenced their appreciation of the lecture again and again and at the close when a vote of thanks to Mr. Melville was proposed by Mr. Douglas Charles, it was accorded with great enthusiasm.

The Dulwich Branch of the Junior London Philatelic Society, will hold meetings separately from those held at Clapham Hall, and of these a programme will be issued shortly. Stamp Collectors residing in South East London, should communicate as soon as possible with Mr. Douglas Charles, 19, Wildash Road, East Dulwich, who is at present acting as Secretary of the new section.

## Queensland Perforating Machines.

It may interest those who specialize in perforations to know that there are at present in the Government Printing Office, Brisbane, six perforating machines, inclusive of the one used for perforating letter cards. The following particulars have been supplied to us:—

No. 1 hand machine (first used but not now)	perf. 13
" 2 treadle .. .. .	perf. 12
" 3 rotary .. (not used now)	" 9½
" 4 treadle .. (triple cutter)	" 13X 13X13
" 5 .. .. .	" 13
" 6 .. .. . (used for letter cards)	perf. 12 minus 1 in 3.

It is stated that No. 4 is almost exclusively used for postage stamps; while No. 5, which is a similar machine to No. 4, but turned into a single cutter by having the vertical perforations taken out, is used for perforating the new duty stamps.

From *The Australian Journal of Philately*.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

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105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c. ..	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c. ..	9	1/10	2/3
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134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st. ..	9	1/3	1/7
135*	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l. ..	6	1/0	1/2
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l. ..	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n. ..	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b. ..	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par. ..	7	1/1	—
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior) ..	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior) ..	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c. ..	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c. ..	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. ..	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres ..	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	1/7	1, 11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre ..	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi. ..	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre ..	1	0/2½	0/3
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
743 Indo-China, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piast. ..	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 piast. ..	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
750 Martinique, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta ..	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr. ..	—	—
759 " 25fr. ..	—	—
760 " 50fr. ..	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piast. ..	—	—
769 " 20 piast. ..	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas ..	—	—
771 " 50 annas ..	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr. ..	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr. ..	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr. ..	0/10	1/0

<b>FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.</b>			
	Face Value.	Our Price.	
601* Austria, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0	
602* " 2kr. violet ..	1/8	2/0	
603* " 4kr. green ..	3/4	3/11	
605* Bavaria, 1m. violet ..	1/0	1/2	
606 " 2m. orange ..	2/0	—	
607 " 3m. brown ..	3/0	—	
608 " 5m. green ..	5/0	—	
610* Belgium, 1fr. orange ..	0/10	1/0	
611* " 2fr. violet ..	1/8	2/0	
613* Bosnia, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0	
614* " 2kr. blue ..	1/8	2/0	
615* " 5kr. green ..	4/2	4/10	
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red ..	0/10	1/0	
618* " 2 leva, rose ..	1/8	—	
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br. ..	2/6	2/11	
621 Crete, 1dr. violet ..	0/10	1/0	
622 " 2dr. brown ..	1/8	2/0	
623 " 5dr. green & black ..	4/2	4/11	
631* Finland, 10mk. black ..	8/4	9/9	
632 " Old Ir. br. & or. ..	—	—	
633 " 3½r. gr. & bl. ..	—	—	
634 " 7r. yel. & bl. ..	—	—	
637 France, 1fr. oblong ..	0/10	1/0	
938 " 2fr. " ..	1/8	1/11	
639 " 5fr. " ..	4/0	4/8	
641 Germany, 1mk. rose ..	1/0	1/2	
642 " 2mk. blue ..	2/0	2/4	
643 " 3mk. lilac ..	3/0	3/6	
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose ..	5/0	5/10	
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/0	
648 " 2dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/9	
649 " 3dr. on 10l. ..	—	3/0	
650 " 5dr. on 40l. ..	—	5/0	
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr. ..	—	1/3	
652 " " 2 on 10dr. ..	—	2/6	
653* " 1901, 1dr. black ..	0/7	0/9	
654* " 2dr. bronze ..	1/2	1/4	
655* " 3dr. silver ..	1/9	2/1	
656* " 5dr. gold ..	2/10	3/4	
659 Holland, 1g. green ..	—	—	
660 " 2½g. lilac ..	—	—	
661 " 5g. marone ..			



yet been surcharged. Our correspondent also writes:—

"There is one variety (most usually met with) of the (c) class of V.R.I. on O.F.S. cards you list, that should be mentioned, which has a slightly smaller or damaged V., the top serifs scarcely showing in all four values. In the (d) class there are several distinct settings, the latter ones occupying about 2mm. less width in V.R.I., and some with value lower down."

**UNITED STATES (M123).**—*Postcard.*—The new McKinley postcard was expected to be placed on sale on February 1st, states the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

**VICTORIA (O 124).**—*King Edward Stamps.*—We have official authority for the statement that the new King Edward stamps are not yet in preparation and there is no intention of issuing such at present. Our correspondent states that the £2 value had not made its appearance down to the time of writing, January 13th.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. W. Clark enquires:—*

"In the issue of Bermuda 1884-1901 there has been an addition of a newly surcharged stamp, as follows—½d. in words on a 1s. (1½) grey stamp. Now I have searched in vain for a way of procuring the 1/- grey stamp, unsurcharged. How is this? Surely the officials at Bermuda did not go to the trouble of printing the 1/- stamp in a new color, only to be surcharged in words One Farthing."

[Bermudan stamps are printed in London by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. When the ½d. stamp was required, the order was sent to London in the ordinary course, and instead of having a new plate constructed, it was found cheaper to print a number of impressions from one of the existing plates and surcharge them from ordinary type which was easily set up. The 1/- plate was chosen, and to lessen the chance of confusion with the 1/- stamps, the impressions were made in the new colour, grey.—Ed.]

*Mr. F. W. Moorhouse writes:—*

"I notice under the heading of 'Orange River Colony—Postcards,' in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, No. 124, that no date is quoted for use of postcard ½d. + ½d. green, V.R.I. (level stops), no stop after value. I have one before me now dated Bloemfontein, May 12, 1900. I do not, of course, claim this as a record, but thought the information might be useful. I also possess a rather strange specimen of the 1d. lilac Gt. Britain, Queen's Head, 16 pearls, unused. The lower diagonal half only has been printed. The other portion remaining white, as shown in rough sketch. I should like to know if others similar are in existence."

[The latter variety is presumably due to the corner of the sheet of the paper having been folded over, so that the under edge received the impression intended for the surface. Every now and then such freaks turn up; they are not of any particular value.—Ed.]

*Mr. D. S. Darkin writes:—*

"I have come across the New Zealand 2d. pale blue of 1863-66 issue with the perforation twice at the bottom of the stamp, the first time just cutting into the words TWO PENCE, and again immediately under the first row of perforation. Is this of any value?"

[Such errors will occur occasionally, despite the greatest care. We should not attach any extra value to them.—Ed.]

*Mr. H. Fox writes:—*

"A few days ago a friend in Br. Morocco sent me a pair of the current 1 peseta, London surcharge, with the following variety. On one of the stamps the top portion of the M of Morocco was missing, and the letter was thereby reduced to nearly half its normal size. The pairs were taken from the top right-hand corner of a sheet, plate 2. Have any of your readers seen a similar variety?"

[The variety may of course occur regularly on the sheets, but the description reads rather as if a speck of dust had got in the way of the plate.—Ed.]

*M. Auscher writes us:—*

"Vous annoncez que le Gouvernement de l'Equateur aurait revendu des Remainders de 1894 et 1895. Cela est complètement inexact. Des renseignements que j'ai, les planches ont été refaites par la maison Seebeck et les timbres sont vendus en série par la Maison Calman de New York. Or tous les remainders de 1894 et 1895 ont été surchargés 1897-98! Je vous envoie pour les comparer 5 timbres vrais de 1895. Les

dimensions, les couleurs, les papiers, la gravure, etc., sont différents dans les timbres qui sont faux et vendus 1fr. 75c. la série! Je vous demanderai de me retourner ces timbres lorsque vous aurez pu les signaler à vos lecteurs en les engageant à ne pas acheter ce papier gommé."

[We accordingly warn our readers against cheap unused sets of Ecuador, 1894 and 1895 and thank M. Auscher for his note.—Ed.]

*The Rev. R. B. Earée writes, re "Cave" surcharge on Ceylon Stamps:—*

"I have had some of these a good many years. I fancy I have seen somewhere that it is the name of a large publisher there, but I am not sure of this. I fancy that, in most of the Asiatic Colonies, some mark is almost a necessity, if it is desired that letters shall reach their destination; and so the name of a firm stamped, or the word "stamped" written across the label, is the rule, rather than the exception, in Ceylon, Hong Kong, Straits and India. Whoever 'Cave' is, he must be in a very large way of business, as his surcharge is frequently to be met with."

*Mrs. Crawford writes:—*

"I think the following advertisement may interest your readers. It has been in the *Yorkshire Post* three days, costing 2/6!

For Sale, black Victorian stamp, defaced with red. Offers to L. 120, *The Yorkshire Post*, Leeds.

If it is the common black rd., it is a case where ignorance is not bliss."

*Miss Ready writes:—*

"Referring to Mr. J. J. Barratt's postcard published in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 122, I can confirm the existence of a 4c. black, in the Luxemburg 1874 issue, a copy of which 'error' I have possessed for several years."

[Can any reader say what this stamp is? Is it a chemical changeling or a bona-fide error in the colour of the 2c.—Ed.]

*Mr. Hegibottom takes us to task for chronicling "early dates":—*

"Re early dates of postmark on present new stamps of the four values, I ask what importance you really attach to any of these stamps which may happen owing to a freak, to have been dated prior to the 1st of last month? I really fail myself to see any, for this reason, that I presume I am right when I say that they were not available for postage according to the P.O. Regulations prior to twelve o'clock on the 31st December, hence I gather from this that even if a few were dated before this time there is not special philatelic value as regards them. Clearly to my mind they are mere freaks and of no true philatelic importance whatsoever. Call them curious if you like, but personally I consider they are not worth writing about, as they are not the thing in the true philatelic sense, for the simple reason that they were not authorised for postage before the 1st of last month, and they lose their importance owing to this fact in my humble opinion, I may add. My opinion however is one which I find is similarly held by many other collectors of English also."

[We are not aware that we have ever claimed serious philatelic importance for the early dates of use of the new King's Head stamps, which we have recorded in *E.W.S.N.* They are, however, a subject of considerable topical interest, and we would like to point out that the aim of philately is not only to instruct, but to amuse, and we hope our scientific confrères will permit us occasionally to devote a little space to the lighter side of philately.—Ed.]

*Mr. J. H. Parry writes:—*

"In your issue of December 28th, there are one or two items in connection with the prices you forecast for the stamps of Angola and Cape Verde (the remainders of which are shortly to appear before the public) in regard to which a little fuller explanation would I am sure prove interesting to many of your readers; for instance, why should the lowest value of Angola of which over 1200 copies remain, rise from 1½d. to 2d., and again why predict a fall in the price of the 40 reis Cape Verde (of which we are told only about 5000 copies remain) from the present cat. price 6d. to 4d., unless, which seems scarcely likely, a very large stock of the latter and a small one of the former is in the hands of dealers, at the present time one would be inclined to the belief that the former would remain stationery and the latter rise a trifle in value if any difference were made at all. No doubt the many Commemorative Issues of the Portuguese Colonies have caused many to transfer their affections to another part of the globe, but surely enough remain who take an interest in these Colonies to prevent so small a stock causing so great a slump."

[There would seem to have been a misprint in *E.W.S.N.* No. 118, but as the original copy has now been destroyed, we cannot say whether the figures given for the Cape Verde 40c. were wrong or whether the error occurred in printing our estimate. If the quantity of the 40c. was only 5,058, its value may be expected to at least remain stationary at 6d. However, if the official

sale of the Angola and Cape Verde remainders took place yesterday (February 21st) as originally announced, we should soon be able to form an accurate idea of where catalogue prices will fall to.—Ed.]

*Mr. E. Rondel writes:—*

"Re Transvaal V.R.I. Cards, the ½d. green is obsolete. I see you still keep the 10/- V.R.I. in your list. This stamp has been obsolete for a very long time."

[Obsolete at the Transvaal G.P.O. perhaps, but a friend recently (December) to our knowledge purchased a certain number at one of the smaller Post Offices.—Ed.]

*Mr. W. H. Earl writes:—*

"In the museum in Tamworth Castle, I saw recently a date stamp "Bloemfontein—M—18." Very useful if anyone wishes to cancel Orange River V.R.I.'s. Probably looted by some one."

*Major Evans writes:—*

"In regard to the 10d. blue, die 6, I believe this has only been found upon the rare Telegraph Forms 'For Stock Exchange only.' I cannot make out the number on the stamp on my copy of this form, but Judge Philbrick had (has still, I think) two copies with die 6. Mine is probably the same; it is one of a few that Mr. Morley found a few years ago, which were no doubt all alike. Large quantities of these forms were used, I fancy, and their existence was unknown to collectors until after they had been superseded by the later 10d. forms."

## Answers to Correspondents.

**C.G.C. (Gloucester).**—The stamp you send is an official Wurtemberg. "*Porto pflichtige Dienst-Sache*" signifies roughly "postage of official matter," equivalent to "for official use." The other label you send is one of the once famous, but now almost forgotten, "Sédangs." Time was when every schoolboy's collection had a set, but their bona-fides were never established and the catalogues never recognized them. If you want their history, refer to *E.W.S.N.*, No. 49, p. 234 (Sept. 1, 1900), or better still, to Mr. Henry Norman's interesting book, "*The Far East*." You will there read how a Frenchman, M. Marie David de Mayréna, established himself as "S. M. le Roi des Sédangs," a tribe living in the Hinterland of Annam, and how he in due course issued his famous set of stamps.

## Another Philatelic Society for South London.

ON Saturday, 8th February, a large gathering assembled in St. John's Hall, North Cross Road, East Dulwich, on the occasion of the opening of the Dulwich Branch of the Junior London Philatelic Society. The occasion was marked by a lantern lecture on "Postage Stamps with Stories" by Mr. Fred J. Melville. With reference to the comprehensive nature of Postage Stamps and their designs, specimens were shown by means of the magic lantern of some seventy stamps that possessed some peculiar interest. Numerous stories and anecdotes, some full of pathos and others altogether humorous, were told by the lecturer, and much interest was aroused by the display of some great rarities. The large audience evidenced their appreciation of the lecture again and again and at the close when a vote of thanks to Mr. Melville was proposed by Mr. Douglas Charles, it was accorded with great enthusiasm.

The Dulwich Branch of the Junior London Philatelic Society, will hold meetings separately from those held at Clapham Hall, and of these a programme will be issued shortly. Stamp Collectors residing in South East London, should communicate as soon as possible with Mr. Douglas Charles, 19, Wildash Road, East Dulwich, who is at present acting as Secretary of the new section.

## Queensland Perforating Machines.

It may interest those who specialize in perforations to know that there are at present in the Government Printing Office, Brisbane, six perforating machines, inclusive of the one used for perforating letter cards. The following particulars have been supplied to us:—

No. 1	hand machine (first used but not now)	perf. 13
" 2	treadle .. .. .	perf. 12
" 3	rotary .. .. .	(not used now) .. 9½
" 4	treadle .. .. .	(triple cutter) .. 13×13
" 5	" .. .. .	" 13
" 6	" .. .. .	(used for letter cards) perf. 12 minus 1 in 3.

It is stated that No. 4 is almost exclusively used for postage stamps; while No. 5, which is a similar machine to No. 4, but turned into a single cutter by having the vertical perforations taken out, is used for perforating the new duty stamps.

From *The Australian Journal of Philately*.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	11/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	*Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
136	*Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1, 11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bngasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (I.a Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601* Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602* " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603* " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605* Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	—
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	—
608 " 5m. green	5/0	—
610* Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611* " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613* Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614* " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632 " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	1/0	—
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653* " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654* " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655* " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656* " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660 " 2g. lilac	—	—
661 " 5g. marone	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665* " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666 " 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667* " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670** Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
674* " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683* Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684* " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685* " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687 Portugal, 3oor. blue	1/0	1/2
688 " 5oor. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690* Roumania, 1l.br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691* " 2l.or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694 " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695 " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715* " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717 Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10
<b>FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.</b>		
721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723 Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0
724 Benin, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
725 Canton, 5fr.	—	—
726 Cavalle, 8 piast.	—	—
727 China, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
728* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
729 Dedeagh, 8 piast.	—	—
730 Djibouti, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
731 " 2fr.	1/8	—
732 Djibouti, 5fr.	4/0	4/8

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4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
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block, 1/3.

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2/2 per dozen sets.

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6 heller, 1d.  
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1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per  
dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen  
sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 øre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen  
sets.

France, new, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c., set of 5, 2d.  
Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.  
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1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

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1, 2, 5, 10, lepta, set of four, 2d.  
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sets, 1/10.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Eritrea, 1, 2c., per dozen sets, 5d.  
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## The Week's News.

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**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (Q 126).—According to the *London Philatelist*, the 1½d., 3d. and 2/6 values with portrait of King Edward have already been printed.

**Adhesives.** Head of King Edward.

1½d. lilac and green (to be issued end of March).  
3d. purple on yellow (to be issued end of March).  
2/6 purple (to be issued about middle of April).

There will not be a £5 stamp in the new set.

**King Edward Official Stamps.**—From the same source we learn that the following new official stamps are either issued or ready for issue, all "King's Heads."

R. H.	1d. carmine.
OFFICIAL	
I. R.	½d. green.
OFFICIAL	1d. carmine.
	2½d. blue (this value is not yet ready).
O. W.	½d. green.
OFFICIAL	1d. carmine.
ARMY	½d. green (already chronicled).
OFFICIAL	1d. carmine (already chronicled).
BOARD	½d. green.
OF	1d. carmine.
EDUCATION	2½d. blue.

The "R.H. Official" stamp is for use in the Royal Households. All the overprints are in Sans-serif Capitals and printed in black.

**New "Queen's Head" Official Stamps.** We are also indebted to the *London Philatelist* for particulars of the following new official stamps surcharged on the Queen's Head issue.

**O.W. Official.** ½d. green. (Issued last October, 25 sheets only overprinted.)

**J. R. Official.** 1/- green and carmine.

**Board of Education.** 5d. purple and blue.  
1/- green and carmine.

The surcharge is similar to that on the King's Head stamps.

**Envelope Dies (G 126).**—We are pleased to see that more interest is being taken in this subject. Now is an excellent opportunity to start a collection of the King's Head die numbers, which, with a little diligence, can be obtained for nothing, or, in any case, at very small cost. Dr. Keynes has shown us an impression from the 1d. die, No. 9, whilst No. 10 of the same value is notified by Mr. H. L. Bevir.

The list stands at present as follows:—

½d., King's Head, dies 8, 9, 10, 12.  
1d., King's Head, dies 9, 10, 11, 13.

We shall be glad to hear from readers having early dated copies of the die numbers.

We have been shown an impression of the ½d. Queen's Head, die 49 in green; hitherto the earliest we had seen in the new colour was No. 50.

**Army Official (B 126).**—Capt. Brooks notifies us, under date Feb. 21st, that the new King's Head ½d. green has been issued with the overprint "Army Official."

**I.R. Official (E 126).**—Mr. J. W. Lowson advises us that he has the ½d. green "Queen's Head" I.R. Official postmarked "Dundee, May 4th, 1901."

**Railway Letter Stamps (J 121).**—In E.W.S.N. of January 18th, we stated that the Highland Railway Company had been using up old stock of the 6th, 8th and 9th issues. We have now received a sheet of the 7th issue, of which only about 30 unused copies were previously known to collectors. Not unlikely other sheets of this issue may be in stock.

**King Edward Stationery (F 125).**—We have the following early date record from Mr. J. E. Moss:—

Reply Post-card, ½d. on buff. London, E.C., 18.2.02

They were issued a week earlier than this, at least, so perhaps earlier dates may turn up.

**Registration Envelopes.**—We have now seen the new 3d. Registration Envelopes, printed in blue, with the stamp in pale brown. The stamp is circular, with large embossed Head of King Edward in centre, surmounted by a crown. Round the left side is inscribed "Registration Twopence" and on the right, "Postage One Penny." All the impressions we have seen, have a very clear die number 1. The envelope is size H.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (H122).**—In E.W.S.N., No. 119, we stated that the new set of official stamps was expected to be issued on December 1st last. According to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, only the 1, 5, 10 and 30c. values made their appearance.

**AUSTRIAN LEVANT (C122).**—According to *Der Philatelist* the 2 piastres now has the "diagonally-lined varnish."

**Adhesive.** 2pi. on 50h. grey-blue, lined varnish.

**BULGARIA (H 126).**—According to *Der Philatelist* the provisional set of unpaid letter stamps—postage stamps overprinted "T"—contained a 15st. value. The 50st. orange of the permanent type is now issued.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.** Perf. 11½.

15st. violet and grey, postage stamp, surch. "T."  
50st. orange, permanent type.

**CURACAO (C 115).**—The current 25c. Holland, overprinted "Curaçao—25Ct.", although catalogued some time ago, was only issued on January 1st, according to *Der Philatelist*.

**DANISH WEST INDIES (G 125).**—*Perforation variety.*—*Der Philatelist* chronicles, on the authority of Mr. J. M. Bartels, the current 4c. brown and blue postage adhesive with the new perforation 12½. The 1, 3, 5 and 10c. have already been recorded, but all other values still have the old gauge 14×13½.

**Provisionals (C 125).**—Mr. W. O. Wylie informs us that in both the recently issued provisional adhesives—2 on 3 cents and 8 on 10 cents—there are varieties in the shape of the figure "2" of "1902." Eight on each sheet have a straight foot to the figure 2.

**Remainders of 14c. (B 103).**—In E.W.S.N. of Sept. 14th last, we gave a statistical table showing quantity printed of each adhesive of the Danish West Indies. Of the rare 14c. value which was in issue from Sept., 1873, to Sept., 1877, 100,000 were printed, but a correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* has elicited from the Minister of Finance for the Danish West Indian Colonies the fact that 90,158 of this number were ultimately destroyed.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* describes a series of unpaid letter stamps, which have just been issued.

Lithographed in blue, on white paper. Badly perf. 11½.  
1, 4, 6 and 10 cents, blue.

The stamps are of small rectangular design, "1 CENT 1" etc., displayed at foot; and the body of the stamp consists of a circular design inscribed "Dansk Vestindien—Portomaerke" with "C.R." and a Crown, in the centre.

**Postcards.**—The following surcharged postcards were issued on January 1st, 1902:—

"1—CENT—1901" black on 3c. carmine on white.  
" " " on 3c.+3c. carmine on white.

**DUTCH EAST INDIES (B118).**—We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Robert for a series of new envelopes just issued. The stamps are similar in design to the current Holland type and overprinted "10 Ct.—NED.—INDIE" etc., in black.

**Envelopes.** Size 82×150 mm.

10ct. on 10c. grey.  
12½ct. on 12½c. blue.  
15ct. on 15c. pale brown.  
20ct. on 20c. pale yellow-green.

The appearance of these new Envelope stamps is distinctly pleasing.

**FINLAND (A).**—*New Perforation.*—The 10 penni of the 1901 set has been issued perf. 11½, states *Der Philatelist*. Hitherto it has been perf. 13 or 13½, all the other values of the set being 14×14½.

**Adhesive.** 10 penni, perf. 11½.

**GOLD COAST (H126).**—We extract the following from the *Illustrated London News* of February 22nd:—

"*Last Queen Victoria Postage Stamp.*—The two-penny Gold Coast stamp is the last postal frank to be issued with the portrait of Queen Victoria. Only a very small quantity, amounting to £60 face value, has been printed, and no more will be issued. When the example we reproduce was despatched to this country, the Gold Coast postmaster had already received applications for these stamps to the value of £500, and if the issue had been generally known, the probability is that £5000 would have been nearer the mark. They are already at a very great premium, and will undoubtedly rise considerably in value as time goes on."

This notice appears to us to be exaggerated, but to what extent we are at present unable to decide. If orders to the extent of £500 had been received for the £60 worth printed, how many were left for issue in the ordinary course through Gold Coast post offices?

From another source we learn that most of the stamps are held by one man, who is demanding 1/- a piece, down to the present unsuccessfully.

**NATAL (D 126).**—The 5/- stamp is now coming over with sideways watermark. We believe the last printing (1899) had upright "Crown and CC." and if so, it is presumably the reserve stock which is now making its appearance.

**QUEENSLAND (D 113).**—We are officially informed that the King Edward issue is not yet printed, and that it is not known when it is likely to be ready.

**TASMANIA (E 125).**—Messrs. Smythe and Nicolle send us a specimen of the 2d. Tasmania, View of Hobart, with a new watermark, "V over Crown" instead of the old multiple "TAS," and perf. 12½ instead of 14. It seems that the stock sent out from London has been exhausted, and a further supply, sufficient to last 12 months, has been printed in Melbourne, hence the Victoria watermark.

**Adhesive.** Printed in Melbourne, wmk. V and Crown, p. 12½.

2d. pale violet, View of Hobart.

The colour is much paler than that of the London print issue.

**VICTORIA (P126).**—"Stamp Duty" stamps.—Soon after the new issue of stamps "without postage" appeared last year, the superseded set, which was inscribed "Stamp Duty," became available for fiscal purposes only. The 1d. value was changed in colour from rosine to olive-bistre in May, 1901. Apparently this was only a temporary expedient, as we now have a fiscal stamp of entirely new design, which may possibly be the forerunner of a new series.

**Adhesive Fiscal.** Wmk. ?, perf. 12½.  
1d. olive-bistre.

The stamp is somewhat similar in design to the Postage Due set, with large figure of value "14" on white ground within a circle in the centre; "Victoria" above and "Stamp Duty" below in large sans-serif capitals. We are indebted for our first specimen to Mr. J. Paxton Clarkson, who informs us the new 1d. "Stamp Duty" was issued on January 9th, 1902.

**UNITED STATES (N 126).**—*Pan-American remainders.*—According to a Washington correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, "the plates used in printing the Pan-American stamps were boxed up this week and carted down to the Navy yard where they may, ere this, have been broken up and melted. That is the fate in store for them. Last week the Post Office Department destroyed by burning about one-third of the Pan-American remainders, approximately \$250,000 worth face value. Detailed figures will not be obtainable for several weeks yet.

"Chief Scott says the greatest burning in his recollection was when the newspaper and periodical stamps were destroyed two or three years ago. A largely augmented clerical force

was employed for many months checking and counting these stamps, and many weeks were consumed in the task of burning the handsome stamps. Mr. Scott says, however, that the job before him, in getting rid of the Pan-American remainders, will easily dwarf that involved in wiping out the periodicals, and that it will be well along towards spring before the last of the beautiful two-coloured labels will have turned to ashes.

"The action of the department in this matter, however, must commend it in the eyes of all stamp collectors. The placing on sale of the Columbian remainders is still a chapter fresh in memory, and undoubtedly there was a fear in the minds of philatelists and speculators that, in view of the large number of remainders, costing four times the regular price for current stamps, the desire to cut off as much of the deficit as possible might prompt the placing on sale again of the Pan-Americans, notwithstanding the statement that the stamps would absolutely be withdrawn on October 31. For this reason it is believed that large stocks of the "Buffalo" stamps were not laid aside for speculative purposes. This belief is borne out by the fact that requests for these stamps are constantly being received by the Postmaster-General from collectors and parties who say they neglected to buy when stamps were on sale, and also state that they cannot now buy the stamps except by paying a premium of 25 per cent. However, all such requests are fruitless and applicants are civilly informed to this effect. I doubt if the Post Office Department will ever again be a party to a stamp transaction open to philatelic criticism."

*Plate-numbers* (C 114, 102).—In our issues of Nov. 30th and Sept. 7th last, we published lists of plates which had been put to press, but such were not quite complete. Full information as to the missing numbers is now furnished by *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. The following list is revised to date.

Plate Nos.	Descriptions.
1199 to 1202	Ordinary 5c. stamp.
1203	Pan-American 2c. border.
1204 to 1212	Ordinary 1c. stamp.
1213 to 1216	" 3c. "
1217 to 1220	" 5c. "
1221 to 1224	Pan-American 2c. centre.
1225 to 1228	" 1c. "
1229 to 1232	" 2c. "
1233 to 1236	" 1c. "
1237	" 1c. border.
1238 to 1241	" 2c. centre.
1242 to 1245	Postage-Due 2c. stamp.
1246*	Pan-American 1c. border.
1247*	" 2c. "
1248	?
1249*	Pan-American 1c. border.
1250*	" 2c. "
1251 and 1252	Ordinary 2c. stamp.
1253 to 1256*	Pan-American 1c. centre.
1257 to 1260	Special-Delivery 10c. stamp.
1261 to 1264*	Pan-American 2c. centre.
1265 to 1286	Ordinary 2c. stamp.
1287 to 1290	" 1c. "
1291 to 1302	" 2c. "
1303 to 1306	" 1c. "
1307 to 1314	" 2c. "
1315 to 1318	" 1c. "

\* These plates were never put to press.

We are unable to say what plate No. 1248 was.

## Press Extracts.

From the *Birmingham Post*, Feb. 15th.—

"There is, I hear, a probability that the great Taping collection of postage stamps in the British Museum will be made accessible to philatelists before the end of the year. Ever since this very valuable collection became the property of the nation the authorities have been confronted with the difficulty of making the stamps available for purposes of reference with perfect safety and protection from injury by exposure to light or handling. Cabinets, I am told, have now been designed, which, while allowing the public free access to examine the stamps through glass, will prevent their being in any way touched or exposed. It is understood that a sum of money for these cabinets is included in the Museum estimates for the next financial year, so that there should be no long delay before the widely-expressed wish of philatelists that this important collection of stamps—by far the most valuable in the country—might be housed in a manner worthy of it is realised."

From the *Scotsman*, Feb. 13th.—

"Philatelists—particularly those who make a speciality of collecting African stamps—will be interested to hear that the Governor of the French Somali coast has revoked the decree of the 12th November last authorising the postal authorities to supply a deficiency in the stamps of the denominations of ten and five centimes by cutting twenty centime stamps in half, and treating each half as of the value of ten cen-

times, and by cutting twenty-five centimes in half and utilising that part containing the figure 5 as of the value of five centimes. The old collectors look with horror on these devices, which certainly wear all the appearance of an attempt to benefit the local revenue at the expense of the community of philatelists. Nor is this impression weakened by the intimation that the shortage of stamps in certain denominations is to be made up not by the issue of new stamps, but by surcharging some of the stamps in stock with a new denomination. The number of each class of stamp so surcharged is given, so that the collector may calculate the comparative rarity of the different specimens."

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

A. H. J. writes:—

"I shall be very pleased if you will answer the following in your *Weekly Stamp News*:—I possess a stamp which appears to have been used in England officially very early. It bears the title 'Departure stamp' and is about four inches square, and appears to have been gummed on to a parcel containing Government stores. In one or two places on the margin of the stamp appears the words 'V.R. 1837,' and there appears a note across the middle of the stamp advising persons who open the parcel to write on the stamp the word 'opened' so as to shew its cancellation. This word also appears across the parcel, and would no doubt have been written at the time the parcel was actually opened. Will you kindly say if there is any particular value in this stamp? I thought probably it might be made more valuable by being dated in the first year of the reign of Queen Victoria."

Mr. L. W. Crouch writes:—

"I enclose a letter I have just received from Bothaville, O.R.C. I have not yet seen any mention of the King's Head issue with the Army Post Office marks in your paper. This envelope is postmarked Feb. 1st, 1902."

[The envelope is franked with ½d. and 1d. King's Head stamps, postmarked with the ordinary Army type of postmark (two concentric circles with inscription) inscribed "Army Post Office—B—FE 1—02—Kroonstad."—ED.]

Mr. H. W. Hobbs:—

"On looking through a quantity of Transvaal the other day I came across a copy of the 2½d. blue and green (S. G. 259) with shafts instead of pole. It is somewhat different to the 'Waggon with shafts type,' but quite a distinct variety to the 'pole type.' It is probable that the 2½d. was printed from the shafts type, and that a few varieties were not altered."

[The variety may be only defective printing. ED.]

B.W. writes:—

"I am sending a line or two as to your reference to the O.F.S. provisional card stamps, as it might be inferred that the stamps were so over-printed before being affixed to the plain cards. The type and this central block are set up, and the stamp being already on top centre of card, the whole impression is given at one printing. I have many with the arms half on card and half on stamp, and one rarity with the arms on plain portion of card, having been printed with the stamp at foot, so receiving the address lines only."

## Correspondence.

### DESIGN ON KING EDWARD'S STAMPS.

To the Editor, *E.W.S.N.*

SIR,—In reference to Mr. E. Evan's remarks in your No. 121, may I venture to point out that he is mistaken as to the "error"? The central "pearl" right under the cross, is not a pearl at all, in reality, but it is intended for the orb on which the cross stands. The proper mark on the face of the orb should be like an inverted block-letter T. In the present case the designer or engraver has made the orb into a large pearl, shading it, in the usual manner, with a crescent-shaped mark. What your correspondent calls the "ring" is actually the outline of the pearl, and what he takes to be the pearl itself is merely the "light" on the body of the pearl. The real "error," then, is in putting a pearl instead of an orb.

Yours truly, R. B. EAKÉ E

## Answers to Correspondents.

W.R.S.—We thank you for cuttings from the Colombo journals, but the subject has already been fully discussed in *E.W.S.N.* We make a note of the fact that Ceylon collectors were greatly interested in the first arrival of King Edward stamps, per the P. & O. Mail Steamer "Arcadia," which reached Colombo Harbour on January 20th.

R.A.W. (Southshore).—Thanks for the two shades of ½d. green Western Australia. The effect is probably due to the difference in gum as much as anything. De la Rue gum often turns brown.

A.M. (Cardiff).—The Antiqua Duty stamps are part of large remainders sold some time ago, and are not worth anything approaching face value.

T.N. (Nottingham).—This correspondent states that he "can find no trace of the die numbers on embossed envelope stamps, even with a magnifying glass." The die numbers are at the present day found only on private stationery stamped at Somerset House. Post Office stationery is stamped by Messrs. De la Rue and Co., and the dies have no numbers. See *E.W.S.N.* No. 126.

(R.W.) Newcastle writes:—"Are you not in error respecting the Orange Free State stamps in your issue of February 15th. Under heading of 'New Colours, &c., &c.' you mention a 2d. red, 2½d. green, 3d. brown and 4d. grey, but I cannot find any of the above catalogued, or have I received any from a friend of mine who is in the post office there." [We would ask our correspondent to read the article in *E.W.S.N.* No. 125 right through; he will then see that we never stated stamps in these colours had been issued. What we did state was that the new colours had been adopted, and had it not been for the annexation of the Orange River Colony by Great Britain, the next supplies printed would have been in the new colours.—ED.]

H.W.C.—The date you mention is obviously incorrect. We think there can be no doubt it was January 27th, from which the "2" has fallen out or failed to print.

G.F.M.C.—Thanks for Berlin "Flag" postmark. They seem to be turning up everywhere. Rome is another Continental city which has just adopted the style.

J.D.C.—The two "early-dated 1d. reds" which you send are in no way early dates, and we think you must have made some mistake. They are each nearly a year too late to stand any chance of beating the record announced in *E.W.S.N.* of December 21st.

W.A.V.N.—We cannot record these "small-sized letter" varieties in Indian overprints, unless we are assured they are really due to the employ of a wrong fount of type. If merely defective prints or broken letters, they are of no possible interest to stamp collectors and none to specialists except occasionally to specialists as a means to an end, as for instance in reconstructing sheets.

## Portraits on Hawaiian Stamps.

According to a correspondent in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, the various stamps of Hawaii bear the following portraits:—

- 1853. 5c., 13c., Kamehameha III.
- 1862. 2c., Kamehameha IV., nephew of Kamehameha III.
- 1864. 1c., Victoria, sister of Kamehameha IV. and V.
- 1864. 2c., Kamehameha IV.
- 1864. 5c., Kamehameha V., brother of Kamehameha IV.
- 1864. 6c., Kamehameha V.
- 1864. 18c., Gov. Kekuanoa, son-in-law of Kamehameha I., and father of Kamehameha IV. and V. and Victoria.
- 1875. 2c., David Kalakaua, grand-nephew of Kamehameha I. (who became ruler of the Western part of the Island in 1781, three years after the discovery by Captain Cook); succeeded King Lunalilo, 1874.
- 1875. 12c., Leleohoku, brother of Kalakaua.
- 1882. 1c., Likelike, sister of Kalakaua.
- 1882. 10c., Kalakaua.
- 1882. 15c., Kapiolani, wife of Kalakaua.
- 1883-86. 25c., Kamehameha I.
- 1883-86. 50c., King William Lunalilo, succeeded Kamehameha V. in 1872.
- 1883-86. \$1, Queen Emma, wife of Kamehameha IV.
- 1889-91. 2c., Queen Liliuokalani, sister of Kalakaua, whom she succeeded as ruler of the Hawaiian Islands in 1890, being deposed two years later.
- 1894. 5c., Kamehameha I.
- 1894. 25c., President Sanford B. Dole, Head of the Provisional Government, President of the Republic, and Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.
- 1899. 5c., Kamehameha I.
- 1893. Official set, Hon. L. A. Thurston.

Collectors who are thinking of going in for specializing are reminded that "Where there's a will, there's Hawaii."

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dependances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
735a	" " 1fr., Pict.	0/10 0/1
736	" " 2fr.	1/8 1/11
737*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
739	French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
741	Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
742	Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
743	Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
744	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
745	Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
746	Levant, 8 piastres.	1/4 1/7
747	" 20 piastres.	— —
748	Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
749	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
750	Martinique, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
751	Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
752	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
753*	Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8 1/11
754	New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
755	Obock, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
756	" 2fr.	1/8 1/11
757*	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
758	" 10fr.	— —
759	" 25fr.	— —
760	" 50fr.	— —
761	Oceania, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
762*	Port Said, 2fr.	1/8 1/11
763*	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
764	Réunion, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
765	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
766	Senegal, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
767	Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10 1/0
768	Vathy, 8 piastres.	— —
769	" 20 piastres.	— —
770	Zanzibar, 20 annas	— —
771	" 50 annas	— —
772	Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
773	Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
774	Obock, old 2fr.	1/8 3/0
775	" old 5fr.	4/0 6/0
776	" 1892, 1fr.	0/10 1/6
777	St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10 1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781	German East Africa, 1 rupee	1/4 1/7
782	" " 2 rupees	2/8 3/1
783	" " 3 rupees	4/0 4/8
784	German New Guinea, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
785	German S.W. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
786	Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
787	Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
788	China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
789	Kiautschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
790	Levant, 10 piastres.	— —
791	" 15 piastres.	— —
792	Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
793	Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
794*	Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10 1/0
795*	" 1½ "	1/0 1/2
796*	" 2½ "	2/0 2/4
797*	" 3½ "	3/0 3/6
798*	" 6½ "	5/0 5/10
799	Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
800	Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10

NOTE.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/2 per mark.

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.		
1900	1l. brown	½d.
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	10l. red	1½d.
	20l. rose	4d.
1901	20l. orange	3d.
	25l. blue	4d.
	50l. lilac	10d.
	50l. blue	7d.
	1dr. violet	1/0
	2dr. brown	2/0
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/11
1900.	Surcharge "Prosorinon" in black.	
	50l. lilac	8d.
	1dr. violet	11d.
	2dr. brown	1/8
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/3
1902.	Large surcharge in black.	
	25l. blue	4d.
1901.	Unpaid Letter Stamps.	
	1l. red	½d.
	5l. red	1d.
	10l. red	1½d.
	20l. red	3d.



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20c. violet, 3d.  
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50c. red-brown, 1/-.

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- |                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Anjouan       | 12. Martinique             |
| 2. Dahomey       | 13. Mayotte                |
| 3. French Congo  | 14. Madagascar             |
| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia          |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                |
| 6. Grand Comore  | 17. Réunion                |
| 7. Guiana        | 18. St. Pierre et Miquelon |
| 8. Guadeloupe    | 19. Sénégal                |
| 9. Indian Estab. |                            |
| 10. Indo-China   | Series of 19 sets, 18/3,   |
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- 1 lepton, 2d. per dozen.  
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50c. blue and pink, 7d.

Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.

Colombia, 1c. black, 1901, surch. "SSSS," nett 1d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.

- Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Chile, obsolete type, 5c. blue, mint, 2d.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

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France, old 3c. grey, 1d.; 20c. red on green, 3d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Antioquia, 1901 provisional issue.

- 1c. blue, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.

- 1c. brown, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.

Russia, 1 kop. orange, 4d. per dozen.

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Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.

6 heller, 1d.

10 " 1½d.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

France, new, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c., set of 5, 2d.

Alexandria, surcharged on France.

1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

Port Said, surcharged on France.

1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

German Colonies, 3 pf. brown, mixed, 50 for 1/9.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Germany, old, 2 pf. grey, 3½d. per dozen.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

1, 2, 5, 10, lepta, set of four, 2d.

1 lepta, brown, per dozen, 1d.

30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 filler, set of five, 2d.; per dozen sets, 1/10.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.

6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.

10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Eritrea, 1, 2c., per dozen sets, 5d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.

1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Norway, 1, 2 öre, per set, 1d.; per dozen sets, 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.

1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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### The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Railway Letter Stamps* (K 127).—We have received two more new issues, neither differing in appearance from its predecessor.

*Metropolitan*, 13th issue. Nos. 10801 on. (Already issued up to No. 11220). Colour, perforation, etc., as before.

*Somerset and Dorset*, 6th issue. Nos. A2001 on (to 3000?). Similar in colour, perforation, etc., to 5th issue.

The latter was mentioned in E.W.S.N. of November 9th, but we were then unable to describe it.

We have also secured a sheet of twelve of the 9th Caledonian printing, issued in June last (see E.W.S.N., No. 109). It is perforated 12, thus reverting to the old gauge machine which was supposed to have been abandoned by Messrs. McCorquodale & Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, in 1899. The colour is a bright and rather smudgy yellow-green.

*King Edward Stationery* (G127).—The following two new records have been sent in:—

Envelope, Commercial size. Bought at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 11.2.02; postmarked, Alnwick, 14.2.02. Mr. J. G. Cairns).

Postcard, 3d. on buff. Postmarked "Leigh-on-Sea (Essex), 30.1.02." (Mr. H. A. L. Hughes).

We should have thought most of the records already published might have been easily antedated.

**ANTIOQUIA** (F 120).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records another new type-set provisional; it is again in four varieties and has the word "Centavo" inside the frame and ornaments below the figure.

1c. pale red, perf. 12.

It was issued in November. Its predecessors, the 1c. brown and 1c. blue, appeared in September.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (A).—There seems to be little prospect of any Federation issue at present; in fact, there is an intention to add to the separate issues of the States by issuing official stamps in each, also special delivery labels as in Canada and the United States. According to Messrs. Wilcox, Smith and Co., writing to *The Stamp Collector*, these may be expected at an early date.

*Stamps* says that the Postal Department will shortly call in all envelopes bearing frank marks, and will issue in their stead stamped envelopes. Each department will be charged with the value of the stamped envelopes issued to it. In this way it is thought that a complete check can be exercised upon official correspondence.

**AUSTRIA** (F 126).—According to the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung*, a new value has been issued.

*Postage Adhesive.*

35 heller, green and black.

**BARBADOS** (D 122).—*Blued paper varieties.*—*Stanley Gibbons' catalogue* records certain values of the Jubilee set on blued paper. The *Monthly Journal* now adds the 6d., 8d. and 10d. to the list, so that only the 5d. is wanting to complete.

**BERMUDA** (A).—A plate for a farthing stamp has been ordered, presumably with head of King Edward. There is however no likelihood of the new stamps being issued at present, nor are they probably likely to reach the colony for some months.

**BULGARIA** (I 127).—*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—In E.W.S.N. of February 1st, we chronicled on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* four values of the Prince Ferdinand issue overprinted with a large "T" within a circle, which were supposed to have done duty on January 4th and the two following days as unpaid letter stamps ("*Timbre-taxe.*") We are now confronted with the following letter which the editor of *L'Essor Philatélique* has elicited from the Bulgarian Postal authorities.

Sophia, 6th Feb., 1902.

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst., I have to inform you that the postage due stamps with the surcharge of the letter T have not been issued in Bulgaria.

I am, etc.,

Le Sous-chef du Bureau Central des Postes,

H. RADEFF."

It is difficult to understand this letter. It has never been asserted that postage due stamps were overprinted with the "T"; it was the ordinary postage stamps which were so overprinted. Has our contemporary's enquiry been misunderstood or evaded, or are these provisional *timbre-taxe* really unofficial?

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (C 126).—The King Edward 2½d., 6d. and 1/- stamps were issued on December 20th, 1901, and are thus the first postage stamps with portrait of King Edward to have been used during the present reign. We do not forget the £1 Victoria, but it is seldom if ever likely to be used for prepayment of actual postage, although may be useful in other ways.

**CEYLON** (E 125).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is assured by a correspondent in Ceylon that the 4c. and 12c. have never been surcharged "On Service" (Catalogue Nos. 419, 420) and they are never likely to be so treated, "as both those values are now obsolete." We must query the latter statement as regards the 12c., which is surely a most useful value.

**CHILE** (N 125).—The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown the recently issued 5c. on 30c. of 1900, with double surcharge, by a Valparaiso correspondent.

**DJIBOUTI** (D 125).—The *London Philatelist* is informed by Mr. Geo. Carion that the following provisionals have been issued; black surcharge.

*Provisional Adhesives.*

0.05 on 75c. mauve and orange.

0.10 on 1f. olive and black.

0.40 on 2f. grey and rose.

0.75 on 5f. rose and blue.

*Le Timbrophile Belge* publishes the text of a decree relating to the above provisionals, which was published in the *Journal de Djibouti* of January 25th. The following quantities were authorised to be overprinted:—

18,860 0.05 on 0.75c.

8,000 0.10 on 1 franc.

2,330 0.40 on 2 francs.

1,600 0.75 on 5 francs.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (G 120).—In E.W.S.N. of November 30th, we gave certain particulars of a commemorative issue proposed to be issued on February 27th, 1902. We are now able to furnish a detailed description (on the authority of the *American Journal of Philately*). The stamps are oblong in shape, each one being distinctly labelled "Serie Commemorativa" so that purchasers need have no doubt of its character. The values and colours are as follows (differing slightly from those given in E.W.S.N. No. 114).

*Postage Adhesives* (with Portraits).—

1c. dark green and black (Sanchez).

2c. scarlet and black (Duarte).

5c. blue and black (Duarte).

10c. orange and black (Sanchez).

12c. purple and black (Mella).

20c. carmine, rose and black (Mella).

50c. bistre-brown and black (View of San Domingo).

*Official Adhesives.* ("Defence, 27th February").

2, 5, 10, 20c., as already described (E.W.S.N. No. 114)

**DUTCH EAST INDIES** (C 127).—*L'Essor Philatélique* is informed by M. Meyners, of Soerabaya, that the new envelopes (chronicled in E.W.S.N. last week), were issued on January 1st, and will remain in use three months only. There was to be a fifth value in the set, but it had not been issued, at the time of writing.

*Envelope.* Surcharged on envelope of Holland.

"25ct.—NED. INDIE" on 25c. rose and blue  
This surcharged issue is of a provisional nature, and will be replaced about April by a permanent set.

**FEDERATED MALAY STATES** (B 97).—According to the *London Philatelist*, the cards formerly issued by Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor (Sunjei Ujong never had any) have been superseded by a new set inscribed "Federated Malay States."

*Postcards.*

1c. green on pale buff.

1c. + 1c. " "

3c. rose-red on pale buff.

3c. + 3c. " "

**GERMAN CHINA** (A).—*Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* records the existence of the following values of the recent issue (Germania type) with overprint "CHINA" inverted, that is to say, reading downwards from the upper right hand to the lower left hand corner.

*Adhesives* (Germania type). Overprint "China" inverted. 5, 10, 20, 30 and 80 pf.

The examples under notice were all postmarked "Tientsin, 7th May, 1901."

**GERMANY** (H 120).—The new stamps inscribed *Deutsches Reich* instead of *Reichspost* will be placed on sale on Thursday, March 20th, states *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. They will not however be available for use until April 1st. After March 31st, the old stamps will no longer be accepted in payment of postal and telegraph charges, but will be exchangeable from March 20th till June 30th for the new stamps.

**INDIA** (C 123).—Mr. W. Corfield informs the *London Philatelist* that "the earliest definite information concerning the new issues to bear the Emperor's head is as follows:—Embossed envelopes and postcards have been despatched to India and would be received for issue to the public in February. The postage stamps will not be ready until March and cannot therefore reach India until the middle of April. Details are not as yet to hand of the particular postage stamps which will be sent out in March."

**LEVANT (BRITISH)** (A).—*King Edward Issue.* Mr. A. B. Creeke, Jun., informs the *London Philatelist* that the 2½d. blue stamp has already been overprinted "40 PARAS" in black.

However this may be, we are informed on the highest authority that there is no likelihood of its being issued for sometime yet, owing to the large stock of the old issue on hand.

**MALTA** (E 124).—In E.W.S.N. of January 25th, we stated that the new 3d. stamp was likely to be printed in yellowish-brown, with portrait of King Edward in blue. Our Malta Correspondent now writes us:—"I have been further informed that the head of the King will be in blue on a very dark green ground and enclosed in a vermilion frame. My informant goes on to say that the rest of the stamp will be in a shade of brown." We must however advise our readers not to place too much credence in this description, as to print a stamp in four different colours would be a very expensive matter. The new stamps had not been received in Malta down to the end of February, so the date of issue is still uncertain. Later, a sixpenny value in the same type will be issued.

**MAURITIUS** (F 122).—We are informed that a 12 cent stamp is in preparation. It has been greatly needed since the postal rate to Great Britain was reduced to 6 cents. The stamp will also be very useful for the payment of the registration fee, which is 12c. for foreign correspondence. In the meantime, a small supply of the 18 cents has been overprinted 12 cents.

*Provisional Adhesive.*

"12 CENTS" on 18c. green and ultramarine.

This provisional was issued about January 24th (exact date not yet known). The surcharge is printed in two lines in black, with horizontal bar through the old value, 18 cents. We are indebted to Messrs. Wilson, Lodge and Stamford for our earliest specimens.

*L'Essor Philatélique* informs us that 30,000 of these provisionals were placed on sale on January 24th, and that all were sold within a few hours.

**NORTH BORNEO** (K 120).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is informed, on the best authority, that No. 115 in the catalogue, 5c. blue and black, does not exist, and that no change in the colour of that value is in contemplation.

**High Values.** From the same source we learn that the values over 50c. are soon to be overprinted "British Protectorate" (\$1, 2, 5, 10).

"Protectorate" 25c. and 50c. Evidence of the great popularity of North Borneo stamps is to be found in the fact that the 25 and 50 cents values with the "Protectorate" overprint have been at least twice out of stock at the Company's offices already, although only issued last October. The printings of the 25c. do not seem to differ in shade, but we note the following in the 50c. It is stated that 2,000 of each value formed the first consignment, of which the bulk was sent out to Borneo.

50c. violet, surcharged "British Protectorate."  
1st. printing, bluish-violet.  
2nd. " blue-grey (or grey-blue).  
3rd. " bright violet.

These shades do not constitute varieties which the general collector need trouble about, although that of the 2nd print is very distinct. For all we know, there may have been other printings, but the above three are all we have met with. No. 2 was on sale in London on February 13th, but was soon sold out. No. 3 was obtained on February 22nd, whilst a large consignment recently received by Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market direct from Sandakan, in North Borneo, consisted wholly of the first printing.

**PERSIA** (A).—We are indebted to *L'Essor Philatélique* for particulars of a provisional recently issued here.

**Provisional Adhesive.** Surcharged in black.  
5k. on 50 krans, red-brown.

**PERU** (E 125).—*Postcard*.—*L'Essor Philatélique* records the 4c. postcard of 1889, with the inscription *Cuatro Centavos* in larger capitals.

**RUSSIA** (C 123).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* learns that commemorative stamps will be issued on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the city of St. Petersburg.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER** (B 117).—With reference to the anticipated issue of a separate pictorial set for each of the Leeward Islands, Messrs. Bright & Son state that there will be only one set for the two Islands which form the presidency of St. Christopher and Nevis.

**SEYCHELLES** (F 120).—We are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for the following particulars of the recent issue of surcharged stamps:—

3c. on 36c.	60,000.
3c. on 16c.	31,200.
3c. on 10c.	42,000.
6c. on 8c.	40,000.

Numerous speculators in the Islands hold considerable stocks of these provisionals and expect to make a profit of some hundreds per cent. If collectors are only content to wait, we expect the stamps will become cheap enough.

**TASMANIA** (F 127).—We have now received from Messrs. Smythe & Nicolle the 1d. pictorial stamp printed on "V and Crown" paper.

**Adhesive.** Wmk. V and Crown, perf. 12½.  
1d. carmine-red (Mount Wellington)

**UNITED STATES** (O 127).—The *American Journal of Philately* is informed that the Post Office Department "is contemplating the issue of a new series of stamps, in which some of the familiar portraits will be displaced by new ones, and which will also include a 13c. stamp, to cover the rates of foreign postage and registration. On this new series the name will appear beneath each portrait." We should have thought the U.S. Post Office had had enough of issuing new stamps for the present.

**UNITED STATES** (O 127).—*Plate-numbers* (D 127).—The following additional plates have been made since November 5th, 1901, and require to be added to the list we gave last week:—

Plate Nos.	Description.
1319 to 1322	Ordinary 2 cents.
1323	Cuban 2 cents.
1324 to 1327	Ordinary 2 cents.
1328 to 1331	" 1 cent.
1332 to 1335	" 4 cents.
1336 to 1339	" 10 cents.
1340 to 1343	" 1 cent.

### Answers to Correspondents.

J.E.P.—Envelopes with stamps doubly impressed are freaks, which have very little interest or value for philatelists.

H.L.—Penny lilac stamps of the late issue are very common with inverted watermark and have little or no extra value in that state. So far, we believe, the King's Head issue has not been found with this peculiarity.

Postcards have also been received from T.A.S. and J.R., Jr.

### Press Extracts.

From the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Feb. 8th.—

"B. L. Drew's 83rd sale was held Jan. 31st, when the £1 Tasmania, green and yellow, catalogued \$8.00 brought \$27.00 (£5 10/-). Victoria 5/- without "Postage," catalogued \$2.50, brought \$4.80 (£1)."

From *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Feb. 8th.—

"If one wishes a hunt, let him try to find the £1 green and yellow Tasmania. We have tried it and we know whereof we speak, for not a single copy have we located. It seems that this stamp has not been in circulation since December 1st, 1900, and this fact accounts for its sudden disappearance out of the stamp market."

From the *New York Herald*, Feb. 2nd.—

"The Prince of Wales' collection is well known, but it can, by no means be reckoned among the great collections of the world, though a well known philatelist in the colonies has presented to His Royal Highness a number of very valuable specimens. I hear, too, that one of the colonies sent over to London and purchased at a well known dealer's no less than £300 (\$1,500) worth of their own stamps to give to the Prince of Wales, as they were unable to obtain them at home."

From the *Daily Graphic*, March 1st.—

"A new kind of stamp album has found great favour with little folk. It is made to look something like a menagerie, each page being covered with bars. The only stamps admitted are those which bear a design of an animal—and there are more of these than one would imagine at first sight. From the United States come a pony and a buffalo, from Labuan a stag and a crocodile, Liberia has a hippopotamus and an elephant, Newfoundland has a dog, a codfish and a seal, and West Australia rejoices in a swan. The book is made doubly interesting if it is illustrated with pictures of the trees and foliage belonging to each place."

From the *Sheffield Independent*, Feb. 13th.—

"SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY. — The Sheffield Philatelic Society, who prepared a unique menu card for use on the occasion of their recent annual dinner, have forwarded a copy to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is the president of the London Philatelic Society, and a reply has just been received from Sir Arthur J. Bigge thanking them on behalf of His Royal Highness for the novel and interesting menu card. The card in question was interspersed with suitable philatelic terms, whilst unused stamps bearing the portraits of the King, Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales and Baby Prince Edward were neatly arranged round the menu, the whole being surmounted by an Imperial Crown."

From *Invention*, Feb. 15th.—

"The French postal authorities have submitted specimens of an envelope bearing a 2½d. embossed stamp, intended for international use with the Post Offices of the various countries forming the Postal Union."

"For the last 40 years issues of English stamps have become steadily worse in colour and design, and it can only be concluded that the next issue will be something to shudder at. For some reason or other, we have decided of late years to go in for shoddy designs and washy, offensive colours, with the result that it is said that many journalists and stockbrokers have given instructions that all letters are to be placed on the breakfast table upside down, so that they may be able to begin the day in a quiet and businesslike spirit. However, there is one consolation: the postal authorities are simply bound to see more of the new stamps than anybody else."

From the *St. James' Gazette*, Feb. 18th.—

#### THE OBLITERATION OF STAMPS.

"Sir,—Your contributor of "Obiter Scripta" this evening, when speaking of the obliteration of stamps, errs in some respects when mentioning that Sir Henry Bessemer invented a machine for the obliteration of stamps, as I shall presently show.

"As a grand-nephew of Sir Henry, and one who has more than once heard the old gentleman tell the story, I may, perhaps, as it is interesting, be permitted to give the facts. No doubt many of your readers are aware that the impressed stamps usually put upon legal and other documents retain the impression permanently when impressed upon paper but not upon parchment, and that in these circumstances the stamping authorities affix a small square of paper to the parchment by means of a metal clip, which has an adhesive label gummed on the other side, the stamp being then pressed upon the whole. This method left the door open for unscrupulous persons to remove the square of paper with a stamp upon it from valueless deeds and affix it to a deed requiring stamping. Sir Henry Bessemer, then a young and struggling

man, conceived the idea of perforating the parchment with the amount of duty enshrined in some suitable device, in much the same way that some people perforate the value of their cheques now-a-days. He submitted his idea to the Director of Stamps (Lord Althorp, I think it was), and not only was it accepted, but, because of the special machinery that the new system entailed, he was appointed to superintend operations at a substantial salary. In high glee he carried the news to the young lady to whom he was engaged to be married. 'Why!' said she, 'if only the stamps were dated, and a law passed that all documents had to be stamped within a certain time after the date of their signing, the Government would not have to get the new machinery.'

"Sir Henry worked out the mechanical details upon the dies and submitted the new idea to the stamping authorities. 'What a brilliant idea!' said they. 'Of course we shouldn't want new machinery, and—er—er—of course we—er—shan't want you, Mr. Bessemer.'

"This is the true story of Sir Henry Bessemer's 'gift' of a fortune. I leave it to others to judge of the morality of the State's action; for my part I think the universe has been the gainer, although I doubt whether at the time Lord Althorp had this in contemplation.

"The foregoing shows where your contributor is in error. First, in ascribing the obliterating machine to adhesive, whereas it had relation to impressed stamps; secondly, in saying that Sir Henry Bessemer gave away a fortune; and last (and this error is quite excusable) in attributing the invention to Sir Henry Bessemer instead of to the lady who afterwards became his wife.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"H. ERNEST GALE.

"Lancy Cottage, Furze Hill, Purley,  
"February 14th, 1902."

### Our Postcard Column.

WILLI. readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. A. H. Stamford writes:—*

"Referring to your note in to-day's *Stamp News* re Natal (D 126), are you not wrong in mentioning that the last printing had the watermark upright? I have had a strip of these and other copies for two or three years and these have all the wmk. sideways. My used copies also of the same stamp in the old color (marone), are similarly watermarked."

[We were certainly under the impression that the Colonial Stamp Market's supplies of the 5/- stamp formerly had upright watermark, but unfortunately not one is left in stock. The London Society's work gives very meagre information on the point (and in fact on Natal stamps generally), but we notice the following note, which confirms our statement:—

"Variety. 5/- with watermark upright (1899)."

Two supplies received recently from Natal have sideways watermark.—Ed.]

*Mr. James Collman sends an enquiry:—*

"I write to you to make enquiries on a subject that I think will interest many collectors who have collections of a fair pecuniary value, and that is the question of Insurance against damage by Fire.

According to the ordinary Fire Insurance Rules only a certain sum is allowed per £100 insured for any one article of value of the nature of works of art, &c. (under which heading a stamp collection would be included), when the contents of a dwelling house are insured against fire and then only if the article is mentioned specially. Most collectors will I fancy keep their collections at home and it isn't every one that has a really fire proof safe in their house. I have made enquiries if a single stamp could be called the "one article," and the Insurance Companies say that the whole collection would be classed as the "one article" consequently a collector would get a very small proportion of the value of his collection if they were destroyed by fire.

For this reason I approached several Insurance Companies to insure my collection by itself, but they declined to make any quotation for the risk, saying they were not accustomed to take risks of this description, I would therefore esteem it a great favour if you could give me the names of one or two good British Insurance Co.'s who insure this class of goods.

There must be some I should think, for firms like your Colonial Market, Stanley Gibbons, Bright, &c., must surely have their stock insured seeing how valuable it must be and how easily ruined not only by fire but by water. An answer in *E.W.S.N.* will oblige."

[You cannot do better than write for particulars to Messrs. Macgregor and Co., 27, Leadenhall Street, E.C., and at Lloyds.—Ed.]



# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 leptas	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5 pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canca), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605* Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	—
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	—
608 " 5m. green	5/0	—
610* Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611* " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613* Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614* " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632 " Old Ir. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637* France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938* " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639* " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654* " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655* " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656* " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660 " 2½g. lilac	—	—
661 " 5g. marone	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665* " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666 " 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667* " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670* Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683* Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684* " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685* " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687 Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688 " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690* Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691* " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694 " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695 " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715* " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717 Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723 Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0
724 Benin, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
725 Canton, 5fr.	—	—
726 Cavalle, 8 piast.		

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5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
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Antioquia, 1901 provisional issue.  
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Russia, 1 kop. orange, 4d. per dozen.

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6 heller, 1d.  
10 " 1½d.

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1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

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1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

France, new, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c., set of 5, 2d.  
Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.  
Port Said, surcharged on France.  
1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

German Colonies, 3 pf. brown, mixed, 50 for 1/9.  
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Germany, old, 2 pf. grey, 3½d. per dozen.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
1, 2, 5, 10, lepta, set of four, 2d.  
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30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 filler, set of five, 2d.; per dozen sets, 1/10.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

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Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Eritrea, 1, 2c., per dozen sets, 5d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Norway, 1, 2 öre, per set, 1d.; per dozen sets, 6d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward Stamps* (R 127).—According to the *People* of March 2nd, the new 1½d. and 3d. stamps are to be issued in three week's time, that is to say, about March 24th. The 2/6 stamp, like the 1½d. and 3d. will bear the inscription "Postage and Revenue" and will be issued on April 5th. The next of the King Edward stamps will be the 5/-, due on April 14th. It is stated to be inscribed "Postage" only, and to be in vermilion. Neither the 2/6 nor the 5/- will have corner letters any longer.

*I.R. Official* (F 127).—We have found a copy of the 1d. King's Head, I.R. Official, postmarked "West Norwood, Feb. 5th, 1902," or one day earlier than the previous record. Mr. Tyrrell informs us that he has the ½d. green I.R. Official, Queen's Head, postmarked "Lincoln, April 20th, 1901," which is so far the earliest date.

*Early Date, 1d.* (H 126).—We have found the following new record.

1d. red, pl. 176. Manchester, 15.4.75.

*Envelope Dies* (G 127).—Mr. T. le Ryt informs us that he has the 1d. King's Head envelope stamps with die No. 7 postmarked March 1st, and die No. 8, February 28th. The following numbers are now known.

*King's Head Envelope Dies.*

½d. 8, 9, 10, 12.

1d. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13.

Possibly some of the numbers may become rare, so readers would do well to save all they get.

We have also met with a few of the Queen's Head ½d. die No. 58, so the whole series from No. 49 to 59 inclusive is now known impressed in green. As is well-known, die 1 of this series was brought into use in 1872 for stamping post cards (and later on, Certificates of posting) and was followed in 1882 (according to Ewen's Standard Catalogue of British Stamps, page 66) by dies 2, 3, 4 and 5, which were employed for a similar purpose. Impressions from these five dies were made in pale pink only.

In 1884 the use of the ½d. postage dies ceased, and dies 6 to 8, which had been made along with Nos. 1 to 5, were put away. In 1892 the ½d. die was again made available (this time for stamping paper, envelopes, etc.) and dies 6 and 8 were brought into use (impressions from die 7 are unknown) and impressed in vermilion. In 1893 a further batch of dies was made, generally supposed to be Nos. 9 to 16, but they bore the initials S.H. in lieu of die-number. In this connection it is interesting to note that traces of wear enable most impressions from the dies to be distinguished. We have been shown an impression which appears to be numbered "15" (but is a little indistinct) and on which the traces of wear correspond very closely to those on an S.H. specimen, so that it is just possible some of these dies for a short time had the S.H. removed and a number substituted. The next batches of dies were all numbered, impressions from Nos. 17 to 54 (with a few exceptions) being known in vermilion, and all from Nos. 49 to 59 in green. We should not be surprised if die No. 60 turned up sometime.

We are informed that 2½d. and 6d. dies with embossed Head of King Edward have been brought into use at Somerset House, but we have not yet seen them. The designs remain as heretofore.

**BAVARIA** (B 94).—All the current Bavarian postage stamps appear to have consignment numbers on the margins of the sheet. The low values have Nos. 28 and 29 and the mark values, Nos. 25, 27, etc. Can any of our Bavarian readers say what numbers exist?

**BOLIVIA** (D 118).—In *E.W.S.N.* of December 7th, we chronicled the 1, 2 and 5c. and 1 bol. in new types. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states the following have now appeared.

*Adhesives.* With portraits.

10c. dark blue (José Ballivian).

20c. violet and black (Santa Cruz).

They are similar in type to the envelope stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of December 28th (the 20c. envelope should have been described as violet and dark green, not violet and black).

According to *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* the portraits are as follows:—

1c. Portrait of Adolfo Ballivian (and not of Linares); Ballivian was made President in 1873 but his administration lasted 10 months only; b. 1831, d. 1874.

2c. General Eliodoro Camacho was the leader of the Bolivian Liberal Party, and on several occasions a candidate for the presidency, but he never went into office.

5c. General Narciso Campero, born 1819, president from 1880 to 1884.

10c. President José Ballivian, father of President Adolfo Ballivian; b. 1805, d. 1852.

20c. Andre Santa Cruz, b. 1792, d. 1865; president in 1828. Endeavoured to create a Peru-Bolivian Confederation.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (D 126).—We are informed that £408 worth of the Queen's Head 1d. stamps were printed and £201 18s. 4d. worth of the ½d. value, and that a stock still remains on hand, thus preventing the immediate issue of King Edward ½d. and 1d. stamps. There are evidently no speculators in the Cayman Islands, or that £201 worth of halfpenny stamps would have been bought up long ago. In numbers, we get the following quantities: ½d. 96,920, 1d. 97,920. These, as well as the new values, were authorised to meet bona-fide postal needs, as there is a considerable amount of correspondence between the Islands and the United Kingdom, the United States, the various West Indian Islands and the States of Central America, particularly with the latter. A correspondent in the Island states that a large number of the inhabitants are migrants to and from those States.

**HONG KONG** (D 116).—We have received the following new adhesive.

*Adhesive.*

12c. dark blue, Crown CA., perf. 14.

This stamp takes the place of the 12c. pale blue, wmk. Crown CC., first issued in 1865, no less than 37 years ago! We believe only the one printing was ever made; certainly no fresh supply can have been printed during the last twenty years, as the "Crown and CC" watermark (superseded by the CA. in 1882) testifies.

A new printing of the 5c. yellow has also been made, and is in paler yellow. The difference is not sufficient to justify cataloguing it as a variety.

The Hong Kong low value stamps are printed in sheets of 240, divided by plain vertical and horizontal margins into four panes, each containing 60 stamps in ten rows of six. In the top right hand corner of each sheet is printed a letter and number. A sheet of 5c. pale yellow just received has, for instance, the number "U0056" which signifies that it was the 56th sheet of 5c. stamps in consignment U. These consignment letters are of great philatelic importance, as by their means it is possible to assign approximate dates of issue to various shades and varieties. They are unfortunately rather scarce, as only one pane on each sheet has the letter. On looking through the Colonial Market's stock we found the following:—

N. 30c. green.

P. 5c. blue.

Q. 4c. grey.

R. 2c. pink.

S. 10c. blue.

T. 2c. green, 4c. pink, 5c. yellow,

10c. blue, 30c. brown.

U. 5c. pale yellow.

Perhaps readers can add to the list; if so, we should be glad to hear from them. Early consignment letters would probably be of considerable value now. We have been shown the 4c. grey letter G, which is believed to have been imported about 1897 or a little earlier.

*King Edward Stamps.*—The new stamps with portrait of King Edward have been ordered from England, but have not yet arrived in Hong Kong, and it is at present unknown when they are likely to be placed in issue.

**KISHENGARH** (B 124).—In *E.W.S.N.* of August 24th we chronicled a new value, "2 rupees, brown," on the authority of the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. The catalogues give it as "red-brown" but the supply just received by the Colonial Stamp Market is in a red shade, possibly a new printing.

**NATAL** (E 127).—*King Edward Stamps.*—Mr. A. Lyddon Austin writes to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that he received the following communication from the Postmaster-General of Natal, on 29th November last:—

"I have the honour to inform you that the new design of postage stamps have been ordered from England, but it cannot be said with certainty when they will be received in Natal. The values of the new issue will be from ½d. to £20 and will be used for Postal, Telegraph and Revenue purposes. (Signed), I. Frank Brown, Postmaster-General."

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (H 126).—We have been recently looking over a number of sheets of the current ½d. green on chalky paper and find a rather interesting innovation. As with most other Australian Colonies, the watermarked sheets of paper are numbered consecutively before being served out to the printers, (the Government Printing Office, whose imprint "G.Pr.O.—N.S.W." is found on the margins of the sheets), but these numbers are generally cut off before the sheets are issued. A sheet before us is apparently numbered "314062" but only traces of the figures remain at the edge of sheet. The latest sheets issued bear however a new consecutive number in green, which is evidently printed by the machine at the same time as the stamps. This number is to be found at the top of each sheet, over the division between the left and right hand panes. A sheet before us has "No. 11562."

**NEW ZEALAND** (M 124).—We have now been able to examine some sheets of the small and compound perforated ½d. and 1d. postage stamps.

The ½d. dark green are perf. 14½ and perf. 14½×11, and are on the same thick paper as before. Sheets with the latter perforation are numbered in black at the top right hand corner "507406," "507370," and "507252." The last sheet of this consignment of paper which had previously come under our notice was No. 392142 (1d. Universal Postage, perf. 11), so that printings to the extent of over 100,000 watermarked sheets would appear to have been made during the last few months.

The 1d. Universal Postage are perf. 14½ and perf. 11×14½ and are on a new paper, much thinner in texture, showing the watermark very clearly, double-lined NZ under a star; we say under because the sheets of paper seem to be invariably inverted before they are printed. The thin sheets of paper do not bear any numbers.

A correspondent asks how the present issue of 1d. "Universal Postage" perf. 14½ can be distinguished from the London prints, perf. 14½. He has evidently overlooked the fact that the latter are on "No Wmk." paper.

Another correspondent, Mr. M. E. Ward, informs us that both the ½d. and 1d. values may be found on the thin watermarked paper. He vouches for the existence of both values, perf. 14½×11 and 11×14½, and also tells us that an Auckland warehouse received a sheet of the 1d. red, which was perf. 11 horizontally and imperf. vertically. Half the sheet was used up before a stamp collector appeared on the scene. Mr. H. Rawson Bewlay sends us a still more curious variety of the 1d. "Universal Postage." This was originally perforated 14½ all round, but the vertical rows of perforation were so much off centre that narrow strips of paper were pasted



at the back and the sheets were then re-perforated vertically with the machine gauging 11!

**Watermarked paper.**—The 2½d. and higher values are likely to appear on watermarked paper early in the summer. A correspondent states that it was intended to use watermarked paper for the whole of the pictorial issue (including London prints?), but it was found impracticable at the time to carry out the intention. It is unlikely the watermarked series will appear in a set; values may be expected as present stocks run out.

**King Edward Stamps.**—It is not intended to issue a series of postage stamps with the portrait of King Edward, in fact, there is no present intention of issuing any new stamps at all. The head of Queen Victoria on the present letter cards and postcards will be changed shortly, and may be replaced by that of King Edward or more likely by a view.

**NIUE (A).**—We are informed on good authority that Niue, one of the outlying Pacific Islands, recently annexed to New Zealand, will be having a special set of stamps some time this year. They will be overprinted on New Zealand stamps. No particulars as to values are yet forthcoming.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (I 126).**—Mr. Lochhead informs us that he has received specimens of a new provisional, which has just been issued at Bloemfontein.

*Provisional adhesive.*

"4d." in red on 6d. blue, V.R.I.

**PENRHYN ISLAND (A).**—This island, also recently annexed to New Zealand, will follow the example of Niue and issue during the year New Zealand stamps overprinted with the name of the island and the value in the language used on the island. Further particulars are expected shortly.

**PERU (F 128).**—*Postcards.*—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* states that 50,000 each of the 3 and 4 centavo postcards have been surcharged for use as 1 and 2 centavo cards respectively.

**ROUMANIA (D 123).**—In *E.W.S.N.* of November 9th we recorded the new 15 bani, grey, perf. 11½. The *Monthly Circular* now states that it may be found perf. 13½ x 11½.

*Wrapper.*—The stamp of the 1 ban wrapper is now inscribed "1 BAN" instead of "1 BANI."  
1 ban, brown on granite.

**SOUTHERN NIGERIA (C 111, 96).**—The 1d. envelope chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of July 27th is issued in two sizes, 134 x 117 mm. and 226 x 102 mm. according to the *Monthly Circular*.

**Our Postcard Column.**

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—*Postcards* preferred).

*Mr. W. Kühn writes:—*

"Supplementing Mr. Earée's P.C. re the word 'Cave' on Ceylon stamps permit me to state that Cave's are the great stores at Colombo, where, judging from the bulky price list I saw, everything can be had 'from a needle to an anchor.' Naturally the firm does an extensive postal business using an enormous number of postage stamps. To prevent fraud the stamps are overprinted with the firm's name, a custom permissible in Eastern countries. This is the same idea which prompts our large British firms to perforate the stamps with their initials, only in a more pronounced style."

*Mr. C. W. Barnes writes:—*

"I shall be glad of your advice in the following matter. I have a lot of original envelopes addressed to Boer prisoners of war franked with O.V.S. and Z.A.R. stamps and V.R.I., some with Dutch and English Martial Law Dockets on them, and all bearing the Prison Censor's stamp. They are of course war curios, but no doubt there are a large number of philatelists who would like some of these souvenirs of the war.

I brought them over from the Cape with me, and being a resident of Cape Town for the past 24 years, I am rather a stranger to the old country. I thought if you would allow me to advertise them in *E.W.S.N.* it would be a good medium for depositing of them. I think there are about 3000 of them. I also have a few of the 'goodfords' used by the prisoners at Green Point Camp. On arrival their cash was taken from them by the Assistant Commandant and placed to their credit; then each week the prisoners drew as much as they required of this paper currency. The values issued were 3000 1/-, 2000 2/-, 2000 2/6, 3000 5/-, 1000 10/-, 1000 20/-; these I suppose are of value only to coin collectors. I am enclosing you three which may be of interest to you. They were taken by us as cash and paid every morning by the Assistant Camp Commandant, who was supposed to destroy them when too dirty or dilapidated for

re-issue. If you think they would be of any value I would advertise them with the envelopes."

[We do not as a rule except advertisements in *E.W.S.N.*, but if any readers would like to purchase any of the above curios, we will make an exception and forward their letters to Mr. Barnes.—Ed.]

*Mr. H. Clark writes:—*

"By Saturday's mail I received a letter from the 'front' bearing the new English (King's Head) stamps, ½d., 1d. and 2½d. values, all postmarked 'Army Post Office, Pretoria, Jan. 28th, '02.' the first I have seen with Army postmark.

Above were not issued at Pretoria but sent out from England."

[Personally, we must say that we cannot see where the interest comes in, when stamps are sent out from England in this way.—Ed.]

*Mr. F. W. Moorhouse writes:—*

"I have recently obtained a Gt. Britain 1/- 'contract note' stamp, current issue, without the usual overprint 'Contract Note.' The stamp was the bottom right-hand corner of the sheet, and all the other stamps were complete. Are others known to exist in this state? What is it likely to be worth? Unfortunately it was separated from the others before I saw it."

**Answers to Correspondents.**

**E.U.C.**—The U.S. stamp you refer to has been "pre-cancelled." When large numbers of circulars, etc., have to be despatched, the Post Office supplies sheets of stamps ready cancelled and these are affixed under postal supervision. It is much quicker to cancel the sheets of stamps.

**J.I.B.** enquires: "Can any of your readers recommend a good recipe for the removal of grease marks from stamps?"

**Minor Varieties.**

THE JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY has recently passed the following resolution respecting the distinction between varieties and minor varieties.

1. That a type of each stamp be selected for inclusion in a collection rather than a row of shades of the same stamp, and rather than a row of minor retouches and improvements upon original dies.

2. That variations in the gauge of the perforations be only considered when they point to a separate and distinctive issue of a stamp.

3. That the same be recommended with regard to watermarks, hair-lines and secret marks.

4. That the errors in the composition in type surcharge be disregarded when it is known that they were issued concurrently with the normal varieties.

**Majunga, Madagascar.**

Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* translates from *La Revue Philatélique Française* the following interesting official document relating to the provisional stamps issued at Majunga, Madagascar, in February, 1895 (Catalogue Nos. 1 to 4, page 124).

"Majunga, February 28th, 1895.

"On February 24th, before the departure of the mail for Europe, the Post Office at Majunga possessed the following stamps:—

0.05 ..	500	0.25 ..	3,534
0.10 ..	580	0.40 ..	271
0.15 ..	none	1fr. ..	500

"Two hours before the mails closed the stock of 5c. stamps was completely exhausted, and I was no longer able to make up the rate of 15c. for soldiers' letters, which were not then allowed to pass free. The public clamoured for 15c. stamps, knowing well that I should thus be obliged to employ a surcharge. I gave way, and I transformed into 15c. stamps, part with red ink and part with printing ink:—  
1st, 100 1fr. stamps.  
2nd, 150 25c. "

"These 250 stamps were not enough. In order to defeat speculation, which was evident, I refused to issue any further surcharged stamps. Letters had, however, to be despatched. I therefore made an arrangement with the senders, and offered to supply them with 25c. stamps (without surcharge) at 15c. each. This was agreed to, and 152 stamps were sold at that price. I think that I thus acted for the best interest of the Service, as this office possesses no "porte payé" stamp or any of that kind for indicating that postage has been paid.

"I trust to the favourable consideration of higher authority not to charge me with the deficiency in my accounts, thus unavoidably produced by the circumstances related above.

(Signed) PELLENO."

"Major Belin, chef de bataillon, charged by the Commander of the Naval Division with supervision of the arrival and departure of the mails, certifies the correctness of the above statement.  
(Signed) BELIN."

**The 100 Numbers employed to indicate the Face Values of Postage Stamps.**

(From the *Philatelic Journal of India*).

THE extraordinary multiples of nine used to express the face value on the stamps of the first issue of Roumania led me to draw up a list of different numbers which have been used from time to time in different countries to indicate the face value of a stamp.

It may come as a surprise to some collectors to hear that every whole number from 1 to 20 has been employed, with numerous intermediate fractions.

In these days of the decimal system, now almost universally adopted, we find the numbers 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, &c., together with the common ¼, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6, 8, 12 are of most frequent occurrence, and such unusual numbers as 13, 17, 19, 27 are extinct; the only unusual number still employed is 11, which we find in the late issues of Salvador—a country which is perhaps the greatest of philatelic sinners, and surely no one but a Salvadorian could explain the use of 11c. stamps when 10c. stamps also exist.

Perhaps the most noticeable numbers used are the unreduced fraction of the Philippine Islands, 2½, 12½, &c., and the small fractions of Hanover.

The smallest expressed value is ¾, and the most unusual is the curious decimal .0625, which is also a Philippine (it was certainly time the Americans took over these islands or we might have been treated to recurring decimals or improper fractions).

The highest number employed to denote the value is 2,000 (reis) in the case of Portugal, but this sinks into insignificance when compared with the value indicated on fiscal stamps.

In the following list, which I think is fairly complete, it must be borne in mind that the figures or words expressing amount are recorded and not the actual value indicated; if this latter had been the case, the above Portuguese stamp would not occupy the highest point—as many of our Colonial stamps exceed it in face value—although the figures employed are considerably lower in the scale of numbers.

When the value is expressed in two coins such as one shilling and ninepence or one dollar ninety-two cents, the second value is expressed as a fraction of the first.

List of numbers indicating value.

Number.	Coinage.	Number.	Coinage.
¾	Thaler	11	Cents
.0625	(Philippines)	12	Cents
¾	Thaler	12½	Cents
¾	Thaler	12½	Cents
¾	Cent	13	Cents
¾	Penny	13½ (13/6)	Shillings
¾	Silbergrochen	14	Cents
¾	Numerous.	15	Centimes
¾	Schilling	16	Cents
1	Numerous.	17	Ore
1 100	Dollar (U.S. Periodical).	18	Kreuzer
1 100	Periodical).	19	Cuartos
1 100	Schilling	20	Centimes
1 100	Schilling	22½	Cents
1 100	Cent	24	Cents
1 100	Pounds	25	Numerous.
1 100	(Victoria).	27	Paras
1 100	Dollars (U.S. Periodicals)	28	Cents
2	Numerous.	30	Cents
2 100	Rupees	32	Cents
2 100	Numerous.	35	Centimes
2 100	Cents	36	Cents
2 100	(2/10) Shillings	37½	Centimes
3	(N.S.W.)	38	Cents
3 100	Numerous.	40	Centimes
3 100	Cents	45	Centesimi
3 100	(Philippines)	48	Cents
3 100	Shillings	50	Numerous.
3 100	(N.S.W.)	54	Paras
3 100	Roubles	56	Cents
4	Numerous.	60	Cents
4 100	Pence	62	Cents
4 100	(4/10) Shillings	64	Cents
5	(N.S.W.)	70	Lepta
5 100	Numerous.	72	Cents
5 100	Shillings	75	Centimes
5 100	(N.S.W.)	80	Reis
5 100	Shillings (New Republic)	84	Cents
6	Numerous.	85	Cents
6 100	Cent	90	Cents
6 100	(Philippines)	96	Cents
6 100	Pence	100	Numerous.
6 100	6 annas 8 pies	108	Paras
7	Kreuzer	115, 120, 130,	
7 100	Annas, etc.	150, 180, 200,	
8	Pence	240, 260, 280,	
9	Kreuzer	300	Reis
10	Numerous.	400	Mils de Escudo
10 100	(10/6) Shillings	430, 500, 600,	
		700, 900, 1000,	
		2000	Reis

E. W. W.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/0	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (I), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (I), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (I, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (I), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	7	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	9	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608 " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610* Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611* " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613* Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614* " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632 " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637* France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938* " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639* " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653* " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654* " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655* " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656* " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660 " 2½g. lilac	—	—
661 " 5g. marone	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665* " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666 " 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667* " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670*† Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683* Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684* " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685* " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687 Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688 " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690* Roumania, 2l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691* " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694 " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695 " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715* " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717 Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

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721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8

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Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

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Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

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6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.

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Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

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New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

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1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.

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### The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Early date 1d. red (I 129).—Messrs. S. H. Toole and Co. have shown us a new record.

1d. red, plate 125. London, W. 3.7.69.

They state that it is the only record they found out of over 500 postmarked copies! Evidently our records are beginning to become a reliable guide to the dates of first issue.

**Cheque Stamps** (D 116).—Another new die, DG, has now been brought into use. The first impression we have seen is dated 9.1.02. In December we recorded DA, DC, DD and DE, and have since seen DB, but not DF.

**Envelope dies** (I 129).—Mr. H. L. Bevir informs us that he has an impression from the 1d. King Edward die 12, so that the list now stands as follows:—

½d. dies, 8, 9, 10, 12.

1d. dies, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

A correspondent has shown us an undoubted copy of the 1d. Queen's Head Envelope stamp, die 225, which we believe has not been met with before, although catalogued. Dies 226, 227 and 228 are the highest numbers which are known, and all three, especially die 227, are common.

**I.R. Official** (G 129).—Mr. J. Steele Higgins has shown us the ½d. green Queen's Head with an earlier date of postmark than those hitherto chronicled, "Lincoln, 30.3.01."

**Board of Education** (B 127).—We have received the 1d. King Edward stamp overprinted "Board of Education." The earliest dated postmark we can find is "Bristol, 11.30 p.m., March 2nd, 1902." Holders of these stamps are inclined to place a high value on them, specimens having changed hands at as much as 9d. apiece. We expect however that they will come down in price considerably, notwithstanding the fact that the Head Offices of the Board will continue to frank their letters as heretofore.

**Railway Parcel Stamps** (A).—The *Glasgow Herald* states that on February 28th "the Caledonian Railway Company commenced to experiment with a new system of dealing with their parcels traffic. Hitherto it has been the custom to send a way bill with each parcel, but this will now be discontinued, and instead the company's own stamps, equivalent in value to the charges, will be affixed to all carriage-paid parcels, and in the case of 'to pay' parcels a label will be put on showing the amount of carriage that is to be paid by the consignee. This system in the meantime will only apply to passenger train parcels between Glasgow and Gourock and Wemyss Bay and intermediate stations; but should it prove a success, as is confidently expected, it may be extended to all Caledonian local stations, in which case the stamps would be on sale to the public, who would then be able to affix them to the parcels themselves, and this would greatly expedite the handing over of the parcels at the large parcel offices of the company. Several of the English railway companies have a similar system, notably the London and North Western, and it is said to work very well; but the Caledonian is the first Scottish company to introduce it."

We have not yet seen any of the new parcel stamps.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (B 128).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that "federal postal matters are still in a state of chaos. The Postal Rates Bill has been

'hung up' indefinitely, pending the revision of the tariff, and it is therefore still impossible to announce the legal enactment of the changes which have been foreshadowed.

"The Coinage Committee met again at Parliament House on the 23rd January, and a general outline of the proposals to be submitted to Parliament was drawn up. If the system of coinage should be changed, it may effect the values on the Commonwealth Stamps."

**BAVARIA** (C 129).—*Marginal numbers.*—We have to thank Mr. H. J. White for the following list of marginal consignment numbers which he has met with on current Bavarian stamps. They are all of comparatively recent date. Early numbers must be very scarce.

2 pf. 26, 27, 28	40 pf. 27
3 pf. 26, 28	50 pf. 27
5 pf. 27, 29	80 pf. 26
10 pf. 28, 29	1 mk. 22, 27
20 pf. 28	2 mk. 23, 25
25 pf. 28	3 mk. 26
30 pf. 27	5 mk. 26

As will be seen the earliest is 22 and the latest 29, which we chronicled last week.

**BELGIUM** (E 118).—M. Belin informs us that the 30, 40, 70 and 90c. Parcel Post stamps described in *E.W.S.N.* of December 28th, have now been issued. The 3 francs value is not however on sale yet.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA** (G 126).—We are informed by the Chief Postmaster, Port Moresby, that all seven values of the set are now again in stock, namely, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, also the postcards, 1d. and 1½d. It will be remembered that the lowest values were reported to be running out of stock. With regard to the inclusion of British New Guinea in the Australian Commonwealth, the *Australian Journal of Philately* states that "no definite action can be taken by the Federal Government until certain orders are made by the Privy Council. Mr. Barton (the Premier) stated in the House of Representatives that until these orders and documents were completed, the Bill could not be introduced to take New Guinea over."

**BUSSAHIR** (A).—Supplies of stamps just received by the Colonial Stamp Market from this Indian Native State contain a number of varieties which do not appear to have been chronicled and are certainly not catalogued by Stanley Gibbons. As our readers are aware, Bussahir has had two sets of stamps, the first issued about 1895 or 1896 (the existence of these stamps was practically unknown in Europe until 1899) and a second set in 1899. The latter differs from the former in having the word "Postage" added to the design and "Stamp" removed. Before issue, the stamps are overprinted with a rubber hand-stamp with the monogram "RS," "RNS" or "PS," in greenish-blue or bluish-green, bright green, rose, lake or mauve, and they are either imperforate or pin-perforated. They also occur on wove paper or on water-marked or unwatermarked laid paper. The new varieties just received would appear to require insertion in the catalogue under the following numbers:—

1896. Overprinted "R.N.S." Imperf

37a 8a. brown (green surch.)

38a 12a. green (rose surch.)

Same overprinted "P.S."

41a 11. blue (mauve surch.)

1899. Overprinted "P.S." Imperf.

68a ½a. blue (mauve surch.)

Colours of ½a. and ¾a. change. New type, 2a.  
Overprinted "R.N.S." Imperforate.

84 ½a. vermilion (green surch.)

85 1a. vermilion (mauve ..)

86 .. (blue-green surch.)

87 2a. orange (mauve surch.)

88 4a. grey (blue-green surch.)

89 4a. claret (mauve surch.)

Same overprinted "P.S." Imperf.

90 2a. yellow (mauve surch.)

91 4a. claret ( .. ..)

1901. New colour. Overprinted "P.S." Water-marked laid paper.

92 ½a. pale red-brown (mauve surch.)

NOTE.—The latter are lithographed in sheets of 24, arranged in six rows of four. On the margin at top is the number "24," and at foot in script "Printed at the Bussahir Press—by M.K.B." in two lines.

As the Bussahir Post Office is supposed to have been closed in 1901, Major Evans, the well-known authority on Native Indian State stamps, is of opinion that those of the above overprinted "PS" are reprints, and he suggests "PS" may stand for "Posthumous Stamps!" No. 9 in the Catalogue should be 37a and is therefore identical with the first on our list. No 38 in the Catalogue and our No. 38a are also considered identical. Nos. 85 and 86 occur promiscuously on the same sheet.

**FRANCE** (L 122).—*Millésimes* (C 118, 112).—According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, no 3c., 20c. or 30c. were printed during 1901, consequently these values may not be found with *Millésime* 1, and the list given in *E.W.S.N.*, December 28th, is therefore complete. The initial supply printed of the 3c. value was expected to last three years, so it is very doubtful if it will occur with *Millésime* "2." The 20 and 30c. have, however, been printed this year and will be obtainable with this figure.

**MAURITIUS** (G 128).—Mr. C. Munday, Jr., points out that there are two varieties in the 6 on 18 cents overprint. In one, the space between the "6" and "cents" measures 4½mm. and in the other 3mm. only.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (I 129).—*Fiscal Stamps.*—The *Australian Journal of Philately* understands that a new series of duty stamps is in preparation. New embossed duty stamps have already been issued. The new adhesives will probably have Head of King Edward.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (J 129).—With reference to the ½d. on 6d. provisional chronicled last week. Mr. R. Whillis writes us that he hears from a friend at Bloemfontein that only 40 sheets (9600 stamps) were overprinted, and that the whole supply of £160 worth was sold out within a few hours. There is a rumour that no more of the 6d. V.R.I. will be overprinted, but that in future some of the unsurcharged stock of the 6d. blue still on hand will be utilized. These are to be overprinted E.R.I. 4d. in black. The surcharge on the stamp just issued is in carmine, not red. The following is a corrected description.

*Provisional Adhesive:* With bar across "6d."

"½d." in carmine on 6d. blue, V.R.I.

Variety, 4d. on 6d. V.R.I., thick V.

**PATIALA STATE** (C 118).—In *E.W.S.N.* of December 14th, we stated that Patiala had just sent in an indent for a further supply of ¼, ½, 1, 2 and 4 annas postage stamps, and suggested that they might possibly be printed in the new colours. In the latest supply received by the Colonial Stamp Market, it is interesting to note that the ½ anna is in the new pale yellow-green shade, so that it is not unlikely all the new stock will be in the new colours.

*Adhesive:* Overprint, Gibbons, type 3.

½anna, pea green.

**ST. HELENA** (C 125).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* illustrates the King Edward ½d. stamp. It is similar in design to the new Cayman Islands and Gambia stamps. Presumably only 'specimen' copies have yet been seen. Both ½d. and 1d. values have been distributed as samples to the Foreign Post Office.

*Later.*—Mr. R. Marsden has shown us an unused specimen of the 1d. value, so presumably the issue has already taken place.

½d. green.

1d. bright pink.

They are "Crown CA. 14" as usual.

**SARAWAK** (E 111).—The 2c. value is now appearing on watermarked paper.

*Adhesive:* Wmk. Quatrefoil.

2c. green.

The watermark is similar to that on current Sudan, Zanzibar stamps, etc., but is not 'multiple.'

**TASMANIA** (G 128).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that a six months' supply of the 1d. and 2d. values on "V and Crown" paper has been printed. On the

authority of Mr. W. F. Petterd, of Launceston, it is mentioned that a stock of the "TAS" paper was on its way out to Melbourne, but as to wait for it would have entailed a delay of five or six weeks, it was considered advisable to go on at once with the printing on "V and Crown" paper.

**TRANSVAAL** (M 124).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* illustrates the new King Edward ½d. stamp and has been shown the entire set (possibly one of the 'specimen' sets sent to foreign Post Offices), which is as follows:—

*Adhesives.* Wmk. Crown CA., perf. 14.  
 ½d. dull green, head in grey-black.  
 1d. dark rose, " "  
 2d. lilac, " "  
 2½d. ultramarine, " "  
 6d. ochre-brown, " "  
 1/- olive-green, " "  
 2/- dark brown, " "  
 2/6 grey-black, head in lilac.  
 5/- dark brown on yellow, head in grey-black.  
 10/- " " on red, " "

In a large upright oval, occupying about half the area of the design, is a bust of King Edward, whilst above the oval is a small Crown, and below it "TRANSVAAL" in small lettering. In each corner is an oval bearing the value, and at either side, in minute capitals, "Postage" and "Revenue."

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. A. B. Lang writes:—*

"I notice in *E.W.S.N.*, of 15th February, under 'The Week's News,' that 'A.O.' writes that he has not seen any mention in *E.W.S.N.* of the actual issue of the ½d. green (Queen's Head) I.R. Official. In Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, of June 29th, 1901, it is stated on page 254 that '*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the current ½d. stamp has been surcharged I.R. Official.' I have no copies used in May, but have them in June, July, etc.

"I have a stamp of Cape of Good Hope surcharged 'Fourpence' on 6d. with the n of 'pence' upside down, thus reading 'pence.' It is not listed in Gibbons' Catalogue. Is this a genuine stamp?"

"I have also got a 10p. lilac of Egypt with a Maltese postmark, Aug. 3rd, 1879."

"In reply to our correspondent, it would certainly seem that we did after all chronicle the ½d. green I.R. Official some time during May or June, 1901, but an examination of our files fails to show any reference to it, unless we have overlooked it. A short note on the ½d. on 6d. Cape will be found in another column. The Egyptian stamp was probably used on a ship-letter, but we do not remember to have before seen an example so used.—Ed.]

*Mr. S. B. Rellon writes:—*

"With reference to the note in *E.W.S.N.* on Austria, 1900, 2 heller blue, I enclose for your inspection a specimen perf. 10½ horizontally, though perhaps the margins are hardly sufficient to decide if the stamp is imperforate vertically. During the winter I have been going through several thousand Austrian stamps, chiefly of the 1890 issue, and I have found a few of that issue perforated 10½ × 12½, 12½ × 10½, 10½ × 13, 13 × 11 and 11½ × 10½. Can you or any of your readers inform me whether *complete* sets can be formed with these compound perforations?"

[Gibbons' Catalogue gives the following:—

Austria, type of 1867.  
 Perf. 9½.—2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 kr.  
 Perf. 10½, 11.—2, 3, 5, 10, 15 kr.  
 Perf. 12.—2, 3, 5, 10, 15 kr.  
 Perf. 13.—2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 50 kr.  
 Perf. 9½ w. 10½.—10 kr.  
 Perf. 10½, 11, w. 12 or 13 (very complicated), 2, 3, 5, 10 kr.

We should identify all the perforations mentioned by our correspondent with the latter.—Ed.]

*Mr. W. O. Woodward writes:—*

"The other day when I was examining some stamps under a microscope I discovered that in the new 1-5c. French stamps the figure of Liberty has six toes on her foot."

*Mr. A. Chippendale writes:—*

"Enclosed are three Indian stamps which I have received on a letter from Persia, the name on the postmark is, I understand, a Persian town. In fact, all letters before from this place (Mahomera) have been franked with Persian stamps."

The explanation is that the letter in question was posted at one of the Indian Branch Post Offices which are established at various ports in the Persian Gulf.—Ed.]

*Mr. T. de Kyt enquires:—*

"I shall be much obliged if you will kindly advise me, if, in a collection of English stamps, the following should or should not be included:—Great Britain surcharged, Cyprus, British Bechuanaland, British East Africa, Oil Rivers and Zululand. I take it that those surcharged for Levant should certainly be included, but in view of the foot-note (with star) on p. 174 of your catalogue I am not certain about the others."

[In an ordinary collection of British stamps we should say that none of the above have any right to inclusion, but in a specialist collection, which is intended to be thoroughly illustrative of the various issues of Great Britain and of the uses to which British stamps have been put, we should certainly expect to see them all, side by side with unsurcharged stamps with foreign postmarks. For instance, the unsurcharged British stamps postmarked Old Calabar River are equally interesting with those overprinted "Oil Rivers," both being used in the same district.—Ed.]

*W. W. writes:—*

"In reply to Mr. J. Coltman's query, I can say that as I keep a small stock of common and medium stamps for sale, I had a special clause inserted in my fire policy with the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, 7, Cornhill Street, E.C., viz.:—'£50 on stock in trade of British and Foreign Stamps (no one stamp in case of loss to be deemed of greater value than one Pound).' The charge for this item was at the rate of 4/6 per £100."

*Mr. C. R. Darracott writes:—*

"Your correspondent Mr. James Coltman raises a very interesting question, *re* Insurance of Stamps. I tried to insure mine and had great difficulty in doing so, but eventually I got the Northern Assurance Company to issue a policy at 2/6 per £100, although they at first wanted 4/-. I think there are a very great number of collectors who would be glad of this information."

*Mr. O. Firth writes:—*

10D. EMBOSSED, DIE NOS.

"I have perhaps an unusual number of copies of telegraph forms bearing the 10d. octagonal stamp in blue, as well as a fair quantity of those bearing the same stamp in brown, and examination of them shows no copies of die 6 in either colour. I have no copy of the form ready-addressed 'Bourse, Paris,' but both the white and yellow paper A<sub>M</sub> 1 large forms all bear impressions of die 5 in blue, the die 5 in brown being upon yellow paper; the impressions on the smaller form are all in brown and die 7. Of the dies used for privately-stamped stationery, I find numbers 5 and 7, all in brown."

## "Fourpence" on 6d. Cape.

[N November, 1868, the fourpenny stamps ran short in Cape Colony, and the deficiency was met by surcharging a surplus stock of 6d. lilac. In a notice which was published in the *Gazette*, of November 16th, 1868, the Governor stated that he had authorised the conversion of a redundant lot of 6d. lilac to ½d. by obliterating the words "Postage Sixpence" with a double line, and printing across the body of the stamp the words "Fourpence" in red ink. Capt. Norris Newman, in the course of an article which appeared in the *London Philatelist*, of September, 1896, states that this redundancy of 6d. stamps was due to the fact that at the end of 1863 the minimum letter rate to England by mail packet was raised to 1/- (½ oz.) and consequently fewer 6d. stamps were used. Capt. Newman states that the surcharging work was done hurriedly, with poor type, by Messrs. Saul Solomon & Co., of Capetown (Printers of the famous "Woodblock" triangular issue), and states that there is no record in the Post Office to show how many sheets were surcharged, but "from the plentifulness of the stamp" he thinks several hundred sheets must have been so treated. The article from which we quote was written eight years ago, but the "plentifulness" does not seem very evident to-day, with the catalogue price of a single unused specimen at £1, and even a used one quoted 3/6.

Capt. Newman states that there are no known errors in the issue, but only defective lettering from the poor type.

Two distinct printings took place, as is evidenced by the varying distance between the lettering, surcharge and obliterating bars and the difference in colour.

The London Society's work on Africa, part I, states that "the colour of the ink of the surcharge varies a good deal, and on some specimens it is quite brown. Part of the obliterating bar is also sometimes found along the top of the stamp."

It would seem very doubtful therefore if a "Pence" error occurred (see Postcard Column). Probably the "u" is only a broken letter, or the surcharge may be faked.

## Answers to Correspondents.

R.P., Jr.—We are much obliged for the cutting from the *American Exporter*.

F.B., Jr.—The Chinese ½c. on 3c. yellow you send, with inverted surcharge, is included in Gibbons' 14th Edition Catalogue, as No. 54a.

H.K. (Pataholm).—1d. red British stamps with stars in top corners, or with plate numbers below No. 175 and with postmarks D27, D28, D29 and D30 were probably used in Great Britain and were *certainly never* employed in China. Many collectors persist in including 1d. red stamps with these postmarks in their collections of foreign-postmarked English, but they have no right there. Sometime between 1879 and 1885 these four postmarked numbers were allotted respectively to Amoy, Kuing Chow, Hankow and Hiogo, and it is doubtful whether 1d. red stamps may be found cancelled with the Chinese and Japanese edition of these marks at all.

J.J.K. (Bideford).—Some collectors place an extra value on Transvaal stamps with Natal postmarks and they are undoubtedly very interesting, but whether there is any market for them we are unable to say.

J.G.C.—We have already chronicled an earlier date for the ½d. Army Official.

J.W.S.—We do not consider the new English stamps of much interest with army postmarks, unless it can be positively stated that the stamps were issued in the Army Post Offices using such postmarks.

C.W.H.—The shades of the 1d. Transvaal Commemorative may be due to fading. An immense quantity were printed, but we believe there was very little variation in the colour of the ink.

Hon. H.A.—The 1896 and 1897 sets of the British South Africa Company are very readily distinguishable, as the earliest set has a ground-work of dots near the shields which contain the figures of value, whilst in the 1897 issue the ground consists of rays formed of short dashes.

## Colonial Stamp Market.

LATEST ARRIVALS.

(Continued from Page 1 of Supplement.)

- Seychelles. 12c., single, 3d.; 13c., single, 6d.; 15c., single, 4d.; 16c., single, 4d.; 18c. blue, 6d.
- Ceylon, low value sets.  
 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 cents, set of five, 4d.; per dozen sets, 3/10.
- Labuan, obsolete, 2c. blue, Stag's Head.  
 Nett, 1d.; per dozen, 7d.; sheet of 100, 4/8.
- Falkland Islands.  
 Set of four, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., nett 11d.  
 2½d. blue (obsolete), 5d.; block of four, 1/8.  
 4d. grey-black, 5d.; block of four, 1/8.
- Somerset House. Impressions from new King Edward dies, on white paper, cut square.  
 ½d. dies, 8, 9, 2d. each.  
 1d. dies, 9, 13, 3d. each.  
 Guaranteed with clear die numbers. If preferred, about 50 square inches of waste paper can be left round each impression, ½d. each extra being charged.
- New Zealand, ½d. black, Queen's Head, obsolete.  
 ½d. black, block of 4, 3d.  
 ½d. intense black (very deep), block of 4, 11d.
- Foreign Arrivals, see back page of *E.W.S.N.*
- Transvaal, E.R.I.  
 ½d. on 2d., nett 1d.; block of four, 3d.; per dozen, 7d.; pane of 60, 2/11.  
 1d. E.R.I., nett 1½d.; block of four, 6d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane of 59, one missing, 5/9.
- Bahamas, Pictorial (Queen's Staircase).  
 1d. black and red, 1½d.; block of four, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
- Canada.  
 50c. blue, old type, 2/5 only; block of 4, 9/8.
- Labuan, New values (Two of the handsomest stamps yet issued).  
 10c. lilac-grey and brown (Honey-bear), nett 3d.; block of four, 1/-; per dozen, 2/11; sheet of 100, 23/4.  
 16c. brown and green (train), nett 5d.; block of four, 1/7; per dozen, 4/8; sheet of 100, 37/4.
- North Borneo, New Values, 10c. and 16c. Same prices as for Labuan.
- Labuan, low values.  
 1c. (Native), block of four, 2d.; per doz., 4d.; sheet of 100, 2/4.  
 2c. (Stag's Head), block of four, 3d.; per dozen, 7d.; sheet of 100, 4/8.  
 3c. (Palm Tree), block of four, 4d.; per dozen, 11d.; sheet of 100, 7/-.
- Zanzibar, new colour.  
 4½a. blue, nett 6d.; block of 4, 1/11; per dozen, 5/9.
- B.C.A. on B.S.A. (mostly still current).  
 4d. chestnut and black, 5d.; block of 4, 1/7.  
 6d. deep blue, 7d.; block of 4, 2/4.  
 8d. rose-lake and ultra., 10d.; block of 4, 3/2.  
 1s. grey-brown, 1/2; block of 4, 4/8.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/1c	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25f.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunisi, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

No.	Particulars	Face Value.	Our Price.
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602	" 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603	" 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606	" 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607	" 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608	" 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613*	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614*	" 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615*	" 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618*	" 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619*	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624	" (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625	" " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626	" " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628	" (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629	" " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630	" (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631*	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632	" Old tr. br. & or.	—	—
633	" " 3½ gr. & bl.	—	—
634	" " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637*	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
638*	" 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639*	" 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648	" 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652	" " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653*	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654*	" " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655*	" " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656*	" " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659	Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660	" 2½g. lilac	—	—
661	" 5g. marone	—	—
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665*	" 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
666	" 3k. green	2/6	2/11
667*	" 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670**	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671*	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
674*	" 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
677*	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678*	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681	" 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683*	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684*	" 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685*	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690*	Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691*	" 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694	" 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698	" 2 lire	—	—
699	" 5 lire	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708	" 10p		



## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Germany, new issue, inscribed "Deutschesreich."  
Expected on Monday. Full particulars next week.  
Roumania.

Three Sets are now quoted.

Bavaria.

High Values are quoted.

Chile, 1900 type, rouletted.

20c. violet, 3d.

30c. red-brown, 9d.

50c. red-brown, 1/-.

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

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| 1. Anjouan       | 12. Martinique             |
| 2. Dahomey       | 13. Mayotte                |
| 3. French Congo  | 14. Madagascar             |
| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia          |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                |
| 6. Grand Comore  | 17. Réunion                |
| 7. Guiana        | 18. St. Pierre et Miquelon |
| 8. Guadeloupe    | 19. Sénégal                |
| 9. Indian Estab. |                            |
| 10. Indo-China   | Series of 19 sets, 18/3,   |
| 11. Ivory Coast  | or 1/- each set.           |

Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.

40c. yellow and blue, 6d.

50c. blue and pink, 7d.

Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux,"  
1½d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro"  
inverted.

Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Chile, obsolete type, 5c. blue, mint, 2d.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Rica, the handsome 1892 set, 1c. to 10  
pesos, mint, cat. 79/5, nett 6/6  
(Remainders).

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.; 20c. red on green, 3d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Antioquia, 1901 provisional issue.

1c. blue, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.

1c. brown, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.

Russia, 1 kop. orange, 4d. per dozen.

United States, Pan-American, 1c., 2c., set, 2d.;  
1c., per dozen, 7d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.;  
block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.;  
2/2 per dozen sets.

Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.

6 heller, 1d.

10 " 1½d.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per  
dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen  
sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen  
sets.

Alexandria, surcharged on France.

1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

Port Said, surcharged on France.

1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

1, 2, 5, 10, lepta, set of four, 2d.

1 lepta, brown, per dozen, 1d.

30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.;  
per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per  
dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.

6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.

10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.

1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (S 129).—The *Daily Express*, of March 25th, furnishes some interesting particulars as to the dates of issue of the new stamp. The following list shows the dates when they were or are expected to be sent out to postmasters.

1½d. lilac and light green.	March 20th.
2d. green and carmine.	" 24th.
3d. lilac on yellow.	" 20th.
4d. ?	About April 5th.
5d. ?	About middle of May.
9d., 10d. ? (Not yet printed).	
1/- crimson and green.	March 24th.
2/6 deep mauve.	About April 5th.
5/- vermilion.	Second week in April.
10/- blue.	About April 5th.
£1 green.	Middle of July.

The colours given are those assigned to the stamps by the *Daily Express*. We have not yet seen any postmarked copies, but shall be pleased to hear from any readers who wish to have early dates recorded. The new 3d. stamp was on sale at Charing Cross Post Office on March 24th. The perforation seems to be finer and gauges about 14½; it certainly tears more readily.

**Registration Envelopes** (E 127).—We have now received the new 3d. Registration envelope, size F and are informed that it had been in stock at the Post Office since nearly the beginning of the month. The only size we had previously recorded was H. The die number on the 3d. stamp is 1, as before.

**Envelope Dies** (J 130).—A correspondent has shown us a copy of die 1 of the 1d. pink envelope stamp, type II of the Queen Victoria series, undated. As explained in E.W.S.N. of February 22nd, when the old dated series of 1d. dies was discontinued in 1881 for stamping post office envelopes, the new series of undated dies still retained the die-number at first, dies 1 to 36 being employed. They were however superseded very quickly (probably during the same year) by the dies which had neither number nor date and which remained in use till this year. The following table will make the matter clear.

PERIOD I.	
1841-59. Official.	Undated dies 1 to 87 (88 to 91 made but not used).
1855-59. Private.	Dated dies 92, 101, 99, 94.
PERIOD II.	
1859-81. Both.	Dated dies 95 to 103, 86 to 91 (originally undated, but in meantime altered), 104 to 115, all type I. (dies 116 to 139 were not made); 140 to 220, type II.
PERIOD III.	
1881. Official.	Undated dies 1 to 36.
1881-85. Private.	Dated dies 221 to 228.
PERIOD IV.	
1881-1902. Off'l.	Undated and unnumbered.
1885-1902. Private.	Undated and unnumbered. After 1892, the dies had the initials S.H. embossed, so as to distinguish them from the dies used for Official stationery.

There are several interesting points about the three principal series of dies, 1 to 87 (Type I.), undated, 86 to 228 (Type I., II.), dated, and 1 to 36 (Type II.), undated. Of the first series dies 12, 56 and 58 have not been seen, and most are rare unused; of the second and dated series, all numbers are now known, the discovery of die 225, hitherto the only one in default, having been announced last week. As regards this series, it may also be mentioned that die 182 has not yet

been seen cut square; also, that although it is generally supposed that the series of dated dies was brought into use in 1855, no impression has yet been met with dated earlier than 19.2.56. Coming to period III., the third series, numbered 1 to 36, despite its recent use, is much the rarest, no less than 11 of the 36 dies remaining as yet undiscovered! These eleven are Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 33 and 35. No. 1 was included in this list until this week, but as announced above, has now been found. Should any of our readers possess impressions from any of these dies, we should be glad if they would kindly send same for inspection.

In E.W.S.N., No. 67 (Jan. 5, 1901), we gave a list of the earliest and latest known dates of 1d. envelope dies. We have since seen the following new records:—

95	2.9.59	—	217	—	9.4.81
187	27.8.75	—	220	14.12.80 ('s')	—
193	24.1.77	—	224	18.10.81	—
194	26.3.77	—	225	20.2.82	20.2.82
196	17.3.77	—	226	—	9.4.83
214	21.2.79	—			

Of the higher values we have the following new records:—

2d. die 1.	Latest 18.10.81.
3d. die 5.	" 27.5.74.
4d. die 1.	Earliest 4.12.89.
6d. die 14.	" 21.3.89.

The latest lists of records of the 1½d. to 1/- values were published a year ago in E.W.S.N., Nos. 66, 68, 70, 73, 75, 77, 79.

**ANGOLA and CAPE VERD** (C 118).—**Remainders.**—In E.W.S.N., No. 117 (Dec. 21, 1901), it was announced that the remainders of the 1886-87 issue of these two Portuguese Colonies would be sold by tender on February 21, 1902. The face value of the lot (for particulars see E.W.S.N., No. 118) amounted to 117 contos (about £17,800), and it was confidently expected by the Portuguese authorities that at least 10% over face value would be obtained. The result is now published by *L'Annuaire Timbrologique*, and it transpires that the best bid was 2 contos, 250,000 reis, or about £350! That is to say, about 2% of face value or 7½d. per 100. It is however unlikely the sale at such a price will be ratified, as the Government have strongly denied any intention of selling under face value. Our contemporary reports that only four dealers were present at the sale.—Messrs. Azulay and Co., of Lisbon, Torrès of Lisbon for Schauptneier of Paris, A. Beddig, of Hannover, and Hugo Griebert and Co., of London.

**BELGIUM** (F 130).—Messrs. Dethier and Juliard were to have sold by auction at Brussels this week a complete unsevered sheet of 200 stamps of the rare 40 centimes, red, of Belgium, 1850 issue with watermark LL in frame. The sheet is absolutely mint, with full margins, and was found three years ago amongst the papers of an official formerly attached to the *Ministère des Finances*. The margins of the sheets are water-marked "*Ministère des Travaux Publics—Belgique—Timbres des Postes*." M. Armand Dethier says that as much as 225 francs (nearly £11) was recently asked for a mint specimen of this 40c. stamp, but Gibbons catalogue it 40/- only. The sheet of 200 is to be put in at a reserve price of £400 (10,000 francs).

**Telegraphs.**—*Der Philatelist* chronicles the octagonal telegraph stamp, 25c. green, in a slightly different type (*in einer neuen Type, ähnlich der bisherigen*).

**BULGARIA** (J 128).—**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**—*Der Philatelist* has received the following warning respecting forged T overprints of the recently issued provisional postage due stamps, from Herr Richter.

"I advise the purchase of those provisionals alone which have the postmark over the whole stamp and not only at one side or corner of the stamp. The 'T' should be under and not over the head, and the serif at foot is minutely broken near the right hand end. This defect occurs in the genuine overprint and not in the forgery, as has been stated."

**CANADA** (C 118).—With reference to the notice in E.W.S.N., of December 28th, the list

of values of the "4 figures" set which are obsolete should be 3c., 6c. and 8c., and not 3c., 6c. and 10c.

**CAPE COLONY** (D 130,122).—4d. on 6d. 1868.—Mr. J. Paxton Clarkson writes:—"Referring to Mr. Lang's remarks in the Post Card Column of last week, I also have a stamp with either a broken letter or an inverted N reading "Peuce." I have examined the stamp under a powerful glass but owing to the poorness and thickness of the type I am unable to give an opinion. Specialists state the surcharge is genuine. The stamp can be sent to anyone interested in the matter."

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (E 129).—The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* states:—"Af den i förra numret anmälda serien har ytterligare utkommit värdet 1 penny ("of the set announced in a former number, there is additionally issued the value 1d.") As we have not the previous number at hand, we can only presume it is the King's Head set referred to. Our contemporary does not say whether the stamp has been seen or whether it was unused or "specimen."

**COSTA RICA** (D 123).—Herr Mathias sends a cutting from the *Diario del Salvador*, of Dec. 24th, 1901, to *Der Philatelist*, in which tenders are invited for the supply of the next issue of Costa Rica postage stamps. On April 1st, 1902, the proposals will be opened and considered. If this is correct, Costa Rica will have to be careful lest it lose its philatelic reputation, which is at present remarkably good for a Central American Republic.

**CURACAO** (D 127).—The 25c. value chronicled three weeks ago has now received another companion. On March 1st, 1902, states *Der Philatelist*, the 12½c. green was withdrawn, and the current 12½c. blue Holland, overprinted "12½c. C<sup>T</sup>—CURACAO" substituted.

**Adhesive.**—12½ Ct. on 12½c. blue, Holland (Gibbons' No. 55).

Gibbons' New Catalogue lists a set of eight, but only the 1½ gulden, the 25c. and now the 12½c. have as yet been issued.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (H 127).—Mr. W. O. Wylie writes to *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* of March 15th that he has just heard that the recent provisionals are obsolete. Whether new printings will be made or not we cannot say.

**GERMANY** (I 128).—The new stamps inscribed *Deutsches Reich* instead of *Reichspost* are now to hand. The colours are slightly paler if anything.

**Adhesives.**—

2pf. grey.
3 " brown.
5 " green.
10 " carmine.
20 " ultramarine.
25 " black and orange on yellow.
30 " " " on buff.
40 " black on carmine.
50 " black and lilac on buff.
80 " black and carmine on rose.
1m., carmine.
2m., blue.
3m., violet.
5m., black and lake.

**Postcard.**—

2pf. grey.
5pf. green.

The post card is sent us by the Editor of the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung*, and the adhesives by Messrs. Senf Bros.

The 5 pf. is the only value of the set which we have as yet seen with marginal paper from the right hand side of the sheet. Opposite the foot of the fourth horizontal line is the marginal number 4. Can anyone say what it signifies?

**MAURITIUS** (H 130).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* records a new provisional, on the authority of Mr. Thorne.

**Adhesive.**—12 cents on 16c. orange-brown.

We chronicle this with reserve, as we have heard nothing of it from any other source, and a letter from the authorities received by last mail, informed us that the 12 cents stamp was not then in issue. We were under the impression that the remaining stock of the 16c. was used up in 1900 for the 4c. Provisional.





# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Benin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Benin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
150	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20p., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20p., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canca), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607 " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608 " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613* Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614* " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev. red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632 " Old tr. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637* France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
638* " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648 " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653* " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654* " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655* " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656* " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	—	—
660 " 2½g. lilac	—	—
661 " 5g. marone	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667* " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670* Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683* Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684* " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685* " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687 Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688 " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690* Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691* " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694 " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695 " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715* " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717 Wurtemberg, 2mk.	—	—
718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723 Anjouan, 1 fr.	0/10	1/0

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.

Germany, old issue, inscribed "Reichspost."  
A few sets are left at 3/2.

Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.  
Austrian Levant.  
5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.  
Roumania, Taxa de Factagiu, 25b., nett 3d.  
Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan	12. Martinique
2. Dahomey	13. Mayotte
3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18. St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/3,
11. Ivory Coast	or 1/- each set.

Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.  
40c. yellow and blue, 6d.  
50c. blue and pink, 7d.

Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Costa Rica, the handsome 1892 set, 1c. to 10 pesos, mint, cat. 79/5, nett 6/6 (Remainders).

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.; 20c. red on green, 3d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Antioquia, 1901 provisional issue.  
1c. blue, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.  
1c. brown, 1d.; block showing 4 types, 3d.

Russia, 1 kop. orange, 4d. per dozen.

United States, Pan-American, 1c., 2c., set, 2d.; 1c., per dozen, 7d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.  
6 heller, 1d.  
10 " 1½d.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
1, 2, 5, 10, lepta, set of four, 2d.  
1 lepta, brown, per dozen, 1d.  
30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (T 131).—We have now seen the new 1½d., 2d., 3d. and 1/- stamps. The marginal lines round the panes vary considerably, and it may be as well to place on record a description of some of the first sheets issued.

1½d. purple and yellow-green. The sheet as issued consists of two panes, each of 120 stamps arranged in ten rows of twelve. Round each pane is a continuous purple line, supplemented at the sides only by a vertical line in green. The letter E (or B) is watermarked on the margin to the right of the two top rows in the lower pane.

2d. green and carmine. The sheet as issued consists of two panes, as in the 1½d. value. Round each pane is a continuous green line, and on the margin under, over or at the side (as the case may be) of each stamp, at the edge of the sheet, is a bar in red, 7 to 12 mm. in length, just outside the continuous green line. In a pane before us (from the top of the sheet), these red bars fail to print (except for a very faint trace) over the 7th, 8th, and 9th stamps in the top row and to right of the 12th stamp in the lowest row. We have also seen the three lowest rows of the lower pane of a sheet, and the red bars are almost invisible at both sides.

3d. purple on yellow. Sheets as in the 1½d.; there is a continuous purple line round each pane.

1s. bright carmine and olive-green. Issued in panes of 120. Round the pane are two lines, a carmine one within a green one, continuous except at each corner of the pane where they have the appearance of having been chipped away. The green line is also broken opposite the perforation between the 5th and 6th rows of the sheet.

We think there can be no doubt that a new perforating machine has been brought into use, the holes being very slightly larger and consequently closer together, although the gauge is still 14 or 14½. The *London Philatelist* learns that the 5/- stamp is in carmine and not vermilion.

Just as we go to press, we learn that the new 4d. stamps will be issued in Norwood on April 3rd.

**Fiscal Stamps (A).**—It is remarkable that no information is at present obtainable as to the changes in British fiscals, which will be necessitated by the substitution of the King's Head for that of the Queen's (writes the Editor of *Morley's Philatelic Journal*). All we can learn up to the present time is that the new series of "unappropriated dies" will show the value clearly in plain figures and that possibly some additional values, such as £2 10s. will be added to the series.

**Official Stamps (H 130).**—The *London Philatelist* states that the 6d. King Edward stamp has been overprinted "Govt. Parcels."

**Official Adhesive.** Overprinted "Govt. Parcels." 6d. purple.

We learn from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that only 50,000 each of the 5d. and 1/- (Queen's Head) Board of Education have been printed.

Mr. E. Bentley Wood informs us he has the ½d. King's Head, Army Official, postmarked 13.3.02. This is so far the earliest postmarked copy which has been shown us. This stamp was however chronicled in E.W.S.N. of March 1st and the 1d. value in E.W.S.N. of February 22nd so that dates several weeks earlier must exist.

Mr. J. H. Parry clears up the mystery of the ½d. green, I.R. Official. We did chronicle it after all, the issue of E.W.S.N. being dated April 27th, 1901. However, our subsequent enquiry has elicited the fact that the stamp was in use as early as March 30th.

**Envelope Dies (K 131).**—A correspondent has shown us the 1d. rose envelope stamp of 1881 with die No. 9, so that only ten dies now remain undiscovered (see note of last week).

**Stationery (H 128).**—The *London Philatelist*

states that the 1d. carmine on buff, Reply Card (King Edward Series) has been seen.

Reply Card. 1d. carmine on buff.

**Early dates 1d. red (J 132).**—Mr. P. P. Wood has shown us the following four new record early dates:—

Plate 120. Edinburgh, 14.11.68.  
" 134. Dublin, 29.1.70.  
" 161. Edinburgh, 30.11.72.  
" 224. Edinburgh, 9.9.79.

Mr. H. L. Bevir has submitted the following:—

Plate 179. Swindon, 28.6.75.

We take this opportunity of pointing out to certain readers that we only want record early dates; merely early dates are of no interest whatever. We mention this because a Torquay reader writes us:—"I note your early date of 1d. red, plate 176 (15.4.75). I have in my collection plate 91, postmarked Galway, 9.5.66." We would respectfully point out that 1866 is not an early date but a late one; it is the relation to the first day of issue of whichever plate is in question that decides whether a date is early or not; even then we only want records. The record for plate 91 is, as it happens, 29.6.64, so the example mentioned is nearly two years too late to be of any interest.

**AUSTRIA (G 128).**—When chronicling the new 35 heller in E.W.S.N. of March 8th, we omitted to state that it has the diagonally-lined varnish and is perf 13 × 13½ (barely).

**Perforation Varieties.**—Gibbons' Catalogue divides the current series (heller currency) into three sets, perf. 13, 10½ and 10½, 12½ compound. Looking over the Colonial Stamp Market's stock, we are surprised to find none of these perforations represented. The following is a list of those we have seen:—

Perf. 13 × 12½. Unvarn., 1, 2, 3, 40, 60; varn., 10, 20 heller.

Perf. 13 × 13½. Unvarn., 50; varn., 5, 6, 25, 30 heller.

The *Monthly Journal* records the 5, 25 and 30h., perf. 13 × 12½ also, but does not say whether varnished or not, presumably the former.

**AUSTRIAN LEVANT (D 127).**—**Perforation Varieties.**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following varieties, which do not exactly tally with Gibbons' Catalogue.

Perf. 13 × 12½. Unvarn., 20pa., 2 pi.; varn., 1pi.

Perf. 13 × 13½. Unvarn., 10 pa.

Perf. 12½. Unvarn., 5, 10 pi.

Perf. 12½ × 13. All the unpaid set.

This latter perforation is really the same as the above perf. 13 × 12½, as the stamps are oblong. The above were all supplied in January. *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* records the following on the authority of Mr. Glasewald:

**Adhesives.** With diagonally lined varnish. 10 and 20 paras. (Perforation not stated).

Hitherto only the 1 piastre had been noted.

**BAHAMAS (L 121).**—**Stationery.**—Surgeon Edward Cooper informs the *London Philatelist* that the following King Edward stationery is expected.

Envelope, 2½d.

Registration Envelope, 2d.

Postcards, ½d., 1d.

The issue of the new adhesives is being delayed.

**BECHUANALAND (F 117).**—The 4d. and 6d. of the "Bechuanaland Protectorate" overprinted issue are reported to be obsolete, the "British Bechuanaland" issue being again current. The 1/- value never received the former overprint.

**BRITISH GUIANA (N 123).**—**Jubilee 1c. Retouched.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has been shown copies of the 1c. of the Jubilee issue, "in which there appear to be some signs of retouching in the picture of 'Mount Roraima.' The shading seems to have been strengthened, the outlines of the tops of some of the hills are sharper, and two little rocks (or such we suppose them to be) in the river, near the centre of the foreground, are rendered more visible. The retouching, as far as we can see, is confined to deepening of the lines, many of which in the early printings are very light, and the retouched picture has only been found in the lowest value."

**BRAZIL (E 120).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states, on the authority of the *Journal du Commerce*, of Rio de Janeiro, that a new set of stamps of all kinds has been ordered from Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., of London. The postage series will comprise values from 10 to 2000 reis and there will also be adhesive stamps for newspapers as well as stationery, including newsbands, single and reply cards and letter cards. A Brazilian painter, M. Elisen Visconti, who is known to Parisians as an exhibitor at the salons of the *Champ-de-Mars* has been instructed to prepare the designs, so that we may hope soon to have an improvement on the designs of 1894. Since 1881 Brazilian stamps have been printed locally.

**BULGARIA (K 131).**—**Unpaid Letter Stamps.** Mr. J. B. Robert writes us: "Advise your readers not to buy any of the provisional 'T' stamps unused. None have been so issued. When the postage due stamps ran out of stock at the General Post Office, Sophia, an official circular was issued to all the post offices authorizing those whose stock was getting low to borrow from other neighbouring offices, or in default, to use ordinary postage stamps. Roustchouk, a town on the frontier of Turkey and a long way from Sophia, was one of the first to run out of stock, and having a large demand, was unable to borrow sufficient and had recourse to using ordinary postage stamps. But the public refused to pay dues on letters which were apparently correctly stamped. The postmaster at Roustchouk then (Dec. 21st) ordered the clerks to write in red on each letter "due.....stotinki" and sign this manuscript surcharge as a guarantee of its correctness. But the Roustchouk public were still unkind enough to refuse to recognise anything but a proper postage due stamp. As a compromise, the postmaster surcharged a number of the ordinary postage stamps with his 'T' (taxe) obliterating stamp, which, as our readers are aware, is in universal use for marking unpaid international correspondence. Roustchouk is the only town which made these provisionals and they were in use from December 23rd to 26th, 1901, (old style).

Our correspondent says that the genuine overprint is in "rusty black-brown" whilst the forgeries are in black-brown, black, blue-black, etc. The only genuine postmark is "PVCCE—23 (to 27). XII. 901—ROUSTCHOUK" within a circle.

The letter published in E.W.S.N. of March 8th, is of no value, as the Sophia authorities would naturally have no knowledge of the issue, which originated at and was confined to Roustchouk only.

**CARTAGENA (E 124).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* chronicles two new stamps, on the authority of its Cartagena correspondent.

**Adhesives.** Overprinted with a small star as control-mark.

5 centavos, violet.

10 " red.

They were to have been issued on March 1st. The design shows "Correos" at top, "5—Centavos" in two lines at bottom, and "Republica de Colombia" within a circle round the Arms in the centre.

**CHINA (C 96).**—Chinese stamps are now available for prepayment of ocean postage, as we have received a letter from Shanghai franked with the 10c. stamp only. As China is not in the Postal Union, its stamps have hitherto had only local franking power. Consequently each letter received by the Chinese Post Office for delivery abroad had to be restamped by it. If the correspondence went by French mail boat, 25c. stamps were purchased and affixed to the letters; if by German boat, then German 20pf. stamps; if by British boat, then Hongkong 10c. stamps (all British Post Offices at the Treaty Ports use Hongkong stamps). At the time this arrangement started French stamps were the cheaper, 101 stamps being purchasable for the equivalent of £1, but recently the fall in the value of the Hongkong dollar has rendered it possible to get as many as 108 10c. stamps for £1. In order to retain the contract, France has now entered into an agreement to carry the mails for a lump sum; hence the use of stamps is no longer necessary. Of course, if senders specifically state that they wish letters to go by British



or German mails, stamps of these nations will still have to be attached. The *Ostasiatische Lloyd*, quoted by Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, states that the first mail franked exclusively by Chinese stamps was despatched by the French Post Office to Europe on the 13th January, 1902, and that the German authorities are also negotiating for a similar contract.

**COOK ISLANDS (F 124).**—The *New Zealand Graphic* states that Cook Islands Federation stamps are to be changed to Postal Union colours. The halfpenny blue (Bird issue) will appear in future in green and the 1d. brown will become red. These are the only changes decided upon so far, but no doubt in due course the 2½d. rose will be changed to blue as it would hardly do to have a red 1d. and rose 2½d. As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New Zealand, we may expect a lot of novelties from here soon, in the shape of perforation varieties, etc. The only Colonies now in default, as regards Postal Union colours, are Bechuanaland, Mauritius, Orangia (1d.), Johore, Labuan (10c.), N. Borneo (10c.), Straits (2, 10c.), Fiji, Tasmania (Queen's Head), and Tonga (½d.).

Since writing the above, Mr. E. W. Hounsom has shown us specimens of the new ½d. and 1d.

**Adhesives.** Thick paper, no wmk., perf. 11 (rough).  
½d. pale green.  
1d. dull lake.

The designs are unchanged.

**DANISH WEST INDIES (I 131).**—Surgeon Edward Cooper writes to the *London Philatelist* that the last of the 2c. on 3c. provisionals were sold at St. Thomas, on February 6th (being thus in use 37 days only), but the postmaster was unable to say what steps had been taken to replace this value. The 8c. on 10c. was, we presume, still in use, but became obsolete before the end of the month. These surcharges are all necessary, as in view of the almost certain sale of the islands to the United States, it would not be advisable to incur the expense of new dies.

**Postcards.** The 1c. on 3c. single and reply cards are both reported obsolete and the following new single card has appeared:—

"1-CENT-1902" on 2 cents, blue on white.

**FEDERATED MALAY STATES (C 128).**—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that the postcards chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of March 8th, were received by him as long ago as June, 1901, and their issue was recorded by him in the June number of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*.

**FRANCE (M 130).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that the Chamber of Deputies approved, at its sitting of March 8th, of the reduction of the postage to 1 centime of "newspapers" and "periodical publications" weighing under 50 grammes (about 1½ozs). When the circulation of such is confined to the Department of publication, the rate will be ½ centime only. If this law is ratified by the Senate, new stamps of ½c. will be required.

**FRANCE, FOREIGN POST OFFICES (A).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that new stamps are in preparation for the various Foreign Post Offices (China, Alexandria, Port Said, Morocco, Levant, Cavalle, Dédéagh, Vathy, Zanzibar, Crete, etc.). The designs will be modified from those of the current French stamps.

Values 1 to 5c. will have the words *Bureau Français* substituted for *République Française* and the name of the office will be substituted for *Postes*. No decision has been yet come to in regard to values 10 to 30c.

Values 40c. to 5fr. will have the words *Postes Françaises* substituted for *Republique Français* and the name of the office instead of *Postes*.

Our Parisian contemporary illustrates the 1fr. Crete, but we believe none have yet been issued. In fact the issue may not take place for some time yet; probably not until all the values are ready. Where the currency differs from that of France, new values will be over printed as heretofore.

**FRENCH ZANZIBAR (A).**—We are indebted to Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* for information of the 5 annas in type (a).

**Adhesive.** Type a (N of INV under B of "Republique.")

5 annas in blue on 50c. carmine.

Only the ½, 1 and 20 annas were previously known in type (a).

**GERMANY (J 131).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the Berlin *Lokal-Anzeiger* describes an error which has been found in some sheets of the new 3pf. stamp. The 99th stamp on the sheet has the spelling "DEUTSCHES REICH." Presumably it is only a broken letter.

**GREECE (I 125).**—Mr. B. writes from the British Consulate, Syra, to inform the *Philatelic Record* that he has the 1 lepton of the new set imperforate and the 1 drachma imperf. vertically. As the new stamps were printed and perforated in London, these varieties are probably undoubted errors.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* tells us that the values and colours are similar to those of the ordinary postage set, but we reproduce this statement with reserve, as from several sources we have been informed that the values of the new set will be the same as in the preceding issue, 1 to 200 lepta.

The design consists of the figure of value nearly in the centre, with two scrolls above, placed diagonally and reading up from the left side to the top of the stamp—*Enarithmon—Grammatosemon*. Under the figure of value is the inscription—*LEPTON—eisprakton*.

**GWALIOR (A).**—*Minor Varieties.*—In a pane (from top of sheet) of ½ anna just received by the Colonial Stamp Market we notice the small fount G variety (Gibbons, iv.) occurs on the 7th stamp in the 6th row and the small A (ii.) on the 4th stamp in the 3rd row. The former is undoubtedly from wrong fount, but the latter has the appearance of being printed from type which has got loose. In the 1 rupee, green and carmine, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 (especially 6 and 8) in the lowest row of the sheet have a defective head or 'accent' to the letter "I," like a small dot.

**HONG KONG (E 129).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the \$3 Stamp Duty in a new colour, perf. 14.

**Postal Fiscal.** Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 14.  
\$3 red-lilac, on *bleuté* paper.

This value was formerly lilac, perf. 15½×15. The paper is now distinctly blued.

The consignment letters on the 5c. and 30c. stamps received do not show any variation from those mentioned in *E.W.S.N.* of March 15th. The other values are unfortunately without corner marginal paper, except the \$10 Stamp Duty, pale green, which has the consignment letter L ("Looto").

**INDIA (D 128).**—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* learns that the King Edward stamps below 1 anna and above 1 rupee will not differ in design from the current issue, but that the intermediate values from 1 anna to 1 rupee will be altered, the essential features being a small king's-head as on the current British 3d., and the value clearly indicated in plain figures.

**KISHENGARH (D 129).**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles some new shades:—  
2½b. 1a. purple, pin-perf.  
25c. 5r. magenta, "  
26a. ¼a. pink, No. 19 tête-bêche, pin-perf.

**LABUAN (D 118).**—Mr. S. B. Relton points out that we have not yet chronicled the 1c. value in the new colour.

**Adhesive.** 1c. brown, perf. 15.

The colour was originally lilac, and we believe the change was accidental, the two shades being somewhat similar by gas-light. The Colonial Stamp Market's stock was received in December, but the stamp was probably in issue before then.

**MEXICO (C 94).**—*Discovery*—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* states that the following varieties of official stamps have been found:

**Official Stamps.** 1896 issue, wmk. monogram "R.M."  
No. 634a. 1c. green.  
1898 issue. No wmk.  
No. 647a. 10c. rose-lilac.  
No. 648a. 20c. dull rose.

A variety of the postage issue of 1884, 1c. green is noted with perforation 11½, which is apparently new to Mexican stamps; is it undoubtedly distinct from gauges 11 and 12? Both are common in Mexico.

**NEW ZEALAND (O 131).**—The ½d. and 1d. values are now printed on unwatermarked paper. The introduction of the penny post in New Zealand has naturally resulted in increased correspondence and a consequent greater demand for penny stamps, whilst a further increase was occasioned by the extension of the penny letter rate to British Colonies. The demand has in fact become so great, that the stock of watermarked paper has run out; hence the present issue, "No wmk." The following is a history to date of the ½d. and 1d. stamps, with a full list of the varieties which are likely to have occurred. We have, in fact, met with all except Nos. 11, 12 and 16.

**First Issue.** Wmk. NZ over star (thick paper).  
Perf. 11.

1. ½d. yellow-green (March? 1900).
2. ½d. dark-green (? 1900).
3. ½d. yellow-green (Reissued 1901?)
4. 1d. dark carmine (February? 1901). This stamp superseded the 1d. London print. No wmk., perf. 12 to 16, issued on January 1st, 1901.
5. 1d. pale carmine (? 1901).
6. 1d. bright carmine (July? 1901).

Any collector who has a quantity of used dated copies should be able to ascertain the dates of issue approximately. The stamps were issued in sheets of 240, on the margin of which at the top right hand corner was printed in black a consecutive number. An examination of stamps with marginal numbers would show the quantities of each printed. For instance, we know that

amongst others sheets 235643 and 238614 were used for the ½d. khaki stamp about the end of 1900. Sheet No. 248567 was used for the 1d. dark carmine. The next sheet of which we have any record is No. 392142, 1d. bright carmine, and this was probably one of the last used for the perf. 11 issue. It is now a matter of regret that the Colonial Stamp Market kept no record of the sheets which it imported.

**Second Issue.** Wmk. N.Z. over star (thick paper), as before, the watermark being still difficult to clearly distinguish.

7. ½d. dark green, perf. 14½ (November? 1901)
8. " " " 14½×11
9. " " " 11×14½
10. 1d. carmine, perf. 14½ (November? 1901)
11. " " " 14½×11 (?)
12. " " " 11×14½ (?)

We have only been able to inspect three entire sheets of the above, all ½d., perf. 14½×11, and they bear the numbers 507252, 507370 and 507406. There is therefore a large gap left unaccounted for; it would be interesting to know for which values sheets 400,000 to 500,000 were used.

**Third Issue.** Wmk. N.Z. under Star (thin, tough paper). Every stamp of this issue which has come under notice has the watermark inverted.

13. ½d. dark green, perf. 14½.
14. " " " 14½×11.
15. " " " 11×14½.
16. " " " 11 (?)
17. 1d. carmine " 14½ (December? 1901).
18. " " " 14½×11 ( " " ).
19. " " " 11×14½ ( " " ).
20. " " " 11.

The above, except the ½d., perf. 11, are all vouchered for by a correspondent of the *New Zealand Graphic*. We have only seen the 1d., perf. 14½, 14½×11 and 11×14½, so cannot say whether the shades of the others are correct. The sheets of this paper are not numbered. Our examples of the 1d., perf. 14½×11, are very rough impressions in pale carmine, apparently from a worn plate.

**Fourth Issue.** No wmk., (thin, tough paper).

21. ½d. dark green, perf. 14½ (February? 1902.)
22. 1d. bright rose, perf. 14½ (Feb.? 1902.)

Like the 3rd issue, the sheets of these stamps show no numbers. It will be interesting to know whether any of these "No wmk." sheets appear perf. 11. Not only are the New Zealand authorities using new paper and a new perforating machine, but we are told that the gum also is new and is more satisfactory than the old.

The above list purposely omits any mention of varieties due to carelessness, such as that imperforate vertically, as such have very little philatelic value, but for those of our readers who are interested in freaks we may recall that the 1d. was chronicled perf. 11 by imperforate in *E.W.S.N.* No. 99, and that it also occurs imperforate at left side only, from the edge of the sheet.

The *New Zealand Graphic* describes another curious freak:

"A sheet of New Zealand 1d. universal stamps was seen the other day which has been printed from the wrong end. This means that one row of stamps was on the border on which appears in large type the words New Zealand. One letter was on each stamp, and between the two words was a stamp without any watermark. Another sheet was discovered imperforate vertically, also on the new thin paper."

Consequently the 1d. of both our 1st and 3rd issues may be found imperforate vertically. The other freak is hard to explain. The ½d. and 1d. stamps are both issued in sheets of 240, arranged in 10 rows of 24 stamps. Along the top and bottom margins are the words "New Zealand Postage" in double-lined capitals (inverted on the bottom margin reading from right to left), and at each side, reading up, "New Zealand." In the third issue (thin paper, wmk. inverted) the latter inscription reads down, and "New Zealand Postage" is inverted at top. It is probable the sheet mentioned by the *Graphic* was not put evenly in the press, so that instead of each of the side margins being 2 inches wide, one measured 3 inches and the other 1.

The present issue of 1d. Universal Postage, no wmk., perf. 14½, may be readily distinguished from the London print issue; the latter is on white or cream paper, very clearly printed, whilst in the local prints the paper is tinted pink.

**Higher Values.** Recent consignments of the 2d. to 1/- values also show variations. They are still perf. 11, no wmk., but the 4d. is again printed in yellowish-brown and indigo and the 6d. is again dark carmine-red. These may of course be only remainders of the early local printings re-issued. The 2½d. value is in a brighter blue, sheets received last year having been in quite a greyish-blue shade.

The new printings on watermarked paper, we are now informed, are not expected to make their appearance until late in the summer.

[News from Niue, Nicaragua, Persia, Queensland, etc., is held over till next week, when the Postcard Column will also be reinstated.]

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/11	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.		
	Face Value.	Our Price.
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10 1/0
602	" 2kr. violet	1/8 2/0
603	" 4kr. green	3/4 3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0 1/2
606	" 2m. orange	2/0 2/4
607	" 3m. brown	3/0 3/6
608	" 5m. green	5/0 5/10
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10 1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1/8 2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10 1/0
614	" 2kr. blue	1/8 2/0
615	" 5kr. green	4/2 4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10 1/0
618*	" 2 leva, rose	1/8 —
619*	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6 2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10 1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1/8 2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2 4/11
624	" (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9 0/11
625	" 2dr.	1/5 1/8
626	" 5dr.	3/7 4/3
628	" (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10 1/0
629	" 2dr.	1/8 2/0
630	" (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10 1/0
631*	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4 9/9
632	" Old 1r. br. & or.	— —
633	" 3½r. gr. & bl.	— —
634	" 7r. yel. & bl.	— —
637*	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10 1/0
638*	" 2fr.	1/8 1/11
639*	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0 1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	2/0 2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0 3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0 5/10
647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	— 1/0
648	" 2dr. on 40l.	— 1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	— 3/0
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	— 5/0
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	— 1/3
652	" 2 on 10dr.	— 2/6
653*	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/7 0/9
654*	" 2dr. bronze	1/2 1/4
655*	" 3dr. silver	1/9 2/1
656*	" 5dr. gold	2/10 3/4
659	Holland, 1g. green	— —
660	" 2½g. lilac	— —
661	" 5g. marone	— —
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10 1/0
665	" 2k. blue	1/8 1/11
667*	" 5k. lilac	4/2 4/10
670**	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10 1/0
671*	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0 4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10 1/0
674	" 2½fr. grey	2/0 2/4
675	" 5fr. lake	4/0 4/8
677*	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10 1/0
678*	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0 4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8 —
681	" 2fl. brown	3/4 —
683*	Norway, 1k. green	1/1 1/4
684*	" 1½k. blue	1/8 1/11
685*	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2 2/7
687	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0 1/2
688	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9 —
690*	Roumania, 1l.br. and rose	0/10 1/0
691*	" 2l.or. and brn.	1/8 1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3 2/8
694	" 3½r. grey	7/0 —
695	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0 —
697	San Marino, 1 lire	— —
698	" 2 lire	— —
699	" 5 lire	— —
702	Servia (not stocked)	— —
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6 —
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0 —
708	" 10p. orange	5/0 —
711*	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1 1/4
714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10 1/0
715*	" 3fr. brown	2/6 2/11
717	Wurtemberg, 2mk.	— —
718	" 5mk.	5/0 5/10

	Face Value.	Our Price.
735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
735a	" " 1fr., Pict.	0/10 0/1
736	" " 2fr.	1/8 1/11
737*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
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## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
 1h. unvarn., perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 1d.; block, 2d.  
 2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
 3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
 5h. varn., perf.  $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ , 1d.; block, 4d.  
 6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
 10h. " perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 2d.; " 6d.  
 20h. " " " 3d.; " 10d.  
 25h. " perf.  $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ , 3d.; " 1/-.  
 30h. " " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
 40h. unvarn., perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 5d.; block, 1/8.  
 Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
 Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
 1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.  
 Germany, old issue, inscribed "Reichspost."  
 A few sets are left at 3/2.  
 Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.  
 Austrian Levant.  
 5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
 10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.  
 Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.  
 Roumania, Taxa de Factagi, 25b., nett 3d.  
 Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."  
 French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.  
 1. Anjouan  
 2. Dahomey  
 3. French Congo  
 4. " Guinea  
 5. " Soudan  
 6. Grand Comore  
 7. Guiana  
 8. Guadeloupe  
 9. Indian Estab.  
 10. Indo-China  
 11. Ivory Coast  
 12. Martinique  
 13. Mayotte  
 14. Madagascar  
 15. New Caledonia  
 16. Oceania  
 17. Réunion  
 18. St. Pierre et Miquelon  
 19. Sénégal  
 Series of 19 sets, 18/3.  
 or 1/- each set.  
 Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.  
 40c. yellow and blue, 6d.  
 50c. blue and pink, 7d.  
 Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux,"  
 1½d.  
 Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.  
 Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro"  
 inverted.  
 Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.  
 Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.  
 France, old 3c. grey, 1d.; 20c. red on green, 3d.  
 Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.  
 United States, Pan-American, 1c., 2c., set, 2d.;  
 1c., per dozen, 7d.  
 Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.;  
 block, 1/3.  
 Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.;  
 2/2 per dozen sets.  
 Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.  
 6 heller, 1d.  
 10 " 1½d.  
 Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
 1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per  
 dozen sets.  
 Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
 1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen  
 sets.  
 5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.  
 Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen  
 sets.  
 Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
 1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.  
 German Colonies.  
 5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.  
 Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
 30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.;  
 per dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Greece, Olympian Games.  
 25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per  
 dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Hungary, new issue.  
 6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
 6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
 10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.  
 Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.  
 Italy.  
 New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d. -  
 Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
 Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.  
 Luxemburg.  
 1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
 1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
 1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN—King Edward Stamps (U132).**—Mr. T. Proud informs us that he has a copy of the new 4d. stamp, used at Southport on April 1st. As stated in E.W.S.N. last week, it was on sale at Anerley Road Post Office, Norwood, on April 3rd, official notification of its issue having been received there several days previously. As March 30th was Sunday and March 31st Bank-holiday, this value of the King Edward series was probably sent out to some postmasters at least as early as March 29th.

**Adhesive.** Head of King Edward.  
4d. brown and grey-green.

The stamps are issued in sheets of 240 divided by a blank margin into two panes of 120, each arranged in ten rows of twelve. There is a continuous thin brown marginal line round each pane, with a green line just without; the latter is, however, broken at the corners and at intervals to facilitate the ready division of the sheets. No. 1 on the lower pane of the sheet already shows traces of wear at the left side, and several stamps have superfluous coloured dots in the circles which contain the value. These signs almost seem to indicate that old duty plates have been employed although they would require alteration, as the old grouping was in panes of 20 stamps. Mr. A. F. Clarke informs us that it is officially notified that "the new 4d. stamps now being issued are printed in sheets of 240 instead of in sheets of 160."

The earliest date records for King Edward stamps, down to the present, are as follows:—

½d., 1d.	Woodford Grn., 27.12.01	Mr. W. J. England
½d., 3d.	Norwood, 26.3.02	(Various)
2d., 1/-	London, 26.3.02	(Various)
2½d., 6d.	Hull, 31.12.01	Mr. G. H. Hansell
4d.	Southport, 1.4.02	Mr. T. Proud

**Postal Orders (A).**—We have seen the 5/- postal order with 1d. postage stamp bearing portrait of King Edward, issued 5.4.02 at Solihull; No. J51—033126.

**Envelope Dies (L132).**—A correspondent has shown us the ½d. die 11, King Edward series. The list of King's Head dies now stands as follows:—

½d.	Die 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
1d.	" 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

The example of ½d. die 11 was postmarked 19.3.02.

**King Edward Stationery (I132).**—Mr. T. le Ryt has sent us one of the new letter cards, post-marked London, S.W., 30.1.02, one day earlier than the previous record.

**AMOY (A).**—The *Montreal Philatelist* mentions that the French Post Office here is also likely to have a special set of stamps, like Canton, Hoi-hao & Co.

**AUSTRIAN LEVANT (E 132).**—*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* adds the 2 piastres to our list of values with diagonal-lined varnish. Perforation not stated.

**BENADIR (A).**—According to the *Rivista del Francobollo*, Benadir, an Italian Colony on the Somali Coast, East Africa, is about to make an issue of postage stamps, and will thus forestall our own colony in the same district, British Somaliland, which as yet has only fiscal stamps. The values and colours are said to be as follows:

**Adhesives.**—1 besa (2c.) brown.  
2 " (5c.) green.  
1 anna (10c.) red.  
2 " (20c.) yellow.  
2½ " (25c.) blue.  
5 " (50c.) orange.  
1 " (1 lira) violet.

Our contemporary gives the approximate equivalents in Italian currency within brackets, but we do not understand whether these are to be indicated on the stamps as well as the local currency, or not. There are two designs; that

for the besa values has the head of a lion, whilst that for the anna values has the head of an elephant. Both designs have also the Arms of Savoy, as a sign of the Italian sovereignty.

**BOYACA (A).**—*L'Essor Philatélique* chronicles, on the authority of Sr. Ernesto Ceballos, the 5c. stamp printed on blue paper instead of white.

**Adhesive.**

5c. blue-green, on blue paper, perf. or imperf.

Boyaca has only issued one stamp of its own previously, namely, the above 5c. on white paper, which appeared in 1899.

**BRAZIL (F 132).**—*L'Essor Philatélique* states, on the authority of Sr Joao Palgalaes, that a new official set is also in preparation. The values will be 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000, 2000, 5000 and 10,000 reis and the stamps will be printed in the National colours, with the Arms of the Republic as design. The highest value sounds very big, but with a rate of exchange favourable to this country is equal to but little more than 5/-.

**COOK ISLANDS (G 132).**—*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* states that the 6d. value is now coming over in a deeper shade of purple. Unlike the new ½d. and 1d., it is still on NZ and Star paper, so perhaps it may not be a new printing.

In the *Montreal Philatelist*, Mr. V. C. Gosset gives an interesting description of these islands, which were annexed to New Zealand in October, 1900. Although generally known as the "Cook or Hervey Islands," it should be understood that the two groups are distinct. The latter consists of two small coral atolls, each of about 1000 acres, surrounded by one encircling reef, and known as Manuae and Teanotu. They are at present leased by a trading firm at Karotonga, and used as a vast coconut plantation. The Cook group of Islands (named after Capt. Cook) are as follows:—Rarotonga, Mangaia, Aitutaki, Atiu, Mitiaro, Manke and Takuatea. Since 1892 the interests of the islands have been guarded and directed by a British resident appointed by the New Zealand Government.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (H 128).**—Apropos the recent new issue, we reproduce the following extract from *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*:—"Mr. M. D. Senior writes us that the new commemorative issue is printed from copper plates with the exception of the officials, which are lithographed. The plates have been delivered by the Hamilton Bank Note Co., to the Dominican Consul in New York and by him forwarded to his government, while the stone on which the officials were lithographed, being too heavy, was destroyed in the Consul's office in the presence of witnesses. A certificate to this effect has been issued." With all respect to our esteemed contemporary, we venture to think the above account is slightly inaccurate. A good lithographic stone, such as would no doubt be used for printing these stamps, would be of considerable value and would only be at the disposal of the Dominican Republic during the process of printing. It was no doubt then transferred to the Consul's office and the lithographic impression polished off. This completed, the stone would be returned to the printers, and used by them for other purposes.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS (B 116).**—The 2½d. value, it appears, was re-issued at the end of 1901, a further supply having been printed. The stock of the ½d. value is now running low, and none are to be had except for strictly postal purposes.

**FIJI ISLANDS (B 120).**—A new perforating machine, gauge 11½, has been brought into use for Fijian stamps. Since about 1887 they have been perforated 10, 11 or 12, or compound. Five values have now been shown us, perf. 11×11½, the latter gauge being even and apparently quite distinct from the 11½, 12 gauge employed for New South Wales Stamps.

**Adhesives.** Perf. 11×11½.

½d.	greenish-black.
1d.	lilac-rose.
2½d.	red-brown.
4d.	bright lilac.
6d.	bright rose (deep shade).

The other values recently received were still Gibbons' Nos. 89, 94, and 103. The *Australian Philatelist* states that its publisher, Mr. Fred Hagen, possesses the ½d. and 2d. perf. 10×12 and the ½d. perf. 12×10. The ½d. is also mentioned as now coming over perf. 11×12, but we think this must be our perf. 11×11½ noted above.

**HONGKONG (F132).**—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* chronicles the following:—  
**Newsband.** 2c. green on buff.

**LABUAN (D 118).**—The *London Philatelist* records the following:—"We have discovered in a large collection a variety of the "8," in black, on 12c. carmine, type 3 of Gibbons, where both figures "8" are upright, and not the lower one sideways."

**MAURITIUS (I 131).**—The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that recent advices state that the 18c. Arms type and 50c. green, Queen Victoria, are both obsolete, whilst the 8c. blue has been re-issued. The surcharged 15c. on 36c. Diamond Jubilee, issued in 1899, is also still on sale.

*L'Essor Philatélique* records the following surcharged envelope, which does not appear to have been catalogued yet:—

**Envelope.** "15 CENTS" on 18c. blue, white paper.

**NEWFOUNDLAND (E 125).**—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has been shown by Mr. Ayres a photograph of a strip of three of the current 3 cents, orange, imperforate. One sheet of these was bought by a non-collector at St. John's, who, to facilitate severing the stamps cut them all up into vertical strips. He had used many of them before he was found by a collector, who rescued the remainder from further ill-treatment.

**NICARAGUA (H 126).**—*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* describes the following new issues, similar in design to the oblong stamps of 1900, but lithographed and without the imprint of the American Bank Note Company.

**Adhesives.** Type of 1900, lithographed.  
5 centavos, dark blue.  
5 " carmine.  
10 " purple.

There can be no doubt as to the genuineness of these local prints, as the 5c. blue has been seen on a letter.

In E.W.S.N. of January 11th, we published under reserve a list of provisionals which had been authorized by decree of Oct. 24, 1901. We are now able to confirm its accuracy, although it was somewhat incomplete. We therefore reproduce the following amended list from the *American Journal of Philately*:—

**Provisional Adhesives.** Stamps of 1900, surcharged with new value as in Gibbons' type 16, with addition of "1901" below. Surcharge in black (X), blue (B) or red (R).  
1c. on 6c. rose (X, B).  
3c. on 6c. rose (Xa, Ba).  
4c. on 6c. rose (Xa, Ba).  
5c. on 1p. yellow (Xbc, Rbc).  
10c. on 2p. orange-red (X).  
20c. on 5p. black (Rd).

The capitals in brackets indicate the colour of the overprint; the italics signify that minor varieties occur:—

(a) With a bar below the value.  
(b) With three bars below the value.  
(c) With ornaments at each side of the date.  
(d) With surcharge inverted.

The 1c. is an error on the sheets of 4c. The following have also appeared:—

Overprinted in black on Unpaid Letter Stamps as in Gibbons' type 17, but with "1901" at top.  
1c. brown-lilac  
2c. orange-red  
5c. deep blue  
10c. deep mauve.  
20c. brown  
30c. deep green  
50c. dull red

Varieties of the 1c. occur with (a) ornaments at each side of the stamp; and (b) ornaments at each side of the date; whilst all the values may be found with the second *o* of *Correos* in italics.

**NIUE (B 129).**—The *New Zealand Graphic* states that ordinary New Zealand postage stamps are at present in use, and as Niue does not possess an obliterating stamp, the postmaster writes "Niue" and the date across each stamp, in manuscript. Some of the stamps used from

this island also have a rubber stamp overprint, "NIUE." This is to be done away with at an early date, when stamps with a properly printed surcharge will be issued. In an early number of *E.W.S.N.* we shall give further particulars as to the values which have been overprinted, and shall also have something to say with regard to the issue for the Penrhyn Islands.

The *Montreal Philatelist* quotes the following extract from a New Zealand newspaper:—

"Penny universal postage stamps are now to be seen surcharged 'Niue.' These are stated to be procurable at the Island of Niue, and have been surcharged for postal use now that the New Zealand Government has control of that place. From a philatelic point of view the surcharge is an abomination, as the word 'Niue' has evidently been printed with a rubber stamp, and can therefore be easily forged, a contingency which it is desirable to avoid."

A correspondent of the same journal sends the following interesting notes:—

"Re the annexation of the Cook Islands I may mention that the following Pacific Islands have been included in the annexation papers:—Penrhyn (Mangarongaro), Palmerston (Avarau), Savage (Niue), Danger (Pukapuka), Rakaanga, Manihiki, and Suwarrow Islands. Now the question is what stamps will be used at these various islands. Formerly no stamps were used, but now times have advanced and in some cases British Agents or Representatives of the Crown have been appointed to carry out a proper postal and customs system, etc. So we may hope for more stamps for these islands, although it is more than probable that the stamps of the Cook Group will be used, as the islands will be under the Governorship of Lieut.-Col. W. E. Gudgeon, C.M.G., who is British Resident at Karotonga, of the Cook Group."

**NORTHERN NIGERIA** (B99).—Both the ½d. and 1d. values are difficult to procure at present, except for strictly postal needs, as the stock is getting very low. We understand that more are on order from England, but it is not as yet possible to say whether they will be from the old plates or not. The Colonial Stamp Market's latest advices are dated Lokoja, February 26th.

**PERSIA** (C 131).—*Provisionals*.—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 128, we chronicled the 5k. in black on 50 krans red-brown. The *Monthly Journal* records a 5k. in violet on the same stamp and *Le Courrier des Timbres-poste* adds that it also exists in black on the 5okr. mauve.

*Provisional Adhesives*.—

- "5k." in black on 5okr. mauve.
- "5k." in black on 5okr. red-brown.
- "5k." in violet on 5okr. red-brown.

We also chronicled a fortnight ago two adhesives and an envelope with the overprint "Provisoire 1319" in French and Persian within an ornamented oblong. Mr. A. Chippendale has since shown us the 12ch. and 1kr. postmarked respectively February 1st and 2nd (Teheran), and *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles six additional varieties, so that the list now stands as follows:—

*Adhesives*.—1899 issue, overprinted "Provisoire 1319."

- Black on 1ch. grey on greenish.
- " 2ch. brown "
- " 5ch. yellow "
- " 10ch. blue "
- " 12ch. carmine. "
- " "12ch." in violet on 1kr. red.
- " 1kr. carmine-red.
- " 2kr. deep green.
- " "5k." in blue on 5okr. brown.
- " 5okr. brown.

*Envelopes*.

Black on 12ch. rose on white, 140 x 110 mm.

The *M.J.* informs us that these provisionals are only just out in time, as the year 1319 of the Mohammedan Era ended on March 11th, 1902. The overprint, it may be mentioned, is generally very indistinct, and where the postmark is stamped over it it might easily escape notice.

**PHILIPPINES** (E 119).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* records the following:—

*Postage Due Adhesive*. Overprinted "PHILIPPINES." 30c. lake, overprint in black.

The only values catalogued are 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 50c., issued in 1899.

*Mckel's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles the following novelties:—

*Special Delivery Stamp*.

10c. dark blue, overprinted "Philippines" in red.

*Envelopes*. Overprinted "Philippines."

- 1c. green on amber (red surcharge).
- " on blue (red).
- " on oriental buff (red).
- 2c. rose on white (red).
- " on amber (red).
- 4c. brown, die A., on amber (brown).
- " die C., on amber (brown).
- 5c. blue on amber (blue).

**QUEENSLAND** (E 127).—In a recent consignment of stamps from Brisbane, we notice the 6d. are all in a normal green shade, instead of the rather bright yellow-green colour to which we have been lately accustomed. We are unable

to say whether this betokens a new printing or merely the issue of sheets left over from earlier printings. In any case the stamps just received will no doubt be classified by collectors as Gibbons No. 172 (cat. 1/6). The 4d. yellow are apparently printed from a worn plate and may be described as in a smudgy orange-yellow shade (not sufficiently distinct to warrant catalogue rank). The 1/- stamps are now lilac rather than mauve, although the difference in shade is not of any very great importance.

**SERVIA** (D 118).—*Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* states that the 50 paras of the current type is now printed on plain wove paper, perf. 11½.

*Adhesive* Ordinary paper, perf. 11½.  
50 paras, brown.

The current Servian set (with figures of value in circles), is found on either granite paper or ordinary paper, and is perf. 13 x 13½ or 11½, thus making four sets, but only one or two values are known on the granite paper, perf. 11½, and on the ordinary paper perf. 13 x 13½. The current set is on ordinary paper, perf. 11½, and all values are now issued in this state except 20 paras and 1 dinar.

**SEYCHELLES** (G 128).—We are officially informed that the only adhesive stamps which are at present on sale at the Seychelles Post Office are the following, all of the Queen Victoria issue:—2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 12c., 15c., 18c., 75c., 1r., 1.50r., 2.25r. The 15c. can be had in both colours. Catalogue numbers are as follows:—2, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31. Sheets of 2c., 3c. and 6c. received by the Colonial Stamp Market show the marginal plate number 3, thus indicating recent new printings; all others have marginal plate number 2.

The difference between 18 and 75c. (i.e. 3d. and 1/-) is rather a gap and it is strange that the 30c. (6d.) value should have been used up by surcharging. The explanation is we suppose that values above 3d. are not much required for letters, whilst parcels only require multiples of 75c. as the minimum rate is R.1.50 for 3lbs., increased to R.2.25 for 7lbs., and R.3. for 11lbs. (the maximum weight allowed).

*Stationery*.—Envelopes of 6c. on 8c., 15c., 18c. on 30c., and 30c. are still on sale, and postcards of 4c., 6c., 6 x 6c., 8c. and 8 x 8c.

**SOUTHERN NIGERIA** (D 129).—It seems that the stock of Southern Nigeria stamps has become almost exhausted, as we have seen two copies of a type-written circular letter to the following effect:—"With reference to your letter of . . . covering a remittance of . . . for the purchase of stamps, I have to inform you that in consequence of the diminutive stock on hand at present, your order cannot be executed. The amount has been deposited to your credit in the Local Treasury, pending the receipt of a supply from England." Nothing is stated as to when the supply is expected, so that it may be months before stamps are again on sale to dealers. There is presumably no stock on hand of any values, so there is no fear of surcharging.

**SPAIN** (C 120).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* states that the 15c. stamp has been changed in colour from blue-black to lilac.

*Adhesive*. 15c. lilac.

No particulars are given as to perforation, so we presume the gauge is 14, as in the rest of the set. It is not stated, either, whether there is numbering still on the back of the stamp, or whether the numbers commence at 1 or where the blue-black issue left off. Perhaps some of our readers in Spain can oblige with this information.

**TASMANIA** (H 130).—*Values obsolete*.—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 113 we quoted a letter from the Hobart authorities, dated Sept. 25th, 1901, stating that the ½d. pictorial stamps were then out of stock but that "as far as we know there is no intention of withdrawing any of the values of the pictorial issue." We have just received a further communication from the authorities stating that the ½d. value is still out of stock. It is rather surprising that the opportunity was not seized to get a Melbourne-printed supply when ordering the current 1d. and 2d. The 10d. lake and deep green (Queen's Head) is also out of stock and will probably not be reprinted.

**TRANSVAAL** (N 130).—*Dotless Varieties*.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have at last recognized the dotless varieties of the Transvaal stamps as of equal importance with those of Orangia, and have notified the following additions to their catalogue:

No stop after V. — ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-

No stop after R. — ½d., 1d., 6d.

No stop after I. — ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 10/-.

*Inverted Surcharge, V.R.I.* The 4d. may be added to the list, which now stands: ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.

*Varieties, E.R.I. Issue*.—Mr. Emil Tamsen describes the following varieties in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:

No stop after E. — ½d. on 2d. (6th in the 4th row).  
Error, F.R.I., ½d. on 2d.  
With "E." omitted.—1d.

The "no stop after E" variety does not occur on all the sheets of a printing, and is due to defective printing.

*Statistics*.—Mr. Tamsen states that of the 5/- V.R.I. postage stamp, no fewer than 12,180 were printed, and that this very large quantity was sold out within a fortnight! It is surprising that their value should stand as high as 15/-.

*Discovery*.—The 4d. dark olive of the late South African Republic, 1885 issue, has been found perf. 11½ x 12. The 1d. and 3d. are the only values catalogued by Gibbons.

**UGANDA** (C 118).—In *E.W.S.N.* of December 28th, we foreshadowed the issue of various provisionals, of which we are now able to give a detailed description. The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Surcharge "Uganda," on stamps of British East Africa, in block capitals, at the top of the stamp, so as to obliterate the words "British East Africa."

*Adhesives*.

"Uganda" on ½a. yellow-green, B.E.A.  
" " on 2½a. deep blue, B.E.A.

*Postcard*. Buff card.

"Uganda" on 1a. carmine, B.E.A., 138 x 98 mm.

*Reply Postcard*. Buff card.

"Uganda" on ½a. + ½a. green, B.E.A., 119 x 74 mm. (perf. 4½).

*Registration Envelopes*.

"Uganda" on 2as. red-brown, B.E.A., size F.  
" " " " " " H2.

The stamps on the stationery are similar to the adhesives, but lithographed.

The overprint on the adhesives (which are issued in panes of 60, 10 rows of 6) is apparently stereotyped in rows of six, as on panes of the ½ anna now before us we note the left stroke of the "N" of "Uganda" is more or less broken in the same place on the 1st stamp in each of the ten rows. The peculiarities of watermark which occur in the stamps of British East Africa are naturally reproduced. Owing to the watermarks in the paper not being grouped to correspond with the arrangement of the panes on the plate, the lowest rows of some sheets are almost entirely without watermark, whilst the 2nd and 3rd vertical rows frequently occur with part of the watermark "Crown Agents for the Colonies" in large double-lined capitals, one letter on each stamp. The seeker after freaks may obtain specimens watermarked with a Crown over or under CA., or with a single vertical line, or with a cross, or with "CA." only. Such varieties have little if any philatelic value, but may serve to amuse.

## Why Fiscals should be Collected.

Under the new editorship of Mr. E. W. Wetherell the *Philatelic Journal of India* is maintaining its high standard of excellence. . . . The burning question about the collectability of Fiscals is touched upon under the heading of "Postals versus Fiscals." At first, reasons are given for the unpopularity of Fiscals, for instance, a detestation of Fiscals because in former times stamp collectors did not know what to do with them, stuck them down any way, tore them, and consequently saw mostly faded, dirty, torn specimens only; dealers did not stock them; the absence of a good catalogue at a fair price, etc. After this come "Reasons why Fiscals should be popular," and here with great enthusiasm the writer fires away eight advantages of Revenue collecting:—

- (1) "It is comparatively easy to obtain immense supplies of many revenue stamps for a very moderate outlay.
- (2) Fiscals are nearly always in fine condition when received first hand.
- (3) They open out a grand field for research.
- (4) The designs are, in nearly all cases, greatly superior to those of contemporaneous postals.
- (5) The numbers, although very great, are not so appalling as one would at first suppose; it is true that Mexico, Argentine, Great Britain, Austria and India, possess a great number of varieties (there are 465 different Austrian fiscals compared with 221 postals), but these countries are exceptional.
- (6) There are no commemorative or speculative stamps or unnecessary values.
- (7) There are practically no reprints or forgeries.
- (8) States and countries which are unrepresented in our postal album issue fiscal stamps, e.g., Croatia, Mysore, Ireland, Nevada, Isle of Man."

The moral is—but, stop, who cares for a moral nowadays; nevertheless, it is there, probably we may find more than one.—(*The Stamp Collector*).

## Late News.

THE new British 2/6 and 10/- stamps were issued on April 7th and the 9d. on April 8th. (Our Postcard Column is again held over).

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50lepta.	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

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735	French Congo, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
735a	" " 1fr., Pict.	1	0/10	0/1
736	" " 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
737*	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
739	French Guinea, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
741	Guadeloupe, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
742	Indian Settlements, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
743	Indo-China, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
744	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
745	Ivory Coast, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
746	Levant, 8 piastres	1	1/4	1/7
747	" " 20 piastres	1	—	—
748	Madagascar, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
749	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
750	Martinique, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
751	Mayotte, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
752	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
753*	Morocco, 2 peseta	1	1/8	1/11
754	New Caledonia, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
755	Obock, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
756	" " 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
757*	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
758	" " 10fr.	1	—	—
759	" " 25fr.	1	—	—
760	" " 50fr.	1	—	—
761	Oceania, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
762*	Port Said, 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
763*	" " 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
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770	Zanzibar, 20 annas	1	—	—
771	" " 50 annas	1	—	—
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773	Nossi bé, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
774	Obock, old 2fr.	1	1/8	3/0
775	" " old 5fr.	1	4/0	6/0
776	" " 1892, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/6
777	St. Marie, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	1	0/10	1/0
602	" " 2kr. violet	1	1/8	2/0
603	" " 4kr. green	1	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1	1/0	1/2
606	" " 2m. orange	1	2/0	2/4
607	" " 3m. brown	1	3/0	3/6
608	" " 5m. green	1	5/0	5/10
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	1	0/10	1/0
611	" " 2fr. violet	1	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	1	0/10	1/0
614	" " 2kr. blue	1	1/8	2/0
615	" " 5kr. green	1	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	1	0/10	1/0
618*	" " 2 leva, rose	1	1/8	—
619*	" " 3 leva, blk. & br.	1	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	1	0/10	1/0
622	" " 2dr. brown	1	1/8	2/0
623	" " 5dr. green & black	1	4/2	4/11
624	" (black sur.) 1dr.	1	0/9	0/11
625	" " 2dr.	1	1/5	1/8
626	" " 5dr.	1	3/7	4/3



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 5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
 6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
 10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
 20h. " " 3d.; " 10d.  
 25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
 30h. " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
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 1c., per dozen, 7d.  
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 Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.  
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 10 " 1½d.  
 Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
 1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per  
 dozen sets.  
 Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
 1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen  
 sets.  
 5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.  
 Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen  
 sets.  
 Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
 1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1½d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.  
 German Colonies.  
 5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.  
 Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
 30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.;  
 per dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Greece, Olympian Games.  
 25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per  
 dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Hungary, new issue.  
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 6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward Stamps* (V 133).—Just as we went to press last week, we received the new 9d., 2/6 and 10/- stamps. The former was somewhat of a surprise, as the *Daily Express* reported only three weeks ago that it was not yet printed. The two high values had however been announced for Saturday, April 5th, so their appearance on the Monday was not unexpected.

*Adhesives.* Head of King Edward.  
9d. purple and blue (G.P.O., April 8th).  
2/6 lilac (G.P.O., April 7th).  
10/- ultramarine (G.P.O., April 7th).

The 9d. are still issued in panes of 20, four (or eight) panes making a sheet as printed.

*Envelope Dies* (M 133).—We have recently had a number of envelopes stamped at Somerset House, and note the following new dies have been brought into use:—

Queen's Head. 3d. (rose) die 8 (without "W.W.")  
King's Head. 2½d. (ultramarine) die 3.  
" " 6d. (violet), die 1.

The 1½d. dies are also specially interesting, as they are the first of the new type (with arrow-heads instead of florets) to have a legible die-number, which we now ascertain to be No. 5. The last dies in use were, we believe, No. 6 and "S.H." (7?), both with florets.

We have seen the 3d. die 8 used, dated 2.4.02, but do not know when die 7 was superseded, as it is some months since we last had this value stamped. The history of the 3d. dies is a very interesting one, and commences three years before the first 3d. adhesive appeared.

1859. Die 1, dated.  
? Dies 2, 3, 4. Unknown.  
1868. Die 5, dated.  
1875. Die 6, dated.  
1892. Die 7, dated; 1894, with 5 or 9 dot florets; (since August, 1894, 9 dot florets only).  
1902. Die 8 (without initials W.W.), 9 dot florets only.

Until 1862, when the first 3d. adhesive appeared, there was a very large demand for 3d. envelopes, and something like 100,000 impressions per annum were made, more than necessary, one would have thought, to wear out a single die, yet die 1 remained in use till 1868. It is an interesting question whether the bulk of the 1859-62 impressions were not made from dies 2, 3 or 4, but no impression from any of these dies has yet been discovered.

"Compound" Envelopes are to be had just now with very curious combinations, owing to the antipathy of the authorities to stamping King's and Queen's Heads on the same envelope. The value 7½d. is no longer made up with 6d. and 1½d. but with 3d., 3d. and 1½d.

*King Edward Stationery* (J 133).—The 3d. Registration Envelope, size G, was on sale at the G.P.O., London, on April 8th. Date of issue unknown. The die number of the stamp is still 1. Sizes F and H were alone previously recorded.

*Fiscal Stamps* (C 132, 129).—In E.W.S.N. of March 15th, Mr. Moorhouse contributed a note to the Postcard Column respecting a 1/- "Contract Note" stamp without the usual overprint and stated that it came "from the bottom right hand corner of the sheet," all others being normal. Mr. C. J. Hawkins now informs us that he has noted a similar error in the 4/- value. In examining a sheet of the current 4/- contract note, he found that one stamp, the last in the last row but one—had the overprint omitted.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (C 130).—It seems not unlikely the Commonwealth stamps, when they do come, will have the values expressed in florins and cents. The suggestion is at present that a pound of ten florins should replace the present pound of twenty shillings, and that the new florin should

be equal to 100 farthings instead of 96. Coins of a sovereign, half-sovereign, florin, shilling (½fl. or 50c.) and sixpence (¼fl. or 25c.) could then still be retained with their present values. The chief difference would be that the Australian would have to give six pennies and a farthing for a sixpenny piece. Bronze coins of 1, 2, 4 and 5 cents and a silver coin to be called a dime or bit are also part of the scheme. The whole matter is still however very far from being definitely settled, but if it should pass the Commonwealth Parliament, we may expect a new set of, say, the following values, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75 cents, 1, 2, 5 florins, 1 pound.

**BAHAMAS** (M 132).—*Envelope*.—We have received the new 1d. Queen's Staircase envelope, but our correspondent does not say date of issue.

*Envelope*, 150 x 88 mm. White laid paper, surfaced. 1d. vermilion, Queen's Staircase.

They are sold at 1½d. each, or 2/7 per packet of 25 envelopes.

*King Edward Stamps*.—Writing on March 25th our correspondent states that the new King Edward stamps had not even reached the Colony then, although their issue had been expected to take place at the end of February. It seems very doubtful, therefore, if we shall see them yet awhile.

**BARBADOS** (E 128).—We learn on good authority that the current 5d., 8d. and 10d. adhesives, and possibly also the 2/6, are likely soon to be withdrawn from issue. Since the reduction in the letter rate to the United Kingdom from 2½d. to 1d., multiples of the former amount are very little in request, and they will probably be replaced by other values, such as 3d., 6d., 1/-.

**BECHUANALAND** (G 132).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* that the ½d. green, Queen's Head, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" was issued on February 25th.

*Adhesive*. Overprinted in black. ½d. grey green.

**BRITISH LEVANT** (A).—We have seen the 2½d. King Edward stamp overprinted 40 paras for use in the British Post Offices in the Levant, and understand that it has been issued.

*Adhesive*. Head of King Edward. 40 paras on 2½d. Great Britain.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA** (H 130).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of all seven values, and we note that they each consist of 30 stamps arranged in six rows of five. On the margin at the corners of the sheet and half way between there are crosses or lines in colour and black so as to facilitate division of the sheet, and on the margin S.W. of the cross in the lower left hand corner is a plate-number in black "1." In the majority of the sheets this is cut off entirely, but in a few of the ½d., 1d. and 2d. values we have seen a sufficient portion of the figure to identify it. British New Guinea stamps with distinguishable marginal plate-numbers will no doubt become rarities.

The 2d. value is now printed in a deeper shade of violet, the printing being rather rough and "heavy," almost giving the violet portion of the stamps the appearance of being lithographed.

**GOLD COAST** (I 127).—We are pleased to see that the speculators who cornered the provisional stamps and the new 2d. are getting tired of holding, and have found it necessary to realize at a reasonable price. A few weeks ago 2/6 each was unsuccessfully offered in several quarters for the new 2d. stamp, and as much as 5/- was reported to have been obtained for copies. The price has now fallen to 8d., which proves once more what a great mistake it is to be in too great a hurry to get provisional issues. The 1d. on 2½d. and 1d. on 6d. are also quoted low. We have examined sheets, but there do not appear to be any varieties. It is rather remarkable that the surcharged 2½d. have marginal plate No. 3, indicating that they were of very recent printing. It would almost seem that they were printed specially for the purpose of being surcharged! The stock of unsurcharged 2½d. stamps on sale still have plate No. 2. The new 2d. lilac and red have plate No. 3 naturally.

**GREECE** (J 132).—*Parcel Labels*.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* describes two sets of *Paketadressen*, one for inland and one for foreign. They are on yellow card, with Arms in middle, and are unprinted at the back. The stamps are as follows:—(Inland), 50l. violet, 1dr. carmine, 1.5dr. emerald, 2dr. rose; (Foreign), 75l. lilac-brown on yellow card. We mention them as a matter of form, but what they are used for, we are unable as yet to say. The same journal gives a list of the Money Order stamped forms.

**HOLLAND** (E 124). *Stamp Booklets*.—The *Postzegelnieuws* states that on March 20th, in accordance with a royal decree of December 3rd, booklets of 1, 3, 5, and 12½ cent stamps were placed on sale. The booklets each contain 24 stamps in four pages of 6 labels each, interleaved with oil paper. For the sake of convenience the covers are printed in the same colours as the stamps, the booklets of 12½c. being blue, those of 5c. rose, and so on. To cover cost of binding 1c. extra is charged, making the prices of the books respectively 25c., 73c., fl. 1.21, and fl. 3.01. No particulars as to the perforation or paper of the stamps is given. The size of the booklets is 92 x 40 mm.

**JAMAICA** (D 122).—The 1d. Llandovery Fall is now coming over with centre in quite a blue shade. This does not necessarily indicate a new printing, as the central portion of the stamp is probably printed in a very deep indigo shade rather than in black; dark shades appear quite black, as do most of the intermediate ones, but very pale shades like the specimen under notice show clearly that the colour is indigo-blue. In case our specimen should turn out to be from a new printing, we may mention that it is post-marked 27.3.02, Kingston. The stamp is catalogued as "1d. black and red" which is clearly wrong.

**NEW HEBRIDES** (B 118).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* publishes the following:—

"The Federal Premier made a statement in the House of Representatives a few nights ago relative to a postal contract about to be made with Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co. for the purpose, or with the avowed object of keeping the New Hebrides and adjacent islands under Australian influence.

"For some years the employes on the New Hebrides steamers had been pestered by people requesting that letters might be delivered to islands touched at during the voyage, until at last it occurred to some one that an inter-island postal service should be established, which would not only minimise the evil but prove a benefit all round, both financially and from a commercial standpoint. In 1897 two stamps were issued, viz., 1d. and 2d. values. The design was prepared by Mr. Basset Hull (and we fancy this gentleman had something to do with the suggestion). They are much scarcer used than unused.

"Now that the Federal Government is giving its countenance to the service, and the Gilbert and Ellice group are to be included, it is possible that new stamps, with more claim to rank as an official issue, will be prepared.

"The following is a summary of the situation:—For years past Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co. have practically sustained on their own shoulders the trade with these islands, but the federal tariff has had the effect of bringing matters to a deadlock, and in the meantime frantic efforts are being made to divert the trade to foreign ports. Some 15 years ago the Australasian New Hebrides Company attempted to stem the drift of settlement Frenchwards, but the odds were against it, and it wound up with a loss of some £25,000. Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co. acquired the rights to the old company's lands in the islands—about 100,000 acres—and now propose to hand them over to the Federal Government in order to encourage British settlement. This is to be done in exchange for an increased mail subsidy to the company, which agrees on its part to improve the service between Australia, the New Hebrides, and the Gilbert and Ellice group. The matter has been the subject of negotiations between the Federal Premier and Mr. James Burns, head of the firm of Burns, Philp & Co."

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (J 130).—The *Australian Philatelist* chronicles some variations in the paper and marginal inscriptions of the current low value stamps, which we must confess are rather difficult to understand. The following is our contemporary's description:—

- Adhesives (i). "on paper hitherto in use."  
 1d. carmine-vermilion (very distinct shade).  
 (ii) on "new" paper with wmk. very distinct and a very highly surfaced paper.  
 ½d. deep green. | 1d. carmine.  
 2d. blue. | 1d. dull carmine.  
 (iii) on "new" paper, with broad band of colour and the date 1901 on margin of sheet.  
 1d. chalky pink (very clear impression).  
 2d. blue. | ½d. deep blue.

We interpret (i) as being on Gibbons' "ordinary unsurfaced" paper and (ii) and (iii) as being on "chalk-surfaced" paper. Wherein these two latter issues differ from the catalogued chalky-paper issue is less apparent. Issue (iii) may possibly tally with the sheet of ½d. described in *E.W.S.N.* of March 15th. In their present state we fear these notes are not of much value, but we publish them in the hope that one or other of our readers in New South Wales will favour us with a more intelligible statement.

**NEW ZEALAND** (P 132).—The *Cork Examiner* of April 10th, states that New Zealand has adopted the American notion of issuing postage stamps in booklets. Each leaf contains six stamps and is separated from the next leaf by a piece of waxed paper. The outside contains information as to the rates of postage and an extra halfpenny for the binding brings a profit to the Government.

We give this extract in case it may be correct, but the description reads suspiciously like that announced in another column for Holland ("Nederland").

**NIUE** (C 133).—As promised last week we now give a list of the values which are stated to have been issued. Unfortunately we have not yet seen any examples so publish the list under reserve, although we have no reason to doubt the particulars given. None of our correspondents have anything to say about watermark or perforation, so the details are rather meagre. Our New Zealand correspondents seem to have been asleep all the summer, but now that the winter is coming on, we hope they will pay more attention to philately.

- Adhesive stamps employed at Niue, since its annexation to New Zealand in 1900.  
 (i) 1901? Ordinary N.Z. Stamps, without overprint.  
 1d. carmine, "Universal Postage."  
 (ii) 1901? Overprinted "NIUE" with rubber stamp.  
 1d. carmine, "Universal Postage."  
 (iii) 1902 (April?). With surcharge "NIUE" and value in local currency over printed in black.  
 ½d. green.  
 1d. carmine, "Universal Postage."  
 2½d. blue, No wmk., perf. 11 (presumably).

In issue iii. the overprint is made at Wellington, New Zealand. Under date of January 30th, a Wellington correspondent wrote us that the stamps had not then been delivered by the printers, although the stamps were daily expected to be ready for dispatch to Niue. If no unforeseen delays occurred they may not unlikely have reached the island in March.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (L 131).—We take the following interesting account of how the recent provisional ½d. on 6d. was issued, from the *Diamond Fields Advertiser* of March 1st:—  
 "A correspondent writes: The latest addition to the stamps of the Orange River Colony, and incidentally to the ranks of the war issues, in which the present campaign has been so prolific, has just been made at Bloemfontein, and consists in a surcharge of ½d. in red immediately above the figures in the existing 6d. V.R.I. surcharge, the 6d. being deleted by a red line. The announcement of the intention to issue these stamps 'to supply a long felt want for a ½d. value for registration and parcel post services,' was made in a Government notice in the *Bloemfontein Post* of the 14th inst., coupled with an announcement that the stamps would be on sale at the G.P.O. on that date. Punctually at the stroke of 9 a.m. the Bloemfontein Post Office was accordingly besieged by eager buyers of the new stamp in question, but a rigid rule having been formulated that no more than £1 worth should be issued to anyone, individual buyers had to be content with in most cases about a tenth of what they wanted. Nevertheless, the scene appears, according to reliable accounts, to have been a pretty lively one, and all day long, and again the following day, the clerks were kept busy supplying '£1 worth ½d. stamps,' and in less than two days the whole stock of about 20,000 stamps that had been printed were sold out, and it is stated the stamps are now fetching high prices. It is reported that a similar issue, but with E.R.I. instead of V.R.I., is now to be made; also that other issues of surcharged stamps for values running short in

supply are forthcoming during the next few weeks, to clear the way, by disposing of surplus stocks of values not much in demand, for an early issue of a complete set of King's Heads for the new colony."

In publishing the above, we do not wish to be understood to vouch for its accuracy. We have already been told the whole issue was sold out in 1½ hours, and the time is now given as two days, whilst, as regards the quantity printed, we have received the following figures:—

Our own correspondent, £160 worth	9,600
Johannesburg Star, Feb. 26th (£197)	11,820
Diamond Fields Advertiser, Mar. 1st	20,000
Sent's Illustr. Briefmarken-Journal	360,000

Whom are we to believe?

**PANAMA** (B 113).—We appear to have omitted to chronicle what purports to be an "Acknowledgment of Receipt" stamp, issued at the beginning of the year or end of 1901.

*Acknowledgment of Receipt.* Ordinary 5c. postage adhesive, surcharged A.R. within a large oval. "AR" in carmine on 5c. blue.

**PARAGUAY** (I 121).—In *E.W.S.N.* of January 18th, we chronicled the 2, 4 and 5c. of the new set, as having been actually issued. The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* now adds the following:—

*Adhesive.* Perf. 11½. Shield type, lithographed. 10c. carmine.

The other values expected are 1, 28 and 40 centavos.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (C 133, 129).—The *New Zealand Graphic* states that the New Zealand 1d. Universal, ½d. and 2½d. stamps have been surcharged in black "Penrhyn Island." Nothing is said about the value in the native language (Mangarongarese?) being added. The *Australian Philatelist* states that the overprint is "Penrhyn Islands" in the plural.

## The Chemist's Commando Stamps.

A DESCRIPTION AND A JUSTIFICATION FROM THE PEN OF THE CHEMIST HIMSELF.

From the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

In Stanley Gibbons' Addenda to the Stamps of the British Empire, part I. of November, 1900, under the heading "Orange River Colony" on page 8, occurs the following remark:

"A type-set oblong stamp inscribed "Commando-Brief-O.V.S.—Franko; in black on yellow, which is being offered as a war stamp, is really the private speculation of a chemist in the Orange Free State, who had them made and sent to the front and attached to letters, hence they are seen duly postmarked on genuine correspondence. As, however, all such letters were post free, the stamp was superfluous, had no franking power, and is of no philatelic interest whatever."

The present writer is the chemist referred to in the above paragraph.

For the information of Messrs. S. G. & Co., as well as all genuine collectors of stamps, the undersigned feels himself called upon to set forth the following facts, leaving collectors to judge for themselves as to the eligibility or otherwise of the stamp referred to in question to be included in their collections.

The commandoes of the Boer Republics, as is well known, crossed the border of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope during the night of the 14th to the 15th October, 1899, at a place called "Scholy's Nek," not far from Kimberley. The commandoes altogether numbered about 3,000 men at that time. A temporary camp was pitched and communication with the capital of the O.F.S. at once established. Mails were duly received and dispatched.

The writer was appointed field-postmaster of the forces serving under General Delarey and Chief Commandant Wessels. At the commencement, that is to say, the first few days, all letters sent by the burghers at the front to their friends or relatives, had to be initialed either by the field-cornets or commandants.

To save the individual burgher the trouble of having his letter initialed, a collecting box or bag was placed in a conspicuous place at each camp and the box or bag was duly emptied before the departure of each mail. The letters were taken to the tent of the field-cornet or commandant and duly initialed.

When, however, the correspondence became of larger dimensions, the officers mentioned declined to sit for hours and hours intialing letters. A proposal was made to the chief commandant to authorize the issue of stamps, which were to be affixed at the field post office on all letters found in the collecting boxes and bags, and thus save himself and all other officers concerned the trouble of initialing such letters.

The stamps were ordered to be printed by Acting Commandant General Barend Greyling and came into use on the 15th October, 1899. Upon the closer investment of Kimberley the

Commandoes drew into closer touch, and the stamps were largely used for the mails of the burghers around Kimberley. Therefore the postmarks generally found on the stamps are either Spijfontein, Modder River, Barkley East, or an India-rubber stamp "Kimberley, Z.A.R."

It will be seen from the above that the stamps are of official origin and were used to prove that the letters to which they were affixed came from the seat of war and were therefore not subject to any fines, which letters without postage stamps are subject to. They therefore were meant to frank the letters also.

As during the war the burghers were frequently moved from one place to the other it happened that the stamps were taken to other parts and we therefore find copies of these stamps post-marked Dundee, Elandslaagte, Daunhauser, Glencoe, Hoofd Lager Z.A.R. (in Natal); also copies marked with obliterations of post offices in the Cape of Good Hope and naturally nearly all offices of the Orange Free State and a good few of the South African Republic. The stamps have in fact been put to use in nearly all camps of the Republics.

They were still in use after the departure of the writer from the front, during the months of February and the beginning of March, 1900. When General Cronje surrendered, several British officers found in that officer's camp unused copies of the "Commando stamps." Upon the arrival of Lord Roberts' column at Bloemfontein, earnest collectors soon tried to obtain a copy or two of these interesting relics. Post-marked copies were fetching as much as twenty-five shillings, and more; one well-known English collector went even so far as to try to collect a complete set of postmarks of all offices where the stamps had been used. To the writer's knowledge, he obtained as many as 19 different offices! Besides the ordinary dating stamp, an obliterating stamp similar to the British parcel obliterating stamp was used; but with the difference that only three bars above and below the number, instead of four, three small almost square blanks to the right and left of the number, instead of two perpendicular strokes. The number itself, 252, was enclosed by four lines, forming a border.

In conclusion, it may be stated that a number of these stamps reached Europe during the early stages of the war, whilst the Boers were still able to communicate with the world *via* Delagoa Bay. As no ordinary postage stamps were sold from the Field Post Office, all letters posted with a commando stamp only were fined, if their destination was Europe; but were duly forwarded.

Fine postmarked copies in the original orange-yellow colour are rare, but the stamps suffer greatly by exposure to the light, or by immersion in water.

The stamps were printed in sheets of twenty—four rows of five stamps each.

A. F. HOCHAPFEL.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*The Rev. R. B. Earle writes:—*

"Removing grease-marks from stamps.—Answer to 'J.L.B.' in No. 215.—I have sometimes used *carbon bisulphide*, with good success. The stamps can be soaked in it without injury, so far as I know. It is, unfortunately, a most evil-smelling liquid, very volatile, and, I fancy, not very safe to use near a naked light."

*Mr. H. Harrop writes:—*

"I have this week seen a 1d. Great Britain surcharged for use in Oil Rivers, with 'Oil Rivers' at the top of the stamp, and 'British Protectorate' underneath. Can any reader say if this is a genuine error, as it is not catalogued by Stanley Gibbons?"

## Answers to Correspondents.

E.C.G.—Please write out the description of the Brunswick postcards, as you wish same to appear.

J.D.B.—The varieties are rather too minute.

E.B.W.—It is well-known that there are two distinct shades of carmine in the current 10d. British adhesive, the red shade being somewhat scarce unused. We have not noticed such distinct shades in the 2d. or 4½d.

R.E.T.—The defect in the overprint you mention is only apparent and is caused by the postmark.

H.L.B.—The old 1d. red stamp may still be used for postage, although they are not officially recognised. Any postal official may surcharge a letter so franked if he likes, but unless he has grounds for believing the stamp has been cleaned, he seldom does so. The rule is however rigidly enforced in the case of fiscal stamps.



# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136*	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137*	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Benin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Benin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 pias.	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 pias.	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750 Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 pias.	—	—
769 " 20 pias.	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.		
781* German East Africa,	1 rupee	1/4 1/7
782* " " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1
783* " " 3 rupees	4/0	4/8
784 German New Guinea, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0 12/10
786 Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
787 Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
788 China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
789 Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
790* Levant, 10 pias.	—	—
791* " 15 pias.	—	—
792 Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
793 Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0
795* " 1½ "	1/0	1/2
796* " 2½ "	2/0	2/4
797* " 3½ "	3/0	3/6
798* " 6½ "	5/0	5/10
799 Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
800 Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10

NOTE.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/2 per mark.

FOREIGN ARRIVALS.		
Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.		
1900	1l. brown	3d.
	5l. green	1d.
	10l. red	1½d.
	20l. rose	4d.
1901	20l. orange	3d.
	25l. blue	4d.
	50l. lilac	10d.
	50l. blue	7d.
	1dr. violet	1/0
	2dr. brown	2/0
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/11
1900.	Surcharge " Proserionon " in black.	
	1dr. violet	11d.
	2dr. brown	1/8
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/3
1902.	Large surcharge in black.	
	25l. blue	4d.
1901.	Unpaid Letter Stamps.	
	1l. red	4d.
	5l. red	1d.
	10l. red	1½d.

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
 1h. unvarn., perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 1d.; block, 2d.  
 2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
 3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
 5h. varn., perf.  $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ , 1d.; block, 4d.  
 6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
 10h. " perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 2d.; " 6d.  
 20h. " " " 3d.; " 10d.  
 25h. " perf.  $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ , 3d.; " 1/-.  
 30h. " " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
 40h. unvarn., perf.  $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ , 5d.; block, 1/8.  
 Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
 Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
 1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.  
 Germany, old issue, inscribed "Reichspost."  
 A few sets are left at 3/2.  
 Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.  
 Austrian Levant.  
 5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
 10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.  
 Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.  
 Roumania, Taxa de Factagiu, 25b., nett 3d.  
 Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."  
 French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan	12. Martinique
2. Dahomey	13. Mayotte
3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18. St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/3,
11. Ivory Coast	or 1/- each set.

Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.  
 40c. yellow and blue, 6d.  
 50c. blue and pink, 7d.  
 Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1/4d.  
 Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.  
 Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
 Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.  
 Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.  
 France, old 3c. grey, 1d.; 20c. red on green, 3d.  
 Italy, old 20c. orange, 2/4d.  
 United States, Pan-American, 1c., 2c., set, 2d.; 1c., per dozen, 7d.  
 Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4d.; block, 1/3.  
 Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.  
 Austria, with varnished diagonal lines.  
 6 heller, 1d.  
 10 " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.  
 Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
 1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.  
 Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
 1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
 5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.  
 Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.  
 Alexandria, surcharged on France.  
 1, 2, 3, 4c., set of 4, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; per dozen sets, 1/5.  
 German Colonies.  
 5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.  
 Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
 30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Greece, Olympian Games.  
 25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.  
 Hungary, new issue.  
 6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
 6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
 10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.  
 Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.  
 Italy.  
 New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
 Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
 Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.  
 Luxemburg.  
 1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
 1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
 1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
 Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
 1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (W 134).—The 5/- value has now appeared and was on sale at the G.P.O., London, on April 18th.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward.  
5s. carmine (G.P.O., April 18th).

We have now seen entire sheets of the various values, (except of the 5d., 10d. and £1, as yet unissued), and can give a further description.

The ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d. and 6d. stamps are issued in sheets of 240 divided by a horizontal margin into two panes of 120, each consisting of 10 rows of twelve stamps. The 1/- are similarly printed but the two panes are separated before issue. The margin between the panes is plain in the case of the bi-coloured stamps and filled in with lined blocks or pillars in the case of the other values. In the latter there is also a single continuous line round each pane, with connecting line at either end of the row of pillars between the panes, whilst in the bi-coloured stamps there are two lines, one in each colour, round or partly round each pane. The 1½d. has a continuous purple line round each pane and a vertical green one at either side of each pane. The 2d. has a continuous green line round each pane, and a series of short bars, one at each end of every vertical or horizontal row in both panes (although almost invisible through misprinting above the 7th, 8th and 9th stamps in the top row and to right of the last stamp in the lowest row in the upper pane, and in the lower pane, to left of the five lowest rows and to right of the three lowest rows). The 4d. has a continuous brown line round each pane, and a green one similar except for a break at each corner of the panes. The 1/- has two lines round the pane, a carmine one within a green one, both broken at each corner of the pane.

The 9d. is issued in sheets of 80 divided by vertical and horizontal margins into four panes of 20, each containing four rows of five stamps. The vertical margin is filled in with two vertical rows of horizontal pillars, alternately purple and blue, and around each pane are two continuous lines, one in each of these colours.

The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- are issued in panes of 56 stamps, arranged in seven rows of eight stamps. The sheets of 112 stamps as printed are divided into two such panes by a horizontal margin filled in with lined blocks and round each pane is a continuous line.

In the lower values the sheets of paper have a letter watermarked to right of the two upper rows of stamps in the lower pane. We have seen the following letters:—1½d., D, E; 2d. F. The letter is so near the edge of the sheet as to be often indistinguishable.

(B 122).—Some of the marginal varieties of the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps of the Queen Victoria issue bid fair to become rarities. The following varieties may all possibly occur.

1883-84. Margin entirely plain, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-  
1902. Lined blocks between panes, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-  
1902. Same, with "Jubilee" line round pane, 2/6 (?), 5/-, 10/-

Queen's Head stamps of the values of ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 9d. and 10d. also occur with lined blocks between the panes, but the 3d. and 6d. are rare in this condition.

Official Stamps (I 132).—We have seen the 1/- green and carmine Queen's Head I.R. Official, which was announced as being printed in E.W.S.N. of March 1st. The earliest dated copy is Manchester, 17.4.02.

Mr. T. Proud advises us he has the ½d. Board of Education postmarked Aighburth, 14.3.02, which is so far the earliest date. The 1d. is known dated 2.3.02.

Envelope Dies (N 134).—We have seen an impression of the 3d. die 8, postmarked September 24th, 1901, a much earlier date than that mentioned last week. In order to avoid stamping

King's and Queen's Heads side by side, the authorities at Somerset House are making a number of curious combinations. The latest we have seen are 9d. (3d., 3d., 3d.) and 2/6 (1/-, 1/-, 3d., 3d.)

We have received the ½d. King Edward die 7, so the list of King's Head dies now stands as follows:—

½d. dies.	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
1d. dies.	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
2½d. die.	3.
6d. die.	1.

It seems not unlikely that the ½d. and 1d. dies 1 to 6 and the 2½d. dies 1 and 2 may be those which are found with the initials "BR" and if so, they are indistinguishable.

Railway Letter Stamps (L 128).—We have received two new printings, neither very distinct from their predecessors.

London and South Western, 33rd (?) printing. Transfer III.

2d. yellow-green, perf. 11. Imperf. margins.

Manchester, South Junction and Altrincham Railway, 7th printing, new transfer. Sheets as before. Control numbers 4001 to 5000; same size as before.

2d. dark green, perf. 12.

The printing is "heavy" in both cases and in the latter especially defects are numerous, occurring in most of the stamps on the sheet.

Stationery (K 134).—Mr. E. Bentley Wood informs us that he has the following private stationery stamped at Somerset House:—

Postcard. ½d. green, small Arms, without instructions (both sizes).

Newsbands.—½d. green, white paper (postmarked March 10th).

The stamps are similar in design to those on the official stationery.

Fiscal Stamps (D 134).—With reference to the errors in 1/- and 4/- Contract Note stamps without overprint, described last week, the Controller of Stamps, Somerset House, has kindly written to us as follows:—

"In reference to your letter of the 11th inst., I have to acquaint you that one or two errors of the kind which you mention have been discovered and rectified, but it seems from your statement that one or two of the defective stamps must have got into the hands of the public. But the number altogether must have been very few. I have had the whole of the remaining stock examined, but no faulty stamps can be discovered. It was the officer in charge at the factory who showed me the only stamps that I have seen without the overprint. It was the turning down of a corner of a sheet that led to the stamp or stamps being unprinted."

In the case of the specimens described by our correspondents, we should imagine the omission of the overprint was rather due to some damage to the plate, as in one case it was not the corner stamp but the one above it which showed the error.

BELGIUM (G 131).—Telegraph stamps.—The 25c. chronicled as a new issue in E.W.S.N. of March 29th, seems to have been announced a long while ago. Messrs. Yvert & Tellier's catalogue—one of the most reliable and up-to-date for all Telegraph stamps—gives the date of the issue as 1897-99. All Belgian Telegraph stamps except the 25 francs are hexagonal in shape. From 1871 to 1897 the design showed a large head on plain ground and since 1897 a small head on lined ground. The large 25 francs is reported to be now obsolete.

BRITISH LEVANT (B 134).—We have now received sheets of the 2½d. King Edward stamps of Britain overprinted "40 PARAS." The surcharge is similar in type to that of the Queen Victoria 2½d., and shows the same differences in the shape of the figures. The contrast between the size of the figure 4 is often especially noticeable in the last two stamps of a row. The paper-maker's watermark-letter is E.

CAPE COLONY (E 131).—We have seen a new 3d. stamp, similar in type to the 1d. with figure of Hope standing up.

Adhesive. Type of 1d. 1893.

3d. magenta, Anchor, perf. 14.

Date of issue not stated by our correspondents.

CHAMBA (A).—The American Journal of Philately reports having seen the following:—

Adhesives. Overprinted "Chamba State" in two lines on Indian stamps. New colours.

½a. light yellow-green.

1a. carmine.

DJIBOUTI (E 128).—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that the Somali Coast 5c. has been printed in green, with centre in yellow-green. Rumours are rife in Paris to the effect that the entire supply was bespoken by speculators before even it left the printers!

The four provisionals announced in E.W.S.N. No. 128 are surcharged on the 1894 issue of Djibouti (Somali Coast). According to Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste the 0.05 on 75c. was overprinted on the stamps of Obock as well as those of Djibouti.

Adhesive Provisional.

0.05 on 75c. mauve and orange of Obock, 1894.

ECUADOR (H 124).—Remainders or Reprints?—In connection with the warning we published in E.W.S.N. of January 25th and February 22nd, we have received the following letter from Mr. G. B. Calman, the well-known New York dealer.

"From one of my correspondents I have received a letter which appeared in your issue of February 22nd, on the subject of Ecuador remainders of 1894 and 1895, which I recently placed on the market. This letter, written by Mr. Auscher, is entirely fanciful in its conclusions, and the statement that I have tampered with the plates, in order to have reprints made, is not only false but is libelous. The fact is that I have no more control over the dies and plates from which the Seebeck issues were printed than you have, and have never even seen one of them. All of this material is in the hands of the Hamilton Bank Note Co., which printed the issues for the countries with which Mr. Seebeck had contracts, and I believe they are as safe there as they would be with De la Rue and Co. or with the American Bank Note Co. When Mr. Seebeck made his contracts with the different governments of Central America, he of course did not intend to rely upon the returns to be made to him when a new issue was to be placed in use, and it was his practice—as he was permitted to under the contract—to print an additional quantity for himself at the same time that the stamps were sent out to the countries, in order to be placed in use. These stamps, having been printed at the same time as those which were placed in issue, can in no sense be deemed reprints, and are as genuine as any stamps that have ever been sold. I have no reason to suppose that he treated his Ecuador issues any different from the manner in which he treated his other issues, and am certain that the Ecuador remainders which have been placed in the market were printed in 1893 and 1894, respectively, when the stamps to be used in Ecuador in the succeeding years were manufactured. The fact that there exists a certain difference in shade or in paper would certainly not indicate a reprint, as it is more than likely that several printings were made during the years of issue, and of course I have no means of determining to which printing the remainders now placed on the market belong.

"I have given you all the information that I have on the subject of Seebeck issues, being simply the selling agent for the executors of the estate."

In fairness to Mr. Calman, we have published his letter in full, thus giving it equal publicity with that of Mr. Auscher. At the same time, we are not yet assured of the genuineness of the stamps, although we do not for a moment question Mr. Calman's bona-fides in the matter. It is strange that Mr. Seebeck, if he had his stock printed in 1894 and 1895, never placed any of it on sale as in other cases, and if he treated it differently in one way, why not in the other? It seems far more reasonable to suppose that the Hamilton Bank Note Company made a new plate from the original die and reprinted the stamps therefrom, perhaps without even Mr. Seebeck's knowledge. We shall be pleased to hear further from Mr. Calman, especially if he can explain why the 'remainders' were never supplied by Mr. Seebeck.





# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurttemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vatly, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 piastres	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750 Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres	—	—
769 " 20 piastres	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781* German East Africa,	1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782* " " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1	
783* " " 3 rupees	4/0	4/8	
784 German New Guinea, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
786 Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
787 Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
788 China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
789 Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
790* Levant, 10 piastres	—	—	
791* " 15 piastres	—	—	
792 Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
793 Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0	
795* " 1½ "	1/0	1/2	
796* " 2½ "	2/0	2/4	
797* " 3½ "	3/0	3/6	
798* " 6½ "	5/0	5/10	
799 Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	
800 Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	

Note.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/2 per mark.

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Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.			
1900	1l. brown	3d.	
	5l. green	1d.	
	10l. red	1½d.	
	20l. rose	4d.	
1901	20l. orange	3d.	
	25l. blue	4d.	
	1dr. violet	1/0	
	2dr. brown	2/0	
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/11	
1900.	Surcharge "Proseronin" in black.		
	1dr. violet	11d.	
	2dr. brown	1/8	
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/3	
1902.	Large surcharge in black.		
	25l. blue	4d.	
1901.	Unpaid		

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Wurtemberg. Sets and high values.  
2 marks (rare, cat. 7/6), nett 2/6 each.

Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1/4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Montenegro, set is again in stock.

Switzerland. Sets and high values. The sets can be supplied with the 12c. and 15c. in the new or old shades. The latter value is now dark violet, with lines of engraving thinner.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " 3d.; " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
30h. " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.

Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

Austrian Levant.  
5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania, Taxa de Factagi, 25b., nett 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan	12. Martinique
2. Dahomey	13. Mayotte
3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18. St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/3,
11. Ivory Coast	or 1/- each set.

Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.  
40c. yellow and blue, 6d.  
50c. blue and pink, 7d.

Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (X 135).—Mr. C. W. F. F. Woods informs us that he has the new 3d. stamp postmarked "Charing Cross, 25.3.02" or one day earlier than the previous record.

**Official Stamps** (J. 135).—Under date of April 22nd Mr. A. F. Clarke informed us that he had seen the 6d. lilac King's Head, overprinted "Govt. Parcels." No earlier date of actual use has yet been recorded.

Our correspondent writes that "the overprint is in a different position, the letters which form the second word being but slightly above the panel containing the value of the stamp."

Mr. F. Grove Powell writes that he has the ½d. green, Queen's Head, I.R. Official dated "Lincoln, 23.2.01," thus beating the previous record by five weeks.

**Postal Orders** (B 133).—We have now seen the £1 Postal Order with King Edward poundage stamp, issued April 21st, No. 064—082810.

**Envelope Dies** (O 135).—A supply of envelopes received from Somerset House last week by the Colonial Stamp Market was stamped with die 14 of both ½d. and 1d. values. The list of King's Head dies therefore now stands:—

½d. Dies 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14.  
1d. Dies 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

Major Evans has shown us a Stock Exchange telegram form, stamped with what appears to be the Queen's Head 6d. die 49. No. 47 was the highest previously recorded. The die-number is not however indisputably distinct, but it is quite time that dies 48 and 49 made their appearance. Mr. J. W. Lawson has shown us the Queen's Head 1d. envelope die 59, postmarked Thurso, 31.10.44. This was one of the two die-numbers of the early series which we had not seen (Reference, B 131). We are indebted to the same correspondent for another record date:

Envelope, 1d. die 140 w.w. latest, 29.8.67.

**ANTIOQUIA** (G 128).—In E.W.S.N. of March 8th we listed a new 1c. red provisional, issued in November last. We notice that the *Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr* states that a set of three stamps appeared in that month—Perf. 12, 1c. red, 2½c. violet, 4c. blue.

**AUSTRIA** (H 132).—*Perforation varieties.*—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a further consignment of Austrian stamps just received, in which we note several more new varieties.

Perf. 13 × 12½. Unvarn., 50; varn., 2, 35, 60 heller.  
Perf. 13 × 13½. Varn., 1, 3 heller.  
Perf. 12½. Unvarn., 1, 2 kronen.

The 4 kronen is still perf. 10½. We note that the perforation stated as 13½ varies from 13½ to 13½, so possibly our "13 × 13½" may represent Gibbons' "13."

**BARBADOS** (F 134).—We have just received information of the actual re-issue of the 6d. value.

**BENADIR** (B 133).—Dr. Emilio Diena sends the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* a set of the new stamps, described in E.W.S.N. No. 133. The stamps are not yet in use, for the very simple reason, states Dr. Diena, that there is not as yet any postal organisation in the colony! It is however expected soon to open a post office in the Colony's Port. Until then, as heretofore, correspondence will be forwarded unfranked to Zanzibar and thence despatched to its destination by British or French packet (chiefly the former). The administration of the Colony is undertaken by the *Società Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir*, which is apparently responsible for the pre-issue of the stamps to collectors.

**CARTAGENA** (F 132).—Respecting the two new stamps listed in E.W.S.N. of April 5th, we get the following further information from *Meckel's Weekly Stamp News*. The 5 centavos has the arms in the centre, surrounded by the

inscription in a circle "*Republica de Colombia.*" Horizontally at top and bottom are "*Correos*" and "*Centavos*" respectively. Above the latter word is a large "5," signifying the value. The 10c. is very similar in design and inscriptions, only that the value is expressed in figures in both the lower corners and in Roman numerals in the upper corners.

The colour of the 10c. is given as "light brown" instead of red, and the rubber-stamped control-mark a five-rayed star, in red. Double overprints of this star occur. So far the 5c. is only known perforated and the 10c. imperforate.

**CURACAO** (E 131).—*Discovery.*—Mr. L. Lazarus writes to the *American Journal of Philately* that he has found the 2½c. on 10c. of 1895 (Gibbons' No. 52) with inverted surcharge.

**DENMARK** (A).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* is informed by a Copenhagen collector that this country is going in for a complete new series of stamps. The design is to be made the subject of a competition, the Postmaster-General having addressed an advertisement to Danish artists and designers to submit their ideas before the 1st of July of this year. For the best design there will be a prize of £28; for the second best, £17; for other good designs which the P.M.G. may see fit to acquire, £12. The new stamps are expected to appear before the end of the year.

The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* gives a translation of the official announcement offering prizes and stating the conditions which have to be observed, chief among which is that providing for distinct figures of value. Portraits, arms and allegorical figures are equally admissible as the basis of designs; in fact, there are no other restrictions beyond that the design must not be too complicated to prevent clear printing. July 1st is named as the latest date for receiving the designs, the two best of which will be respectively awarded 500 and 300 kronen. The notice is dated Copenhagen, April 9th, 1902.

**ECUADOR** (I 135).—In reply to Mr. Calman's letter published last week, M. Auscher sends us a copy of the *Tribune des Collectionneurs* in which a Parisian firm acknowledge in their advertisements that the unused sets of Ecuador are mere reprints. Here are their exact descriptions:—

	Par 1.	Par 10.
1894. "Equateur." Série Complète Originaux usés 1 cent à 5 sucres, 8 valeurs, la série	1 50	13.—
1894-95. La même neuve, millésime 1895, réimprimée en 1902	1 50	13.—
1894. Service, Série Complète de 7 valeurs, de 1c. à 1 sucre, neufs originaux	4.—	35.—
1894. Service, les mêmes réimprimés en 1902, 7 valeurs, de 1c. à 1s. neufs	1 50	13.—

From the fact that the originals of the 1894 postage set are used, it may be supposed that after the bulk of remainders had been surcharged for use in later years, the residue was postmarked and so returned to Mr. Seebeck, who may ultimately have obtained permission to reprint, when the Ecuador Government had finally demonetized the 1894-95 issues.

**FRANCE** (N 132).—M. Hauch sends us a copy of the new 30c. stamp, foreshadowed in E.W.S.N. of January 27th.

*Adhesive.* Design slightly altered. 30c. pale violet, p. 14 × 13½.

The chief alteration is in the shield containing the figures of value. It is no longer in the extreme corner, but detached, with leaf ornamentation round the edge. At the top is the word "Postes" in small capitals. The *millésime* is presumably "2," but our correspondent does not say.

**GERMANY** (L 135).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* has a long and interesting article on errors in German stamps. Apropos the "Dfutsches" error, it is stated that a 3 pf. plate prints four sheets at a time, each of 100 stamps. Designating these four panes A, B, C

A B and D, the error occurs on the 5th stamp of the 4th horizontal row of pane C D A and on the 10th stamp of the 9th row of pane C, in plate No. 1. The plate-number is twice printed on the margin, once to

right of pane B and again to right of pane D. It is rather curious that we have been unable to find any other reference to the plate-numbers of the new stamps in any of the German philatelic journals; we should have thought a subject of so much interest and importance would have merited at least a brief reference.

**GOLD COAST** (J 134).—Mr. E. J. Nankivell writes us, apropos our note in E.W.S.N. of April 19th on the marginal plate-numbers of the 1d. on 2½d. provisional, that he possesses a strip with plate-number 2. Both Nos. 2 and 3 are therefore now known.

**GREECE** (L 135).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* adds the following values to the list of unpaid letter stamps of the new series.

Unpaid Letter Stamps. Perf. 13½.
1 drachme, grey-black.
2 drachmai, bronze.
3 " silver.
5 " gold.

It is quite a new departure having drachma values in this set, and we should have thought 100, 200 lepta, etc. would have been less likely to cause confusion.

**HOLLAND** (F 134).—We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Robert for a sight of one of the little booklets just issued. It contains 24 stamps of 1c. divided into four blocks (or pages) of six, which are bound together on the margin attached to the left of each block. The stamps are perf. 12½ all round and are apparently cut or torn from ordinary sheets. The cover of the book is bright red, and inscribed "*Nederlandsche Posterijen—24 Zegels van 1 cent—Prijs 25 cent.*"

**ICELAND** (B 103).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* learns that a complete new set of stamps is in preparation. Perhaps, if only the negotiations for their sale can be prolonged sufficiently, Denmark will also favour us with a new set for her West Indian Colonies.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—*Advertisements.*—Mr. Truebridge, a member of the firm of contractors for printing the advertisements on the backs of New Zealand stamps about 1893, has furnished some particulars to the *Australian Journal of Philately*. The idea was that of the Postmaster-General, now Sir Joseph Ward, and the advertisements were printed on by the Government. They were discontinued on account of the many complaints about ink on the adhesive sides of the stamps. About 20 million advertisement-stamps were issued.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (M 134).—The *Daily Mail* states that "a complete set of new stamps has been ordered for the Orange River Colony."

The two right hand panes of sheets of the 4d. on 6d. provisional, which recently appeared, do not show the "dotless R" variety on the 20th stamp, although the dot is somewhat faint. This provisional was, by the way, cut up into panes of 60 before issue and not supplied, like the 6d., in sheets of 240.

**PERSIA** (E 135). The *Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr* records the complete set from 1 chahi to 50 kran overprinted "Provisoire 1319." The values not previously chronicled by us are the following:—3ch. lilac, 4ch. red, 8ch. orange, 16ch. green, 3kr. violet, 4kr. orange-red, 5kr. brown, 10kr. dark blue.

**ST. VINCENT** (C 124).—The stock of the old 4d. yellow, which remained in use long after the other old line-engraved stamps became obsolete, has at length been exhausted, and the stamp can no longer be had at the St. Vincent G.P.O. The sole survivor of the handsome Perkins-Bacon designs, the 5/-, will also be obsolete very shortly.

**SURINAM** (B 118).—The Avenue Stamp Company have shown the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* a copy of the 25 on 50c. provisional of 1900 in a hitherto unknown gauge of perforation, 14 instead of 12½ × 12 or 11½ × 12.

**SWITZERLAND** (C 135).—With reference to the note which appeared last week, we have since been shown a consignment of stamps just received from Berne by the Colonial Stamp Market and note that several new printings

appear to have been made. The 15c. value shows thinner lines and letterings as in the 10c., although we would not go as far as our contemporary, and suggest that the plate has been re-engraved. The colour is also very distinct, being dark lilac rather than mauve. According to the Catalogue, the values up to 15c. have been uniformly perforated  $11\frac{1}{2}$  since 1882, whilst those above 15c. were perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  till 1891, perf.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  during a short period in 1888, and perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  since 1891. In the stamps just received, the values 20, 25, 30, 50c. and 3fr. are all perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ , the following being uncatalogued.

*Adhesive.* Perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ . 25c. blue.

**TRANSVAAL** (P 135).—*King Edward Issue.*—We have seen the new stamps, and find that they are generally of handsome appearance, except the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., which is in a very dingy green. We take the following from the *Johannesburg Star* of March 22nd:—

"The first issue of the new Transvaal postage stamps was received by yesterday's mail, and will be on sale on April 1st. The circulation of purely English stamps in the Transvaal, for the second time, is a historical event of much interest. The stamps are of pretty design, and more attractive than the home stamp. There is more definition, and there is not that defect, which is so marked in the German and other stamps, of superfluity of detail. The denominations of the postage stamps are as usual, starting with the half-penny, and proceeding with 1d., 2d.,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. They are printed on a white ground, and up to 2s. the same engraving of the King's Head as on the English stamps is reproduced in dark grey. The margins are all different, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. being a light green, 1d. vermilion, 2d. delicate purple,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue, 6d. amber, 1s. dark green, 2s. chocolate-brown. The half-crown stamp has the head in lilac, the outer design being in black. In the five shillings stamps the colours are brown and yellow, with the brown predominating, and the 10s. is of a dark crimson, reminding one of the last issue of English sixpenny stamps. The revenue stamps start with the half-crown, and their value in succession run 5s., 10s., £1, £5, £10 and £25. In future postage stamps up to the value of 2s. will be available for revenue purposes; there will be no actual revenue stamps sold for special purposes under the half-crown. Later on embossed envelopes, post cards and wrappers will be sold."

With reference to the report that the £5 V.R.I. adhesive was sold out in December last, we are in a position to state that a copy was issued from the Johannesburg post office as recently as April 4th.

**TRINIDAD** (K 135).—Mr. M. D. Senior informs the *American Journal of Philately* that he has received the 5/- lilac and purple, which was chronicled some time ago as having been printed.

*Adhesive.* Crown CA. 14. Type of 1896.  
5/- lilac and purple.

Date of issue is not stated.

**UNITED STATES** (Q 131).—The *Metro-politan Philatelist* states that the 4c. Pan-American with inverted centre is known overprinted 'specimen' only. A sheet was found and should have been destroyed, but the Third Assistant-Postmaster rescued it, had it overprinted, and gave the stamps to his friends, one specimen to each.

**URUGUAY** (F 125).—In addition to the two new postcards chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 125, the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* notes the following:—

*Postcard.* For local use. 2 centésimos, blue.

Our contemporary furnishes a list of the different views illustrated on the backs of the cards, which, it is stated, were issued on January 20th.

**VICTORIA** (P 127).—The *Australian Philatelist* chronicles, on the authority of Mr. E. Sutton, the current 1d. postage due in a new shade, yellow-green and deep red (instead of rosine). The same correspondent mentions a current  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. red on yellow defective printing pair without value, whatever that may mean. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green wrapper is noted as now being issued on manilla paper.

In looking over the Colonial Stamp Market's stock of the current issue, types with "Postage," we were rather surprised to find that the 9d. value had the watermark sideways. A further examination showed that in all consignments received this year it has had the watermark in that position, although a specimen of the first printing received in the summer of 1901 has the watermark upright. The sideways position is of course normal to the oblong  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and the small  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., but has not, we believe, yet been noted on the ordinary size stamps.

*Adhesive.* Wmk. V and Crown, sideways.  
9d. rose-red.

Most of the values are common enough with inverted watermark, but such are of little philatelic importance.

**WURTEMBERG** (B 112).—Collectors are warned against purchasing unused 2 mark stamps on the basis of catalogue prices. The 2 mark value was first issued in 1875, and has of course now been superseded by ordinary German stamps. Never during its lifetime of 27 years has it been sold to the public, with the result that the 2mk. yellow is catalogued £8 unused, the 2mk. red £7 10s., and the 2mk. orange and black 15s. to 25s. Now that Wurtemberg stamps are obsolete, however, the restriction on the sale of this particular value has been removed, and it can be bought at Stuttgart for face value. No doubt many collectors will think they have got a bargain when it is offered to them at  $\frac{1}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  catalogue price, but readers of *E.W.S.N.* will have no excuse if they allow themselves to be caught napping.

### British Guiana, \$1, 1888.

(From *Morley's Philatelic Journal*).

A VALUABLE defence of fiscal collecting—if one be needed—is the light which the study of fiscals sometimes throws upon the contemporaneous postage issues. In some cases a vexed question may be definitely settled by appeal to fiscals but yet more frequently perhaps an interesting question may be suggested. The study of the Revenue stamps of British Guiana at a meeting of the Fiscal Philatelic Society in March evoked a matter of some interest and one which concerns the collectors of the postage stamps of this country, in connection with the number of copies issued on the \$1 green and black Inland Revenue stamp of 1888-89—No. 144 in Gibbons' Catalogue. The series of stamps to which this particular value belongs is of course purely fiscal, but it was also employed for postage purposes as a regular issue. In the February number of the *Monthly Journal* a letter was published from the Commissioner of Stamps for British Guiana, certifying that since May, 1890, 121,946 stamps of \$1 were received in the Colony from the Crown Agents and that only 144 of these were issued to the public, the remainder except two stamps being surcharged and issued as 1 cent stamps. This seems to be very generally taken to mean that only 144 of the \$1 stamp exist but, as we shall see, apparently without justification.

At the meeting above referred to, some doubt was expressed that such a small number should have been issued, a doubt which was greatly intensified when it was found that amongst the gentlemen present at least 30 or 40 copies had been handled—nearly all used fiscally, of course. On further investigation on our part we have come across some interesting statements in Moens Catalogue which in the first place tend to show that probably a larger number than 144 of the stamps in question exist, and secondly bring to light two very interesting varieties which appear to have been overlooked by the majority of collectors, especially as no mention of them is made in Gibbons' Catalogue. In Part I. of Moens' Catalogue, which deals with postage stamps exclusively, the issue of these Inland Revenue stamps is given under date 1888-89, the details being the same as in Gibbons' Catalogue except that the two varieties with large "4" in the 4c. and \$4 are not mentioned, but it is expressly stated that the dollar values were issued on the 1st October, 1888.

If now we turn to Part 2—dealing with fiscals—this set of stamps is chronicled under date 1888, but in addition two highly interesting varieties are noted, viz., the \$2 and \$3 in a pair *se tenant* and likewise the \$1 and \$5 in the same condition. Now the greatest respect is due to all statements made in Moens' Catalogue. As most collectors who are in the habit of using it are aware that in cases of doubt which have been fully elucidated, in nearly every case Moens is found to be correct. Assuming then for the moment the correctness of the facts we have stated above let us consider their bearing as regards the stamp under discussion.

It will be noticed at once that the Commissioner of Stamps of British Guiana merely states the quantity of \$1 stamps received and issued subsequently to May, 1890. How many then were printed and issued between October, 1888, and May, 1890? Surely a much larger quantity than 144 must have been issued in all. Is not the price asked by Gibbons—50/- used or unused—also very moderate for a stamp of which only 144 copies exist, further indirect evidence of the fact. The existence also of the *se tenant* pairs, if they are forthcoming, will show that there were at least two printings of the dollar values; for the stamps surcharged "One cent" in red are, as far as we are aware, all of the same value on the same sheet and hence the earliest printing of the dollar stamp was differently arranged to the later ones and contained at least two distinct values on the same sheet. In this case it would be highly desirable to know the exact disposition. Here we must leave this matter to philatelists in first place to verify Moens statements and secondly to supply the desired information.

Since writing the above Mr. Lundy informs us that he has seen a pair of the \$1 and \$5 *se tenant* so that it is practically certain the other pair \$2 and \$3 exist. Hence these two interesting varieties must be added to the Postage and Revenue Catalogues and future research must be directed to elucidate the different printings of the surcharges on these stamps.

### The Two Dies of the 5 cents Ceylon.

Mr. Gordon Smith enumerates in the *Monthly Journal* the differences presented by the earlier and later printings of the FIVE CENTS of Ceylon, differences as marked as the now well-known two dies of the British Colonial plates. From the largely detailed and illustrated description we extract and tabulate the more salient points.

TYPE I.

- (a) All the lines of the background are thick and partly uneven.
- (b) The lines of shading in the hair over the eyebrow, the nostril, and under the chin, are all very heavy, almost solid in colour.
- (c) The pendant curl at the back of the hair is broad
- (d) The back of the neck is a line of solid colour.
- (e) The shading at the base of the bust is broad and ends abruptly in front.
- (f) The words of value are not quite so bold as the rest of the inscription.

TYPE II.

- (a) All the lines are thinner and of equal thickness.
- (b) These lines are all clear and distinct. The mouth has a slightly altered appearance.
- (c) The pendant curl is narrower and the whole lines of the hair much clearer.
- (d) The back of the head beneath the band is much deeper in shadow, but the back of the neck is shaded off.
- (e) The shading of the base is narrower and gradually tapers to a point.
- (f) The words of value are uniform with the rest of the lettering.

There are other points, but the short extract given will enable any collector to distinguish between the two types.—(*The Stamp Collector*).

### Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. Stoehr writes:*—

"I have a variety of the O.R.C. overprinted on Cape  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue which I do not think you have catalogued. Both the V and R of "river" are dropped below the rest of the word. I have also a pair, one containing the E and the other the V dropped."

*Mr. S. B. Kelton sends an Enquiry:*—

"Amongst a quantity of used Australian stamps I have found a copy of the New South Wales  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. grey, surcharged O.S., and perf. 10; date of postmark, Feb. or Dec. '94. This perforation does not appear to be catalogued, although it is known amongst the reprints of 1895. I have in my collection Labuan 2c., 1897, perf. 14 and 15; the latter I obtained from your C.S.M. recently. Does the whole set exist with both perforations?"

### Answers to Correspondents.

J.W.S.—The variety is rather too minute to chronicle.

T.C.A.—The "inverted P" is only a broken B; if it were a true inverted P, the loop would be to the left of the upright stroke and not to the right as you indicate.

K.S.E.—Very many green stamps are liable to turn blue under certain conditions which are by no means infrequently met with.

W.H.G. writes:—"I am aware of the South Australia 2/- perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ , 10 compound, but I have come across a specimen quite new to me in one perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ , and 10 at top. Do you know of such a variety?" [The two perforations you mention are identical. Perf. 10  $\times$   $11\frac{1}{2}$  signifies "perf. 10 horizontally and  $11\frac{1}{2}$  vertically"; perf. 10 w.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  or as Gibbons puts it "perf. 10 compound with  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " signifies "perf. 10 on all sides not perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ." A sheet of stamps which is perf 10 w.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  will very likely show a great many combinations including that you mention. Perf. 10,  $11\frac{1}{2}$  would signify that both these gauges occurred on the same single-line perforating machine, and consequently might appear on the same side of a stamp; it is very rare to find a clearly defined difference of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm. in this way, although "perf. 11,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ," or "perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , 13" are often enough met with. Perf. 10 to  $11\frac{1}{2}$  would signify that the same line of perforation might gauge anywhere between 10 and  $11\frac{1}{2}$ , and that little or no attempt at regularity in setting the needles had been made. 'Waterlow perforation' is an example of this.—Ed.]

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

No.	Particulars	Face Value.	Our Price.
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602	" 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603	" 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605*	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606	" 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607*	" 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608*	" 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614	" 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615*	" 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617*	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618*	" 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619*	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624	" (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625	" 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626	" 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628	" (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629	" 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630	" (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631*	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632*	" Old tr. br. & or.	—	—
633	" 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634	" 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938	" 2fr.	1/8	1/11
939	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647*	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648*	" 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652	" 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654	" 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655	" 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656	" 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659	Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660	" 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661	" 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665	" 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667	" 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670**	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671*	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674*	" 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675*	" 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677*	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678*	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681	" 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684	" 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687*	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688*	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690	Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691	" 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694*	" 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695*	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698	" 2 lire	—	—
699	" 5 lire	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708	" 10p. orange	5/0	—
711			



appear to have been made. The 15c. value shows thinner lines and letterings as in the 10c., although we would not go as far as our contemporary, and suggest that the plate has been re-engraved. The colour is also very distinct, being dark lilac rather than mauve. According to the Catalogue, the values up to 15c. have been uniformly perforated 11½ since 1882, whilst those above 15c. were perf. 11½ × 12 till 1891, perf. 9½ during a short period in 1888, and perf. 11½ × 11 since 1891. In the stamps just received, the values 20, 25, 30, 50c. and 3fr. are all perf. 11½ × 12, the following being uncatalogued.

*Adhesive.* Perf. 11½ × 12. 25c. blue.

**TRANSVAAL** (P 135).—*King Edward Issue.*—We have seen the new stamps, and find that they are generally of handsome appearance, except the ½d., which is in a very dingy green. We take the following from the *Johannesburg Star* of March 22nd:—

The first issue of the new Transvaal postage stamps was received by yesterday's mail, and will be on sale on April 1st. The circulation of purely English stamps in the Transvaal, for the second time, is a historical event of much interest. The stamps are of pretty design, and more attractive than the home stamp. There is more definition, and there is not that defect, which is so marked in the German and other stamps, of superfluity of detail. The denominations of the postage stamps are as usual, starting with the half-penny, and proceeding with 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. They are printed on a white ground, and up to 2s. the same engraving of the King's Head as on the English stamps is reproduced in dark grey. The margins are all different, the ½d. being a light green, 1d. vermilion, 2d. delicate purple, 2½d. blue, 6d. amber, 1s. dark green, 2s. chocolate-brown. The half-crown stamp has the head in lilac, the outer design being in black. In the five shillings stamps the colours are brown and yellow, with the brown predominating, and the 10s. is of a dark crimson, reminding one of the last issue of English sixpenny stamps. The revenue stamps start with the half-crown, and their value in succession run 5s., 10s., £1, £5, £10 and £25. In future postage stamps up to the value of 2s. will be available for revenue purposes; there will be no actual revenue stamps sold for special purposes under the half-crown. Later on embossed envelopes, post cards and wrappers will be sold.

With reference to the report that the £5 V.R.I. adhesive was sold out in December last, we are in a position to state that a copy was issued from the Johannesburg post office as recently as April 4th.

**TRINIDAD** (K 135).—Mr. M. D. Senior informs the *American Journal of Philately* that he has received the 5/- lilac and purple, which was chronicled some time ago as having been printed.

*Adhesive.* Crown CA. 14. Type of 1896.  
5/- lilac and purple.

Date of issue is not stated.

**UNITED STATES** (Q 131).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the 4c. Pan-American with inverted centre is known overprinted 'specimen' only. A sheet was found and should have been destroyed, but the Third Assistant-Postmaster rescued it, had it overprinted, and gave the stamps to his friends, one specimen to each.

**URUGUAY** (F 125).—In addition to the two new postcards chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 125, the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* notes the following:—

*Postcard.* For local use. 2 centésimos, blue.

Our contemporary furnishes a list of the different views illustrated on the backs of the cards, which, it is stated, were issued on January 20th.

**VICTORIA** (P 127).—The *Australian Philatelist* chronicles, on the authority of Mr. E. Sutton, the current 1d. postage due in a new shade, yellow-green and deep red (instead of rosine). The same correspondent mentions a current ½d. red on yellow defective printing pair without value, whatever that may mean. The ½d. green wrapper is noted as now being issued on manilla paper.

In looking over the Colonial Stamp Market's stock of the current issue, types with "Postage," we were rather surprised to find that the 9d. value had the watermark sideways. A further examination showed that in all consignments received this year it has had the watermark in that position, although a specimen of the first printing received in the summer of 1901 has the watermark upright. The sideways position is of course normal to the oblong 1½d. and the small ½d., but has not, we believe, yet been noted on the ordinary size stamps.

*Adhesive.* Wmk. V and Crown, sideways.  
9d. rose-red.

Most of the values are common enough with inverted watermark, but such are of little philatelic importance.

**WURTEMBERG** (B 112).—Collectors are warned against purchasing unused 2 mark stamps on the basis of catalogue prices. The 2 mark value was first issued in 1875, and has of course now been superseded by ordinary German stamps. Never during its lifetime of 27 years has it been sold to the public, with the result that the 2mk. yellow is catalogued £8 unused, the 2mk. red £7 10s., and the 2mk. orange and black 15s. to 25s. Now that Wurtemberg stamps are obsolete, however, the restriction on the sale of this particular value has been removed, and it can be bought at Stuttgart for face value. No doubt many collectors will think they have got a bargain when it is offered to them at ¼ or ½ catalogue price, but readers of *E.W.S.N.* will have no excuse if they allow themselves to be caught napping.

### British Guiana, \$1, 1888.

(From *Morley's Philatelic Journal*).

A VALUABLE defence of fiscal collecting—if one be needed—is the light which the study of fiscals sometimes throws upon the contemporaneous postage issues. In some cases a vexed question may be definitely settled by appeal to fiscals but yet more frequently perhaps an interesting question may be suggested. The study of the Revenue stamps of British Guiana at a meeting of the Fiscal Philatelic Society in March evoked a matter of some interest and one which concerns the collectors of the postage stamps of this country, in connection with the number of copies issued on the \$1 green and black Inland Revenue stamp of 1888-89—No. 144 in Gibbons' Catalogue. The series of stamps to which this particular value belongs is of course purely fiscal, but it was also employed for postage purposes as a regular issue. In the February number of the *Monthly Journal* a letter was published from the Commissioner of Stamps for British Guiana, certifying that since May, 1890, 121,946 stamps of \$1 were received in the Colony from the Crown Agents and that only 144 of these were issued to the public, the remainder except two stamps being surcharged and issued as 1 cent stamps. This seems to be very generally taken to mean that only 144 of the \$1 stamp exist but, as we shall see, apparently without justification.

At the meeting above referred to, some doubt was expressed that such a small number should have been issued, a doubt which was greatly intensified when it was found that amongst the gentlemen present at least 30 or 40 copies had been handled—nearly all used fiscally, of course. On further investigation on our part we have come across some interesting statements in Moens' Catalogue which in the first place tend to show that probably a larger number than 144 of the stamps in question exist, and secondly bring to light two very interesting varieties which appear to have been overlooked by the majority of collectors, especially as no mention of them is made in Gibbons' Catalogue. In Part I. of Moens' Catalogue, which deals with postage stamps exclusively, the issue of these Inland Revenue stamps is given under date 1888-89, the details being the same as in Gibbons' Catalogue except that the two varieties with large "4" in the 4c. and \$4 are not mentioned, but it is expressly stated that the dollar values were issued on the 1st October, 1888.

If now we turn to Part 2—dealing with fiscals—this set of stamps is chronicled under date 1888, but in addition two highly interesting varieties are noted, viz., the \$2 and \$3 in a pair *se tenant* and likewise the \$1 and \$5 in the same condition. Now the greatest respect is due to all statements made in Moens' Catalogue. As most collectors who are in the habit of using it are aware that in cases of doubt which have been fully elucidated, in nearly every case Moens is found to be correct. Assuming then for the moment the correctness of the facts we have stated above let us consider their bearing as regards the stamp under discussion.

It will be noticed at once that the Commissioner of Stamps of British Guiana merely states the quantity of \$1 stamps received and issued subsequently to May, 1890. How many then were printed and issued between October, 1888, and May, 1890? Surely a much larger quantity than 144 must have been issued in all. Is not the price asked by Gibbons—50/- used or unused—also very moderate for a stamp of which only 144 copies exist, further indirect evidence of the fact. The existence also of the *se tenant* pairs, if they are forthcoming, will show that there were at least two printings of the dollar values; for the stamps surcharged "One cent" in red are, as far as we are aware, all of the same value on the same sheet and hence the earliest printing of the dollar stamp was differently arranged to the later ones and contained at least two distinct values on the same sheet. In this case it would be highly desirable to know the exact disposition. Here we must leave this matter to philatelists in first place to verify Moens' statements and secondly to supply the desired information.

Since writing the above Mr. Lundy informs us that he has seen a pair of the \$1 and \$5 *se tenant* so that it is practically certain the other pair \$2 and \$3 exist. Hence these two interesting varieties must be added to the Postage and Revenue Catalogues and future research must be directed to elucidate the different printings of the surcharges on these stamps.

### The Two Dies of the 5 cents Ceylon.

Mr. Gordon Smith enumerates in the *Monthly Journal* the differences presented by the earlier and later printings of the FIVE CENTS of Ceylon, differences as marked as the now well-known two dies of the British Colonial plates. From the largely detailed and illustrated description we extract and tabulate the more salient points.

TYPE I.

(a) All the lines of the background are thick and partly uneven.

(b) The lines of shading in the hair over the eyebrow, the nostril, and under the chin, are all very heavy, almost solid in colour.

(c) The pendant curl at the back of the hair is broad

(d) The back of the neck is a line of solid colour.

(e) The shading at the base of the bust is broad and ends abruptly in front.

(f) The words of value are not quite so bold as the rest of the inscription.

TYPE II.

(a) All the lines are thinner and of equal thickness.

(b) These lines are all clear and distinct. The mouth has a slightly altered appearance.

(c) The pendant curl is narrower and the whole lines of the hair much clearer.

(d) The back of the head beneath the band is much deeper in shadow, but the back of the neck is shaded off.

(e) The shading of the base is narrower and gradually tapers to a point.

(f) The words of value are uniform with the rest of the lettering.

There are other points, but the short extract given will enable any collector to distinguish between the two types.—(*The Stamp Collector*).

### Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. Stoehr writes:*—

"I have a variety of the O.R.C. overprinted on Cape 2½d. blue which I do not think you have catalogued. Both the V and R of "river" are dropped below the rest of the word. I have also a pair, one containing the E and the other the V dropped."

*Mr. S. B. Kelton sends an Enquiry:*—

"Amongst a quantity of used Australian stamps I have found a copy of the New South Wales ½d. grey, surcharged O.S., and perf. 10; date of postmark, Feb. or Dec. '94. This perforation does not appear to be catalogued, although it is known amongst the reprints of 1895. I have in my collection Labuan 2c., 1897, perf. 14 and 15; the latter I obtained from your C.S.M. recently. Does the whole set exist with both perforations?"

### Answers to Correspondents.

J.W.S.—The variety is rather too minute to chronicle.

T.C.A.—The "inverted P" is only a broken B; if it were a true inverted P, the loop would be to the left of the upright stroke and not to the right as you indicate.

K.S.E.—Very many green stamps are liable to turn blue under certain conditions which are by no means infrequently met with.

W.H.G. writes:—"I am aware of the South Australia 2/- perf. 11½, 10 compound, but I have come across a specimen quite new to me in one perf. 11½, 11½, 11½, and 10 at top. Do you know of such a variety?" The two perforations you mention are identical. Perf. 10 × 11½ signifies "perf. 10 horizontally and 11½ vertically"; perf. 10 w. 11½ or as Gibbons puts it "perf. 10 compound with 11½" signifies "perf. 10 on all sides not perf. 11½." A sheet of stamps which is perf. 10 w. 11½ will very likely show a great many combinations including that you mention. Perf. 10, 11½ would signify that both these gauges occurred on the same single-line perforating machine, and consequently might appear on the same side of a stamp; it is very rare to find a clearly defined difference of 1½ mm. in this way, although "perf. 11, 11½," or "perf. 12½, 13" are often enough met with. Perf. 10 to 11½ would signify that the same line of perforation might gauge anywhere between 10 and 11½, and that little or no attempt at regularity in setting the needles had been made. "Waterlow perforation" is an example of this.—[Ed.]



# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b	6	1/4	1/8
138b	Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0 2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75. ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 piastres	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750 Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres	—	—
769 " 20 piastres	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781* German East Africa,			
	1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782*	" 2 rupees	2/8	3/1
783*	" 3 rupees	4/0	4/8
784 German New Guinea, 1,			
	2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1,			
	2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10
786 Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
787 Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
788 China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
789 Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
790* Levant, 10 piastres	—	—	—
791*	" 15 piastres	—	—
792 Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
793 Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0 10	1 0	1 0
795*	" 1½ "	1 0	1 2
796*	" 2½ "	2 0	2 4
797*	" 3½ "	3 0	3 6
798*	" 6½ "	5 0	5 10
799 Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10
800 Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0	12 10	12 10

Note.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/4 per mark.

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Crete.	Following varieties are now in stock.
1900	1l. brown .. 3d.
	5l. green .. 1d.
	10l. red .. 1½d.
	20l. rose .. 4d.
1901	20l. orange .. 3d.
	25l. blue .. 4d.
	1dr. violet .. 1/0
	2dr. brown .. 2/0
	5dr. gr.&blk. .. 4 11
1900.	Surcharge " Proserpine " in black.
	1dr. violet .. 11d.
	2dr. brown .. 1/8
	5dr. gr.&blk. .. 4 3
1902.	Large surcharge in black.

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

- Württemberg. Sets and high values.  
2 marks (rare. cat. 7/6), nett 2/6 each.
- Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1/4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.
- Montenegro, set is again in stock.
- Switzerland. Sets and high values. The sets can be supplied with the 12c. and 15c. in the new or old shades. The latter value is now dark violet, with lines of engraving thinner.
- Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
1h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½. 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " " " " " " 2d.  
3h. " " " " " " " " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13x13½. 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " " " " " " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13x12½. 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " " " " " " " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13x13½. 3d.; " 1/-.  
30h. " " " " " " " " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½. 5d.; block, 1/8.
- Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.
- Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.
- Austrian Levant.  
5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.
- Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.
- Roumania, Taxa de Factagi, 25b., nett 3d.
- Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."
- French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.
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|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Anjouan       | 12. Martinique             |
| 2. Dahomey       | 13. Mayotte                |
| 3. French Congo  | 14. Madagascar             |
| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia          |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                |
| 6. Grand Comore  | 17. Réunion                |
| 7. Guiana        | 18. St. Pierre et Miquelon |
| 8. Guadeloupe    | 19. Sénégal                |
| 9. Indian Estab. |                            |
| 10. Indo-China   | Series of 19 sets, 18/3.   |
| 11. Ivory Coast  | or 1/- each set.           |

- Djibouti, large stamps, imperforate.  
40c. yellow and blue, 6d.  
50c. blue and pink, 7d.
- Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.
- Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.
- Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.
- Luxemburg, old 1fr. violet, 1/6; old 5fr. buff, 4/8.
- Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.
- France, old 3c. grey, 1d.
- Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.
- Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.
- Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.
- Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.
- Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.
- Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.
- German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.
- Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.
- Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.
- Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.
- Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.
- Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.
- Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.
- Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Envelope Dies* (P 136).—In a consignment of envelopes stamped at Somerset House at the end of April, we notice that the impressions from 1d. die 12 show no signs of wear, as in those previously received, so that re-steeling the dies has apparently already commenced.

*News-wrapper Dies* (B 135).—The 1d. News-wrapper die with head of King Edward has been brought into use at Somerset House for stamping private wrappers. Mr. G. Brumell writes us as follows:—"I enclose one of the new 1d. news-band stamps, off a private wrapper. I have been receiving these since early in February. At first they came in a deep crimson shade, but soon changed to vermilion."

Head of King Edward. Stamp oval in shape.  
1d. pale vermilion-red.

The stamp is impressed as heretofore, and not embossed, and has no die-number. Mr. J. W. Lowson writes:—"In case you may not have seen it, I have the new 1d. Wrapper Stamp printed on the forms sent out by the Inland Revenue for the Acreage Returns to the Board of Agriculture, and which require to be filled up and returned to the I.R. on 5th June. I have not seen any description of the stamp in your paper, and may state that it is somewhat similar to the 1d. envelope stamp (save that of course it is not embossed)—the principal distinction being that it does not have the spray of leaves on each side of the Crown, but has the spaces between the Crown and the words "Postage" and "Penny" on either side of it, filled up with leaf scrolls. The stamp is coloured vermilion."

*Official Stamps* (K 136).—Mr. C. A. Cole informs us that he received the new 6d. King's Head Government Parcels stamp on April 9th, and that his specimen was used on the previous day, a much earlier record than that noted last week.

**BAHAMAS** (N 134).—We now learn that the issue of King Edward postage stamps is not likely to be made here for some time. In fact, it is doubtful if the printers can despatch before September at earliest, as they have so many contracts already in hand.

**BAVARIA** (D 130).—The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of Bavarian postage stamps shows the following new marginal consignment-numbers:—

No. 28. 30pf.  
No. 29. 3, 20, 40, 50pf.

All other values have the highest of the numbers mentioned in E.W.S.N., No. 130.

**BENADIR** (C 136).—Dr. Diena furnishes the *Monthly Journal* with the further information that although there are no post offices as yet in this Italian Colony, it is hoped in a few month's time to make a start at Mogadiseio, Merca, Brava and Guimbo. The stamps are printed at the Government Stamp Factory, and, like those of Italy, are on paper watermarked Crown (placed sideways however) and perf. 14.

**BHOPAL** (A).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the ½ anna black of 1896 on a thick, smooth, wove paper, imperforate. The variety is however hardly distinct enough to catalogue as a variety.

**BRAZIL** (G 133).—The *American Journal of Philately* has found the 50r. dark blue and blue of 1894, perf. 9.

**BUSSAHIR** (B 130).—The mystery of the new "PS" overprint is cleared up by *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, which is informed by an Indian correspondent that the letters are the initials of Padam Singh, the present "Fika Sahib" of Bussahir.

**CARTAGENA** (G 136).—The *Philatelic Record* supplements the description we gave last week of the new 5c. and 10c. stamps. They are stated to be badly lithographed on plain white

wove paper, and machine-perforated 11½. Both have the same control-mark—a five-pointed star in carmine.

**CEYLON** (G 136, 128).—*3c. Postal Commission.*—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., have received information, states *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, that the stamps overprinted "Postal Commission" were intended to be used in payment of extra commission on local postal orders, which had not been cashed within three months from date of issue, and had nothing to do with import duties on parcels. The Post Office did not object to their use on letters for a time, and that is how used copies got about. Any which were used on paid postal orders must remain on until destroyed. The stamps were discontinued as the new 3c. postage stamps when introduced served the same purpose. If all this is strictly correct, used copies of the stamps in question, in the hands of collectors, must have been used for postage, and are collectible as such, but we all know that stamps which should have been utterly destroyed do escape occasionally, and we have never heard of a specimen that could be proved to have paid postage.

**COLOMBIA** (B 111).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* learns that the following remainders of old issues are to be placed in issue again.

1886. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 20, 50c.; 1, 5, 10 pesos.  
" 2½c. (Retardo), 10c. Registration.  
1890. 1, 2, 5, 5, 10, 20c.  
1893-94. 5 and 5 (?) c.

It is not unlikely they may be distinguished by an overprinted control-mark.

**COOK ISLANDS** (H 133).—We have received a sheet of the new 1d. pale rose, and note that it is on similar paper to the recent issue of "No wmk." ½d. and 1d. New Zealand stamps. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* says that the 1d. brown, overprinted with a Crown, was in use two months only. The Crown was intended to indicate the annexation of the Islands, but the printer spoilt so many sheets that the idea had to be abandoned.

**CRETE** (F 124).—The *Philatelic Record* states that an error occurred in sheets of the recently issued 25 lepta, with large "Proserion" overprint. The 49th stamp on the sheet had the P inverted. A new printing has just been brought into use, free from this defect. The overprint has the advantage of being more distinct than the previous one and is very black and shiny.

**CYPRUS** (E 125).—We have already chronicled the ½, 6 and 12 piastres adhesives with marginal plate number 4, and now have to add the 1, 2 and 4 piastres to the list. The 30 paras and 45 piastres still have plate number 3, whilst the 18 piastres has not recently come under notice.

**DJIBOUTI** (F 135).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the text of an official decree, withdrawing from currency the recently issued provisional stamps, except those of 5c. of which it seems no supply was sent out. It is dated Djibouti, March 18th.

As recorded in E.W.S.N. of April 26th, a printing of the 5c. value was made (in green) but was bought up in Paris.

**FRANCE** (O 136).—Mr. Hauch has now kindly sent us a sheet of the new 30c. stamps and we note that it has the millésime 2 as anticipated. It was first issued on April 20th at two of the chief offices in Paris, but will not be sold elsewhere till the stock of the old 30c. is exhausted.

We are also indebted to the same correspondent for the 10c. post card with the stamp similarly altered.

*Post Card.* Design of stamp modified.  
10c. pale rose on green card.

**GERMANY** (M 136).—Mr. A. Sonn has shown us two distinct 2 mark stamps of the new *Deutsches Reich* series.

*Adhesives.* Perf. 14.  
2 mark dark blue. Roman lettering.  
2 mark dark blue. German lettering.

The former is perforated and gummed just like the latter, and the rays in the background are very faint, but otherwise the design is very similar.

**GOLD COAST** (K 136).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* learns that 'specimen' sets of the new King Edward stamps have been distributed to the various foreign post offices. The colours and values are as follows:—

½d. lilac and green	1/- green and black.
1d. " carmine.	2/- " carmine.
2d. " vermilion.	5/- " violet.
2½d. " blue.	10/- " brown.
3d. " orange.	£1 brown and black on red paper.
6d. " mauve.	

The 2d., 3d. and 6d. have the figures of value on plain ground; the others on lined ground. All are CA. 14 as usual.

**INDIA** (F 135).—The *London Philatelist* is informed by the Controller of Stamps that the ½ and 1 anna postage adhesives, ½ anna postcards, and ½ anna envelopes, with Head of King Edward, will be issued in each of the Presidencies on Coronation Day. The stamps on the stationery are illustrated by our contemporary.

**KURUMAN** (B 107).—With reference to the eight varieties of Cape stamps overprinted "Kuruman Besieged" which were chronicled in E.W.S.N. of October 12th, we extract the following note from the *Montreal Philatelist*:—

"THE TRUTH re KURUMAN BESIEGED STAMPS. (By H. RUDD, Capetown.)—I have lately seen in the 'New Issues' column of a few philatelic

## Uganda. The recent ½ anna Provisional.

The three lowest rows of a sheet recently purchased by the Colonial Stamp Market, the bottom one having the overprint inverted. This sheet is believed to be unique.





papers a set of Kuruman 'Siege' stamps chronicled. Certain denominations Cape Postage and Revenue stamps were surcharged 'Kuruman Besieged' and a new value similar to the Mafeking ones. They, however, were never brought into use. The entire lot, face value about £9 10s., was sent to the Cape of Good Hope Treasury for destruction some time in June."

**LIBERIA** (B 124).—In addition to the 1c. official stamp, overprinted "Ordinary" for use as a postage stamp, which we chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of February 8th, three new varieties are announced by the *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung*. The list now stands as follows:—

*Adhesives.* Overprinted "O.S." and "Ordinary" (the latter surcharge cancelling the former).  
1c. purple, 1898.  
1c. green (1900).  
2c. blue (1894).  
2c. red and black (1900).

The overprint "Ordinary" is in black.

**MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY** (A).—*Remainders.*—We take the following statistical note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"This Lisbon company recently sent out asking for tenders for the following lots of the first issue of 1892-3, surcharged on the Portuguese, with head in relief. The quantities that were offered were as follows, which we think it advisable to place on record:—

	Used.	Unused.
2½ reis .. .. .	—	43,604
5 " .. .. .	75,534	16,403
10 " .. .. .	32,162	52,222
20 " .. .. .	24,000	52,925
25 " purple .. ..	10,000	16,210
25 " reddish purple	—	12,375
40 " .. .. .	13,206	39,994
50 " .. .. .	12,887	40,697
100 " .. .. .	12,917	37,158
200 " .. .. .	10,026	39,994
300 " .. .. .	10,714	43,227

"The circular stated there were almost as many more, stuck together and otherwise damaged, and that no tender would be accepted under £400. If the buyer desired, the unused copies could be postmarked at the price of 6d. per thousand. The other remainders of Portuguese Colonies, which were recently offered at auction, have not been sold, and we understand will not be sold, at any rate at present, although large tenders have been made for them."

A correspondent of the same journal who has been travelling in Mozambique learns that the following varieties are current:—

Perf. 11½. 2½ reis, olive-yellow.  
Perf. 13½. 50 and 500 reis.  
Perf. 12½. All other values.

The 2½ reis has not been previously chronicled perf. 11½.

**NEW CALEDONIA** (C 135).—*L'Essor Philatélique* states that the two "N.C.E.—5" and "N.C.E.—15" Provisionals, recorded in our issue of April 26th, were issued at Nouméa on February 16th. The ordinary supply of these two values had absolutely run out of stock, although more were expected by the mail from Europe, due on March 14th. The following varieties occur:—

*Provisionals.*

"N.C.E.—5" inverted, in black, on 30c.  
"N.C.E.—15" " " " on 40c.  
" " with small figure 1, on 40c.

*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the text of the decree (dated February 8th), authorising the issue of the new surcharged stamps. Our esteemed contemporary is also informed that the inverted surcharge varieties were made specially for collectors, ten sheets altogether, and were sold at the post office one by one, no one being allowed to have more than a pair.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (L 136, 134).—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* records the 6d. Postage Due stamp on chalky paper, perf. 10. This is, we believe, the first Postage Due value to be found on the new paper.

**NEW ZEALAND** (R 136, 134).—In *E.W.S.N.* of April 5th, we gave a very complete list of the watermark and perforation varieties of current ½d. and 1d. stamps, querying Nos. 11, 12 and 16 in the list. As we have failed to find any trace of these, they may as well be eliminated. Numerous correspondents state that the perforation given as 14½ is nearer 14. The *London Philatelist* furnishes a very interesting description of the different papers.

The first and second issues in our list are on thick paper, with wmk. NZ over Star. This is ordinary Waterlow paper, with the quality of which, it seems, the New Zealand authorities were very dissatisfied. A supply of paper was then ordered from the 'Basted Mills' and was used for the third issue (Nos. 13 to 20 of the list in *E.W.S.N.* No. 132). It is recognized by its thinness and was printed on in an inverted position, so that each stamp has "NZ under Star." For some reason or other, after supplying a certain quantity, the Company refused to supply more watermarked paper and recourse was had to Cowan & Co. The latter firm sent out a

quantity of unwatermarked paper to go on with until the necessary 'bits' were prepared for the watermark, and this has also recently been used for the ½d. and 1d. The following is a revised list in concise form.

- i. *Waterlow. Thick paper, N.Z. over Star.*  
½d., perf. 11, 14, 14×11, 11×14.  
1d., perf. 11, 14.
- ii. *Basted Mills. Thin paper, N.Z. under Star.*  
½d., perf. 14, 14×11, 11×14.  
1d., perf. 14, 14×11, 11×14, 11.
- iii. *Cowan & Co. No Watermark.*  
½d. and 1d., perf. 14 only.
- iv. *Cowan & Co. Watermarked paper, in preparation.*

There are therefore only 15 varieties, with a face value of just 11d. The Basted Mills 1d., perf. 11, is, however, a rarity, only one sheet of 240 having so far been found. Rumour says that 3000 sheets of the Waterlow paper—and possibly the same of the Basted Mills—were compound perforated. A thousand sheets of the former are said to have been of the 1d. value, but no specimens have been seen, and it is not unlikely the authority for this statement may have confounded the two papers.

*Postal Fiscal* (B 124).—With reference to the error of the 2/6 Postal Fiscal inscribed "Counterpart" which was recorded in *E.W.S.N.* of February 8th, the *London Philatelist* learns that 50,000 were ordered and that when the error was detected by the postmaster at Blenheim, some 5,000 had already been issued. The sheets remaining in stock, about 45,000 stamps, were destroyed. The bulk of those issued were no doubt used for documents and telegrams, so that the stamps will be rare unused and used postally.

Mr. Maney-Lake describes some curious varieties of current adhesives in the *Australian Philatelist*:—"In one instance, one stamp on a sheet was found to be blotched after the sheet had been perforated and was cut from the sheet by the printer [some were issued.—*Ed. E.W.S.N.*], and a stamp from another sheet was put in its place, fastened with strips of gummed paper and then re-perforated vertically. This is horrible enough, but the original sheet was perforated 14×11 and the inserted stamp 11×14!" The result in a single stamp is that it is perforated both 11 and 14 on certain sides. In another case an "off centre" stamp had a strip of paper pasted over the offending perforation (gauge 14 all round) and was then re-perforated horizontally 11! These varieties are of course of interest as *freaks* only, and are not "cataloguable" varieties.

The current 6d. carmine is reported by the same writer to be known entirely imperforate.

**NORTH BORNEO** (L 128).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have been fortunate enough to secure a sheet of fifty of the 25c. stamps surcharged "British Protectorate," one half of which has the overprint inverted. The sheet contains fifty stamps in five horizontal rows, and the surcharge was evidently printed in square blocks of twenty-five. There are thus on the sheet five side-pairs with surcharges  *tête-bêche*.

**PARAGUAY** (J 134).—Continuing the list given in *E.W.S.N.* of April 29th, we now record the 1c. on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

Lithographed. Perf. 11½.  
1c. dull green.

*La Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* gives the following statistics for the recent issue of stamps lithographed by Sr. H. Krause at the *Talleres Nacionales*.

Value.	Quantity.	Date of Issue.
1c.	300,000	?
2c.	400,000	November, 1901.
4c.	200,000	"
5c.	380,000	"
8c.	100,000	?
10c.	200,000	January 20th, 1902.
28c.	100,000	Not yet issued.
40c.	100,000	"

**PERSIA** (F 136).—We have received confirmatory information as regards the 16 chahi and 3 and 4 krans overprinted "Provisoire 1319," chronicled last week.

In addition to the large square type-set (?) provisional of 12 chahi noted in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 135, *Le Timbrophile Belge* notes the following:—

*Provisional Adhesives.* Type-set? Large square designs, printed on white paper with yellow network surface. Overprinted with control-mark in red. Imperforate.  
1ch. grey. | 3ch. green.  
2ch. brown. | 5ch. red-brown.

The stamps are said to be very ugly in appearance.

**REUNION** (F 135).—M. George Carion informs the *London Philatelist* that he has the four 1901 provisionals with inverted stop after the "c" of the overprint.

**TASMANIA** (J 135).—M. Bélin informs *Le Timbrophile Belge* that the ½d., 2½d. and 3d. have also been printed on "V and Crown" paper. We have no confirmation from Australian sources.

**TRANSVAAL** (Q 136).—*King Edward Stamps.*—We learn that the absence of a value in the set between 2½d. and 6d. is already causing inconvenience to the postal officials, and that it is practically certain a new value will be added to the set, probably a fourpenny.

The earliest postmark, by the way, which we have seen on one of the new stamps, is Johannesburg, April 4th. The distribution was evidently general, as we also have a copy dated Krugersdorp, April 5th.

**UGANDA** (D 133).—The last mail from Uganda brought us information that the recently issued provisionals of ½ and 2½ anna were entirely out of stock, and we believe that none were to be had since the end of February. From indirect sources we learn that very few were made and that no provision was made for applications from collectors and dealers. Consequently, almost as soon as the stamps were on sale, they were bought up.

It is interesting in this respect to note that the sheets of British East African stamps, which are printed in ten rows of six, were only surcharged *one row at a time*, a most laborious proceeding one would have thought. One sheet of the ½ anna was placed in the printing machine upside down, but after only one row had received the inverted surcharge, the mistake was noted. The sheet was then turned round, the remaining nine rows receiving the surcharge in the normal position!

We are fortunately able to illustrate the three lower rows of this remarkable sheet, which we believe to be quite unique. It was received by Mr. C. A. Cole, who had the good luck to get it at face value in payment for some old magazines he had sent to a correspondent in the Protectorate! The latter passed no remark on the sheet's peculiarity, and as he wrote from up country, it was presumably issued from one of the smaller offices in Uganda. All the margin was removed.

We also note some peculiarities in a sheet of the 2½ annas. All six stamps in the second row are overprinted on the back, although the surcharge is reversed, indicating that the sheet was laid over another impression whilst the latter was still wet. It affords additional proof, if any were needed, that the stamps were surcharged only one row at a time. The fourth row of this same sheet has the overprint very faintly inked, and as it was impressed unevenly the lettering is clear on the first four stamps of the row and faint on the last two. On the 6th stamp, the "A" of "Uganda" is almost invisible and the "D" looks more like a very faint "O." The surcharge, too, is very low down all along the row, failing to cover "British East."

## Our Postcard Column.

WILLI readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

*Mr. H. Harrop writes:—*

"I have an Orange Free State, 1896, ½ on 3d. (No. 77 in Gibbons' Cat.) with the bar at the top of the stamp instead of through the value at the bottom. Is this a variety, or is it caused through careless printing? I shall be glad of any information."

[We should say the variety is caused by off-centre printing.—*Ed.*]

*Mr. J. Broomhall sends us the following cutting respecting early postage stamps, but we fear the list is by no means complete:—*

"The history of postage stamps, practically speaking, begins in the United Kingdom at the period of the great reform in Post Office organisation—in 1839-40. A post-paid letter was in common use in France in 1653, and stamped postal letter paper was issued by the Sardinian Government to the people in 1818, and stamped postal envelopes from 1820 to 1836. Stamped wrappers for newspapers were issued in London by Mr. Charles Whiting, under the name of "go-frees," in 1830; and the adhesive stamp was made experimentally by Mr. James Chalmers in Dundee in August, 1834. These latter were printed from ordinary type and not from blocks. They were not, however, brought to public notice until 1837, months after the adhesive stamp of Mr. Hill had been considered by the Commissioners of Post Office enquiry. Mulready's allegorical cover, together with the first form of the stamped letter paper and the adhesive stamps, familiarly called 'bits of sticking plaster,' were on sale to the public on May 1st, 1840. The stamps caught on, the Mulready envelopes were laughed out of use."

(From the *Manchester "Umpire."*)

[New South Wales may also be added to the list, having issued stamped letter-sheets in 1838 or earlier.—*Ed.*]

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zafzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, zopa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, zopa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617* Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670* Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674* " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l.br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l.or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717 Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718 " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

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722* " 5fr.		

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1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Montenegro, set is again in stock.

Switzerland. Sets and high values. The sets can be supplied with the 12c. and 15c. in the new or old shades. The latter value is now dark violet, with lines of engraving thinner.

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2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13x13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13x12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " " 3d.; " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13x13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
30h. " " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.

Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

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5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
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Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

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1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
30 on 40, 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of three, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 50 on 2dr., set of two, 11d.; per dozen sets, 9/6.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (Y 136).—We are indebted to Mr. E. J. Nankivell for the information that the 5d. value of the new series has been printed and will be placed on sale in a few days, if in fact it has not already appeared. The 10d. will not be issued for some time, and will be the last of the series to appear.

We take the following appreciation of our new stamps from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*:—

"We note that the dissatisfaction with the new English issue seems to have spent itself. It may well do this; as each succeeding value comes to hand brilliant in its colourings and showing splendid workmanship on the engraver's part, we place them in our album with words of admiration."

**Papermaker's Watermark** (B 135).—We have seen the following watermarked marginal letters:—

Queen's Head, 3d green. E.  
King's Head, 1d. E.  
" 1 1/2d. D, E.  
" 2d. F.

We should be glad to hear from readers in a position to extend the list.

**Official Stamps** (L 137).—Mr. J. T. Bolton has shown us a portion of a cover of a parcel franked with a 6d. King's Head "Govt. Parcels" stamp, a 2d. Queen's Head ditto, and an ordinary unsurcharged 1d. King's Head stamp. We presume from this that the stock of Queen's Head 1d. Government Parcel stamps is exhausted, and that the issue of the King's Head variety is imminent.

**Envelope Dies** (Q 137).—Mr. R. M. Angus has shown us the 3d. envelope die 8 postmarked June 15th, 1901, a much earlier date than that previously recorded.

An error occurred in *E.W.S.N.*, Nos. 131 and 136, with reference to the 1d. envelope dies, Queen's Head series. The dies at present unknown are Nos. 12, 58 and 60.

Mr. H. W. Harrison sends us the following additional list of record early and late dates for 1d. pink envelope dies.

Die Number.	Early Date.	Late Date.
146	14.12.67	
150		22.10.70
155		10.12.72
156		16.1.73
158		30.7.73
163		11.2.74
164	7.2.73	
166		23.4.74
167	30.8.72	
180	9.8.73	
181	27.10.73	
182	27.11.73	17.2.74
187		13.4.77
197	4.8.77	
201	6.10.77	

**Early dates of 1d. reds** (K 132).—Mr. H. W. Harrison advises us of the following early date record.

1d. red, plate 176. Sunderland, 22.3.75.

**Railway Letter Stamps** (M 135).—We have to record the following two new printings:—

East London, 7th printing, imperf. 2d. vermilion.  
London & South Western, 34th (?) printing, perf. 10d. yellow-green, imperforate margins to sheet.

The latter printing is still from transfer III, and our reasons for thinking it to be a new printing are as follows. Early in its existence the third transfer received a scratch across the lower left-hand triangle of the 11th stamp of the sheet. In the printings of 1898 an attempt appears to have been made to remove the scratch, with the result of causing a gap in the triangle opposite the letter R of "For." This gap became more pronounced as time went on and is very distinct in the 30th printing of March, 1901, and but for faint printing would also be clear in the 31st issue. In the 32nd and later issues, the gap is closed up and also in that

under notice. Commencing with the 30th issue, No. 12 on the sheet also appears to have been retouched, as there are only two horizontal lines between the 1st and 2nd bars in the left-hand pillar, and the white dot on the 5th bar disappears. Our list of recent printings for the L. & S.W. Railway consequently stands as follows (the order may not be correct):—

30th—March, 1901. Perf. 11, yellowish-green. Margins imperf.  
31st—July? 1901. Perf. 10, bright yellow-green. .. perf.  
32nd—Oct.? 1901. Perf. 11, dark green. .. clipped.  
33rd—? 1902. Perf. 11, bright green. .. ..  
34th—? 1902. Perf. 10, yellow-green. .. imperf.

**ABYSSINIA** (B 115).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that the issue surcharged "Ethiopie" was withdrawn from circulation on April 1st, a new set overprinted "Posta" in Amharic characters being substituted.

**BENADIR** (C 136).—We have now seen the new stamps and are told that only 5000 sets have as yet been printed. They are rather larger than the ordinary size of a postage stamp and are by no means displeasing in design and appearance.

The number of the plate is printed on the margin and is as follows in three cases which have come under notice:—2 besa, 4370; 1 anna, 4373; 5 anna, 4376. These numbers are we believe, given consecutively to all plates made at the Italian Government's stamp factory, the highest numbers we had previously met with being 3260, 3244, and 3910 respectively on sheets of the current 1, 2, and 5 centesimi Italian stamps and 3822 on the current 2c. of Colonia Eritrea.

**BRAZIL** (H 137).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* is informed by its Rio correspondent that the new set, now in preparation, is not likely to be placed in issue till September or October, in order that time may be allowed to exhaust the stocks of the current issue (see *E.W.S.N.* of April 5th). The same correspondent thinks it is unlikely Brazil will be in a hurry again to issue overprinted stamps, as an official report states the recent issue of overprinted stamps cost no less than 1/4 per 1000 to surcharge (1,648,430 stamps at 2 reis each), whereas the cost of ordinary postage stamps is only 8d. or 9d. per 1000!

**BRITISH GUIANA** (P 136, 132).—We have now received the new 6c. grey and ultramarine, the issue of which was foreshadowed in *E.W.S.N.* of February 1st. The colours are very attractive.

**CANTON** (E 124).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* chronicles the following stationery:—

*Envelopes* of France (type, allegorical group) overprinted "Canton" and with Chinese characters (as in the adhesives) in red.  
5c. yellow-green.  
15c. —  
25c. —

**CARTAGENA** (H 137).—*Registration provisional*.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* notes the following:—

"We are shown a block of eight of the current 10c. of Columbia, type 61 in the Catalogue, surcharged diagonally with a large letter 'R' and the word 'CARTAGENA,' in violet. There is a letter 'R' upon each stamp, but the name falls across two or more stamps, and if we had only seen single specimens we should have supposed the overprint to be an obliteration. As it is, we suppose we must chronicle this as a Registration stamp.  
*Reg. Stamp.* 10c. brown on rose; violet surcharge."

**COLOMBIA** (C 137).—With reference to the reissue of old types announced last week, the *Revue Philatèlique Belge* publishes a translation of a decree which appeared in the *Diario Oficial* of February 28th, 1902.

In consequence of the almost complete exhaustion of the stock of current stamps in the hands of the Administration and since there are on the other hand a great number of the obsolete kinds which were demonetized by the decree No. 1960 of July 4th, 1892, and as the contract made with M. Demetrio Parades for the supply of stamps lapsed a long while ago, and seeing the difficulties, occasioned by the war, in obtaining the prompt manufacture of a new supply of postage stamps, this decree (No. 1463 of 1901, 27th December) authorises the return to issue of

the types of the old stamps demonetised in 1892. In consequence, impressions in these types are to be proceeded with, but to avoid fraud they are to be made in new colours, and are to have the control mark 1902. The plates (or dies?) are to be placed at the disposal of M. le Directeur de la Litografia Nacional, who will cause the stamps to be printed within 30 days from the date of the decree, the stamps being remitted at the expiration of this period to the Direction Générale des Postes et Télégraphes with the proper control mark. The decree was promulgated at Bogota, December 27th, 1901. It is unsatisfactorily worded, as it does not appear to authorise the issue of the remainders in the old colours, although from the manner in which they are mentioned it might be inferred use is intended to be made of them.

**DJIBOUTI** (G 137).—*Le Collectionneur Français* states that a new series of stamps for the Somali Coast is to be despatched to Djibouti early in May. This first supply will not be perforated, although the authorities expect to perforate those sent out later. At the moment it is urged that there is a difficulty in getting a machine to perforate a set in which there are stamps of three different sizes. Surely a better excuse could be found? An ordinary single line machine would suffice.

**FRANCE** (P 137).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the new 30c. stamp was issued on Thursday, April 24th, at the *Bourse de l'Avance Marigny*. We have no reason to believe, however, that the date given in *E.W.S.N.* last week—April 20th—is incorrect. The millésime is, as already stated '2' (1902), and the *Numero de fabrication* "R 1703 II." (signifying printed on 17th March).

The new post cards also have numbers, examples under notice having "213" and "215." We believe this signifies "1902, 13th week," and "1902, 15th week," being the date of manufacture.

**GAMBIA** (B 126).—We have now seen the new 1d. King Edward stamps, our earliest post-marked copy being dated Bathurst, April 19th. They were first reported in *E.W.S.N.* of February 22nd. The sheets contain 120 stamps divided into two panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6.

**GERMANY** (N 137).—With reference to the two types of the new 2 mark stamps, Mr. A. Sonn writes us further that both are being issued by the German Post Offices, but that the one with the Gothic lettering will not be re-issued after present stock is exhausted.

**GREECE** (M 136).—Mr. W. Dornning Beckton contributes the following interesting description of the current adhesive stamps to the *Philatelic Record*:—

"When these stamps first came over, differences of opinion existed as to the meaning of the watermark. I do not remember seeing any explanation, and the American journals have also been chronicling the stamps as existing without watermarks—*varieties*. With a view to setting both matters at rest before those who knew all about them had forgotten, I determined to make enquiries from official sources, and have been much assisted in so doing by my friend Mr. Mertzmann.

"The sheets of the lepta values contain 100 stamps on the sheet, arranged in ten rows of ten. The drachma values have 50 stamps in the sheet in five rows of ten.

"The watermark on the stamps is a small Crown over the letters ET, meaning, 'Greek Post Office.'

"The London agents of the Greek Government have been good enough to inform me that the watermark is on every stamp which is printed, although it is not, unfortunately, very clear on some of them on account of the gum having covered it up to a great extent. If carefully examined, however, it will be found that the watermark is on every stamp.

"The stamps were first of all printed on thick paper; now as further supplies are required, they are being superseded by those on distinctly thinner paper.

"The following is a copy of the numbers of each value at first ordered from England and supplied:

1 lepton	..	..	5,000,000
2 lepta	..	..	3,000,000
5 ..	..	..	3,000,000
5 ..	..	..	3,000,000
10 ..	..	..	3,000,000
20 ..	..	..	5,000,000
25 ..	..	..	2,000,000
30 ..	..	..	1,500,000
40 ..	..	..	1,000,000
50 ..	..	..	1,000,000
1 drachme	..	..	300,000



2 drachmai .. ..	125,000
3 .. ..	50,000
5 .. ..	25,000

Total .. 28,000,000 Stamps

"I understand from Mr. Mertzanoiff that the whole of the above were printed on thick paper and constituted the first delivery. Complaints were frequent about the gum and that the stamps came off the letters and this has probably brought about the change in the paper used in the second delivery from England. I am not at all sure that any change has been affected in the gum, which was probably good enough in the first printing, the reason of the stamps not sticking being, in my opinion, the thickness of the paper and not the poorness of the gum.

"Upon this question of paper the agents in England say, 'It is correct that the stamps are now being printed on slightly thinner paper, but you are wrongly informed that the paper is unwatermarked. Every stamp is, and will be, watermarked.' This statement, taken in conjunction with the quotation from their previous letter, seems to me to entirely settle the question of the so-called no watermark varieties."

**GRENADA (A).**—We learn from an official source, under date April 24th, that the King Edward stamps arrived in the Colony by the last mail, but no date has yet been assigned for their issue. It is possible they may be issued only as required by the exhaustion of the Queen's Head issue. This rule seems to obtain generally, as other colonies, such as Gambia, St. Helena, have so far only contributed one or two values of their new sets. The values are to be ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-. This will be the first occasion Grenada has issued postage stamps of a greater face value than 1/-.

**INDO CHINA (B 125).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* learns that the plate of the new stamps in the Grasset retouched type is now ready, and that colour trials are at present being struck off. The series will be increased by the addition of a new value of 10 francs.

**MEXICO (D 132).**—*Varieties of 1895-99 issue.*—

Mr. Rudolf Frenzels in an interesting communication to the *London Philatelist*, gives the following list of varieties—"apparently unchronicled"—of the 1895-99 series of Mexico. All, he remarks, are on wove paper.

Imperf., no wmk., 3 centavos and 10 pesos.	
" in centre of pairs, either horizontally or vertically, 3 and 5 centavos.	
" wmk. C.E.U.M., vertically, 5 centavos.	
" in centre horizontally wmk. C.E.U.M., 5 centavos.	
" wmk. R.M. in monogram, 5 centavos.	
" wmk. R.M. and Eagle, 5 centavos.	
Double perf. 12, wmk. C.E.U.M., 3 centavos.	
Perf. 6 x 12, no wmk., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20 centavos.	
" 6 x 12, wmk. C.E.U.M., 1, 3, 4, 10, 12, 15, 20 centavos.	
" 6 " " 3 centavos.	
" 6 x 12, wmk. R.M. in monogram, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 centavos.	
" 6 " " 1, 3, 15 centavos.	
" 6 x 12, wmk. R.M. and Eagle, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 20, 50 centavos.	
" 6 " " 1, 5, 10 centavos.	

In Gibbons' latest catalogue, Mr. Frenzels observes, the 1 and 5 centavos stamps are given perf. 6 and perf. 6 x 12; but no mention is made of watermarks.

**MOZAMBIQUE (A).**—The Prince of Nissolz, who has visited Mozambique on his travels, learns that the 500 and 700 reis stamps had not arrived there in January, although we believe they have been for a considerable time obtainable in Lisbon. We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"A correspondent, who has recently visited this place, tells us that the 500 and 700 reis stamps had not arrived there in January last. He adds that owing to the heat and dampness of the climate, the stamps both at Mozambique and in the Mozambique Company's territory are issued ungummed, and that a pot of gum (*original*, we hope) is kept on the counter, to enable customers to stick the stamps on their letters!"

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA (J 131).**—In *E.W.S.N.* of March 29th, we announced the 9d. magenta, wmk. Crown & S.A., as being perf. 11½. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* describes it as perf. 12½, large holes, and the *Philatelic Record* as perf. 11½ x 12½, large holes. We presume, therefore, it is "perf. 11½, or 12½, or compound, large holes," like its already catalogued predecessor.

Mr. J. W. Jones is reported by the *Philatelic Record* to have found the following O.S. variety:

Overprinted O.S. in block type.  
2d. orange-red, wmk. type 7 (Crown and wide SA), p. 12½ x 11½.

This variety should be added to Gibbons' Catalogue as No. 508a. The 2d. wmk. wide SA was previously known perf. 10 or 10 cd. w. 11½, 12½ only, although with wmk. narrow SA it is already known in all three variations.

*Concerning unused "O.S." stamps.*—We take the liberty of reproducing the following interesting note from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—

Some time ago we drew attention to the fact that the unused "O.S." stamps of South Australia are technically the property of the South Australian Government, but Mr. George Blockey, of Adelaide, in the course of a long and most interesting letter, raises points which would appear to prove that this contention cannot be fully upheld. Mr. Blockey writes:—

"In reference to the paragraph *re* Unused South Australian O.S. Stamps, in your issue of Feb. 15th, 1902, I would like you to make public what you think fit of the following:—I have had from time to time some of these stamps, which I have obtained in a perfectly legitimate manner, and have disposed of to Messrs. Gibbons and others in England, so you can quite understand that this quite unnecessary bobbery over these stamps is of vital interest to me. The following will, I think, go far to prove that unused O.S. stamps cannot be put quite on the same footing as the English I.R. Official stamps and are not always the property of the South Australian Government:—

(1).—A certain number of these O.S. stamps in an unused state have, on at least two occasions, been sold by the South Australian Government for face value. I am in possession of necessary details as to values sold, &c., and names of buyers, in reference to the above-mentioned two cases, and I furthermore purchased from one of the parties some of these stamps, which, in due course, found their way into the stock books of a London firm.

(2).—A number of "O.S." stamps pass through the post without receiving any cancellation mark, and are bought by myself in the ordinary way of business. These would of course be without gum.

(3).—An Adelaide stamp collector, employed in one of the Government Departments, was called out of town on business for his department, and while absent had to write and post correspondence in connection with his work. Not carrying a supply of O.S. stamps he used ordinary ones, and on his return to the office sent in a requisition for stamps, which, of course, were supplied. These had fulfilled their purpose and were, I maintain, his property to dispose of as he liked.

(4).—On one occasion at least unused "O.S." stamps were sold over the counter of the G.P.O.

A few years ago a strict account was not kept of the postage on official letters; consequently numbers of these stamps found their way into collections. This is altogether altered nowadays and current issue unused "O.S." stamps are, or ought to be, rare.

**SPANISH GUINEA (B 135).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that the new set for this Colony is really intended to replace that of Fernando Poo, as a result of a royal decree of November 10th, 1901, but we should like to have confirmation of this before definitely accepting it.

**TRANSVAAL (R 137).**—Mr. C. H. Bradley has shown us the new ½d. and 1d. stamps post-marked Pretoria, April 1st, which stands as the record as well as the official date of issue. It is to be hoped no one will come forward with pre-dated specimens as in the case of our own stamps. The new stamps are on the whole very pleasing in appearance, although the lilac centre of the 2/6 value—the first of the three inscribed "Postage—Postage" is apt to give the set a one-sided appearance when arranged in an album. No information is yet forthcoming as to what will become of the V.R.I. and E.R.I. remainders, of which considerable quantities must be on hand. They were not withdrawn from sale when the new stamps appeared.

**UNITED STATES (R 136).**—*Forged Post-cards.*—Mr. C. E. Severn writes to *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* as follows:—"Chicago papers contain accounts of the arrest of one Louis Smith on the charge of counterfeiting the U.S. postal card in huge numbers. Our postal card has seldom been a production of so complex art as to discourage the forger, and has long been deemed immune from his attention by reason of its modest monetary merit. However, the Chicago forger by the large aggregate number of his wares surmounted the objection to small single profit. A condensation of the particulars given in the different newspapers follows: Smith operated alone, it seems, and he carefully planned all the successive steps from the actual printing to the circulating of the cards. He adroitly took advantage of partial security offered by the enameling process which is now commonly employed on wrongly printed cards, to abet his work.

Inspector Stuart says that Smith's scheme was to have one firm enamel a quantity of card stock as though it were to be used for some legitimate purpose. A second firm imitated the Jefferson medalion ostensibly by an invitation card, and at a third establishment the "United States of America" label was prepared; the further simple type necessities were easily supplied. All these parts would be placed together, allowing of the issue of a counterfeit that has been described variously as from poor to fine. It is supposed that millions of the cards have been made as Smith admits that he has been engaged in his work for two years. Over 100,000 cards have been confiscated together with printing presses, cardboard and plates. A counterfeit card was discovered two weeks ago by the inspector and the clue that he discovered revealed Smith as the culprit.

It is said that the government has long been suspicious that the postal card was being counterfeited, but that heretofore no proof has been available. Inspector Stuart says that large profits were reaped by Smith as the government pays but seventeen cents a thousand. Smith received ten dollars a thousand after adding the advertisement."

## Foreign Extracts.

BEING again a holiday season, we take the opportunity of once more publishing some extracts from the Continental philatelic journals, and offering a prize to the reader who succeeds in finding the most mistakes in spelling or grammatical errors. A mint unused 5/- Victoria (1901 issue, with "Postage") will be the prize on this occasion, and all lists of mistakes must be sent in to the Editor by Saturday morning, May 24th. Result of competition will be announced in *E.W.S.N.* of May 31st.

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From *Les Archives des Collectionneurs*.

"Madame Vve Marmin nous communique une nouvelle carte postale à 10 centimes au dernier type modifié et portant en outre sur le coin supérieur gauche, l'inscription suivante en diagonale.

\*Expédié par

M

Demeurant à

Rue

No.

L'inscription du nom et de l'adresse de l'expéditeur est facultative.

Cette carte porte le numéro d'émission 213.

Le timbre qui l'affranchit a subi d'heureuses modifications. Le cartouche rectangulaire dans lequel se trouvent l'inscription POSTES et l'indication de la valeur a été remplacé par un écusson moins sobre d'ornementations et dans lequel figure seule la valeur du timbre.

L'inscription POSTES a été reportée dans la bordure supérieure du timbre.

Madame Marmin nous a communiqué au type ainsi modifié un 30 centimes qui supporte très avantageusement la comparaison avec le précédent timbre obtenu en deux tirages.

Les timbres de 10, 15, 20 et 25 vont paraître sous peu avec ces modifications."

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From *Le Philatériste International* (Paris).

Une série prématurée.—Notre correspondant de l'Afrique du Sud nous annonce que la nouvelle série à l'effigie d'Edouard VII vient d'arriver à l'administration des Postes de Prétoria pour être mise en cours immédiatement tant au Transvaal que dans l'Orange.

Il nous semble que ces timbres sont en avance sur la fin de la guerre et qu'ils dureront moins longtemps que celle-ci, car il se pourrait que les Boers victorieux reprissent Prétoria, Johannesburg et autres grandes villes. Ils saisiraient alors tout le stock de timbres Anglais et surchargeraient la tête d'Edouard VII de ces mots *A bas les Anglais*. Puis ils remplaceraient ensuite cette inscription par l'effigie du président Krüger pour le Transvaal et par celle du président Steijn pour l'Orange.

Comme dernière ressource les Anglais n'auraient plus qu'à conserver la tête d'Edouard VII pour les nouveaux timbres de Fachoda.

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From *Le Philatériste International*.

Oblitérations dites (au drapeau).—L'Allemagne essaie actuellement dans quelques grandes villes, la machine électrique *Bickerdike* pour oblitérer les timbres. Nous avons plusieurs de ces oblitérations dites (au drapeau).

Le dessin de celui-ci est beaucoup mieux que celui que nous employons; il est moins chargé, il en résulte que l'oblitération est plus nette et d'un aspect très agréable.

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Côte des Somalis.—La nouvelle série de la Côte des Somalis sera expédiée à Djibouti dans les premiers jours de mai. Les timbres de cette expédition ne seront pas dentelés, mais il le seront à l'avenir, car actuellement on recherche une machine spéciale pour denteler cette série composée de 3 formats différents.

En conséquence nous aurons sous peu deux séries de Djibouti au lieu d'une.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. W. H. Earl writes:—

"On page 34 British Post Office Guide for April 1st, 1902, are the following words 'Registered Letter Envelopes' . . . . . bearing a TWOPENNY stamp embossed on the flap . . . . . are sold at the following prices:—Size F, 3½d. each; or 3/3 per packet of 12. . . . ."

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

No.	Particulars	Face	Our
607	" 3m. green	50c.	—
608*	" 5m. green	50c.	—
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614	" 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615*	" 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617*	Bulgaria, 1 leva, red	0/10	1/0
618*	" 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619*	" 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624	" (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625	" 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626	" 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628	" (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629	" 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630	" (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631*	Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632*	" Old tr. br. & or.	—	—
633	" 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634	" 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938	" 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647*	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648*	" 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651	" (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652	" 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653	" 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654	" 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655	" 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656	" 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659	Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660	" 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661	" 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665	" 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667	" 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670*	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671*	" 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674*	" 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675*	" 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677*	Monaco, 1li. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678*	" 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681	" 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684	" 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685	" 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687*	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688*	" 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690	Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691	" 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694*	" 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695*	" 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698	" 2 lire	—	—
699	" 5 lire	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708	" 10p. orange	5/0	—
711*	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715	" 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717*	Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718*	" 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Greece, new issue.

Sets, 1/4 per set.

1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Montenegro, set is again in stock.

Switzerland. Sets and high values. The sets can be supplied with the 12c. and 15c. in the new or old shades. The latter value is now dark violet, with lines of engraving thinner.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.

1h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½, 1d.; block, 2d.

2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.

3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.

5h. varn., perf. 13x13½, 1d.; block, 4d.

6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.

10h. " " perf. 13x12½, 2d.; " 6d.

20h. " " " 3d.; " 10d.

25h. " " perf. 13x13½, 3d.; " 1/1.

30h. " " " 4d.; " 1/3.

40h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."

Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.

1 mark, 1 2; 2 mk., 2 4; 3 mk., 3 6; 5 mk., 5 10.

Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

Austrian Levant.

5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/1; pair 1 11.

10pi. on 2kr., nett 1 11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania, Taxa de Factagin, 25b., nett 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan

2. Dahomey

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5. " Soudan

6. Grand Comore

7. Guiana

8. Guadeloupe

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10. Indo-China

11. Ivory Coast

12. Martinique

13. Mayotte

14. Madagascar

15. New Caledonia

16. Oceania

17. Réunion

18. St. Pierre et Miquelon

19. Sénégal

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Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.

Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 øre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen sets.

German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/1.

Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40, 1d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.

6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.

10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1 5.

1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (Z138).—The new 5d. has now made its appearance.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward.  
5d. lilac and blue.

The earliest dated copy is noted by Mr. T. Proud, postmark London, May 16th. Mr. H. K. Marsden informs us that the new stamp was on sale at the Eton Post Office on Thursday, March 15th., which is the earliest recorded date of issue.

Messrs. J. J. Arthur and Co. state that very distinct pale and dark shades occur in the current 6d. stamp.

The *Daily Express* claims to have discovered another defect in our new stamps, but needless to say no alteration in the design will be made, either at the Coronation or after, unless there should be a much stronger reason for a change than those previously urged. Thus the "D.E."

**NEW STAMPS WRONG.**—The question has arisen whether the Imperial Crown above the King's head on the new postage stamps should show the same number of pearls on the arches as the actual Crown possesses. Each arch in the real Crown contains nine pearls, as against seven on the adhesive and five on the embossed penny stamp; but the discrepancy does not affect the value of the postage stamps; they will still frank letters. The Postmaster-General, when his attention was drawn to the inaccuracy, stated to a correspondent that "it is not considered necessary to alter the designs so as to make the number of stones coincide" with the number in the King's Crown.

**Official Stamps (M 138).**—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* learns that the gradually growing list of British Official stamps is to be augmented by some values surcharged "Navy Official" for use in the Victualling Yards.

Mr. F. G. Warwick has shown us a King Edward 1d. Army Official, with the second "I" of "Official" broken near the top, so as to look like a short "I" with a dot.

**King Edward Frank Stamps (A).**—Mr. J. Mitchley sends us several envelopes franked with an impression from a rubber stamp in black or violet. The design consists of a double lined circle,  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. in diameter, enclosing a monogram "E.R. VII." surmounted by a crown. In addition the letters are postmarked with the usual "Paid" marks in red, "King's Lynn—Paid 1d. and date)" and "Official paid—Sandringham, R.S.O., Norfolk—(and date)." The dates range between 14.2.02 and 10.5.02. Does this signify that the "R.H. Official" stamps have not yet come into use?

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (I)** 134).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that rumours are afloat to the effect that as Commonwealth stamps may not be issued for four years some of the State Post Offices intend shortly issuing new King's Head types. Up to the present, however, our Australian contemporary has not succeeded in getting this officially confirmed. Any such new issue can only be made with the consent of the Federal Postmaster General.

**BAVARIA (E 137).**—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* records the issue at the beginning or middle of April of two official postcards.

Official postcards.—  
2 pfennig, grey.  
3 " green.

The cards are cream-coloured, with stamp, etc., printed in colour. Size, 140x90 mm.; date figures, "02." The cards have various printed matter in black and are apparently for use in connection with orphanages, as they have the address printed "An den Gemeindevorstand." The stamp is inscribed at foot "Pfennig" and at the sides "Dienstlicher Verkehr" with figure of value within a circle in centre on a background of crossed lines.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA (I 134).**—The *Australian Journal of Philately* learns that the Australian Federal Government have received authority to take over the control of British New Guinea and are making arrangements accordingly. One result may be the suppression of the stamps issued in July, 1901.

**BUSSAHIR (C 137).** The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following additions to the list of new varieties published in E.W.S.N. of March 22nd:—

1896. Overprinted "R.N.S." Perf. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12.

41b 12as. green (rose surch).

1899. Overprinted "R.N.S." Pin perf.

86a 1a. vermilion (blue-green surch.)

Imperforate.

89a. 4a. claret (green surch.)

Overprinted "P.S." Imperforate.

89b 1a. vermilion (mauve surch.)

1901. New colour. Overprinted "P.S." Water-marked laid paper. Pin perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 13.

92a 4a. red-brown (mauve surch.)

All the values up to 4as. are therefore now known with the new "PS" overprint.

**DJIBOUTI (E 138).**—M. René Lemoine informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the 25 francs of Obock has been surcharged "5 CENTIMES" in two lines. A stamp of £1 is thus reduced to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Surely a record! We reported in several recent numbers the shortage of 5c. stamps on the Somali Coast, but we should have thought a more suitable value than 25 francs could have been found to overprint. It is rumoured that some of this value were also surcharged 25c. and some of 50 francs 50c., 18,000 of this latter being printed.

Provisionals. Overprinted on stamps of Obock.

" 5 centimes" on 25 francs.

" 25 " " on 25 " (Rumoured).

" 50 " " on 50 " ( " ).

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (I 133).**—The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. report the find of several of the 1900 issue, 20c. stamps printed in carmine instead of purple.

**FRANCE (Q 138).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* records the 1c. adhesive and 1c. Taxe with millésime 2. The 20c. value in the new type is recorded as having been issued.

Adhesive. New type.  
20c. brown-purple.

No details are furnished by our contemporary.

**GAMBIA (C 138).**—*King Edward Stamps.*—With reference to the note which we published last week Mr. E. Leader has shown us that the 1d. King Edward stamp postmarked Bathurst, March 13th, or over a month earlier than the previously noted record.

Messrs. Bright & Son inform the *Illustrated London News* that the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and 3d. of the King Edward series have been issued as well as the 1d.

**GERMAN NEW GUINEA (A).**—The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown by Mr. J. C. Morgenthau a copy of the 25pf. of the 1887 issue with the surcharge inverted. The only German Colonial stamp catalogued by Gibbons with inverted overprint is the 20pf. 1900 of China. (See under Marianne Islands).

**GERMANY (O 138).**—Mr. William Thorne has shown the *American Journal of Philately* some further varieties, which may or may not be essays or proofs. These include the 1, 2, 3 and 5 marks of the 1900 issue, perforated 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  (only catalogued 14), and the 5pf. printed in ultramarine, the colour of the 20pf. Mr. J. C. Morgenthau has the current 30pf. Cameroons printed in lake and black, the colour of the 40pf., and with a period at each end of the word "Kamerun" instead of a fleur-de-lis as on the issued stamps. These discoveries, taken in conjunction with the two varieties of the current 2 marks chronicled last week seem to indicate that the German Post Offices are not very particular just now as to what they issue.

**GOLD COAST (L 137).**—*King Edward Stamps.*—In the descriptions of the new stamps given by *Der Philatelist* we note that the 6d. is stated to be in violet and dark blue. Our own information (E.W.S.N. of May 10th) was to the effect that it is in violet and mauve.

**INDIA (G 137).**—It is not generally known that the 9 pies value is still obtainable; the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number recently purchased at the G.P.O., Calcutta. The 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  annas of the Queen Victoria series is obsolete.

**INDO CHINA (C 138).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 10c. "Colis Postaux" ("Postal Parcels") is about to be withdrawn from use. Our contemporary's correspondent writes:—

"Messieurs les Inspecteurs des Colonies ont décidé de substituer au timbre surchargé 'Colis Postaux' le chiffre taxe de 0 fr. 10 centimes.

"La mise en application de cette mesure devra commencer aussitôt que l'existant des timbres-poste de l'espèce sera épuisé dans votre bureau.

"Hanoi, 28 janvier 1902."

**MARIANNE ISLANDS (A).**—Mr. J. C. Morgenthau has shown the *American Journal of Philately* a copy of the 25pf. orange (1st issue, Arms type), with surcharge inverted.

**MARTINIQUE (B 125).**—"It is an ill wind that blows no one any good" and we regret to state that many collectors have rushed to take advantage of the ruin caused by the recent eruption of the volcano on Mont Pelée. The Colonial Stamp Market was bought out of Martinique sets within a day or two of the news of the devastation of this French colony becoming known! Quite a number of applicants asked for "St. Pierre et Miquelon" as well. Seeing that these latter two islands are not in the West Indies at all, but hundreds of miles northward, near the coast of Newfoundland, we cannot boast in future that philately teaches geography. St. Pierre, the chief town of Martinique, is another place altogether, or was.

**NEW SOUTH WALES (M 137).**—We clip the following from the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—

"Although not essentially a Federal matter, we must express our gratification at the marked improvement in the New South Wales stamps now being issued. This is mainly owing to the fact that they are printed on new paper which has been gummed in England. It has been proved that printing on gummed paper obviates the likelihood of colours running while being submitted to the gumming process afterwards. Another cause of the improvement is that better inks are being used, and greater care is being exercised in the effort to turn out an article creditable in every way to the premier State of the Commonwealth. Had the Queensland stamps recently issued with serrated perforations been printed on previously gummed paper, the trouble experienced would not have arisen. The probabilities are, therefore, that we shall see a return to the use of the serrated process, which is that of perforating the stamps whilst being printed."

**NEW ZEALAND (S 138).**—According to the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* no more 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps are to be printed. This is no doubt a result of the reduction in the letter rate from New Zealand to Australia from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1d.

**NICARAGUA (J 135).**—Some interesting additional information is published by *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* on the subject of the surcharged provisionals. In the list published in E.W.S.N. No. 133 (April 12th), we stated that three minor varieties (a, b, c) occurred. These, we now learn, occur in the following proportions; the overprint, it should be noted, is set up in blocks of 25.

	Normal	(a)	(b)	(c)
3c. on 6c.	20	5	—	—
4c. on 6c.	20	5	—	—
5c. on 1p.	16	—	5	4
10c. on 2p.	25	—	—	—
20c. on 5p.	25	—	—	—

The setting of the surcharge ("1901 over 'Correos") on the 1c. Unpaid Letter Stamp shows five types, in the following proportions:

(Normal). 9 times.  
(a) with cross at each side of the stamp. 5 times.  
(b) with ornament at each side of date. 5 " "  
(c) with "Correos" (second "o" italic). Once  
(d) with "Correos" all in italics. 5 times.

The type (d) was omitted from our previous list.



**PERSIA** (G 137).—We are indebted to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* for information of the following additions to the series of type-set provisional (1, 2, 3, 5, 12 chahi already recorded), with "lion" control mark overprinted in red:—

*Provisional Adhesives:*

- (a) Paper with yellow network surface.  
10 chahi yellow.
- (b) Paper with blue network surface.  
1 kran, violet.  
2 krans, green.  
10 " blue.  
50 " red.

These stamps are only used at Téhéran, according to M. Forbin, who states that at Touris they are overprinted "Provisoire 1319" instead of lion, whilst at Meshed two entirely new provisionals of 5 chahi, similar to the first issue of Russian Crete, are to be had. We should like more definite particulars of these.

The 12ch. envelope, overprinted "Provisoire 1319," which we chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of April 12th., now has a companion, the following being noted by the *American Journal of Philately*.

*Envelope.* Overprinted "Provisoire 1319."  
10ch. light blue.

**REUNION** (G 137).—In addition to the minor varieties chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of April 26th and May 10th, we note the following on the authority of Mr. W. Thorne and the *American Journal of Philately*.

In each sheet of stamps (both values?) there is one stamp in which the word *Réunion* has no accent on the 'E.' The 5c. on 50c. is found with the surcharge misplaced, so that the stamps of the top row have only "5c." while those of the other rows have a bar at the top and "5c." at the bottom. One stamp in each setting has a thin figure "5." This same figure is also found in the 15c. surcharged on 1fr. in connection with a small figure "1." (also on 15c. on 75c.). Another variety of the 15c. on 1fr. has no bar; presumably this is also found on the 75c.

**ROUMANIA** (E 129).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following minor varieties:—

"We have received the 1 ban stamp, and find that it is on the unwatermarked paper, tinted pink on the back, and perf 11½. We have also the following, which have not been noted in our chronicle:—

25b. indigo, wmk. "P R," perf. 11½.

No watermark, pink on back.

1 bani, pale brown, perf. compound.

3 " red-brown " "

10 " rose-red " 13½.

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*

5b. pale green, yellowish toned paper, perf 11½.

5b. emerald, wmk. "P R," perf. 11½.

10b. " " " "

30b. " " " "

**RUSSIA** (E 135).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is informed that a copy of the 10 kopecks of 1865 has been discovered with the centre inverted. Moens catalogues the 10k. of the 1875 type in this condition, but the earlier stamp has not been heard of before.

**RUSSIAN LEVANT** (A).—*Turkish Empire.*—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that the 10 para on 2 kop. green (Gibbons No. 3) is shortly to be superseded by an 8 para on 2 kop. green.

**SIERRA LEONE** (A 123).—*King Edward Stamps.*—Mr. C. F. Lücke informs us that copies of the following have been seen (overprinted 'specimen' presumably).

*Envelope.* Thick white paper. Size 140 x 78mm.  
1d. carmine.

The stamp is rectangular, with Head of King Edward in centre surmounted by a Crown. At top is the inscription "Sierra Leone" and at foot "One Penny."

**SPAIN** (F 135).—An agitation is being got up in this country by the Sabbatarian party, having for aim an issue of stamps with "Sunday" label similar to those of Belgium now current. It is proposed to inscribe the label *No repartir en domingo* ("Not to be delivered on Sunday").

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS** (A).—*King Edward Stamps.*—We are indebted to Mr. Bela Szekula for first sight of King Edward stamps of this Colony.

*Adhesives:* Head of King Edward. Wmk. Crown CA., p. 14.  
3c. lilac and red (value on lined ground).  
8c. lilac on blue (value on plain ground).

They are of the general Colonial type, with values in hexagons, and inscribed "Postage and Revenue" at sides. The day of first issue is stated to be April 20th. Mr. L. P. Napier informs us that he has examples postmarked Singapore, April 21st, and that so far, only these two values of the new set have appeared.

**TASMANIA** (K 137).—Mr. W. A. Weymouth, of Hobart, writes as follows to the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—"Permit me to put your readers on their guard as to some Tasmanian stamps, surcharged 'Revenue' and postmarked,

that are being circulated amongst collectors. I refer to 1d., 6d. and 1/- platypus (which I have seen) and 5/- George and Dragon (which I have only heard of). These stamps, surcharged in black with the word 'Revenue,' were printed by the Government printer here, for the Commissioner of Stamps, for revenue purposes only and were not available for postal purposes, either in November, 1900, when the work was done, or subsequently. The only stamps in postal (as well as fiscal) use in that month which were surcharged 'Revenue' and allowed, so surcharged, to be used postally for a few days ending 30th November, 1900, were the following:

(S.G., No. 218) 3d., Platypus.  
( " " 216) 2, 6, St. George and Dragon.  
( " " 214) 10/-, " "  
( " " 142) 20/-, Queen's Head (1892-99 series).

"Of No. 214 there were only a few, as the Government printer also struck off a supply of this stamp for the Commissioner of Stamps. Of the platypus series the only one not out of issue in November, 1900, was the 3d., and of this stamp probably not more than 1500 were postally used in the surcharged form, on or before the terminal date, 30th November, 1900."

**UNITED STATES** (S 138). The 4c. Pan-American with inverted centre is reported by *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* to have been bought in at \$310 (about £60) at a recent Boston auction sale.

A correspondent of the same journal learns that a proof from the new die of the McKinley post card was expected to be taken early this month (May). Only eighteen of the post cards printed from the rejected plates were saved, the balance being destroyed. Some five hundred of the die proofs were printed from the original plate at the Bureau, but these cards have a statement to that effect printed upon the lower portion of the card. The rescued eighteen have no such blemish and ought to command a pretty stiff price; but as it happens, collectors have not yet located the owner.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (S.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. H. Baron writes:—*

"I am not quite sure, but after reading your paper *re* New Zealand's carefully on Saturday, or shall I say Sunday, I am afraid I have discovered more trouble for collectors, and enclose you samples for inspection. The London prints are without watermark, and the earlier local prints are on Waterlow paper, fairly thick in texture and with an almost indistinguishable watermark, NZ over Star; then comes the Basted Mill paper, which you describe as thin, tough and watermarked, Star over NZ. Now what I am afraid I have discovered is that the Star in this paper is both under and over the NZ; you say not up to now, but if you will carefully examine the enclosed used copies you will see the paper is not the thick Waterlow, and it is a question to my mind whether it is the Basted Mill with the normal watermark or whether it is the new Cowan's paper with watermark. This is a subject on which many difficulties arise and I must thank you for your enlightenment in Saturday's issue. At the same time I must take you to task, and tell you that since you introduced the Foreign Department your paper is not nearly so interesting, in so far as the space previously devoted to news is now devoted to advertising your goods. I must urge you to put your advertisements on a separate sheet and give us a little more news, even if it is about wonderful 'tuppenny blacks.' Also see that the Father of St. Kilda or some such personage is given a good dose of 'minor varieties,' so that he does not appear too regularly, to the suppression of more interesting items."

{Mr. Baron produces undoubted specimens of the 1d. universal on the thin watermarked paper, with watermark "NZ over Star" so presumably the Basted Mills paper was used both ways. All our own specimens and all which have come under our notice hitherto, have "NZ under Star" either normal or reversed (not inverted) so we must consider Mr. Baron's specimens abnormally normal.

With regard to our correspondent's other remarks, the Father of St. Kilda presents his compliments and wishes to say that he belongs to our city publishers, who evidently have great affection for him. No one else has any authority to kill him, as our correspondent evidently desires. Since pages 1 and 2 of *E.W.S.N.* were devoted exclusively to literary matter, the other two, 3 and 4 have been allotted to advertisements, and this division has seldom been altered. The difficulty is that the paper must consist of either 8 or 12 pages, and there is just about enough matter each week to fill 9 or 10 pages. The editor is unable to compile more than 6 or 7

columns weekly, having but little spare time after office hours and readers do not assist him. Long scientific articles are not suitable for what aspires first of all to be a philatelic newspaper, and it is rare to find anyone who will allow his discoveries to be made public in a short and concise paper. Specialists of the present day usually attempt too much, and with a few distinguished exceptions, rarely study their subject thoroughly enough to render it possible to write an interesting paper.—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*]

## New Issues.

### THE MOST PROLIFIC COUNTRIES.

ALTHOUGH our system of attaching serial letters and index references to each new issue item has only been adopted in the *Weekly Stamp News* since November 16th., the system originated at the beginning of last July, each country or colony then starting with the letter A. The arrangement was primarily for the Editor's benefit, but we believe will have also proved an advantage to readers who wish to refer back. The first country or subject to reach "Z" is perhaps naturally Great Britain, 26 out of the 46 numbers of *E. W. S. N.* published during the past 10½ months having contained references to the new King Edward stamps. Next in order come the following:—

- R United States, Transvaal, New Zealand.
- Q Victoria.
- P France, British Guiana.
- N Germany, Chile, Bahamas.
- M Greece, Orange River Colony.
- L New South Wales, North Borneo.
- K Trinidad, Gold Coast, Bulgaria.
- J Paraguay, Tasmania, South Australia.

Which will be ahead at the end of the half-year? A prize of a 2/- Queen's Head Victoria (with Postage) is offered for the best forecast showing which three countries, Great Britain excepted, will be at the top of the list after publication of *E.W.S.N.* of June 20th and the serial letters they have reached. Forecasts should be written on postcards only and must reach the Editor by Saturday, May 31st. Award will be published in *E.W.S.N.* of June 28th.

At the other end of the table, we get the following:—

- Nil. Egypt, Hayti, Honduras, Luxemburg, San Marino, Straits Settlements, Tonga, Turks Islands, Western Australia.
- A Denmark, Finland, Gibraltar, Grenada, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Montenegro, Norway, Portugal, Siam, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Turkey.
- B Hungary, Iceland, Fiji, Liberia.
- C Canada, etc.
- D Labuan, etc.

Some of these we fear are but dormant volcanoes, but in any case such a record from Honduras, Montenegro, San Marino & Co., is wonderful. It is rather startling to find that those countries which have given most trouble to the recorder are almost without exception the most popular, evidence which would seem to show that at heart collectors like frequent new issues, although they don't always care to admit it. It cannot be denied that many of the countries and colonies at the bottom of our list are amongst the least popular.

## Methodist Stamps.

Is the campaign of the Methodist Twentieth Century Thank Offering Commission to raise \$1,000,000 for New York city churches and benevolences, systems have been introduced that are novel in church affairs.

One of the schemes devised by the Commission's executive secretary, the Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Tipple, contemplates the raising of one-tenth of the sum through the Sunday School scholars. For this purpose there has been issued one of the strangest sets of stamps ever printed in this country. The stamps are in five denominations—one, two, five, ten and twenty-five cent—and the plan is to sell them to the children as they collect money for the thank offering fund from their friends and relatives, small stamp albums being furnished by the Commission in which the stamps can be pasted, showing the amount raised by each child.

One of the first obstacles encountered was when the government decided it could not allow the commission to issue such stamps, because in size and color they resembled the special postage stamps issued for the Chicago and Pan-American expositions. Dr. Tipple finally obtained permission to print the stamps in several shades of bronze, which is never used for government stamps. The stamps now are being placed in the hands of Sunday School superintendents and treasurers. The issue is of \$100,000.

Vignettes of famous Methodists are printed on the stamps, the denominations being shown in large figures, while at the top of each stamp is the legend "Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund" and "The Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City," at the bottom.

(From the *New York Herald*, 8.12.01).

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 leptä	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150*	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 40, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
175	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 4, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Hengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617* Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618* " 2 leva, rose	1/8	—
619* " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	1/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670** Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717* Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718* " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722* " 5fr		

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Greece, new issue.

Sets, 1/4 per set.

1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Montenegro, set is again in stock.

Switzerland. Sets and high values. The sets can be supplied with the 12c. and 15c. in the new or old shades. The latter value is now dark violet, with lines of engraving thinner.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.

1h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½, 1d.; block, 2d.

2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.

3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.

5h. varn., perf. 13x13½, 1d.; block, 4d.

6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.

10h. " perf. 13x12½, 2d.; " 6d.

20h. " " 3d.; " 10d.

25h. " perf. 13x13½, 3d.; " 1/-.

30h. " " 4d.; " 1/3.

40h. unvarn., perf. 13x12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."

Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.

1 mark, 1/2; 2 mk., 2/4; 3 mk., 3/6; 5 mk., 5/10.

Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

Austrian Levant.

5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-.; pair 1/11.

10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania, Taxa de Factagin, 25b., nett 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan

2. Dahomey

3. French Congo

4. " Guinea

5. " Soudan

6. Grand Comore

7. Guiana

8. Guadeloupe

9. Indian Estab.

10. Indo-China

11. Ivory Coast

12. Martinique

13. Mayotte

14. Madagascar

15. New Caledonia

16. Oceania

17. Réunion

18. St. Pierre et Miquelon

19. Sénégal

Series of 19 sets, 18/3.

or 1/- each set.

Indo China, 10c., surcharged "Colis Postaux," 1½d.

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.

Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

France, old 3c. grey, 1d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.;

block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.;

2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.; 2/2 per

dozen sets.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen

sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4, 5 öre, set of 3, 2d.; 1/11 per dozen

sets.

German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

40 on 2, 50 on 40c., set of two, 8d.; per dozen

sets, 7/-.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (A 139).—An error occurred last week in mentioning the earliest date of issue of the new 5d. adhesive. For "March 16th" read "May 16th."

In printing this new value, the old "duty" plate has been made use to supply the blue portion. Owing however to the introduction of the crown rendering it necessary to have the head slightly lower down, the value is also lower and of necessity also the rest of the duty plate, to wit, the series of short lines surrounding it. The positions of these latter relative to the continuous purple line round the "head" plate are consequently wrong. We mention this as no doubt when a new duty plate is made the fault will be remedied and a means will then be created of positively identifying early printings. The 5d. stamps are printed on paper watermarked E.

**Official Stamps** (N 139).—Mr. E. Leader has shown us the 1d. Board of Education postmarked Cambridge, 28.2.02, which is the earliest date yet recorded.

Regarding the sale of unused Army Official stamps, we take the following cutting from the *Daily News* of May 24th:—

"The wives of the stamp collector are numerous, but it is doubtful whether he can continue to possess himself as formerly of the Army Official postage stamps, in which a brisk trade seems to have been going on. Yesterday it was notified that 'it had been brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief that the 'Army Official' postage stamps issued for use in the offices of the several military districts are, in some cases, sold to stamp dealers at a profit by those in charge of them, who it is presumed, then replace these stamps by ordinary ones. Earl Roberts regards this practice as wholly irregular and most objectionable, and has instructed the General Officers commanding to take such steps as may appear most advisable for its prevention.' So that this particular treasure of the philatelist will probably go up in value forthwith."

A correspondent has shown us the O.W. Official ½d. green (Queen's Issue) and ½d. green and 1d. carmine (King's Issue). We can now, therefore, chronicle their actual issue.

Overprinted "O.W. Official" in black.

½d. green (Queen Victoria).  
" (King Edward VII).  
1d. carmine ( " " ).

All three are postmarked Parliament Street, S.W., April 16th, 1902, so far the earliest recorded date of use.

**Cheque Stamps** (E 130).—We have now seen die DF, dated 24.1.02. This completes the set from DA to DG. The present series of dies started about 1898 with AA and was preceded as follows:—

1896? Spray of Rose—A (to Z) for England and Wales.  
Thistle—A (to G, still in use) for Scotland.  
Shamrock—A (to B, still in use) for Ireland.  
1896? Rose-rose; Thistle-thistle, etc. (No letter).  
1892? 1 (to 113?)—Star.  
1870? 3A (3B, 3C, to 3Z, etc., to 9Z and 10A)—Star.  
1870? AA (BB, CC, etc., to ZZ)—Star.  
1865? A (B, C, etc., to Z)—Star.  
1850. Large types (various series).

Previous to about 1875 (?) impressions were colourless. We don't recommend these stamps to collectors, but anyone wishing to amuse himself without expense might do worse than make a collection of them. The highest price for which specimens have to our knowledge been sold is 1d. but the usual price is 3, 4 or more for a penny.

**Envelope Dies** (R 138).—The Colonial Stamp Market's last supply of envelopes were stamped at Somerset House with ½d. die 15, and 1d. die 9. The former is a novelty, whilst the 1d. die 9 is beginning to show signs of wear, so that we may

soon have new dies to chronicle in this value also. The list of King Edward dies now stands as follows:—

½d. Dies 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.  
1d. Dies 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.  
2½d. Die 3.  
6d. Die 1.

In E.W.S.N. of May 17th it was stated that the only three 1d. Queen's Head envelope dies (type I.) which had not been seen were Nos. 12, 58 and 60. Mr. J. N. Lowson has shown us a very clear copy of No. 60, the envelope being dated 14.11.45.

**Postal Orders** (C 136).—We have received the 10/- postal order with King Edward poundage stamp. Earliest date and number:—Lower Feltham, 20.5.02, 1.32—003981. Also the 2/- Postal Order, Malvern, 24.5.02, C74—029407. Mr. H. L. Bevir also advises the issue of the 3/6 order at Wootton Bassett about May 15th.

**Railway Letter Stamps** (N 138).—We recently came into possession of a very interesting block of 24 South-Eastern Railway Letter Stamps of the second printing (1892). Although unnumbered proofs, they are of particular value in showing that this printing was made in sheets of 60, arranged in 10 rows of 6, instead of 6 rows of 10. The arrangement of types on the plates is as follows:—

Second Printing.						Third and Later Printings.									
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6	4	5	6	6	4	5	6	4	5	6
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6	4	5	6	5	4	5	6	4	5	6
1	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6	4	4	5	6	4	5	6	4	5	6
1	2	3	1	2	3										
4	5	6	4	5	6										

The curious arrangement of the types in the later plate has hitherto caused surprise to collectors, but is now explained. Had the later plate been the original one, no doubt the six types in each block would have been arranged in 3 rows of 2, but as the arrangement of the original plate was in 10 rows of 6, it was naturally more convenient to have the blocks in 2 rows of 3. In rearranging the old material to form the new plate, it will be noticed that one of the 10 blocks of 6 types had to be cut into three pieces. The distinguishing marks of the six types are given in the Editor's *History of Railway Letter Stamps*.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (I 127).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of the new official stamps. Each sheet measures about 10½ by 7½ inches, and contains fifty stamps in five rows of ten. On the margin over or under the 5th and 6th stamps in the top and bottom rows is the imprint *Compañia Sud-Americana de Billetes de Banco, Buenos Aires*. This inscription also occurs on the margin at each side. On the top margin, in the centre, is a number apparently engraved on the plate (plate number?). The sheets are numbered consecutively in black in the top right-hand corner.

Value.	Plate No.	Consecutive No. of Sheet.
1 centavo grey	755	00089, etc.
2 centavos brown	762	00050, etc.
5 " rose	758	00020, etc.
10 " green	756	00050, etc.
30 " blue	759	00050, etc.
50 " orange	757	00090, etc.

Plates Nos. 760 and 761 do not figure in the above list, and it would be interesting to know what they are. We are informed by our Buenos Aires correspondent that all these official stamps will be withdrawn from circulation shortly.

**BARBADOS** (G 136).—The following new stationery is listed by *Die Post*.

**Wrapper.** Type of adhesives of 1892.

½d. brown on buff paper (297 x 127mm).

**Registration Envelope.** Type of adhesives of 1892, with "Registration" added above and "Fee" below.

2d. blue on white (135 x 83mm). Inscriptions in red.

We are not sure that these have been issued yet, the descriptions being probably taken from "specimen" copies. The new wrapper supercedes the original Queen's Head issue of 1882

and has a five-lined inscription printed in brown. The registration envelope succeeds the original issue of 1885 and has the stamp printed on the flap in blue, the rest of the inscriptions on back and front being in red. The manufacturer's name is given as Thos. De la Rue & Co., Ltd.

**BRITISH GUIANA** (Q 138).—As foretold in E.W.S.N. of January 25th, the 4c. vermilion Queen's Head stamp on registration envelopes has become a 4c. blue "ship." *Die Post* describes the new envelope, presumably one of the 'specimen' copies sent round to Postal Union countries.

**Registration Envelope.** Circular, 'Ship' design.  
4c. blue, white paper (152 x 98mm.)

The inscriptions are all in blue. Manufacturers, Thos. De la Rue & Co., Ltd.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (J 132).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us an entire sheet of 100 of the recently issued 2c. on 3c. provisional. For the benefit of minor-variety specialists, we note the following:

- (a) Straight foot "2" in "1902," Nos. 6, 33, 47, 58, 74, 94, 95, 98.
- (b) Small N (broken?) in "Cents," No. 88.
- (c) Broken figure "2" in "1902," No. 81.
- (d) Wide and narrow "9" in "1902." About equally represented.

The first variety will probably be the only one which will find its way into the catalogues.

**FRENCH CONGO** (B 125).—The new set for this Colony in three different types and 15 values is stated by *Die Post* to have been issued.

**GAMBIA** (D 139).—We are now able to give a description of the complete set of new stamps, on the authority of *Die Post*.

**Adhesives.** CA14. Head of King Edward.

- ½d. sea-green.
- 1d. (already chronicled).
- 2d. orange-red and lilac.
- 2½d. ultramarine.
- 3d. mauve and blue.
- 4d. brown and blue.
- 6d. reseda-green and carmine.
- 1/- violet and pale green.
- 2 - grey and buff.

The name and value are in the second colours. We believe only the ½d., 1d. and 3d. are so far actually issued.

**GRENADA** (B 138).—In E.W.S.N. of May 17th, we were able to state that the King Edward stamps had arrived in the Colony and we are now able to give the following description of a 'specimen' set.

**Adhesives.** CA14. Head of King Edward.

- ½d. lilac and green (plain shield).
- 1d. " carmine (lined " ).
- 2d. " brown (value in white on lined ground).
- 2½d. " blue (value in white on blue ground).
- 3d. " ochre (plain shield).
- 6d. " green (value in white on lined ground).
- 1/- green and ochre (plain shield).
- 2/- " blue ( " " ).
- 5/- " carmine (value white on carmine ground).
- 10/- " mauve (plain shield).

**Post Cards.** Head of King Edward.

- ½d. green on thin buff card. 121 x 75mm.
- 1d. carmine on stout buff card. 140 x 88mm.

The post cards are respectively inscribed:—  
"Post (Arms) Card—Grenada—The address only to be written on this side" and "Union Postale Universelle—Grenada (La Grenade)—Post Card (Arms) Carte Postale—The address only to be written on this side."

**MALTA** (F 128).—Our Malta correspondent writes that he is informed that the 2½d. stamp is to be surcharged "One Penny" with a view to making way for the King's Head issue. The stock still on hand of the 2½d. value is stated to be enormous and there is very little demand for it since the letter rate to Great Britain and Colonies was reduced to 1d. The date of issue is not yet known.

**MAURITIUS** (J 133).—For some years stamps of 1, 2½ and 5 rupees have been catalogued, although their actual issue has never been made. We are officially informed that this will soon take place. As the high values are inscribed "Postage and Revenue," the low values, to be made uniform, will be surcharged with this inscription. The date of issue has not yet been fixed, but 'specimen' copies of the rupee values have been distributed to Postal Union



countries. In addition stamps of 5, 8, 12, 25 and 50 cents in the ordinary Arms type have been printed and will shortly be issued, the Queen's Head 25 and 50c. having been already withdrawn. It is not quite clear whether any of the new cents values will be issued without overprint or whether all will be surcharged.

**Adhesives.** Arms type, CA14.

- 5 cents, violet-grey and lilac on chamois-toned paper.
- 8 .. sea-green and black on chamois-toned paper.
- 12 .. grey-black and carmine on white.
- 25 .. sea-green and carmine on pale-green.
- 50 .. grey-green and dark green on yellow.

Large type, 34 x 29mm. Inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

"One Rupee," dark grey and carmine on white.  
"2 Rps. 50 Cts." sea-green and black on sky-blue.

"Five Rupees" brown and carmine on red.

The values are in the second colours.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (N 139).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of the 1d. and 2d. stamps in distinct shades. Gibbons catalogues the 1d. on ordinary paper as rose-carmine, scarlet or pink, and on chalk-surfaced paper, scarlet, all perf. 12 x 12 (comb-machines Nos. 2 or 3). The examples shown us are perf. 12 x 12 (large holes) when on ordinary paper, but all shades on chalky paper are undoubtedly perf. 12 x 11½. Is this a new comb-machine (No. 4)?

**Adhesives.** Chalk-surfaced paper, perf. 12 x 11½.

- 1d. scarlet (deep red).
- 1d. pink, no marginal line. Marginal inscription in double-lined lettering.
- 1d. pale rose-pink, no marginal line.
- 1d. dark lake, with marginal line round sheet.
- 2d. ultramarine-blue.
- 2d. bright ultramarine, no marginal line.
- 2d. bright ultramarine, faint printing (the five fine lines over "New South Wales" are broken into a series of short dashes). With marginal line round sheet.

Unfortunately of the latter alone is there a large block. This is from the top of the right hand pane and shows the thick outer line on the margin and the imprint:—Monogram—G.Pr.O., N.S.W.—1901 (date in circle). Between the monogram and "G.Pr.O., N.S.W." the marginal line is cut away and a consecutive number appears, no doubt registered by the printing machine, as it is in blue. In this case it is "No. 56733." At the corner, in black, is the consecutive number of the sheet of paper, 359733.

The Colonial Stamp Market's supply of £1 stamps just received is perf. 11 all round instead of perf. 11½ x 11 as previously.

**NEW SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC** (A).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following uncatalogued varieties on the authority of Mr. Hawkins.

- Nos. 40, 74, 75 with Arms inverted on one stamp and normal on the other.
- Also No. 44 in a pair with 46, and 45 with 47.

Probably most of the abnormal varieties existed on the sheets with the ordinary. Mr. Hawkins also notes the 2d. of the first issue on *strac* without date and thinks that No. 19 should be "2d." and not "2/-."

**PARAGUAY** (K 137).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of the recently issued lithographed stamps, 1c. and 10c., and we note that they are in sheets of 200 as already announced. The sheets are however divided by a vertical margin into two panes of 100, each to rows of 10. On the margin to right of the 10th stamps in the 9th and 10th rows of each pane is the imprint, reading up, *Talleres Nacionales de H. Kraus*.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS** (B 139).—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* states, on the authority of Mr. C. A. Ribeiro, that the new 3c. and 8c. King Edward stamps were issued at Singapore on April 15th.

**VRYBURG** (D 116, 115, 98).—*V.R. Issue* (B 98).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* publishes the following interesting note from Mr. H. W. Hawkins:—

*Vryburg*.—We are indebted to Mr. H. W. Hawkins for the following information:—

"On the evacuation of Vryburg by the Boers on the 7th May, 1900, certain Transvaal Republic stamps were found in the Government offices there by the British military authorities, and were taken over for use, surcharged 'V.R.—SPECIAL—POST.'—and sold in the ordinary way, the amount realised being handed over to the Cape Government. The exact numbers were 232 half-penny and 68 penny. There must also have been a few 2d. and 2½d. stamps, for one of each of them has been seen similarly surcharged.

"These stamps were used mainly for franking letters dating from the arrival of the flying column for the relief of Mafeking up to the 29th May. The postmarks on these stamps read 'VRYBURG N.B.', which is an old hand-stamp that had to be brought into use, for Vryburg has been a postal district of Cape Colony for quite a

number of years. The surcharge almost invariably reads upwards; I have come across a single specimen of the 1d. upon which it reads downwards, but this is probably unique!

"Previous to the foregoing there were issued a few odd ½d. and 1d. current Cape stamps, some of which may be found pen-and-ink cancelled 'C. St. Q.' (=C. St. Quentin) by the military magistrate, owing to the fact that the date stamp was missing, but afterwards the old British B(echuana)land one turned up, and was temporarily employed for cancelling purposes."

## Argentine Stamps used in Paraguay.

### WHEN ARGENTINE STAMPS WERE USED.

TIME was—before Paraguay's first issue in 1870—when the postage stamps of a neighbouring republic, Argentina, were used. These were the 5, 10, and 15 centavos stamps of the Argentine issue of 1867. Nowadays it is impossible to distinguish the particular specimens of these stamps used in Paraguay except by means of the postmark, which takes the form of a series of diagonal lines, with the letter "H" in the middle. This letter "H," it is understood, was used in this way because it was the initial of one Humaita, at that time the director of the military operations then in progress in Paraguay. A well-authenticated set of these stamps would be an ideal start indeed for a collection of the country under notice.—*Hobbies*.

## San Francisco Exhibition.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco, intend to hold under its auspices a general competitive exhibition of stamps open to all the world, and to take place in this city, at Assembly Hall of the Mechanics Institute, in the month of September next, at a date to be fixed upon later.

To promote this enterprise, a committee of general supervision has been appointed, consisting of H. B. Phillips, A. H. Greenebaum and J. H. Makins.

This committee is prepared to give notice that it is the intention to limit the duration of the exhibition to one day and the ensuing evening; that there will be no direct sunlight in the hall, ample wall space will be provided for all who wish to exhibit in frames. Tables for those who wish to display on loose sheets with plate glass to cover, and individual tables for those who wish to exhibit in bound albums or specialties in charge of attendants.

Displays that are not entered in competition for medals or diplomas will be accorded equal privileges and are invited.

A generous list of medals has been secured, and due announcement of lists of prizes and honours and classification of exhibits will be given out. Donors of medals and intending exhibitors will address the Committee of Exhibition, care of J. H. Makins, 506, Market, Street, San Francisco, California.

## Correspondence.

### THE CHEMIST'S COMMANDO STAMPS.

TO THE EDITOR *E.W.S.N.*

DEAR SIR,—The letter from Mr. A. J. Hochapfel published in No. 134 *E.W.S.N.* was very interesting. His remarks quite coincide with statements made to me by several of Cronje's men who were brought to Green Point Track.

Several of them were extremely indignant when told that they were not officially authorized by the Boer Government, and produced a few on original covers to prove that they had franked letters posted near Kimberley. During the time this prisoners' camp was in existence (nearly two years) several thousand men taken in all parts of the O.R.C. passed through. It was used as a kind of depot for fitting them out. Each batch on arrival were lined up outside the Quartermaster's stores and filed off into camp with a new complete rig-out from head to foot, not common shoddy, but garments of really good make and quality, such as the greater part of them had never in their lives before possessed. "But I am diverging."

Out of all these men I could only find seven in possession of one, or two at most, of these stamps. They could not be induced to part with them under 30s. each.

I have two in my collection, one postmarked "Modder River, C.G.H., Nov. 27, 99," and one "Barkley East, C.G.H., Nov. 27, 99," both perf. 12.

Mr. A. J. Hochapfel, however, omits an important detail. "How many of these interesting war curios were printed, and how many he still has in his possession?"

I remain, yours faithfully,

C. W. BARNES.

## The Republic of Cuba.

(From the *Financial Times*, May 22, 1902).

WE should like to continue the above title after the manner of advertising headlines. Thus: "A Chance for Philatelists. For a Limited Period Only." Certainly, stamp collectors who want to add those of the newest Republic to their books would be well advised not to delay very long in making their purchases; for when the Republic becomes defunct prices will rise. In a word, the establishment of the Cuban Republic is a farce, and in the circumstances of its inauguration we lack the element in farce needed to make it palatable—good taste. The statue of Queen Isabella has been taken down from the pedestal in the Central Park of Havana, where it had stood for centuries, and a representation of Freedom has been set up in its stead. The military occupation by the United States is formally at an end; but the existence of the Republic, according to the proclamation of transfer, is subject to the express condition that Cuba accepts and will continuously discharge the obligations of American suzerainty imposed in the Act of the American Congress which represents Cuba's title deed to her liberty. It will be seen that even now Cuba's independence is pretty effectually limited; she is very much in the position of a State in the Union, without the privileges of Statehood.

It is not merely the political aspect which must make Cubans wonder whether they are so much better off for the change. There is the economic aspect. If Cuba had remained attached to Spain she would have had the Spanish market for her sugar. She has lost that, only to find that, in the interests of American beet-sugar producers, her cane-sugar is to be excluded as far as possible from the American market; and the Cuban sugar industry is in a desperate plight which make exclusion synonymous with bankruptcy.

There is, in consequence, a likely prospect for Cuba of economic ruin, involving the speedy bankruptcy of the Republic which was set going with a blare of trumpets on Wednesday last. Of course, the planters and merchants, and most Cubans with anything to lose, who are not dazzled by the glitter of their new Republican toy, see that their only chance of salvation now lies in getting really inside the Union; and so we hear of open advocacy of annexation to the United States. This, however, would suit the beet interests as little as the lower duties already rejected, and one therefore needs knowledge of the strength of those interests in Washington lobbies before pronouncing upon the chances of annexation. We do not know how far American citizens are interested in Cuba: it was supposed that they were interested to a considerable extent; and if that be so, and those interests are strengthened sufficiently to make weight against the beet gentlemen, we may expect to see annexation take place so soon as the United States Government can solve the problem of harmonising a Colonial Empire with the Constitution. That is why we advise stamp collectors to hurry up with their purchases.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. E. Bentley writes:*

With regard to the discrepancy in the number of pearls in the crown on the new stamps (as quoted in your last from *Daily Express*) I notice that the:

½d., 1d., 2½d., and 6d.	have 7 pearls on each.
1½d., 3d., 4d. and 1/-	.. 6 .. "
2d.	.. 5 .. "
Envelopes, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d.	.. 5 .. "
.. Regis., 3d.	.. 1 .. "
Post card, Letter card, ½d. & 1d.	5 .. "
Newsband, ½d. and 1d.	have 6 .. "

Has the aim been variety? I have not seen the 2/6 and upwards; possibly there is room on them for the correct 9.

*Mr. W. Quint writes:—*

"I have in my possession a Victoria 1d. red-brown, 1889-93, perf. 12½, twice along the bottom. I take it that this is very rare. Do any of your readers know of a similar stamp?"

[We are afraid we cannot confirm our correspondent's opinion. It is a very common occurrence for sheets of Victoria stamps to have double-perforation at the edge of at least one of the outside rows.—Ed.]

## Foreign Extracts.

THE result of this Competition is unavoidably held over till next week.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1 1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
735a	" " 1fr., Pict.	0/10 0/1
736	" " 2fr.	1/8 1/11
737*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
739	French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
741	Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
742	Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
743	Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
744	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
745	Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
746	Levant, 8 piast.	1/4 1/7
747	" 20 piast.	— —
748	Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
749	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
750*	Martinique, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
751	Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
752	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
753*	Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8 1/11
754	New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
755	Obock, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
756	" 2fr.	1/8 1/11
757*	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
758	" 10fr.	— —
759	" 25fr.	— —
760	" 50fr.	— —
761	Oceania, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
762*	Port Said, 2fr.	1/8 1/11
763*	" 5fr.	4/0 4/8
764	Réunion, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
765	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
766	Senegal, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
767	Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10 1/0
768	Vathy, 8 piast.	— —
769	" 20 piast.	— —
770	Zanzibar, 20 annas	— —
771	" 50 annas	— —
772	Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
773	Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
774	Obock, old 2fr.	1/8 3/0
775	" old 5fr.	4/0 6/0
776	" 1892, 1fr.	0/10 1/6
777	St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10 1/0

<b>GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.</b>			
781*	German East Africa,	1 rupee	1/4 1/7
782*	" "	2 rupees	2/8 3/1
783*	" "	3 rupees	4/0 4/8
784*	German New Guinea, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10
785*	German S.W. Africa, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10
786*	Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
787*	Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
788*	China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
789*	Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
790*	Levant, 10 piast.	— —	
791*	" 15 piast.	— —	
792*	Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
793	Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
794*	Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10 1/0	
795*	" 1½ "	1/0 1/2	
796*	" 2½ "	2/0 2/4	
797*	" 3½ "	3/0 3/6	
798*	" 6½ "	5/0 5/10	
799*	Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	
800.	Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11 0 12/10	

Note.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/2 per mark.

<b>FOREIGN ARRIVALS.</b>			
Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.			
1900	1l. brown	3d.	
	5l. green	1d.	
	10l. red	1½d.	
	20l. rose	4d.	
1901	20l. orange	3d.	
	25l. blue	4d.	
	1dr. violet	1 0	
	2dr. brown	2 0	
	5dr. gr.&blk	4 11	
1900.	SurchARGE "Proserionon" in black		
	1dr. violet	11d.	
	2dr. brown	1 8	
	5dr. gr.&blk	4 3	
1902.	Large surcharge in black.		
	25l. blue	4d.	
1901.	Unpaid Letter Stamps.		



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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (B 140).—We seem very unfortunate in giving the record date of the new 5d. stamp. Neither March 16th nor May 16th is correct. It should be May 15th.

**Envelope dies.**—Mr. E. Bentley Wood informs us that he has die 16 of the ½d., so that the list now stands as follows:—

½d. 7 to 12, 14 to 16 inclusive.  
1d. 7 to 14 inclusive.

The ½d. die 16 is postmarked London, May 23rd.

**ABYSSINIA** (C 138).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the text of the decree authorising the issue of the new stamps overprinted "Posta." It is signed H. Muhle and dated "Addis Ababa, March 25th, 1902." The Post Offices at this town and Harrar are authorised to exchange the old stamps for new ones until April 15th, after which date they will be demonetized.

**BECHUANALAND** (H 134).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. green "Queen's Head" of Great Britain overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" at top. It is issued in sheets of 24c, divided by a margin into two panes of 12c; control letter R and watermarked paper letter E.

**BOSNIA** (E 121).—In E.W.S.N. of January 18th, we stated that the 20, 30 and 40 heller values were to be altered so as to have the value printed in black as in the 35 heller. The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* now chronicles the first of these as actually issued.

### Adhesive.

20 heller, rose; value in black.

Perforation not stated. Date of issue, May 10th, 1902.

**CAMEROONS** (B 139).—The 30pf. in colour of 40pf. is an essay, we are informed by Mr. Albert Friedemann, the value "30 Pfennig" being in larger lettering than in the ordinary stamp of that value. Originals have a small ornament at each end of *Kamerun*, whilst the essay has only a dot.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** (F 135).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 3d. stamp. It is printed in sheets of 24c, divided into four panes of 6c, and has plate-number 1. We are officially informed that the King Edward set of stamps may be expected early in 1903.

**CHAMBA** (B 135).—We have already chronicled the ½ and 1 anna of India in the new colours overprinted "Chamba State" and have now to add the following on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

Official Adhesives: Overprinted "Service" and "Chamba State" in black on Indian stamps.

½a. yellow-green.  
1a. carmine.

**CHILE** (O 128).—According to the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* the following new stamps have appeared in the same type as the recently issued 5c.

Adhesive. 2c. carmine.  
Post Cards. 1c. green, grey card.  
2c. carmine.

Date of issue about April.

**COOK ISLANDS** (I 137).—In a consignment of stamps just received from Rarotonga by the Colonial Stamp Market we note that one pane of the 1/- and all of the 6d. are on cream coloured paper. The old paper hitherto used for the current types is white.

Adhesives. Perf. 11, cream-coloured paper.  
6d. violet.

1/- carmine (paler shade, clearly printed.)

One of the 6d. panes bears the consecutive number of the sheet in black, "32519", thus

apparently indicating that a new consignment of paper has recently been brought into use.

As heretofore, the "N.Z. and Star" watermarks are arranged in the new paper in four groups of sixty, each group enclosed in a single lined rectangle. Up the left side and down the right side of the sheet is watermarked the inscription "New Zealand Postage" and along the top and bottom margins and again between the two pairs of panes "New Zealand." The sheets of paper are delivered by the makers in books, the top margins being bound together and then perforated (gauge 14) so that a sheet may be readily torn out from the book. At one of the corners furthest from the binding—the S.E. corner—the sheets or pages of the book are numbered consecutively in black. Consequently only one pane in four shows the sheet number. The numbers which have come under the notice of the Editor are as follows:—

(a) *White paper.* Large tall figures (7½mm. high).  
253070 5d., perf. 11.  
253098 1½d., perf. 11.

(b) *White paper.* Medium figures (5mm. high).  
350340 1d. blue (not brown).  
350542, 350625 ½d. blue.  
350743, 350773 1/-, perf. 11 (just received).  
350811, 350933 2d., " (just received).  
387540 1d. brown (received 1901).

(c) *Cream-coloured paper.* Medium figures (4½mm. high).  
32519 6d. violet (just received.)

The new ½d. green and 1d. rose are on Cowan & Co's paper, entirely unwatermarked. Will next supplies be on the new cream-coloured watermarked paper? We append a list of the printings of stamps made from 1896 to 1900, compiled by Mr. A. F. Bassett Hull for *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*. It may perhaps interest readers to reconcile with it the particulars given above.

Despatched.			Sheets.
21.8.96	1d. blue,	p. 11½	100
"	1½d. lilac,	p. 11½	97?
"	2½d. rose,	p. 11½	40
"	5d. olive,	p. 11½	40
7.6.98	2d. brown,	p. 11	50
"	6d. violet,	p. 11	42½
"	1/- carmine,	p. 11	29
31.3.99	1d. brown,	p. 11	50
30.9.99	½d. blue,	p. 11	94½
10.2.00	1d. brown,	p. 11	99½
16.2.00	1½d. lilac,	p. 11	49½
"	2d. brown,	p. 11	98
"	2½d. rose,	p. 11	56
"	5d. olive,	p. 11	98
"	6d. violet,	p. 11	99
"	10d. green,	p. 11	100
"	1/- carmine,	p. 11	48

The evidence we produce would seem to indicate that the 1896 printings were perf. 11, not 11½ and that a portion if not the whole of one of the later printings of the 1d. was in blue. The fact that sheets of the 2d. are known with numbers 350811 and 350933 (122 apart) is also curious, seeing that only 98 sheets were despatched (so it is said) by the printers on February 16th, 1900. The new printings of the 6d. and 1/- probably do not figure in Mr. Hull's statistical list. The 5d. stamps coming over at present are, by the way, from the old perf. 11d supply; unfortunately none of the sheets received have numbers. The stamps of the Queen Make type are all cut up into half sheets (120 stamps before issue and those of the bird type into panes of 60.

It seems that the Crown overprint on the 1d. stamps was the idea of Lord Ranfurly, Governor of New Zealand, who is well-known to be a stamp-collector and is in fact a member of the London Philatelic Society. When the islands were annexed, Lord Ranfurly ordered that the stamps should be surcharged with the Crown as a distinctive mark. That was done with 2400 1d. brown stamps, but so many were spoilt that no more were surcharged. The Resident Commissioner states that no surcharging will be allowed in future, and the only colour changes likely to be made are those occasioned by the adoption of Postal Union colours.

Mr. S. E. T. Davis of Rarotonga writes, under date of April 5th:—

"I notice in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for

Feb. 8th, 1902, the following paragraph, "Cook Islands (E 108).—Mr. H. Bolitho writes to the *Stamp Collector* that the 1d. stamps surcharged with a Crown were then obsolete (November?) A further stock of stamps (all values) had, however been sent over from the Cook Island to N.Z. to be surcharged and was expected to go back by the boat leaving here on the 1st (Jan.)"

"Now on the very best authority I know this to be altogether wrong, with apologies to Mr. H. Bolitho, which gentleman does not reside in these islands and whom I have not the pleasure of knowing. The facts are these: 2400 1d. brown stamps were surcharged with a Crown sent by the N.Z. Govt. for that purpose after the annexation. No more stamps have or will have the crown on them and all the stamps here will be changed to the colours of the Postal Union. So far only the ½d. and 1d. have been changed and no brown pennies can be obtained. The latest price asked for the crown pennies is 2/6 and no one is anxious to sell, as the quantity issued was so limited. I enclose the new 1d. and ½d. and may tell you that it will probably be a long time before the other colours come out, as I believe the present supply is large."

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (K 140).—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* states that two settings of the surcharge on the recently issued 2c. on 3c. provisional occur. We gather that on one sheet which was examined, there was no instance in which two flat footed "2" varieties were side by side. In other sheets, including that described by us last week, pairs occur (Nos. 94 and 95 on the sheet).

**DJIBOUTI** (F 139).—M. Roussin informs *Le Timbrophile Belge* that the following additional provisionals have made their appearance.

### Adhesive Provisionals.

"5 centimes" in black on 40c. yellow and blue, of Djibouti.

"10-CENTIMES—DJIBOUTI" in black on 10fr. red and lilac, of Obock.

M. Forbin has furnished *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* with a copy of the decree authorising the provisionals described in E.W.S.N. of May 24th. It is dated Djibouti, April 15th, 1902, and provides for the following quantities:—

0.05 on 25 francs, 13,500.  
0.10 on 50 francs, 11,500.

Of these quantities, 731 of each were to be sent to the International Bureau at Berne for distribution as specimen copies to the various post offices. An error is stated to have occurred on the latter of the two provisionals.

### Error.

"0.01" (instead of "0.10") on 50 francs.

**FRANCE** (R 139).—*Millésimes.*—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that 5, 10 and 15 postage adhesives and 2, 5, 15, 30 and 50 postage dues have appeared with millésime 2. The list of millésimes for the 20th century therefore now stands as follows:—

1 Adhesives, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25c.  
2 " 1, 6, 10, 15c. New type, 20, 30c.  
2 Chiffre-taxe, 1, 2, 5, 15, 30, 50c.

The 20 and 30c. referred to in E.W.S.N., No. 130, turn out to be the new modified type. In the old type there was no printing since 1900.

**FRENCH COLONIES** (B 125).—*Millésimes.*—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* gives a list of a number of millésimes which occur on French Colonial stamps.

General, Chiffre Taxe, 1884. 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40c., 5fr. Mill. 2. Chiffre Taxe, 1894.—5c., Mill. 3. Madagascar, 1895 (*Poste Française*). 40c., Mill. 3; 50c., Mill. 4. Madagascar, Taxe, 10, 20, 30, 40c., Mill. 6. New Caledonia, 1900 01, all five provisionals, Mill. 3. " 1902, both provisionals, Mill. 3. Réunion, 1901. 5 on 40c., 5 on 50c., Mill. 3. Zanzibar, 1897, 10c. (6), 15c. (9), 20c. (6 and 8). " 1900, 5c. yellow-green (8 and 9). Canton, 1901, 2c. (3), 4c. (3), 15c. grey (9), 20c. (2). Hoi-hao, 1902, 2, 4c., Mill. 3. Obock, Taxe, 1892, 5c., Mill. 2.

The above list is of course very incomplete.

**GERMAN CHINA** (C 139, 128).—See under Marianne Islands.

**GERMAN NEW GUINEA** (B 139).—See under Marianne Islands.



**GERMANY** (P 139).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* gives the dates of issue of the two types of the 2 mark "Deutsches Reich" as follows:—

2 MK., Gothic inscription, March 20th, 1902.  
" Latin " April 18th, 1902.

The mark values, perf. 11½, are proofs, as was suggested by us might be the case. The 5 mark, p. 11½, is by the way type I, with thick 5.

There are also two types in the just obsolete 5 marks. In type I the figure '5' is smaller than in type II, but the 'M' is larger, and the 'O' of 'Gott' is smaller than the other three letters.

*Der Philatelist* mentions another error in the new 3pf. stamps, reading "Deutsses." We are inclined to think the second S may be only a broken C.

**LIBERIA** (C 137).—The complete set of official stamps has now been overprinted "Ordinary" for public use. The following may be added to the list given in *E.W.S.N.* No. 137.

*Adhesives*. Overprinted 'ordinary,' in capitals, diagonally, in black

5 cents, blue.  
10 " yellow and blue.  
15 " gray.  
20 " red.  
25 " green.  
30 " blue.  
50 " brown.  
1 dollar, blue and black.  
2 " brown on buff.  
5 " carmine and black.

The above are given on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* and *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*. The latter states that only 12 of the \$2 and \$5 were surcharged, and 240 each of the values from 1c. to \$1.

**MARIANNE ISLANDS** (B 139).—Mr. A. Friedemann informs us that the varieties chronicled recently with inverted surcharge were never issued, but are probably 'printers' waste.'

**MAURITIUS** (K 140).—Mr. C. A. Wilson writes that he is informed that the only King Edward stamps to be issued here will be on envelopes (embossed). A fresh supply of stamps has been ordered of the Arms type, slightly larger than those now in use. We presume this signifies that a new set, inscribed 'Postage and Revenue,' and uniform with the rupee values has been ordered.

**NEW ZEALAND** (T 139).—*Imperforate Varieties*.—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 99, we chronicled the 1d. Universal imperforate vertically, and in No. 102, the 3d. similarly defective. A Dunedin correspondent now informs us of the discovery of a sheet of 6d. with vertical perforation missing. This value has already been mentioned (*E.W.S.N.*, No. 137) as being known entirely imperforate. All are local printings.

**NIUE** (D 134).—We have seen the new 1d. stamp.

*Adhesive*: Overprinted in blue on New Zealand 1d. Universal Postage, "NIUE" and value.  
1d. carmine, wmk. N.Z. and Star (Basted Mills paper), p. 11 x 14.

As the N.Z. compound perforation varieties are already obsolete, the variety may become a rarity.

**NORTH BORNEO** (M 137).—In a new printing of the 25c. adhesive, overprinted "British Protectorate," which has just been made, the last stamp of the 4th row (No. 40 on the sheet of 50 stamps) has no stop after "Protectorate." As the supply consists of only 100 sheets, only that quantity of errors presumably occur; we have not noticed it in preceding printings.

**PANAMA** (C 134).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicled the following novelties.

*Registration Adhesive*. Overprinted "20—20" in blue on Gibbons' type 51.  
20 centavos on 10c. red on white.

The 10c. red on white is not catalogued by Gibbons, being itself a new issue (see *E.W.S.N.* of November 23rd last). The overprint "20" is over the figures of value at each end of "Centavos."

*Acknowledgment of Receipt Adhesive*. Ordinary postage adhesive, surcharged AR., within a large oval.

"AR" in red on 10c. orange.

This latter is a companion to the 5c. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of April 19th.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (D 134).—We have seen the new 1d. stamp.

*Adhesive*. Overprinted in black on New Zealand, 1d. Universal Postage "PENRHYN ISLAND," and value.  
1d. carmine, wmk. NZ and star (Basted Mills paper), perf. 14.

As N.Z. stamps on Basted Mills paper are now obsolete, this variety is not likely to be reprinted.

**PERSIA** (H 139).—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 139, the list of type-set provisionals was stated to consist of the following values:—1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12

chahi, 1, 2, 10, 50 krans. The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* now adds the following:—

*Adhesive*. Type set; blue network ground.

5 krans, golden-yellow, overprinted "5 KRANS" in black.

This is the only value of the series which is not overprinted with the "lion" control mark in red. The surcharge is probably to accentuate the difference with the 10 chahi, the colour of which is very similar. The date of issue is stated to have been the first day of the Mohammedan year 1320, March 12th. The following postcards have also appeared.

*Post Card*. Overprinted "Provisoire 1319."

5 chahis, carmine and black on yellow.  
5+5 chahis, carmine and black on rose.

*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicled the following values of the new type-set issue with the overprint "Provisoire 1319" in black instead of the lion in red.

*Adhesives*: New type, overprinted "Provisoire 1319."

1ch. grey on yellow, network ground.  
2ch. brown " " "  
3ch. green " " "  
5ch. red-brown " " "  
12ch. blue " " "

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 133 we chronicled three "5 krans" on 50 krans provisionals and now have a fourth variety.

*Adhesive*: Old type.

"5 krans" in blue on 50kr. red-brown.

It is also surcharged "Provisoire 1319" in black. The 'permanent' set to replace all these provisionals is expected daily and is said to have been ordered from Holland.

**PERU** (H 135).—The postage due provisional mentioned in *E.W.S.N.* No. 129 is now coming over and is surcharged "Dochit—Cinco Centavos" in sans-serif capitals in two lines on the 10 soles, greenish-blue.

**ST. HELENA** (E 135).—In addition to the first type 1d. mentioned in *E.W.S.N.* No. 135, as being out of stock, we are now informed that the 2d. of the same set is obsolete.

**SERVIA** (E 133).—Mr. J. A. C. Reinou Kingma has been good enough to show us the current 15 para violet on ordinary paper perf. 13 at top, 13½ at sides and 11½ at foot. The stamps of the current type have hitherto been chronicled with two perforations only, either 13 x 13½ or 11½. The specimen under notice is postmarked Estovatz, 4.XI.00.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (K 138).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the new 9d. wmk. crown and S.A. The watermarks are arranged in the paper in four groups of 60 each (say A, B, C, D). There is only a narrow vertical space between AB and between CD, but a wide horizontal space equal in size to a full row of stamps between the two pairs AB and CD. As the 9d. stamps are printed from the old line-engraved plate, which prints all 240 stamps close together in 20 rows of 12, it follows that when the printing is well-centred, the stamps to the left of the sheet have the watermark too much to the left, and those on the right have it too much to the right. Well-centred watermarks are consequently very scarce. The 11th row of stamps is printed on the horizontal space between the two top and the two lower groups and is watermarked "SOUTH AUSTRALIA" in large double-lined capitals, whilst the 20th row of watermarks is consequently found on the unprinted margin at the bottom of the sheet.

**TASMANIA** (L 139).—The note published in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 137, does not appear to be correct, as in a consignment of stamps just received the 2½d. and 3d. pictorial stamps are both London prints and the ½d. is stated to be still obsolete. No new issue is expected this year.

The sheets of 2d. pictorial stamps printed in Melbourne do not show the plate-number 2 although it was to be found on the margin at the S.W. corner in the London prints. The 2½d. and 4d. London prints have respectively Nos. 2 and 1 on the centre of the left margin.

**UNITED STATES** (T 139).—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* writes as follows to that journal respecting the new 13c. stamp. "The engravers are about to begin work upon the die for the thirteen cents stamp, the drawing for the denomination—the first in the new series—having been completed by the Bureau and approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. The drawing gives assurance of a very artistic stamp. In size and shape it is a counterpart of the present stamps. In design, however, the thirteen cents value will be a decided departure. It has more of the Pan-American general appearance. General Harrison's portrait occupies about the same relative position as the portraits do in the current series. He faces two-thirds west and has a peaceful and satisfied expression. A panel at the top contains the inscription 'United States of America' and beneath that 'series of 1902'."

Figures of females are upon either side and in panels at the lower sides are the figures "13." The word "Harrison" is just beneath the portrait, and at the bottom of the stamp are the words "Postage Thirteen Cents."

*McKinley Post Card*. From the same source we learn that a proof of the last die for the McKinley postal card has been taken and the die finally approved by General Madden. It is reported to be a great improvement over the first design; the alteration is, however, limited to the portrait within the oval. Otherwise the card is similar to the first printing.

*Inverted Centres*. All but four of the sheet of 200 4c. Pan-American stamps with inverted centre are now said to have been overprinted 'specimen.' The surcharged stamps are offered in New York for \$100 (about £20).

**VICTORIA** (R 136).—The latest consignment of 9d. stamps received by the Colonial Stamp Market has the V and Crown watermark upright throughout, so that presumably only a small printing of the sideways variety was made and is now obsolete.

A proof of the £2 postage stamp has just been received at the Post and Telegraph Department, Melbourne, states a correspondent under date April 29th. He is informed that the issue will be made very shortly.

## The Postcards Column

Is held over till next week.

## Foreign Extracts.

### RESULT OF COMPETITION.

THE Editor regrets the delay in announcing the result of this competition, but the numerous lists sent in could not be checked in time to admit of proofs of the award being obtained from the printers at Bournemouth, and in view of the number of small errors to be reported, this was considered necessary. Several of the lists sent in were very close in merit, but the judges decided in favour of Miss Doris Hayman, Highfield, Chislett Road, West Hampstead, N.W., who noted all the more important faults. Consolation prizes are awarded to Mr. F. F. Harrison and Mr. H. L. Bevir.

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The following is a list of the mistakes and of certain cases where competitors were puzzled:—

- | Par. | Line. |  |
|------|-------|--|
| I.   | 1.    | "Vve" stands for <i>Veuve</i> and not <i>Eve</i> or <i>Yve</i> as several readers suggested.   |
| I.   | 3.    | Comma required after <i>outré</i> .  |
| I.   | 4.    | Better <i>supérieure à gauche</i> .  |
| I.   | 6.    | <i>Expédié</i> certainly might refer to <i>carte postale</i> , but we take the official spelling to be correct.  |
| I.   | 7.    | <i>M</i> does not require a stop, as it is intended to be completed by the sender, and might be <i>Madame</i> , etc., as well as <i>Monsieur</i> .   |
| I.   | 10.   | <i>Adresse</i> is spelt with one 'd.'  |
| I.   | 14.   | <i>Cartouche</i> is certainly given in the dictionary as feminine, but the meaning is then 'cartridge.' Comma required after <i>rectangulaire</i> .  |
| I.   | 16.   | Comma required after <i>valeur</i> .   |
| I.   | 18.   | For <i>seule</i> read <i>seulement</i> .   |
| I.   | 25.   | After '25' insert <i>centimes</i> .  |
| II.  | 5.    | Insert comma before <i>tant</i> .  |
| II.  | 11.   | Better <i>d'autres</i> .   |
| II.  | 12.   | <i>Anglais</i> as an adjective should not have a capital A.  |
| II.  | 14.   | Inverted commas wanted. <i>En suite</i> is scarcely necessary.   |
| II.  | 18.   | <i>N'Aura-ient</i> is a bad division.  |
| II.  | 20.   | <i>Fachoda</i> is correct; the English sound of sh is represented in French by <i>ch</i> , in German by <i>sch</i> , in Scandinavian languages by <i>sk</i> (or <i>sj</i> sometimes), and in most languages of Eastern Europe by <i>sz</i> . The Eastern <i>z</i> , the Northern <i>k</i> , and the Western <i>h</i> , have pretty much the same value in modifying the sounds of such letters as <i>c</i> , <i>s</i> . In this case <i>Fachoda</i> is correct, not <i>Fashoda</i> . |
| III. | 1, 5. | <i>Au drapeau</i> should be between inverted commas.   |
| III. | 2.    | Comma required after <i>actuellement</i> .   |
| III. | 4.    | <i>Oblitérations</i> is badly divided.   |
| III. | 6.    | <i>Celui-ci</i> is correct if it refers to <i>drapeau</i> , but <i>machine</i> or <i>oblitération</i> would make better sense and it should then be <i>celle-ci</i> .  |
| IV.  | 4.    | This sentence is rather badly framed. We would suggest <i>sont</i> for the first <i>seront</i> . For <i>il</i> read <i>ils</i> .   |
| IV.  | 8.    | Comma required after <i>conséquence</i> .  |

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old tr. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on todr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670** Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671* " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674* " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717* Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718* " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
722* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723 Anjouan, 1 fr.</		

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Holland. The 2½ and 5 guildens are now in stock.  
 Danish West Indies, 2c. on 3c., 4d.; pair showing both types of "1902," 1/10.  
 Benadir, 1, 2 besa and 1 anna, set of three, 3d.  
 Paraguay, lithographed.  
 1c. green, 1d.; per dozen, 3d.  
 10c. carmine, 1½d.; per dozen, 1/5.  
 Argentine Republic, official stamps.  
 1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.  
 Iceland. Sets are again in stock.  
 Bulgaria. High values are again in stock.  
 Greece, new issue.  
 Sets, 1 4 per set.  
 1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.  
 Montenegro, set is again in stock.  
 Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
 1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
 2h. " " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
 3h. " " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
 5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
 6h. " " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
 10h. " " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
 20h. " " " " 3d.; " 10d.  
 25h. " " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
 30h. " " " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
 40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.  
 Germany, inscribed "Deutsches Reich."  
 Set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf., set of 10, 3/2.  
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 Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.  
 French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.  
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 2. Dahomey  
 3. French Congo  
 4. " Guinea  
 5. " Soudan  
 6. Grand Comore  
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 10. Indo-China  
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 Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.  
 Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."  
 Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.  
 Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
 Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.  
 Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.  
 Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.  
 Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.  
 Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.  
 Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.  
 Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
 1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.  
 Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
 1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
 5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.  
 Denmark, 3, 4 öre, set of 2, 1d.  
 German Colonies.  
 5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.  
 Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
 40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.  
 Greece, Olympian Games.  
 25 on 40. 4d.; per dozen 3/9.  
 Hungary, new issue.  
 6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
 6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
 10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.  
 Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.  
 Italy.  
 New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
 Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
 Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.  
 Luxemburg.  
 1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
 1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
 1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps (O 140).

—We have seen the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, Queen's Head, O.W. Official, postmarked Leeds, April 8th, 1902, an earlier date than that hitherto recorded. Mr. J. W. Lowson notes the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King's Head, I.R. Official, postmarked "Cupar, May 31," so far the record. Earlier dates must surely occur.

**Railway Letter Stamps (O 140).**—We have just received a sheet of London and South Western Railway Letter Stamps which is quite distinct from any hitherto chronicled, and is presumably a new issue. It is perf.  $10 \times 11$ , and the presence of the 11 gauge tends to prove its recent issue. It is undoubted however that the actual printing was done about 1898, as the defects reproduce exactly the state of the transfer as it was between the 20th and 23rd printings. We provisionally number it as printing 20a, printed early in 1898 and issued in 1902.

**London & South Western Railway.** Perf.  $10 \times 11$ .  
2d. yellow-green, thick white paper (as in the 27th printing).

Type 12 shows states (b) and (d) as given in the *History of Railway Letter Stamps*. Type 7 shows state (a). All the twelve types show the bar before O of "South," but on most it is blotchy.

We learn on good authority that the reason so many of the Railway Letter Stamps are appearing with perforation gauging 11 is the increasing use of rotary machines, which are apparently obtained by the various printers from the same source, whereas the old treadle machines were of different makes and had a variety of gauges.

**Postal Orders (D 140).**—We have already chronicled the 2/-, 3/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 postal orders, with King Edward postage stamp. Mr. H. L. Bevir informs us that he has also seen the 1/- (A89-064676), 3/- and 4/6 orders. We also have the 1/6 and 2/6.

**BHOR (B 119).**—*Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* publishes the following letter from the Assistant Director-General of the Indian Post Office, dated Calcutta, 22nd, April, 1902:—

"With reference to your letter dated the 10th October, 1901, containing an enquiry relative to the stamps issued by the Bhor Native State, I have the honour to say that as the postal arrangements within the State in 'question' are managed by this Department, there is no scope for the use of the Bhor Native State stamps for payment of postage within that State."

Consequently, the new stamp chronicled last year, does not appear to have been the outcome of any postal need. On the other hand, in view of the letter published in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 119, it does not appear to have been made for collectors. Why it was issued remains a mystery.

**CANADA (D 131).**—We take the following dates from *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* special Dominion number:—

Current type, 6c.	Withdrawn from use, 10.2.00.
Envelope, 3c.	" " Dec., 1898.
Lettercard, 3c.	" " 28.12.98.
Jubilee, \$1.	" " 27.6.00.
Special Delivery, 10c.	Issued, 28.6.98.
Adhesives, 2c. in booklets.	" " 11.6.00.

We are not told on what days the current type 3c. and 8c. were withdrawn.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS (F 131).**—The 6d. and 1/- King Edward stamps are already out of stock in the Islands, owing to the large demand by collectors. Further supplies will be sent out, and perhaps  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. "King's Heads" as well.

**COOK ISLANDS (J 141).**—Mr. J. H. Parry writes:—"Re your remarks on the stamps of Cook Islands, I note you give the colour of the paper as white, but the 2d. value was formerly on cream paper, giving a curious and rather odd appearance. I remember noticing this peculiarity after purchasing a set from your Colonial Market in Nov., 1900. The remaining eight were on perfectly white paper. May there not have been

a second printing despatched shortly after the 1898 sheets (on white paper), the first being on cream coloured paper. The difference is very marked, one being quite white and the other a decided cream. I cannot call to mind the day I received them, but no doubt the above dates will help you in arriving at a conclusion."

From Mr. Parry's note, it would appear that the introduction of the cream-coloured paper dates back to at least 1900, but we are still of opinion that it is later than those on white paper.

**DANISH WEST INDIES (L 141).**—We have now seen a sheet of the 8c. on 10c. provisionals, complete, except for the corner stamp No. 100. The positions of the varieties are as follows:—

- Straight foot "2" in "1902." Nos. 13, 16, 18, 58, 66, 71, 84, 93.
- Small N absent.
- Broken figure "2" in "1902." No. 85.
- Wide and narrow "9" in "1902." About equally represented.

We have also a half-sheet of 50 of the 2c. on 3c. which tallies exactly with the above. These are probably the first printing, and the sheet of 2c. on 3c., described in *E.W.S.N.* of May 31st, a second printing.

We quote the following from the *Weekly Philatelic Era*:—

"Of the D.W.I. surcharges the scarcest minor variety seems to be the 8 on 10c. with the wide space between the 1 and 9 of "1902" which has been found only on a very few sheets. The figure 1 was probably shifted to the left at the close of the printing. There must have been two settings of type for this printing for, when found, this variety occurs only in the 1st stamp in the 3rd row in sheet. All other varieties seem to come on each sheet. Of the 2 on 3c. there were at least two different settings of type, as the position in the sheet of the minor variety such as the straight foot 2 is evidently different in different sheets. In the second setting it is possible to get an unused pair of the scarce type being the 4th and 5th stamp in the bottom row, while the antique 2 appears as the 85th stamp in one printing and the 81st in the other. I fail to see why this variety should be so designated, as it is simply a case of the little ball in the 2 breaking away."

**FIJI ISLANDS (C 133).**—In a recent consignment of stamps received from Suva by the Colonial Stamp Market, we note the following new perforation:—

**Adhesive.** Perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ .  
1d. lilac-rose.

In *E.W.S.N.*, of April 12th, we chronicled the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d. and 6d. values, perf.  $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ , but in those just to hand the 1d. are perforated as above, whilst the 6d. value are perf. 11 on all sides. The 6d. are in quite a bright shade of carmine, like the  $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$  issue and much darker than the old perf. 11 issue, so perhaps both belong to the same new supply. The 2d., 5d. and 5/- stamps are still from old stock.

**Size of sheets.**—It may be of interest to readers to describe the size of the sheets as issued. The panes each contain fifty stamps instead of the usual sixty. In the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d. and 5d. values, there are two panes, each with 5 rows of 10 stamps, one above the other; in the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., the sheets contain 100 stamps in 10 rows of 10, all close together; whilst in the 4d. and 6d. a sheet is divided into two panes, side by side, each containing 10 rows of 5.

**Paper.**—Although Fiji stamps are themselves unwatermarked, the sheets of paper on which they are printed bear various watermarks, which sometimes occur on the stamps and sometimes on the margins round the panes. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d. and 4d. sheets just received show a portion of an ornamental design watermarked at the edge of the paper, and extending over the stamps at the S.E. corner of the upper pane and N.E. corner of the lower pane. Probably corresponding sheets occur with this watermark at the S.W. and N.W. corners, the original sheets of paper having been twice the size of the plate from which the stamps are printed and requiring to be cut in half.

The sheets of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. have the name "SANDERSON" watermarked along the edge of the left side.

The 1d. sheets (perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ ) are watermarked in tall capitals in two lines "New South Wales—

Government" on the 5th, 6th and 7th horizontal rows. The old sheets of 1d. perf.  $11 \times 12$  show no watermark whatever.

**Old issue.**—Mr. Maney Lake has shown the *Australian Philatelist* the 1d. blue, perf.  $10 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ . Hitherto the blue shade was only known perf. 10 (cat. 20/-), although the 1d. V.R. ultramarine occurs perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , 10,  $10 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $11 \times 10$ ,  $10 \times 12$  or  $12 \times 10$ .

**FRENCH COLONIES (C 141).**—The envelope with 5c. stamp in yellow-green has appeared for all the Colonies, except Dahomey, Guiana, and the Oceanic Establishments, states *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*. The designer of many of the French colonial stamps, M. Paul Merwart, was one of the victims of the Martinique disaster. His name may be found on the stamps of French Congo and others.

**GAMBIA (E 140).**—To the list of new stamps announced in *E.W.S.N.* of May 31st, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* adds the following:—

**Registration Envelope.**  
2d. blue, Head of King Edward.

**GOLD COAST (M 139).**—Our Accra correspondent writes us under date, May 15th, that the King Edward 1d. and 2d. were then on sale and that the other values were daily expected. Our earliest postmarked copies of the 1d. are dated "Accra, May 20th." The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* records a specimen dated as early as May 6th.

**GRENADA (C 140).**—We are officially informed that the issue to the public of the new King Edward stamps will be made on June 25th, and that the Queen Victoria stamps will be simultaneously withdrawn.

**GWALIOR (B 132).**—A. J. H. S. contributes to the *Philatelic Journal of India* some notes on new printings, which would be interesting if they were a little more lucid. In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 132, we described the position of the "small G" and "small A" varieties catalogued by Gibbons. The small A is known on all values and presumably therefore dates from the earliest printings. On the other hand the small G is a later development and is catalogued as occurring on sheets of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 1 and 2 annas only. A. J. H. S. adds the following:—

**Minor variety.** iv.—Small G in "Gwalior."  
3 and 4 annas.

Our Indian contemporary's correspondent also refers to a "different G," a "different R" and a "long R." The positions and values are as follows:—

"Different G." Lower pane, 3rd row, No. 1.  
Formerly  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 1 and 2 annas; now also 3 and 4 annas.

"Different R." Upper pane, 9th (?) row, No. 3.  
Values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 1 and 2 annas.

"Long R." Lower pane, 10th row, No. 2. Values,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 annas.

Latest printings of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. are stated to be minus the "different" and small G. There is no explanation as to what a "different G" looks like.

**HONG KONG (H 135).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a large supply of the 12c. blue, wmk. Crown and CA., just received, and we notice that they are in pale blue, almost similar in shade to the old CC. issue. The sheets show the consignment letter Q, which indicates that they must have been in stock a considerable time. The 12c. CA. seen by us in March (*E.W.S.N.* No. 129) were all in quite a distinct shade, dark blue.

**Adhesive.**  
12c. pale blue, wmk. Crown and CA., p. 14.

The consignment letters on the other values are as follows:—

T 30c. brown, \$1 on 96c. black.  
U 5c. yellow, 20 on 30c. green.  
V 2c. dark green, 4c. bright carmine, 10c. bright blue, 50 on 48c. lilac.

**ICELAND (C 136).**—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicled the 10 aur. official stamp with perforation  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . The 3 aur. is the only value of the set catalogued with the new gauge of perforation, although most of the ordinary set are already so recorded.

**Official adhesive.** Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
10 aur., bright ultramarine.



**INDIA (H 139).**—According to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, "the latest information received from the India Office about the new adhesive stamps is that it has not been found possible to have them printed and sent out to India as soon as was expected. It is probable therefore that they will not be introduced for general use on Coronation Day. None of them have as yet reached India. All the stamps indented for in October last, including the six annas, will bear the Emperor's Head."

The same journal learns on good authority that the Indian Post Office has under consideration the issue of stamp-booklets on the American principle.

Mr. E. Leader has shown us what appears to be a genuine copy of Gibbons' catalogue No. 514a. (now eliminated), the Sa. rose, Service, with watermark Elephant's Head.

**MALAY STATES (D 132).**—M. Rigaux informs *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* that a printed card, with adhesive federal stamp of 1c. affixed, was used here after the stock of Perak, Pahang, etc., cards was exhausted. No doubt it deserves a place in the catalogues as much as the similar Barbados cards of 1881.

*Post card.* Adhesive stamp 1c. affixed.

1c. black on white. Size 127 x 76mm.

The inscriptions are "Federated Malay States" (77mm.) in capitals, and "Address only to be written on this side" (70mm.).

**MALTA (G 140).**—Our Valletta correspondent writes:—"The 1d. on 2½d. provisionals will be issued as soon as the stock of the 1d. is exhausted, which will not be far off. From what I can learn from official sources, 20,000 only have been surcharged, so that the supply will be very limited. With regard to the new 3d. stamp, the stock has arrived here but has not been distributed."

From another source, we learn that about 3000 sheets (720,000 stamps?) are to be overprinted "One Penny." If so, the stamp is not likely ever to be worth much more than facial value.

**NATAL (F 129).**—We are officially informed that the complete new set of stamps is to consist of the following values and will be available for postage, telegraph and fiscal purposes:—½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1s., 2s., 2½s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 10s., 15s., 20s., 25s., 30s., 40s., 50s., 60s., 70s., 80s., 90s., 100s., 150s., 200s., 250s., 300s., 400s., 500s., 750s., 1000s. The complete set works out at no less than £39 12s. 4½d. face value!

The series of values is an amalgamation of the separate sets for the three services:—*postage*, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1s., 2s., 2½s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 6s., 7s., 8s., 10s., 15s., 20s., 25s., 30s., 40s., 50s., 60s., 70s., 80s., 90s., 100s.; *telegraph*, 1d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 5s., 10s., £1, £5; *fiscal*, 1d., 4d., 1s., 4s., 5s., 9s., £1, 30s., £5, £10, £20. The entirely new values are therefore 1½d., 5d., 9d., 2½s., 6s. The 9d. value is probably chiefly for telegraphic use, but there does not appear very great necessity for the other additions to an already long list.

**NEW SOUTH WALES (O 140)**—We quote the following from the *Australian Philatelist*:—"Following the lead of nearly all the other values, the current 2d. has at last come out imperforate. Four sheets have been discovered, the owner stating that they were bought over the post office counter. Only the left pane of each sheet is imperforate, the right-hand pane being perforated as usual. The stamp is the current 2d. on new paper, with coloured margins to the sheet."

**NEW ZEALAND (U 141).**—*Advertisements* (H 136, 131, 122, 117, 104, 102, 99).—Mr. W. Clark adds the 5d. value. Advertisement No. 37, to our list.

**PERSIA (I 141).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* publishes some interesting particulars of the new type-set issue of adhesives.

The plate prints 12 stamps at a time, in two vertical rows of six. An impression is made on the front of a small sheet of paper, which is then turned over and another impression from the plate taken on the back, so that whichever side of the paper you look at there is at left a block of 12 stamps and on the right a patch of gum!

The 'lion' overprint in red dissolves at once if the stamp is placed in water, so that any attempt to clean off the postmark is certain to be detected.

**PERU (I 141).**—*Telegraph Stamps*.—We take the following from *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*:—"It was in November last that the telegraph stamps were surcharged with an anchor in black. This overprint was made in certain towns in the North, whilst the G.P.O. surcharged the three values, 4c., 30c., and 1 sol., with the word "TELEGRAM" diagonally. The cause of this rehabilitation is unknown to us."

**PORTUGUESE COLONIES (D 117).**—The Auction of the Portuguese Colonial remainders having proved a fiasco, it is intended to surcharge in various ways, so as to render them more acceptable to collectors (?). Madame J. de Le Retord informs *Le Timbrophile Belge* that the following are ready and will be offered shortly for sale. As will be noticed, the stamps are

converted to new values which do not occur in the current sets.

*African Colonies.*

65 réis, 44 varieties.	130 réis, 35 varieties.
115 " 36 "	400 " 36 "

*Portuguese Indies.*

1 réis, 2 varieties.	3 réis, 3 varieties.
2 " 2 "	2½ tangas, 3 varieties.
2½ " 2 "	5 " 3 "

*Macao and Timor.*

5 avos, 5 varieties.	15 avos, 5 varieties.
6 " 16 "	18 " 12 "
9 " 4 "	22 " 3 "

Altogether 211 different surcharged varieties, surely a record "provisional" issue! Detailed particulars will be given later.

On January 1st, 1903, the various sets of stamps now current will be rearranged, the following changes being made:—

(a) The stamps of the 15 réis, 6 réis Indian, and 5 avos will be printed in green; those of 25 réis, 1 tanga, 4 and 5 avos will be red; those of 65 réis, 2½ tangas, 10 and 12 avos will be dark blue.

(b) The stamps of 50 and 75 réis, 2 tangas, 8 and 12 avos will have their colours changed so as not to be confounded with those in the Postal Union colours.

(c) The stamps of 80, 150 and 300 réis, 2½, 15 and 24 avos (Macao) and 2½, 4, 8, 16, 20, 24 avos (Timor) will be withdrawn from circulation, as also the post cards of 30 réis, 2 and 3 avos (Macao) and 2 and 3 avos (Timor).

(d) A new set altogether will be printed for Inhambane, in the province of Mozambique (presumably for use in the whole of Inhambane rather than the town of that name alone). This new philatelic recruit is situated about 240 miles to the north of Delagoa Bay and has a population of about 300,000, the town having only 3,500 of this number.

The sets current on January 1st, 1903, will therefore stand as follows:—

*African Colonies*, Guinea, Cape Verd, St. Thomas and Prince, Angola, Congo, Mozambique, Lourenço-Marques, Zambesia, and Inhambane. Each will have the following:—adhesives, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200, 400, 500, 700 réis; post cards, 10, 25 réis; reply cards, 10+10 and 25+25 réis; letter cards, 25, 50, 65 réis. Mozambique will also have post cards of 20, 20+20, 40 and 40+40 réis.

*Portuguese India*. Adhesives, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4½, 6 and 9 réis, 1, 2, 2½, 4, 5, 8, 12 tangas, 1 and 2 rupees; post cards, 3, 5, 10 réis, 1 tanga; reply cards, 3+3, 5+5, 10+10 réis, 1+1 tanga; letter cards, 6 réis, 1, 2, 2½ tangas.

*Macao*. Adhesives, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 31, 47 and 78 avos; post cards, 1, 1½, 4 avos; reply cards, 1+1, 1½+1½, 4+4 avos; letter cards, 2, 4, 5, 10 avos.

*Timor*. Adhesives, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 22, 31, 47, 78 avos; post cards, 1, 2, 5 avos; reply cards, 1+1, 2+2, 5+5 avos; letter cards, 3, 5, 12 avos.

At the same time, all the stamps in the current type which are to be withdrawn, will be overprinted "Provisorio" so as to avoid the risk of the postal officials confusing them with the new stamps. At least, that is the official reason.

**QUEENSLAND (F 133).**—The *Australian Philatelist* publishes some statistics relating to the 1894-6 paper and watermark varieties of the ½d., 1d. and 2d., and of some later stamps. The following quantities were issued to the General Post Office. Each sheet contains 120 stamps.

*Thick paper.* Large Crown and Q.  
 ½d. green (S.G. Nos. 155, 156). 950 sheets.  
 1d. red (No. 145). 4000 "  
 2d. blue (No. 146). 6875 "  
 1½ violet (No. 147). 270 "

*No mark.* With burelé band.  
 ½d. green (Nos. 157, 158). 1495 "  
 1d. red (No. 148). unknown.

*Thin paper.* Crown and Q impressed.  
 ½d. green (No. 160). 1000 sheets.  
 1d. orange-red (No. 161). 1300 "  
 2d. blue (No. 148a). Unknown.

*Various.*  
 5d. "two figures" (No. 154). 1500 sheets.  
 ½d. "four figures" (No. 163). 17000 "  
 2½d. red (No. 167). 1000 "  
 2 green (No. 174a). 500 "

The 2d. on thin paper was printed in February, 1896, but the stamps were not issued until a later date; the number of sheets cannot be ascertained.

The first printing of the ½d. new type (S. G. Nos. 179, 180) was on De la Rue paper, 500 sheets being issued on September 29th, 1899. All later printings were on a cheap paper of thinner texture; the watermark in the two papers is, however, identical.

The old "hand" perforating machine has been sent to British New Guinea (for what purpose?), whilst the 9x12 rotary machine has been sent to the bookbinding department of the Brisbane G.P.O.

**ROUMANIA (F 139).**—*Alfred Smith and Son's Monthly Circular* chronicles the 15 bani letter card in a new colour.

*Letter card.* Perf. A, size 133 x 83mm.  
 15 bani lilac-grey on buff.

M. Rigaux states that the current letter card of 10 bani (No. 135) has the "D" changed from Roman to script "D." *Der Philatelist* is informed that the 5 bani green post card exists with either type of "D" before the address lines.

Mr. S. Farges states that the pink-backed paper used for the adhesives is manufactured by the firm of Johannot, Annonay ("actuellement de Montgolfier, Luquet et Cie").

**SARAWAK (F 130).**—Amongst a number of sheets of the 2c. green, printed on the rosette-watermarked paper similar to that of Johore, we notice that in one pane the printing is so much off-centre that the sixth vertical row of stamps is entirely without watermark. Pairs, one with and one without watermark, may thus be obtained.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (C 140).**—The 3c. King Edward stamps are printed and issued in sheets of 240, divided by margins into four panes, each 10 rows of 6. The 8c. are similarly printed, but are cut into half sheets (2 panes side by side) before issue. The plate-number is 2 in each case and is printed on the margin at each corner of the sheet, that is to say, once to each pane. There is a line round each pane as usual.

**UNITED STATES (U 141).**—The *Metro-politan Philatelist* states the Post Office Department has at last taken up the question of the identity of the lady whose face shall adorn one of the stamps of the "series of 1902," and has chosen Martha Washington. This conclusion was reached the latter part of the week ending May 24th. General Sherman will yield his place on the 8 cents stamp, in order that Mrs. Washington may have standing or sitting room in the gallery of postal notables. The change does not however involve the shelving of the old warrior. He is to supplant General Grant on the reply postal card, whilst Grant and Lincoln will exchange their positions on the 4c. and 5c. stamps.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

*Dr. Rendle writes:*

"Now that the tourist season has commenced without doubt thousands of our countrymen will shortly be seeking the picturesque shores of Norway, I would warn any philatelist among the number to beware of the Spitzbergen stamps offered for sale to a confiding public by many of the salesmen of Scandinavian curios. I have by me a specimen of such a "Spidsbergen" stamp, value 20 ore, colour dull rose, on a rather common looking wove paper, perf. 11½, no watermark. The design is rather interesting, representing a man, amongst the icefields, and armed with a rifle taking aim at a huge polar bear which is attacking him. This specimen I purchased at Tromsø in 1898. The stamp is of no philatelic value as the island, although much frequented by whalers during the summer months has no official issue of postage stamps."

*Mr. H. A. L. Hughes writes:*

"With regard to my notes on Type II. of the 1d. lilac and carmine Trinidad, in *E.H.S.N.* of February 15th, I have come across a similar Type of Gold Coast, although not so marked as the Trinidad, you will notice that the 'One Penny' Type II. is printed in thin type, as is also Type II. Trinidad, but I do not think they can have been printed from the same plate as the Trinidad, as it is a smaller and altogether different type."

The words "One Penny" are undoubtedly very distinct in size in the two specimens submitted by Mr. Hughes. In the first, dated 1888, the lettering is thick and 1¼mm. high, whilst in the later specimen, the impression is very thin and the lettering is only 1¼mm. tall. An examination of a number of other specimens, some of which show intermediate impressions, renders it doubtful whether the variations are due to distinct plates or merely to heavy and light printing. On the whole, we incline to the latter opinion, although it is noticeable that the thin impressions occur on the latest issued stamps.—E.B.]

*Mr. W. Laird Clowes writes:*

"I have nowhere seen it remarked that, in addition to the normal V and to the thick V on O.R.C. stamps, there is a thin V, which is quite different from the other two, in that it is sharply pointed, while the others have only truncated points. Both sides of it, moreover, are nearly of equal thickness. You will find this thin V (with no stop after it) in the raised stop printing of the ½d. It is very distinct and obvious."

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1, 2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2, 5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150*	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2, 8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2, 8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2, 8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5 pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (Ira Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres.	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 piastres.	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750* Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres.	—	—
769 " 20 piastres.	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

### GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781* German East Africa,	1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782* " " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1	—
783* " " 3 rupees	4/0	4, 8	—
784* German New Guinea, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1,	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
786* Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
787* Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
788* China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
789* Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
790* Levant, 10 piastres.	—	—	—
791* " 15 piastres.	—	—	—
792* Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
793* Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0	—
795* " 1½	1/0	1/2	—
796* " 2½	2/0	2/4	—
797* " 3½	3/0	3/6	—
798* " 6½	5/0	5/10	—
799* Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—
800* Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10	—

NOTE.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/4 per mark.

### FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.			
1900	1l. brown	4d.	—
	5l. green	1d.	—
	10l. red	1½d.	—
	20l. rose	4d.	—
1901	20l. orange	3d.	—
	25l. blue	4d.	—
	1dr. violet	1/0	—
	2dr. brown	2/0	—
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/11	—
1900.	Surcharge " Proserionon " in black.	—	—
	1dr. violet	11d.	—
	2dr. brown	1/8	—

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

## Danish West Indies.

Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.

Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.

## Holland. The 2½ and 5 guildens are now in stock.

Danish West Indies, 2c. on 3c., 4d.; pair showing both types of "1902," 1/10.

Benadir, 1, 2 besa and 1 anna, set of three, 3d.

## Paraguay, lithographed.

1c. green, 1d.; per dozen, 3d.

10c. carmine, 1½d.; per dozen, 1/5.

## Argentine Republic, official stamps.

1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.

1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

## Greece, new issue.

Sets, 1/4 per set.

1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

## Austria. Singles and blocks of four.

1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.

2h. " " " " 1d.; " " 2d.

3h. " " " " 1d.; " " 3d.

5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.

6h. " " " " 1d.; " " 4d.

10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " " 6d.

20h. " " " " 3d.; " " 10d.

25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " " 1/-.

30h. " " " " 4d.; " " 1/3.

40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

## Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

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1. Anjouan

2. Dahomey

3. French Congo

4. " Guinea

5. " Soudan

6. Grand Comore

7. Guiana

8. Guadeloupe

9. Indian Estab.

10. Indo-China

11. Ivory Coast

12. \*Martinique

13. Mayotte

14. Madagascar

15. New Caledonia

16. Oceania

17. Réunion

18. \*St. Pierre et Miquelon

19. Sénégal

Series of 19 sets, 18/3.

or 1/- each set.

## Austrian Levant.

5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.

10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.

Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 øre, set of 2, 1d.

German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.

Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40, 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.

6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.

10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.

1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 øre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.

1, 2, 3, 4 øre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps (P 142).

—The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* states that the 6d. lilac Govt. Parcels, Head of King Edward, was issued about April 8th. Our earliest postmarked copy was April 24th.

The *London Philatelist* announces the following list of new official stamps as being ready for issue, if not already issued:—

R.H. Official.	I.R. Official.
½d. King's Head.	1/- King's Head.
O.W. Official.	5/- " "
5d. Queen's Head.	10/- " "
10d. " "	£1 " "
2d. King's Head.	Govt. Parcels.
2½d. " "	2d. King's Head.

**Postal Orders (E 142).**—We have now seen the King Edward poundage stamp on all the Postal Orders except the 10/6 and 15/-. The following is a list of the first serial numbers to have the new stamps.

1/- A89	3/5 F35	70/- L32
1/6 B61	4/- G67	10/6 M?
2/- C74	4/6 H30	15/- N?
2/6 D68	5/- J51	£1 O 64
3/- E58	7/6 K49	

The serial numbers represent the number of millions of postal orders issued. Mr. L. Bevir informs us that the 10/6 order is also issued.

**Fiscal Stamps (E 135).**—The first King Edward fiscal stamp is the £1 Judicature, issued about the beginning of June. It is printed from the new £1 unappropriated die, 40×23mm. in size, and is watermarked 2 orbs sideways and perf. 14. The top half of the stamp contains the head of King Edward in an octagon, surmounted by a crown. At each side is a tablet pointed at both ends and inscribed "One Pound" in block letters, reading up on the left side, and down on the right. The lower half of the stamp is divided into two equal portions, respectively inscribed "£1" (double-lined) and "JUDICATURE FEES."

**Adhesive.** £1 lilac, "Judicature Fees" in green.

**Army Telegraphs (A).**—Mr. F. J. Day informs us that he has seen the ½d. green.

**Adhesive.** Queen's Head, ½d. green, overprinted "Army Telegraphs" in black.

**Envelope Dies (T 141).**—In a consignment of envelopes stamped for the Colonial Stamp Market about the beginning of this month, we note the ½d. and 1d. values both show new die numbers, respectively 18 and 15. The list now stands as follows:—

½d. Nos. 7 to 12, 14, 15, 16, 18.
1d. Nos. 7 to 15 inclusive.

The 1d. dies 7, 8 and 10 are somewhat scarce. We have seen telegram forms stamped with the 6d. King's Head, die 4; also registration envelopes (sizes F, G) with 3d. King's Head, die 2. Impressions have only been seen hitherto from dies 1 of these two series.

**ANGOLA (E 142, 131).**—The *Revue Philatologique Belge* publishes the following list of the forthcoming provisionals:—

Surcharged 65 reis—1886, 40,300r.; 1894, 5, 10, 20, 25r.
" 115 reis—1886, 10,200r.; 1894, 80, 100, 150r.
" 130 reis—1886, 50, 100r.; 1894, 15, 75, 300r.
" 400 reis—1886, 5, 20, 25r.; 1894, 2½, 50, 200r.

**ANTIOQUIA (H 136).**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the following:—

**Adhesive.** Modified type of 1c. of November, 1901 (see E.W.S.N. No. 128).  
1c. blue.

The 1c. blue of September, 1901, was in the original type.

**CANADA (E 132).**—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* learns that stamps are no longer to be used for payment of postage on newspapers in bulk,

and consequently no more 'high values' with postal cancellation are likely to come on the market from official sources. In the past, it has been usual for newspaper publishers to affix stamps to a form, which is temporarily held by them as a receipt for the postage on large quantities of newspaper which are handed in to the Post Office at the same time and despatched unstamped. At certain periods these stamped forms are forwarded to the G.P.O. at Ottawa, and a final receipt sent in exchange. The forms are presumably intended to be destroyed, but as is usually the case, a great many of the stamps find their way on to the philatelic market. In future, postage of newspapers in bulk will be paid in cash only and receipts will be unstamped.

**CAPE COLONY (G 141).**—Miss Killick informs the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that all values will be issued in the type of the new 3d., and that many of them are printed and only waiting for the stocks of the current ones to run out before being issued.

If they do appear, their life will be very short. As already announced, a King Edward issue is promised for early in 1903.

**CHILE (P 141).**—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* publishes further particulars of the three novelties chronicled in E.W.S.N. of June 7th.

**Adhesive.** 2c. rose. Issued 10.4.02. Quantity, 6,000,000.

**Postcard, 1c. green.** Quantity, 500,000.

" 2c. red. " 1,000,000.

Of the new type 5c. chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 118, there have been printed 10,000,000.

**COOK ISLANDS (K 142).**—The printing on cream-coloured paper seems to date back to 1900, although the stamps have not yet come into regular use. Mr. Baron has been good enough to show us an envelope postmarked "Rarotonga, Jan. 26th, 1901," and franked with a complete set of Cook Islands stamps. The 2d., 2½d., and 6d. are on the new paper, whilst the other values are on white. Our correspondent states that he also has the 1d. brown on cream-coloured paper. We have already chronicled the 6d. and 1/-, and now add the following:—

**Adhesives.** Perf. 11, cream-coloured paper (1900?)  
1d. brown.  
2d. brown.  
2½d. pale rose.

**CUBA (C 140, 112).**—The *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy* has a few words to say on the subject of philatelic prospects in the Cuban Republic. It is informed that the United States will supply sufficient stamps to last until August 1st, so that the Cubans have until then to decide whether they will have new stamps or continue to use the present pictorial designs. The postal arrangements between Cuba and the United States will be the same as between the latter and Canada.

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* states that until the Cuban Republic gets into smooth working order, no alteration will be made in the postal system. For the present, the current Cuban stamps will continue to be supplied from Washington at 5 cents per 1000.

**CAPE VERDE (D 142, 118).**—The *Revue Philatologique Belge* gives the following list of the forthcoming provisionals:—

Surcharged 65 reis—1886, 50, 200, 500r.; 1894, 5, 10, 20, 100r.
" 115 reis—1888, 10, 20r.; 1894, 5, 25, 150r.
" 130 reis—1886, 50, 100r.; 1894, 75, 80, 200r.
" 400 reis—1886, 25, 40r.; 1894, 2½, 50, 300r.

**DENMARK (B 136).**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following:—

**Official Adhesive.**  
3 öre, reddish lilac, perf. 12½.

The 4 and 8 öre have already appeared with this perforation, but the remaining value of the set, the 32 öre, is still perf. 14×13½. As heretofore, the stamps are in sheets of 100 (10 rows of 10), which are watermarked with 100 crowns, enclosed on all four sides with the words "KGL. POST—FRMK" in large outline letters and with a crown in each upper and a posthorn in each lower corner.

**DJIBOUTI (G 141).**—Dr. Voisin informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that he has received a letter franked with one of the 5 on 40c. provisional (E.W.S.N., No. 141) showing double surcharge, the second being oblique in relation to the first.

**Adhesive.** Double surcharge, second sideways.  
" 5 centimes" on 40c. Djibouti.

The same journal also publishes the text of the decree authorizing the creation of the two provisionals. The following quantities were called for:—

5c. on 40c.	50,000
10c. on 10fr.	15,000

Of these quantities, 731 were to be sent to the International Bureau at Berne. The decree is dated Djibouti, April 26th.

The *Revue Philatologique Belge* states that the following minor varieties occur in the 0.05 on 75c. and 0.10 on 1fr. provisionals (chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 128).

0.05, 0.10 with dot.
0.05, 0.10 with comma.
0.10 neither stop nor comma.
0.05 italic.

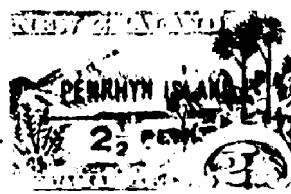
**FALKLAND ISLANDS (C 133).**—In E.W.S.N. of April 12th we reported that the ½d. value was running low and that none were to be had, except for strictly postal purposes. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* has been shown this value in a darker shade, quite distinct from the blue-green recently in use, so that presumably a new printing has now come into use.

**FRANCE (S 141).**—With reference to the list of *millésimes* published in E.W.S.N. of June 7th, we note that *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* denies the issue of the 2c. Taxe with No. 2.

Mr. E. S. Auscher sends us the new reply letter card.

**Reply letter card.** Stamp in the new type (Mouchon).  
15c. orange on chamois card (size 11×7cm. within 13×8cm.).

## The Complete Set of Stamps for Niue and Penrhyn Island.





The card is similar to its predecessor, except for the alteration in the stamp from the Sage type to the Mouchon, and it is exceedingly ugly. There is no date of manufacture.

**FRENCH COLONIES** (D 142).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 5c. yellow-green envelope has appeared for all the Colonies, namely, Anjouan, French Congo, Ivory Coast, Dahomey and dependencies, Grand Comoro, Guadeloupe and dependencies, French Guinea, French Guiana, Indian Establishments, Indochina, Madagascar and dependencies, Martinique, Mayotte, New Caledonia and dependencies, Oceanic Establishments, Réunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Sénégal and dependencies, and French Soudan.

**LOURENÇO MARQUES** (B 142).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 65 reis—1894, 2½, 5, 15, 20r.  
 „ 115 reis—1894, 10, 200, 300r.  
 „ 130 reis—1894, 25, 80, 150r.  
 „ 400 reis—1894, 50, 75, 100r.

**MACAU** (B 142).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 6 avos—1884, 10r.; 1885, 10r.; 1886, 5, 10, 40r.; 1894, 5, 10, 15, 25, 80, 100, 200r.  
 „ 18 avos—1886, 20, 25, 80, 100, 200, 300r.; 1894, 2½, 20, 50, 75, 150, 300r.

**MOZAMBIQUE** (C 142, 138).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 65 reis—1886, 20, 40, 200r.; 1894, 10, 15, 20r.  
 „ 115 reis—1886, 5, 50r.; 1894, 2½, 5, 25r.  
 „ 130 reis—1886, 25, 300r.; 1894, 75, 100, 150, 200r.  
 „ 400 reis—1886, 10, 100r.; 1894, 50, 80, 300r.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (P 142).—Gibbons' Catalogue describes the stamps on chalk-surfaced paper as being perf. 12×12. We notice that the Colonial Market's stock of ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d. and 1/- are all 12×11½ (2½d. being of course 11½×12, on account of its oblong shape).

As regards the other values, the 3d. bright green are perf. 11, 11½×11 or 11×11½ (Catalogue Nos. 186, 241?). The 5d. are perf. 11×11½ (No. 243?) and the 7½d. perf. 12×11 (No. 310?).

**NEW ZEALAND** (V 142).—The new water-marked paper has now made its appearance, but we believe has only been used so far in printing ½d. and 1d. stamps. We are indebted to Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co., for first specimens. The "N.Z." in the new watermark is single-lined, instead of double-lined as in recent Waterlow and Basted Mills papers.

*Adhesives.* Wmk. single-lined NZ over Star. Thin paper, perf. 14.  
 ½d. green. (Sheet No. 12584).  
 1d. carmine. (Sheet No. 1919).

The chief differences between the new and old papers are as follows:—

1. Old paper; thin; single-lined N.Z. 6 mm. over Star.
2. Waterlow; thick; double-lined N.Z. 2 mm. over Star.
3. Basted Mills; thin, tough; double-lined N.Z. 2 mm. over star (often inverted).
4. Cowan & Co.; thin, tough; no watermark.
5. New paper; thin, tough; single-lined N.Z. 2 mm. over Star.

The "old paper" above-mentioned was used for the Queen's Head and other issues, but not for any stamps of the current type. The water-marks "N.Z. and Star" are arranged in it in four groups of 60, each group being enclosed in a single-lined rectangle. In papers 2, 3 and 5 of the above list, the watermarks are arranged in one group of 240 (10 rows of 24), to correspond with the arrangement of the stamps on the plates of the current stamps, and have no surrounding line. Along the top margin of each sheet of paper is the inscription watermarked in double-lined capitals "NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE" and there is a similar inscription on the margin at bottom but inverted and reading from right to left. At each side is watermarked "NEW ZEALAND" reading up. These marginal water-marks are similar in papers 2, 3 and 5 of our list. The new paper, No. 5, has a figure watermarked at the extreme lower right-hand corner, the numbers being 2 and 4 respectively in the sheets of ½d. and 1d. stamps under notice. We have not seen similar watermark-numbers in any of the other papers.

On the subject of the new paper, Mr. A. Hamilton writes us:—On May 5th the new watermark—Star and N.Z., single-lined and different in size from the old one—appeared in Dunedin, quite taking us by surprise as we had not heard of its issue in Wellington. This is to be the permanent watermark and paper, for which let us be thankful. Only the ½d. and 1d. stamps have yet been seen here, and are perforated 14 by the new machine. I expect the 3d. will be the next on the new paper and with the new perforation.

The new ½d. and 1d. stamps are described in the *New Zealand Graphic* of May 10th.

In a list of the ½d. and 1d. varieties forwarded to us by Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co., we notice the ½d. and 1d. No Wmk., are given as either perf. 14 or perf. 11×14. We should like to have confirmation before definitely listing the latter. Our correspondents believe the local-printed "No Wmk." New Zealand ½d. and 1d. stamps will be rare, as they were only in use about three months. The 1d. are quite distinct from the London prints in perforation, shade, fineness of printing and quality of paper. Perhaps the best test is the colour of the paper after printing. The surface is white in the London prints and tinted rose, as if the ink had run, in the local issue.

*King Edward Stamps.*—Mr. Hamilton writes that no sign of the King's Head epidemic has reached New Zealand as yet. The stationery still has "Queen's Head" stamps and even the insurance stamps retain "V.R." at present. Designs are, however, now being invited for a fresh set of postcards.

*Types of 1874, watermark star.*—Mr. Hamilton also sends us a note respecting the two stamps catalogued in Gibbons as Nos. 139 and 140, 1d. lilac and 2d. rose:—"I see that some one has found out what was known to most of us long ago, namely, that the date of the Large Star watermark on the 1874 issue is 1874 and not 1875 as given in catalogue. I have an envelope dated Jan. 4th, 1874, with 2d. rose, large star, perf. 12½. The question of an English printing of these stamps has never been very satisfactorily settled. Could the Large Stars have been the English printing? Moens says that the whole series were printed in England at first. My earliest small star is March, 1874."

Mr. Maney-Lake sends a note to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* on the subject of the same stamps. He has seen a set of colour proofs of the 1874 issue—1d. venetian red, 2d. blue, 3d. lilac, 4d. rose-red, 6d. pale brown, 1/- green—all printed on Star N.Z. paper, perf. 12, and over-printed "Specimen." The curious point is that they should be perforated 12, a gauge that is only found on some of the locally-printed stamps perforated after 1887 by the 12×11½ comb machine.

*Advertisements.*—We are also indebted to Mr. Hamilton for a long list of additions to our list of advertisements. After examining some thousands of stamps with advertisements, about a dozen 1/- perf. 12×11½ were found, and also examples of the 1d. perf. 12×11½. The latter is new. The list will be published in *E.W.S.N.* as soon as space permits.

*Railway Newspaper Stamps.*—Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co. have shown us the following:—  
 1d. lilac, laid paper, perf. 11.

The laid paper issue is only catalogued perf. 12½. The same firm also send us the 4d. on what they describe as laid paper, but it appears to us very doubtful whether it is so and we refrain from chronicling it till more satisfactory specimens are produced.

*"Counterpart" Error.*—We are also indebted to the same firm for a copy of the 2/6 brown, "Counterpart" error, showing the marginal sheet-number 48766 (6th figure cut off). The highest number of the single-lined NZ paper previously recorded was 400510, 1d. Queen's Head issue.

**NIUE** (E 141).—Mr. F. Baxter sends us the complete set of current stamps for this dependency of New Zealand.

*Adhesives.*—Overprinted on stamps of New Zealand.  
 "NIUE.—½ PENI." in carmine on ½d. green, wmk. double-lined NZ and Star (Basted Mills paper) perf. 14.  
 "NIUE.—TAHA PENI." in blue on 1d. universal, wmk. double-lined NZ and Star (Basted Mills paper), perf. 11×14.  
 "NIUE.—2½ PENI." in carmine on 2½d. blue, no wmk., perf. 11.

The 1d. of the above set was described in *E.W.S.N.* of June 7th. The earlier printings have not yet come under notice. We take the following description from the *New Zealand Graphic* of May 10th:—

A little mild excitement was caused among philatelists this week when the fact became known that Niue and Penrhyn Island stamps were obtainable at the Post Office in Auckland. Dealers and other cute people who had despatched a few pounds to the islands to secure a stock of stamps for sale at about double face value were naturally disgusted, while the feeling of stamp collectors generally is one of regret that the New Zealand Government should have fallen into line with the South American Republics and Portuguese colonies in the matter of raising revenue at the cost of collectors. Now that Cook Islands, Niue and Penrhyn Islands are included within the boundary of the colony of New Zealand, the question naturally arises why any different stamp is required at all, but even supposing there is a genuine need for these stamps, there can be no excuse for selling them in Auckland, where they cannot be utilised for postage

purposes. New Zealand's island dependency Niue has had two distinct surcharges on the 1d. universal stamp of this colony. A letter arrived here this week on which were two stamps with different surcharges. On one—the first issue—was the word "Niue" in blue ink, the type being pica sanserif black, while on the other stamp was the word "Niue" in deeper blue, printed in brevier type black. Underneath are the words, "Taha Peni," in nonpareil type, being native equivalent for "one penny." The New Zealand ½d. green has also been surcharged "Niue ½ peni," and the New Zealand 2½d. blue "Niue 2½d. peni" in red. The ½d. and 1d. are on double lined watermarked paper, star, N.Z. perforated 14½ and the 2½d. is perforated 11.

Mr. Baxter writes us as follows, under date May 12th:—"So far I have not secured any post-marked specimens from either Niue or Penrhyn Island, but I was fortunate enough to get a block of six Niue 1d. with first surcharge, before there was an obliterating stamp. The Postmaster wrote 'Niue' and the date on each stamp."

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (N 136).—In a recent consignment of stamps received by the Colonial Stamp Market from Bloemfontein, we note a pane of the 3d. V.R.I. showing the same setting as the 4d. on 6d.; consequently the "inverted figure 1" variety occurs on this value as well as on the 1d. and 4d. on 6d. It may be as well to recall that in this setting, there is no thick V in the top row, that variety occurring on Nos. 12, 30, 37, 43, 53 and 58. In most of the other settings there is a "thick V" on either the 2nd or 5th stamp in the top row.

*Adhesives.* Variety, inverted 1 for letter I on No. 37.  
 1d. violet.  
 3d. blue.  
 4d. on 6d. blue.

The 2d., 6d., 1/- and 5/- are as heretofore, the setting with thick V 5th stamp in top row (the six positions being 5, 17, 23, 39, 45, 48). The 1d. are apparently old stock, setting with thick V 2nd stamp in top row (positions 2, 14, 20, 40, 43, 46). The panes of 1d. also have the "dotless V" on No. 31, 'mixed stops' on No. 60 and a figure "1" or broken I (not inverted) on No. 42.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (E 141).—The following is a description of the three new stamps.

*Adhesives.* Overprinted on stamps of New Zealand.  
 "PENRHYN ISLAND.—½ PENI." in carmine on ½d. green, wmk., double-lined N.Z. and Star, (Basted Mills paper), perf. 14.  
 "PENRHYN ISLAND.—TAI PENI." in black on 1d. Universal, wmk., double-lined N.Z. and Star (Basted Mills paper), perf. 14.  
 "PENRHYN ISLAND.—2½ PENI." in carmine on 2½d. blue, no wmk., perf. 11.

We take the following from the *New Zealand Graphic* of May 10th, but the last statement is probably incorrect as regards the 2½d. blue.

"Penrhyn Island has now three New Zealand stamps surcharged for local use. The ½d. green is surcharged in red, 'Penrhyn Island ½ peni,' the 1d. universal bears the names of the island in black, with the words tai peni underneath, while the 2½d. blue is surcharged in red, 'Penrhyn Island 2½ peni.' All [?]—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*] are on watermarked paper, the two former being perforated 14½ and the latter 11."

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. W. J. Monk writes:—*

"A friend of mine has a set of King's Head Transvaal, postmarked Potchetstroom, Ap. 1st, 12.30 p.m. The stamps were received at Potchetstroom Post Office at 12 o'clock noon. This, I think, is a record, as far as stamps coming to England."

*Mr. F. Taylor writes:—*

"Some time ago you invited particulars of varieties in the 4½d. stamp. The enclosed stamp has a curious bar between "½" in the right hand bottom corner. It is broken so as to consist of three distinct dots side by side."

*Mr. R. Hamilton writes:—*

"As the two enclosed stamps are not chronicled either by Gibbons or Scott, can you give me any information in regard to them?"

[The first, a 2/- blue on green Victoria, is perf. 12½, whereas Gibbons catalogues it perf. 11½ to 12 only. We note it is dated Melbourne, 28.10.00, at which period the stamps current were mostly perforated "11½ to 13." So perhaps the perforation of this stamp may also show a wider range of gauge. The other stamp is a Siam, 1 att. on 64 atts, and is surcharged "1 AttS" a large inverted capital S being added superfluously to the "1 Att". Whether genuine or not, we are unable to say.—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*]

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1, 2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150*	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-be, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau I'schou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
735a	" " 1fr., Pict.	0/10 0/1
736	" " 2fr.	1/8 1/11
737*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
739	French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
741	Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
742	Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
743	Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
744	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
745	Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
746	Levant, 8 piast.	1/4 1/7
747	" " 20 piast.	— —
748	Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
749	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
750*	Martinique, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
751	Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
752	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
753*	Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8 1/11
754	New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
755	Obock, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
756	" " 2fr.	1/8 1/11
757*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
758	" " 10fr.	— —
759	" " 25fr.	— —
760	" " 50fr.	— —
761	Oceania, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
762*	Port Said, 2fr.	1/8 1/11
763*	" " 5fr.	4/0 4/8
764	Réunion, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
765	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
766	Senegal, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
767	Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10 1/0
768	Vathy, 8 piast.	— —
769	" " 20 piast.	— —
770	Zanzibar, 20 annas	— —
771	" " 50 annas	— —
772	Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
773	Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10 1/0
774	Obock, old 2fr.	1/8 3/0
775	" " old 5fr.	4/0 6/0
776	" " 1892, 1fr.	0/10 1/6
777	St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10 1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781*	German East Africa,		
	1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782*	" " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1
783*	" " 3 rupees	4/0	4/8
784*	German New Guinea, 1,		
	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
785*	German S.W. Africa, 1,		
	2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
786*	Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
787*	Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
788*	China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
789*	Kiaooutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
790*	Levant, 10 piast.	—	—
791*	" " 15 piast.	—	—
792*	Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
793	Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
794*	Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0
795*	" " 1½	1/0	1/2
796*	" " 2½	2/0	2/4
797*	" " 3½	3/0	3/0
798*	" " 6½	5/0	5/10
799*	Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
800.	Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10

Note.—The values can be supplied separately at the rate of 1/2 per mark.

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Crete. Following varieties are now in stock.			
1900	1l. brown	4d.	
	5l. green	1d.	
	10l. red	1½d.	
	20l. rose	4d.	
1901	20l. orange	3d.	
	25l. blue	4d.	
	1dr. violet	1/0	
	2dr. brown	2/0	
	5dr. gr.&blk.	4/11	
1900.	Surcharge "Presorinon" in black.		
	1dr. violet	11d.	

**FOREIGN ARRIVALS.**

Danish West Indies.  
Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.  
Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.

Holland. The 2½ and 5 guldens are now in stock.

Danish West Indies. 2c. on 3c., 4d.; pair showing both types of "1902," 1/10.

Paraguay, lithographed.  
1c. green, 1d.  
10c. carmine, 1½d.

Argentine Republic, official stamps.  
1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1¼ per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " " 1d.; " " 2d.  
3h. " " " " 1d.; " " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " " 1d.; " " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " " 6d.  
20h. " " " " 3d.; " " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " " 1/-.  
30h. " " " " 4d.; " " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

Iceland. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur., per set, 5d.

French Colonies, 10, 15, 25, 50c. in new colours.

1. Anjouan	12.* Martinique
2. Dahomey	13. Mayotte
3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18.* St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/1.
11. Ivory Coast	or 1/- each set.

Austrian Levant.  
5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban." Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 öre, set of 2, 1d.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (U 143).—Mr. A. R. Hayward has shown us an envelope stamped with ½d. King's Head die 17, and post-marked June 19th. Mr. E. Bentley Wood informs us that he has seen this die postmarked June 17th. The list therefore now stands as follows:

½d. Dies 7 to 18 except 13.  
1d. Dies 7 to 15.

As regards the higher values, two additions to the list of die-numbers of the 6d. have come to hand. We have seen telegram forms stamped with dies 2 and 3, as well as 4, chronicled last week. The list to date is therefore as follows:

2½d. Die 3.  
6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.

Impressions from 6d. die 1 have only been seen on envelopes and from the other three dies only on telegram forms. In the case of dies 2 and 3 the forms are dated "6.01" and in that of die 4, "10.01." The forms were, however, probably stamped this year.

Registration Envelope Dies (G 143, :31).—Our earliest dated 3d. die 2 is June 17th.

Railway Letter Stamps (P 142).—The particulars of the various printings for the London and South Western are only given as far as the 25th issue (October, 1900) in the Editor's History of Railway Letter Stamps. We are now able to furnish the following further details. The dates are official:—

No.	Date.	Transfr.	State.	Perf.	Margins.	Colour.
30.	18.2.01.	III.	E.	11.	Imperf.	yel.-grn.
31.	17.6.01.	III.	E.	10.	Perf.	"
32.	18.8.01.	III.	F.	11.	Imperf.	dark-grn.
33.	30.11.01.	III.	F.	11.	"	emerald.
34.	17.3.02.	III.	F.	10.	"	yel.-grn.
35.	12.6.02.	—	—	—	—	not seen.

Each supply consists of the usual 3000 stamps. The 30th and 31st are state E, not D, as hitherto described. In state E, the circle round the shield is rejoined opposite the letter S of "Letters" on types 1, 4, 14, 17, 20, 22 and 23 of the sheet, and opposite the letter O of "For" on types 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 (also on types 12 and 21, but in these cases the join dates from the 23rd printing.) On type 12 in state E the line under the second bar in the left pillar is removed. State F is almost similar to state E, but a noticeable distinguishing mark is a diagonal scratch across the lowest bar in the right hand pillar of type 9 on the sheet. In the 33rd printing we have only as yet seen the right hand pane of a sheet (types 13 to 24) and in the 34th printing, the left hand pane only (types 1 to 12). One of the above printings probably consisted of less than 3000 stamps, the balance being made up of odd sheets left over from preceding issues. These oddments included sheets of the 14th and 19th printings, as also the sheets perf. 10×11, described in E.W.S.N. No. 142.

Army Telegraphs (B 148).—The overprint is different on the ½d. green, chronicled last week, to that on the old ½d. vermilion; measurements are appended:—

	½d. vermilion.	½d. green.
Length of "Army" ..	7mm.	8½mm.
" "Telegraphs" ..	17mm.	16mm.
Height of whole overprint ..	4mm.	3½mm.

The A of "Army" is larger and wider in the ½d. green.

Fiscal Stamps (F 143).—We have seen the 6d. value of the new "Foreign Bill" set with head of King Edward VII. It is similar in size to the current 6d. postage adhesive and printed throughout in the same colour.

"Foreign Bill." King's Head.  
6d. purple, wmk. Orb, perf. 14.

The stamp is printed from the new 6d. "unappropriated" plate. The Head of King Edward is within an octagon, surmounted by a small crown. At each side of the stamp, in the centre,

is the value "6d." and in each upper corner "SIX PENCE" reading up on the left side and down on the right. The lower portion of the stamp is ruled off, the space being filled in with network, over which is printed "FOREIGN BILL" in two lines.

Postal Orders (F 143).—The 10/6 value (King's Head) commences with series M 34. The only King Edward postal order still unchronicled is that of 15/-.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA (J 139). In a consignment of these stamps just received by the Colonial Stamp Market, we notice that some of the sheets show a plate-number in black at the lower left hand corner. In most cases however the margins of the sheets are clipped too close. The following occur:—½d. Nos. 1, 2; 1d., No. 2; 2d. Nos. 1, 2. In the consignment described in E.W.S.N. of April 19th, we only met with die 1 of each of these three values.

BULGARIA (L 132).—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that the 2 leva is now black and carmine instead of black and red, as in the old colour it was too much like the 1 leva.

CUBA (D 143).—We take the following from the *Weekly Philatelic Era*:—"Mr. Emil J. Rall sends the *Era* a clipping from the *Lucha*, a Havana paper, with the following translation:—

"REQUISITION FOR CUBAN STAMPS.

"The Director-General of Posts has requested the Secretary of Government that, in view of the shortage of stamps in the Department a new supply be ordered from Washington. At the same time, Sr. Figueredo proposed to the Secretary of Government that new plates be prepared from which stamps are to be printed, the same to bear the likenesses of our most important Statesmen, as follows:—

### Adhesive Stamps.

1 centavo, purple.	Tomas Estrada Palma.
2 centavos, red.	Carlos Manuel de Cespedes.
3 " violet.	Pedro Figueredo.
5 " blue.	Jose Marti.
10 " red-brn.	Ignacio Agramonte.
10 " orange (spec'l delivery).	Antonio Maceo.

### Envelope.

2 centavos. Francisco Aguilera.

### Post Card.

1 centavo. Juan Bruno Zayas.

"Mr. Rall writes in addition that the new stamps will probably not be ready for six months and it is doubtful whether the designs as proposed by the Director-General of Posts will be adopted by the Government, though the colours of the stamps, with perhaps the exception of the 1 centavo denomination, will not likely be changed."

DUTCH INDIES (D 128).—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that he has just received the 3c. lilac surcharged in black with "2½" in large thick type.

FRENCH LEVANT (B 111).—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that the following variety has been issued:—

Adhesive.—Perf. 14×13½.

2pi. on 50c. carmine, type a (N under B).

All other values are still type b.

PERSIA (J 142).—The *Revue Philatologique Belge* furnishes official particulars of the numbers issued of the recent provisional stamps. Owing to a considerable theft of stamps of the 1899 issue, the remaining stock was overprinted "Provisoire 1319," in the following quantities:—

1ch.	5,000	1 kran	100,000
2oh.	5,000	2 "	10,000
5ch.	10,000	3 "	150
10ch.	50,000	4 "	150
12ch.	500	5 "	200
16ch.	500	10 "	100
3ch. (1898)	1,000	50 "	1,000

The 3 chahi violet in the above list is stated to have been of the 1898 issue and to have been already overprinted with the 'lion' surcharge.

In February part of the above 10ch. and 1 and 50kr. were surcharged with a new value.

5ch. on 10ch. 5,000 | 12ch. on 1kr. 5,000  
5kr. on 50kr. 2,500

About February or March, Mr. V. Castaigne, Director-General of Customs and Posts at Mesched, found his stock of stamps of low values completely exhausted and not being able to

obtain such from the central Post Office, he had printed at Mesched stamps containing his initials ("V.C.") in the centre and with control mark in red. Three hundred stamps of 1 (black), 2 (violet) and 5 (black) chahis were made use of, but the Minister of Posts put a stop to the issue and himself caused a provisional set of stamps to be printed. A permanent set was being printed at Haarlem by Messrs. Enschede but it was not expected to be delivered at Teheran till July 25th.

This provisional issue has already been described in E.W.S.N. (Nos. 141, 142). The first two consignments were sent to Mesched and Tauris, and consisted of 2500 stamps of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 12 chahis. As the 'lion' control mark was not ready, they were overprinted with "Provisoire 1319." An attempt was made to perforate the stamps but was relinquished.

The quantities issued of the type-set provisional issue are as follows:—

1ch.	100,000	1kr.	250,000
2ch.	100,000	2kr.	250,000
3ch.	100,000	5kr.	20,000
5ch.	500,000	10kr.	10,000
10ch.	200,000	50kr.	1,000
12ch.	100,000		

The quantities mentioned are reliable, states the *Revue Philatologique Belge*, as they are taken from the books of the Persian postal administration.

Correction.—In E.W.S.N. No. 133 we chronicled the following two provisionals from the authority respectively of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* and *Le Courrier de Timbres-poste*.

"5 kr." in black on 50 kr. violet.  
" " on 50 kr. red-brown.

The former journal now states that neither of these exist. The following is however reported by the *L'Essor Philatologique*.

5 ch. in black on 50 kr. red-brown.

PORTUGUESE CONGO (B 142).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 65 reis—1894, 15, 20, 25, 300r.
" 115 reis—1894, 2½, 10, 50r.
" 130 reis—1894, 5, 75, 100r.
" 400 reis—1894, 80, 150, 200r.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA (B 142).—The *Revue Philatologique Belge* gives the following list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 65 reis—1886, 10, 20, 25r.; 1894, 10, 20, 25r.
" 115 reis—1886, 40, 50, 300r.; 1894, 2½, 5, 25r.
" 130 reis—1886, 80, 100r.; 1894, 150, 200, 300r.
" 400 reis—1886, 5, 200r.; 1894, 75, 80, 100r.

PORTUGUESE INDIA (C 142, 93).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 1 reis—1886, 2t.; 1894, 6r.
" 2 reis—1886, 4½r.; 1894, 3t.
" 2½ reis—1886, 6r.; 1894, 9r.
" 3 reis—1886, 1t.; 1894, 4½r., 1t.
" 2½ tangas—1886, 1½r., 1t.; 1894, 1½r.
" 5 tangas—1886, 8t.; 1894, 2, 4t.

QUEENSLAND (G 142).—In E.W.S.N., No. 108, we stated "the current 1d. red is known perforated 12×9½." Mr. A. A. Green writes in reference to this variety as follows:—"The current 1d. Queensland, perf. 9½×12, recently notified in London papers was not an official issue. The 9½ machine was sent to New Guinea for commercial purposes. Some of the perf. 12 "spot" 1d. of 1882 were passed through the machine unofficially ere it left for New Guinea. Careful examination will show traces of the original perforation in the fakes.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE (C 142, 95).—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:—

Surcharged 65 reis—1886, 20, 25, 100r.; 1894, 5, 10, 15, 20r.
" 115 reis—1870, 50r.; 1886, 10, 300r.; 1894, 25, 150, 200r.
" 130 reis—1886, 5, 200r.; 1894, 75, 100, 300r.
" 400 reis—1870, 10r.; 1886, 40, 50r.; 1894, 2½, 50, 80r.

SERVIA (F 141).—Mr. J. A. C. Reimon Kingma has now sent us the current 10 para, perforated similarly to the 15 para described in E.W.S.N. No. 141.

Adhesives. Current type, perf. 13 at top, 13½ at sides and 14 at bottom.  
10 para, pale rose.  
15 " violet.



**SIERRA LEONE (C 139).**—The only values yet chronicled with marginal plate-number 3 are, we believe, the 1d. and 2d. The Colonial Stamp Market has just received the 3d. Other values are still plate 2.

**SPAIN (G 139).**—In a consignment of stamps just received by the Colonial Stamp Market, we notice the following marginal plate-numbers:—

2c. brown	Plate No. 2.	(Sheet 0,053,612).
"	" No. 3.	( " 0,053,613).
5c. dark green	" No. 2.	( " 0,092,174).
10c. rose-red	" No. 1.	( " 0,072,172).
15c. lilac	" No. 14.	( " 0,730,431).
40c. olive-green	" No. 2.	( " 0,004,231).
50c. slate-green	" No. 2.	( " 0,013,618).
1 pes., magenta	" No. 2.	( " 0,019,505).

Apparently it is a case of the 15c. first and the rest nowhere.

**SUDAN (E 124).**—The 2 millème of the current set has been out of stock since March. Presumably it will be re-issued.

**TIMOR (B 142).**—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:—

Surcharged 5 avos	1886, 25, 200r.; 1894, 5, 25, 50r.
" 6 avos	—1886, 10, 300r.; 1894, 2½, 20r.
" 9 avos	—1886, 40, 100r.; 1894, 15, 75r.
" 15 avos	—1886, 20, 50r.; 1894, 10, 100, 300r.
" 22 avos	—1886, 80r.; 1894, 80, 200r.

**TRANSVAAL (S 138).**—We are informed that 3d. and 4d. values of the old set have been surcharged "E.R.L." The entire stock is rumoured to have been at once bought up by speculators.

The King Edward stamps are all issued in sheets of 240, divided by margins into four pages of 60, each 10 rows of 6. Plate-number 1 in black for all values.

*Postal fiscals.*—We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"Messrs. Sallo Epstein and Co. send us a set of the long, upright, rectangular fiscal stamps postmarked at Volksrust on various dates in March and April of this year and stated to have been used there for postage, as ordinary stamps were not obtainable. They are, of course, surcharged "V.R.L." in black. Our informants state that they have seen the 1d. and 6d. postmarked "Ngomo" and "Rustenburg" also. We saw in June, 1901, the 1d. of this type that had apparently been used in Rustenburg twelve months previously.

Fiscals used for Postage.	Overprinted V.R.L.
1d. pale blue.	1/ olive-green.
6d. rose-red.	1/6 brown.
	2/6 mauve.

**VICTORIA (S 141).**—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that the King Edward £2 stamp was to have been issued on May 10th. No information is forthcoming as to when the lower values will appear with Head of King Edward. Possibly they may come suddenly like the 'postage' issue, so that collectors would do well to ask for the Queen's Head set whilst it is still to be had.

**ZAMBESIA (B 142).**—The following is a list of the forthcoming provisionals:

Surcharged 65 reis	—1894, 10, 15, 20, 300r.
" 115 reis	—1894, 5, 25, 80r.
" 130 reis	—1894, 2½, 75, 150r.
" 400 reis	—1894, 50, 100, 200r.

### New Zealand Stamp Advertisements.

As promised last week, we now reproduce the list of stamp advertisements as it stands at the present date. The advertisements are found on stamps of nine values, 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-, all of the Queen's Head issue. Advertisements Nos. 25, 26, 30, 33, 38, 44, 48, 49, 56, 75, 82, 91, 92, 96 and 97 are now known on all values.

Excluding the 15 advertisements of which complete sets are known, the 83 which are still incomplete show the values in the following proportions:—

1d. ... 76	5d. ... 39
2d. ... 77	6d. ... 21
2½d. ... 76	8d. ... 51
3d. ... 50	1/- ... 58
4d. ... 30	

The list to date is as follows. The index numbers do not correspond with those of preceding lists:—

1. A good wite values Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d.
2. Ask for patent odourless Waterproofs, made in Wl'gton. All except 4d.
3. A slight cold; use at once Bonnington's Irish Moss. (Is this the same as No. 48?) 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
4. Beecham's Pills, the premier Medicine. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 1/-.
5. Beecham's Pills, the Leading Remedy. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.

6. Beecham's Pills for Sick Headache. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 1/-.
7. Beecham's Pills, Great Colonial Demand. 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d.
8. Beecham's Pills, Best Family Medicine. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d.
9. Beecham's Pills (?) 2½d., 6d.
10. Beecham's Pills invigorate the Nerves. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.
11. Beecham's Pills for Nervous Ills. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 1/-.
12. Beecham's Pills, worth a Guinea a box. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 8d., 1/-.
13. Beecham's Pills purify the blood. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 1/-.
14. Beecham's Pills, the world's medicine. 2d., 2½d., 3d., 1/-.
15. Beecham's Pills, for disordered liver. 1d., 2d., 3d.
16. Beecham's Pills, for constipation. 1d., 2½d., 3d.
17. Beecham's Pills, for impaired digestion. 1d., 2d., 3d., 5d., 1/-.
18. Beecham's Pills restore appetite. 1d., 2d., 2½d.
19. Beecham's Pills, for female complaints. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d.
20. Beecham's Pills stand unrivalled. 2d., 5d., 1/-.
21. Beecham's Cough Pills, for chest affections. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
22. Beecham's Tooth Paste. In tubes, 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 1/-.
23. Be fair; try Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
24. Be sure you ask for Poneke Potted Meats. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
25. Bonnington's Irish Moss Increases the Flexibility of the Voice. (All values).
26. Bonnington's Irish Moss will cure your Cough, as it has cured others. (All values).
27. Bonnington's Irish Moss, a prompt and effective remedy for all Lung Disorders. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d.
28. Brightness — Sunlight Soap — Everywhere. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 1/-.
29. Chemical Apparatus. Geo. W. Wilton, Chemist, Adelaide Road, Wellington. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 8d.
30. Crease's Essence of Coffee. (All values).
31. Crease's At Coffee. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 8d., 1/-.
32. Crease's Dandelion Coffee cures indigestion. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
33. Dodgshun's, the Leading Tweed Warehouse. (All values).
34. Dodgshun's are well up-to-date in Tweeds. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.
35. Don't let another wash day go by without trying Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
36. Don't worry, use Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d.
37. Every dose of Bonnington's Irish Moss is effective. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.
38. Flag Brand Pickles. (All values).
39. Flag Brand Sauce. 2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d.
40. For Asthma, use Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
41. For Bronchitis, take Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 1/-.
42. For Carpets and Floorecloths. W. Strange & Co., Christchurch. 2½d., 8d., 1/-.
43. For Complaints of Throat and Lungs, use Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d.
44. For delicate skins, use Sunlight Soap. (All values).
45. For Hosiery and Gloves, go or send to W. Strange & Co., Ch. Ch. 1d., 2½d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
46. For Household Drapery, go or send to W. Strange & Co. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 8d.
47. For Men's and Boys' Clothing. Go or send to Strange & Co. 2d., 2½d.
48. For slight Cold, use at once Bonnington's Irish Moss. (All values).
49. Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa. (Printed either horizontally or diagonally). (All values).
50. Gold Miners use only Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
51. Go or send to Strange & Co. for Dress and Silks. 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d.
52. Have mercy on those clothes. How? Use Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
53. If you use Sunlight Soap, you're right. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
54. Lace of all kinds washed by Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
55. Ladies use Sunlight Soap for washing the hair. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
56. Lattey, Lavermore & Co., Ltd., Wellington. Ask for their pure Indian and Ceylon Teas. (All values).
57. Lochhead's Perambulators are the best. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
58. Lochhead's Wertheim Sewing Machines are the best. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d.

59. Lochhead's Wertheim Sewing Machines. Branches everywhere. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 1/-.
60. Lochhead, sole agent, Middle Island, for Wertheim Sewing Machines. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 8d., 1/-.
61. Lochhead for Wertheim Sewing Machines, Head Office, Dunedin. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 1/-.
62. Lochhead for Wertheim Sewing Machines, Wholesale and Retail. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
63. Macbean Stewart's New Cure for Asthma, Diphtheria, Croup. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.
64. Makes home happy; Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
65. Mantles and Millinery, go or send to W. Strange & Co., Christchurch. 1d., 2d., 8d., 1/-.
66. Mothers use Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 8d., 1/-.
67. No chapped hands with Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
68. No dairy should be without Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
69. Poneke Beef Extract, the best and cheapest. All values.
70. Remember the name, Sunlight Soap, take no other. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d.
71. Salsaline, the great food Preservative. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
72. Search North, South, East or West. Sunlight Soap is the best. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 1/-.
73. Silver Miners use only Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
74. Singers and Public Speakers use Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
75. S. Myers & Co., Dentists, Christchurch; Nitrous Oxide Gas, Painless Extractions. (All values).
76. Stamp Beecham's Pills on your mind. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 1/-.
77. Stop that cough! Bonnington's Irish Moss will do it. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.
78. Stop that cough. Use Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
79. Sunlight Soap never disappoints. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 8d.
80. Sunlight Soap is unequalled for Hounds. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
81. Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 3d.
82. Sunlight Soap; less labour, greater comfort. (All values).
83. Sunlight Soap for the bath. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
84. Sunlight Soap saves golden hours. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 8d.
85. Sunlight Soap for washing dogs and prize poultry. 1d., 2d.
86. Sunlight Soap—Sunlight Soap (Sun in centre). 2d., 2½d., 8d.
87. 10 Gold Medals to Sunlight Soap. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
88. The cleansing properties of Sunlight Soap are wonderful. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d.
89. This space is reserved for Cadbury Bros. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.
90. To heal and strengthen the lungs; Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
91. To sustain the voice; use Bonnington's Irish Moss. (All values).
92. Truebridge, Miller & Reich, Wellington. Contractors for advertising on stamps and telegrams. (All values).
93. Try Beecham's Tooth Paste. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
94. Universal Specific for Colds, Bonnington's Irish Moss. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 8d., 1/-.
95. Use Bonnington's Irish Moss for Coughs and Colds. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 8d., 1/-.
96. Use Kaitangata Coal—Cheapest and Cleanest. (All values).
97. Use only Poneke Table Jelly. (All values).
98. Use the Best Soap—Sunlight. 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 1/-.

### New Issues.

THE result of the competition announced a month ago (*E.W.S.N.* No. 138) is that the prize goes to Mr. H. L. Bevir. The following countries head the list:—

- W New Zealand.
- U United States.
- S Transvaal, France, Victoria.

The winner's forecast was U, U, S. and Mr. J. H. Parry's, V, U, T. A consolation prize is sent to the latter.

### Answers to Correspondents:—

W.T.E.—The Lagos 4d. carnine of 1876 with watermark "Crown & CC." sideways was notified as long ago as *E.W.S.N.* No. 114. The Colonial Stamp Market is unable to say which shade of the 3d. violet St. Helena it used to sell.

H.C.H. and others.—We are much obliged for the cutting re Army Official Stamps, but we had already quoted it in *E.W.S.N.* No. 140.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	„ 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	„ 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	„ 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	„ Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	„ Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	„ New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	„ S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5 pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	„ unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastira	1	0/2½	0/3
234	„ Crete (Benigani), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	„ Crete (La Canea), 1 piastira	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.		Face Value.	Our Price
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602	„ 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603	„ 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606	„ 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607*	„ 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608*	„ 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611	„ 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614	„ 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615*	„ 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618	„ 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619	„ 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622	„ 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623	„ 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624	„ (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625	„ „ 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626	„ „ 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628	„ (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629	„ „ 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630	„ (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631*	Finland, 1onk. black	8/4	9/9
632*	„ Old rr. br. & or.	—	—
633	„ „ 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634	„ „ 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
638	„ 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639	„ 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641*	Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642*	„ 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643*	„ 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644*	„ 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647*	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648*	„ 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649	„ 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650	„ 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651	„ (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652	„ „ 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653	„ 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654	„ „ 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655	„ „ 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656	„ „ 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659	Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660	„ 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661	„ 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664	Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665	„ 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667	„ 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670	Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671	„ 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673	Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674*	„ 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675*	„ 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677*	Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678*	„ 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680	Montenegro, 1fl. green	1/8	—
681	„ 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683	Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684	„ 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685	„ 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687*	Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688*	„ 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690	Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691	„ 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693	Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694*	„ 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695*	„ 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697	San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698	„ 2 lire	—	—
699	„ 5 lire	—	—
702	Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706	Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707	„ 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708	„ 10p. orange</		

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Danish West Indies.  
Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.  
Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.

Holland. The 2½ and 5 guildens are now in stock.

Danish West Indies. 2c. on 3c., 4d.; pair showing both types of "1902," 1/10.

Paraguay, lithographed.  
1c. green, 1d.  
10c. carmine, 1½d.

Argentine Republic, official stamps.  
1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1/4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.  
1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " 3d.; " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
30h. " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

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1. Anjouan	12. *Martinique
2. Dahomey	13. Mayotte
3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18. *St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/3,
11. Ivory Coast	or 1/- each set.

Austrian Levant.  
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10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.  
Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."  
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Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11½, 4d.; block, 1/3.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 øre, set of 2, 1d.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40. 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur., per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN.—King Edward Stamps.

—The first half of 1902 has seen the issue of all the King's Head British Stamps, except the 10d. and £1. The list of earliest recorded dates of issue are as follows:—

½d. ..	27.12.01	5d. ..	15. 5.02
1d. ..	27.12.01	6d. ..	31.12.01
1½d. ..	26. 3.02	9d. ..	8. 4.02
2d. ..	26. 3.02	1/- ..	26. 3.02
2½d. ..	31.12.01	2/6 ..	7. 4.02
3d. ..	25. 3.02	5/- ..	18. 4.02
4d. ..	1. 4.02	10/- ..	8. 4.02

The 10d. and £1 required to complete the set were promised for July, and may therefore be expected any day, if not already issued.

Papermaker's Watermark (C 138).—We have seen several additional watermark letters, and the list now stands as follows:—

Queen's Head, ½d. E. Army Official, D; Bechuanaland Protectorate, E.  
5d. Levant, D.

King's Head, ½d. D.F. Army Official, E.  
1d. E. Army Official, D.  
1½d. D.E.  
2d. F.  
2½d. Levant, E.  
5d. E.

We should be glad to hear of additions to the above list.

Early Dates of Plate-numbers (L 138).—Mr. F. Grove Powell informs us that he has the 6d. plate 17, wmk. Spray, postmarked 10.6.80.

Official Stamps (Q 143).—We have seen the 2d. King's Head, O.W. Official, postmarked "Parliament Street, May 22nd, 1902."

Rumour states that these O.W. Official stamps (and possibly others) are coming into more extended use; details are however wanting at present. They are undoubtedly becoming much more common and we should advise collectors to be careful about purchasing them. Catalogue prices of 4/- and 2/6 for used specimens of the ½d. and 1d. Queen's Head are no longer justified, notwithstanding that they are shortly to be obsolete. We have also to record that a new setting of the overprint has been brought into use. We have seen the following varieties:—

- "O.W. Official" with two tall thin oblong stops. All values, this being the normal overprint.
- "O.W. Official" with two thick square stops. Queen's Head, 1d. lilac.
- "O.W. Official" with thick stop after O and thin after W. Queen's Head, ½d. vermilion, 1d. lilac.

Our earliest dated copies showing the variety (a) are: ½d. Manchester, 1.5.02; 1d. London, S.W., 28.5.02. Mr. J. J. Bernstein writes us on this subject:—"I enclose three 1d. O.W. Official stamps showing different types of dots after "O" and "W." No. 1 (our a) seems to be the normal; No. 2 (b), the scarcest of the varieties. Amongst a parcel of 76 copies, I find 69 No. 1, 1 No. 2 and 6 No. 3."

BARBADOS (H 140).—Mr. E. W. Williams has shown us two letters despatched from England to Barbados and franked with postage stamps of the latter colony.

- 1.—Franked with 2½d. 1892 type. Stamp post-marked "Witney, 17.11.96"; on back, "Barbados, 30.11.96."
- 2.—Franked with 1d. Jubilee type. Stamp post-marked "Melksham, 27.2.99"; on back, "Barbados, 20.3.99."

Can any reader explain this apparent mystery? The envelopes do not appear to have been tampered with and the postmarks are genuine. No surcharge was made on either and we think there can be no doubt the letters were franked in this way. The first letter took 13 and the second 21 days to reach its destination, the latter being no doubt posted too early for the fortnightly mail.

BOSNIA (F 141).—The new 20 heller, chronicled in E.W.S.N. of June 7th, is perf. 12½.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (B 106).—In E.W.S.N. of October 5th last we chronicled a set of Indian fiscal stamps, surcharged "British Somaliland." A similar overprint has now been applied to the current set of Indian postage stamps. We chronicle the following on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*:—

Adhesives. Overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines (1½mm. apart) in black, in sans-serif capitals, on current "Queen's Head" postage adhesives of India.

½ anna	pale green.
1 "	carmine.
2 annas	violet.
2½ "	blue.
3 "	brown-orange.
4 "	slate-green.
6 "	pale brown.
8 "	dull mauve.
12 "	brown on red.
1 rupee	carmine and green.
2 rupees	yellow-brown and carmine.
3 "	green and brown.
5 "	violet and ultramarine.

Official Adhesives. Similar overprint, wider apart, on Indian adhesives already surcharged "On H.M.S."

½ anna	pale green.
1 "	carmine.
2 annas	violet.
8 "	lilac.
1 rupee	carmine and green.

Hitherto ordinary Indian stamps have been in use and such may be distinguished by the postmark, a "B" surrounded by horizontal lines. Berbera, the chief town, is on the coast directly opposite to Aden. The Foreign Office has now taken over the Somali Coast from Indian control, hence the necessity for a distinct set of stamps. The case is so far parallel with that of Cyprus in 1878, and will not unlikely continue so, as no doubt the present surcharged set will be superseded in due course by one in the ordinary colonial design.

CRETE (G 137).—The *Philatelic Record* chronicles the 50 lepta with inverted overprint.

Adhesive. Surcharge inverted at top of stamp.  
50l. lilac.

GAMBIA (F 142).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following new stationery:—

Postcards. Stamp with Head of King Edward.  
1d. carmine on buff, 140×88mm.  
1d. 1d. carmine on buff, 140×89mm.

The reply card is perforated 4½.

GRENADA (D 142).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following additions to the list of King Edward stamps and stationery announced in E.W.S.N. No. 140.

Newspapers. Stamp same type as on the post cards (Head of King Edward).

½d.	green on chamois, 125×300mm.
1d.	carmine on chamois, 125×300mm.

Above the stamp are the usual five lines of instructions.

JAMAICA (E 134).—In going over the Colonial Stamp Market's stock of current stamps, we note that the 3d. value may be found in two very distinct shades of sage-green. The earlier is more like a dark olive-green, whilst the later shade is quite pale. We cannot say when the change was made, but believe a consignment despatched from Kingston in February was the last to contain the 3d. dark green, and that despatched on March 4th the first to have the 3d. in the pale sage-green.

In a consignment of stamps received on Monday, we note that the 1d. red and indigo Llandoverly Falls are all on a thinner paper than heretofore. We are somewhat at a loss to account for this, as the paper still bears the old "Crown and CC." watermark, and does not appear to differ in any other way.

The 1d. lilac and mauve of 1889 has been obsolete since 1901 and has not been reprinted since the pictorial 1d. appeared. The use for the "general" Jamaican plates has consequently fallen off, and we do not expect they will get beyond No. 4.

NEW ZEALAND (N 144, 143).—Advertisements (K 144, 143, 142).—Messrs. P. P. Wood and

F. Brewer send us the following additions to the list published last week:—

No. 1, 3d.; No. 2, 4d.; No. 14, 1d., 4d.; No. 15, 4d.; No. 17, 4d.; No. 20, 4d.; No. 23, 4d.; No. 28, 6d.; No. 36, 4d.; No. 45, 4d.; No. 46, 4d.; No. 47, 1d.; No. 50, 4d.; No. 53, 4d.; No. 59, 6d.; No. 60, 5d.; No. 70, 6d.; No. 71, 4d.; No. 72, 4d.; No. 77, 4d.; No. 83, 4d.; No. 85, 3d.; No. 86, 4d.; No. 87, 6d.; No. 88, 4d.; No. 98, 4d.

No. 2 may now be added to the growing list of advertisements which are to be found on all nine values. We should like to ascertain the period during which these advertisement stamps were in circulation. Will readers possessing post-marked specimens kindly send us a note of the earliest and latest date of each value? Who will be the first reader to discover an entirely new advertisement? It begins to look as if our list had attained completeness in this respect.

NORTHERN NIGERIA (C 133).—A correspondent in this colony informs us that the King Edward stamps arrived at Lokoja on May 28th. The values and colours are the same as in the Queen Victoria series. The date of issue had not at the time of writing been fixed.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward, Crown CA. 11.

½d.	lilac and green.
1d.	carmine.
2d.	yellow.
2½d.	blue.
5d.	brown, value on plain ground.
6d.	violet. " " "
1/-	green and black. " " "
2/6	blue. " " "
10	brown. " " "

All have value on lined ground, except the 5d. and 6d.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (O 143).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a new provisional just issued.

Adhesive. Overprinted in black.  
"Orange River Colony" on 1d. rose, Cape Colony (figure of Hope standing).

The earliest dated copy is postmarked Bloemfontein, June 6th. Colour varies in shade from pale to dark. Each sheet contains 240 stamps, divided by margins into four panes. On the margin at each corner of the sheet is the plate-number, that is to say, once to each pane. Some sheets have plate-number 1 and some No. 2. The variety "without stop after Colony" occurs on the 6th stamp of the 2nd row of the S.E. pane, a different position to that of the same variety on sheets of the similarly surcharged ½d. and 2½d. values (1st in 1st row of S.W. pane).

SPAIN (G 144).—In addition to the plate-numbers chronicled last week, we now have the following:—

20c.	grey, plate 1 (sheet No. 000.694).
"	" 21 " 000.697).

TRANSVAAL (T 144).—To the list of King's Head adhesive postage stamps we have now to add the following stationery.

Post Cards.  
½d. green on white, 140×89 mm.  
1d. carmine-rose on buff, 140×89 mm.

Letter Card.  
1d. carmine on pale blue, C. 140×89 mm.

Only 'specimen' copies have so far been seen. The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the inscriptions on the postcards are similar to those of Gambia, Grenada, etc., the stamps also being similar in design. The letter card is inscribed "Letter Card—(Arms)—Transvaal" and below, at bottom, "To open the letter card, tear off the edge at the perforation" and on the back, "If used for transmission abroad the additional postage required should be supplied by means of adhesive stamps."

Provisionals. 3d. and 4d. E.K.L.—From the same source we learn that these provisionals were issued at Pretoria on May 22nd, all being sold the first day. More will be printed.

Mr. A. H. Stamford points out an oversight on our part last week:—

"You are mistaken, I think, in stating in this week's *Stamp News*, in regard to the colour of the plate Nos. on the sheets of the new Transvaal stamps that the plate No. 1 is in black on all the values. It is in lilac on the 2/11 value."



**Die-Numbers of Envelope Stamps.**

EARLIEST AND LATEST DATES.

FROM 1855 to 1885, the majority of the embossed stamps struck on envelopes, letter-sheets, etc., were dated. The following list shows the earliest and latest dates yet recorded, and is thoroughly revised, many alterations having been made from the original lists published in *E.W.S.N.*, during December, 1900 and January, 1901.

ONE PENNY.		
TYPE I.		
Dies	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
1 to 1		
11, 12, 13		
21 to 23		
31, 33, 34		
43, 51		
53 to 87		
ISSUED UNDATED.		
Die 86ww	2.4.60	15.7.62
87ww	(not known dated).	
88ww	2.6.60	2.12.62
89ww	20.11.60	14.11.61
90ww	2.10.60	12.12.62
91ww	17.10.61	26.9.62
92ww	19.2.56	3.8.56
93ww	(not brought into use).	
94ww	8.4.58	23.1.60
95ww	20.7.59	22.11.62
96ww	1.11.59	30.7.60
97ww	14.4.59	21.8.60
98ww	(not brought into use).	
99ww	1.12.56	24.12.58
100ww	17.9.59	23.10.60
101ww	23.8.56	6.4.58
102ww	26.5.59	10.8.63
103ww	20.3.60	5.6.61
104ww	4.6.62	16.3.66
105ww	22.12.63	30.8.64
106ww	19.12.62	18.9.65
107ww	(not brought into use.)	
108ww	30.4.63	12.5.65
109ww	2.3.62	29.12.65
110ww	4.6.63	25.11.65
111ww	25.11.65	8.5.66
112ww	1.6.65	10.5.66
113ww	12.6.65	29.7.66
114ww	2.6.65	2.8.66
115ww	8.4.64	9.10.66
116ww to 139ww	(not brought into use).	
TYPE II.		
Die 140ww	29.8.66	16.8.67
141ww	5.10.66	30.4.67
142ww	25.7.66	14.6.67
143 and 144	(not brought into use).	
145ww	2.1.67	22.6.68
146ww	8.2.68	16.5.68
147ww	15.5.67	27.6.68
148ww	(not brought into use).	
149ww	15.9.67	9.1.69
150ww	9.7.68	10.11.69
151ww	4.9.68	26.8.71
152ww	38.8.68	13.11.71
153ww	10.11.68	8.10.70
154ww	2.7.69	23.4.72
155ww	4.1.71	20.12.72
156	20.1.71	21.12.72
157, 159, 160, 162 and 165	(not brought into use).	
158	6.10.71	22.7.73
161	21.12.71	8.10.73
163	10.8.72	9.2.74
164	10.3.73	31.5.73
166	26.3.73	27.2.74
167	30.7.73	30.3.75
168 to 179	(not brought into use).	
180	1.10.73	8.9.75
181	28.10.73	16.9.75
182	9.2.74	9.2.74
183	23.6.74	13.6.75
184	22.10.74	5.12.76
185	10.8.74	14.11.76
186	29.4.75	7.7.76
187	27.8.75	4.1.77
188	3.9.75	12.1.77
189	20.9.75	23.11.76
190	29.8.76	16.5.77
191	12.12.76	24.5.80
192	20.12.76	16.8.78
193	24.1.77	21.9.77
194	26.3.77	14.3.78
195	19.2.77	18.10.77
196	17.3.77	20.2.78
197	22.8.77	22.1.79
198	22.2.77	9.2.80
199 and 200	(not brought into use).	
201	29.11.77	20.1.79
202	22.3.78	17.10.78
203	10.8.78	23.1.80
204 to 206	(not brought into use).	
207	22.8.78	5.7.79
208	27.12.78	4.5.79
209	1.1.79	20.1.80
210	(not brought into use).	
211	14.2.79	25.10.80
212	18.2.79	10.11.80
213	24.10.79	24.10.79
214	21.2.79	18.12.79
215	2.5.79	31.8.80
216	23.1.80	18.10.80
217	7.2.79	9.4.81
218	15.3.80	29.8.81
219	3.8.80	10.1.81
220	30.12.80	19.4.83
221	12.1.81	21.11.82

222	26.2.82	16.10.82
223	30.9.81	29.6.82
224	18.10.80	2.1.81
225	20.2.82	20.2.82
226	21.2.82	9.4.83
227	25.1.83	26.2.85
228	9.7.83	1.4.84

TYPE II. undated.

We have only seen the following die numbers:— 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20 to 32, 34, 36. Also without die number, or with SH in place of die number.

THREE HALF PENCE.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
1ww pink	(specimen 2.4.60)	
1ww brown	9.7.72	7.11.73
2ww brown	19.4.75	20.1.86
3ww brown	11.2.87	14.5.90
5ww brown	1.11.90	16.3.92
5ww yellow	11.5.92	30.1.94
5ww	with 9 dot florets	
6ww	do.	
SH	do.	
9	with arrow heads	

TWO PENCE.

TWO PENCE.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
1, blue	originally issued undated.	
2, blue		
1, blue	27.2.63	18.10.81
2, blue	25.10.55	19.1.63
3, blue	9.2.82	20.1.86
5, blue	20.12.83	31.10.85
6, blue	24.10.87	1.3.92
6, lake	11.5.92	16.3.93
7, blue	18.11.89	14.4.91
7, lake	19.9.92	1.2.94
7, lake, 5 dot florets.		
7, lake, 9 dot florets.		
8, lake, 9 dot florets.		

Dies 3, 4, 5, were used during 1877 and 1878 for stamping the first registration envelopes, but are then distinguished by having a band round the upper part of the stamp inscribed "For Registration Only." Die 3 is known dated 81.10.81.

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY.

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
1, carmine	25.4.77	25.11.90
2, "	23.2.91	7.3.92
2, grey-blue	3.8.92	15.5.93
2, "	with 5 dot florets	
2, "	with 9 dot florets	
3, deep blue	with 9 dot florets	

THREE PENCE.

THREE PENCE.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
1, carmine	11.8.59	18.7.67
5?	12.2.68	27.5.74
6	26.4.75	15.11.92
7	22.11.92	5.10.93
"	with 5 dot florets	
"	with 9 dot florets	
8	with 9 dot florets	

FOUR PENCE.

FOUR PENCE.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
2 W.W.	25.4.63	8.6.78
1 W.W.	1.5.84	29.7.89
1 W.W.	4.12.80	16.3.93
1 W.W.	with 9 dot florets.	

SIX PENCE.

SIX PENCE.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
1 Used for Adhesive Stamps.		
2	13.5.61	12.8.87
3	17.9.85	22.9.85
4	2.9.85	15.10.85
5	17.12.86	22.9.87
6	21.2.87	21.2.87
7		
8	25.10.87	1.8.88
9	31.5.88	29.8.88
10	20.4.88	24.7.88
11	8.11.88	13.11.88
12	19.12.88	19.12.88
13	11.1.89	11.1.89
14	21.3.89	20.7.89
15	12.4.89	19.11.89
16	29.8.89	27.11.89
17	17.10.89	17.10.89
18	19.3.90	30.7.90
19	2.9.90	2.9.90
20	13.10.90	7.2.91
21	9.10.91	3.11.91
22	5.5.91	27.11.91
23	29.4.92	8.8.92
24	2.5.92	15.5.93
25	21.2.93	10.7.93
26	22.8.93	10.1.94
Dies 26, 27, 28, 29	9 dot florets.	
Dies 31 to 47	undated.	

TEN PENCE.

Dies 1, 2, 3, 4. Used for adhesives, 1847-54.  
Dies 5, 6 blue Undated. (Employed 1889-90).  
Dies 5, 7 red brown. " (Employed 1890-1901).

ONE SHILLING.

ONE SHILLING.		
Die	Earliest.	Latest.
11 Used for Adhesive Stamps.		
21		
3	8.11.64	1.2.72
4	6.2.72	24.10.72
5	27.11.69	14.3.74
6	11.5.75	31.5.78
7		
8	15.11.81	1.12.81
9	15.11.81	24.1.82
10	15.3.82	29.10.83
11	13.6.82	7.2.84
12	30.5.84	28.2.85
13	7.3.85	3.4.90
14	24.3.85	18.10.93
16	(undated).	

**The 4½d. Stamp of Great Britain.**

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(From the *Philatelic Record*).

COMPARATIVELY recently there was a good deal of correspondence in some of the *Philatelic Journals* about the discovery of varieties in this stamp.

As far as I have been able to discover, only four varieties have been mentioned.

These varieties are:—

- (a) 20th Stamp in lower left pane of a sheet. There is a small red dot between the 1 of ½ and the 4, in upper right "4½."
- (b) 20th Stamp in lower left pane of a sheet. There is a white hair line across the 1 of ½ in the upper right "4½."
- (c) 17th Stamp in upper left pane of a sheet. The upper right 4 appears broken.
- (d) 20th Stamp in upper left pane of a sheet. There is a small white dot below the eye on a level with the point of the nose.

Varieties "c" and "d" occur on the same sheet. Thus "a" "b" and "c" are in the print of the duty plate, and "d" in that of the "head" plate. I have seen no sheet where "c" exists without "d," or *vice versa*, nor where "d" exists with "a" or "b."

With a view of endeavouring to trace these minor varieties to particular plates I turned to Messrs. Wright & Creeke's work on the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles and found mention of three pairs of plates being used for this value, and rather jumped to the conclusion that "a" would be found with one pair, "b" with another, and "c" and "d" with the third. This calculation was, however, soon upset by sheets being mentioned in the journals showing no variety at all, which pointed either to these varieties being the results of injury or wear to previously perfect plates, or to the existence of a fourth duty plate. I am now able to give authentic details concerning the setting up and printing of these stamps, which I feel sure will be welcomed by Philatelists, more especially as they go far to prevent these varieties creeping into the ever-growing list of errors.

For the manufacture of these stamps only two "head" plates were constructed, and these have been used throughout the whole issue. They are each of 160 set, i.e., eight panes of 20.

There have been three complete "duty" plates constructed, each in 8 sections of 20. Of these sections, Nos. 1 to 16, i.e., two complete plates, were put to press with the above-mentioned head plates on August 12, 1892.

As these sections became worn they were replaced by new ones which were brought into use on the following dates:—

Section 17	...	July 6th, 1894.
" 18	...	March 7th, 1895.
" 19	...	March 13th, 1895.
" 20	...	January 30th, 1896.
" 21	...	December 15th, 1896.
" 22	...	" "
" 23	...	" "
" 24	...	Was never used.

As far as can be ascertained, none of the sections and neither of the head plates show any sign of the varieties above noted.

If, as I am assured, these varieties are incidental to the printing, it does seem surprising that no other varieties have been recorded in this or any other value in the "Jubilee Issue," and not even in this value till it has been in issue over nine years! And further, that a speck of dust or a hair on the plate, or a small lump of pigment in the ink should remain on the plate until at least six impressions have been taken, for I have seen six sheets showing varieties "c" and "d," and I don't doubt that others have seen as many, if not more, showing "a" or "b."

Were my information derived from a source which I could in any way doubt, I should still hold to the opinion that the varieties were due to some slight defects in the plates, but I am bound in the face of it to regard the varieties as incidental to the printing, and therefore of no true Philatelic interest.

[We take the liberty of suggesting that an expert philatelist would find traces of the defects on the plates, although others might easily overlook them. Many more sheets than Mr. Chance mentions are known to show the defects, and they were purchased all over the country.—*Ed. E.W.S.N.*]

**Answers to Correspondents.**

H.T. (Penzance.)—All letters from the Transvaal and Orange River Colony bear Censor marks (or did until quite recently.)

W.H.E.—We cannot understand why the Transvaal "Official paid" mark should be headed "E [Arms, 1]" only. Is the "9" at the foot an "R"? Or perhaps the 1 is a broken "R"?

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" " 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" " 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" " Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" " Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	2/8
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75. ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" " New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" " Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price.
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres	1/4	1/7
747 " " 20 piastres	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750* Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " " 10fr.	—	—
759 " " 25fr.	—	—
760 " " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres	—	—
769 " " 20 piastres	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi-bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781* German East Africa, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782* " " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1
783* " " 3 rupees	4/0	4/8
784* German New Guinea, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
786* Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
787* Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
788* China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
789* Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
790* Levant, 10 piastres	—	—
791* " " 15 piastres	—	—
792* Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
793 Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0
795* " " 1 " "	1/0	1/2
796* " " 2 " "	2/0	2/4
797* " " 3 " "	3/0	3/6
798* " " 4 " "	4/0	5/10
799* Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
800, Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10

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	5dr. gr.&blk	4/3
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Sets, 1 4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

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1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
3h. " " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " " 3d.; " 10d.  
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6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
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Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

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Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
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1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

## Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

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5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 öre, set of 2, 1d.

## German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

## Greece, old issues, imperforate.

40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.

## Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40, 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

## Hungary, new issue.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

## Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

## Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

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## Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Limited.

READERS of *E.W.S.N.* will, we feel sure, be interested to hear that Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market was formed into a Limited Liability Company on July 4th of last week. Although this branch of our publisher's business only originated in November, 1899, it has already become so widely popular amongst collectors and dealers throughout the world as to encourage further efforts in the way of obtaining for them all current Colonial stamps at the lowest possible rates and towards the improvement of the already very successful "new issue" service. At the same time, it was thought that clients might like to have a small financial interest in the Colonial Stamp Market, and since our publisher takes practically the whole of the share capital, it has been decided to extend an opportunity of sharing in the profits of the Company to collectors generally by means of an issue of debentures which will not only bear interest at a liberal rate, but will be redeemable at a handsome profit to the purchaser in ten years' time, or less.

For further particulars we refer our readers to the accompanying prospectus, which also enumerates the privileges which will be accorded to the debenture holders. We would advise intending subscribers not to delay in sending in their applications, as at the utmost not more than 500 of our clients can participate in the full benefits conferred on debenture holders. It will be noticed that the Company has fixed the minimum subscription very low. This has been done in order to give all clients an equal opportunity of placing their names on our privileged lists.

With regard to the future of the *Weekly Stamp News*, we may say at once that we have many improvements in mind, but shall not give particulars in advance. It may be hinted, however, that the present eight pages will be increased to twelve, and readers may expect to see more illustrations in future; hitherto there has not been room for them. We hope that readers will do their best to help us in return by recommending to their friends the "only weekly philatelic journal published in Europe"; it takes a large circulation to make it pay.

The staff of Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Limited, will be considerably larger than that of the old firm, so that clients may rely on prompt attention to their orders and enquiries. Their kind indulgence is however claimed during the period of transition.

## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of *E.W.S.N.* in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (D 145).—We are informed that the 10d. stamps have now been issued, but cannot obtain confirmation.

Adhesive.—Head of King Edward.  
10d. purple and carmine.

Mr. A. F. Clarke tells us that an official notice has been published to the effect that "the new 10d. stamps shortly to be issued are printed in sheets of 96 (value £4), instead of in sheets of 80 (value £3 6s. 8d.)."

**Fiscal Stamps** (G 144).—We have seen the King Edward 4d. "Judicature Fees" stamp. Although, like the 6d. "Foreign Bill," it is presumably printed from the unappropriated plate, it differs in design from the higher value, so that we may expect the unappropriated series to be no longer uniform in design.

Judicature Fees, Head of King Edward.  
4d. lilac and green, wmk. orb., perf. 14.

The Head of King Edward is within a circle, surmounted by a crown. At either side is the value in words "Fourpence" and immediately below, at each side, "4d." The lower portion of the stamp, intended to receive the overprint, is ruled off.

**Official Stamps** (R 145).—A correspondent sends us a copy of the 1d. King's Head "Army Official," in which the surcharge is clearly "OFFICIAL." Although the first "C" is only a broken "O," the break is so neat as to form an almost perfect C. We are unable to say if the variety occurs on all the sheets.

Mr. F. J. Rolt sends us a specimen of the current 1d. stamp overprinted "CA." in large block capitals, in black, and informs us that it is used by the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Only unused copies have been seen, and we should think the use of the stamps is probably limited to fiscal purposes, such as stamping receipts.

**ANTIOQUIA** (H 143).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* chronicles a complete new set of stamps for this Colombian Province. The postage adhesives are in four different types:—

- With large figure in Centre, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4c.
- With Arms in centre, 5c.
- With Portrait of Sr. Girardot, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50c.
- With Portrait of Dr. J. Felix de Restrepo, 1, 2, 5p.

The 2½c. Retardo is in type (a). The 10c. Registration is oblong, with a large "R" in the centre. The 5c. A.R. is diamond-shaped and has a large "A.R." All the stamps are lithographed in sheets of 50 stamps (10 rows of 5) and bear the imprint "LIT. J. L. ARANGO, MEDELLIN." The impression is sometimes very indistinct.

Postage Adhesives. Perf. 12½.

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1c. rose.        | 20c. pale green.         |
| 2c. blue.        | 30c. rose.               |
| 2½c. mauve.      | 40c. pale blue.          |
| 3c. pale green.  | 50c. brown on yellow.    |
| 4c. purple.      | 1p. black and mauve.     |
| 5c. red.         | 2p. black and rose.      |
| 10c. lilac-rose. | 5p. black and dull blue. |

Acknowledgment of Receipt. 5c. black on rose.

Registration Adhesive. 10c. mauve on grey blue.

Too Late Adhesive. 2½c. violet.

An error occurs in the sheets of the 2 centavos. The 40th place is occupied by a 3c. stamp.

Error. 3c. blue.

**BRITISH GUIANA** (R 140).—*The \$1 green and black of 1889.*—Mr. J. W. Dorman, of Demerara, writes us:—

"Referring to the article on the \$1 black and green, 1889, of B. Guiana, in your issue of 3rd May last, being the person to whom the letter from the Commissioner of stamps was addressed, it may be interesting to you to know that your remarks are quite correct. As a matter of fact I understand that these stamps were used in considerable numbers in the Registrar's office, etc., where they were attached to deeds and cancelled, but not sold to the public unused. I arrived in the Colony in July, 1889, and though I think all the 1, 2, and red 2 cents (Nos. 134, 135, 151), were sold out before that, the three cents to 72 cents were not issued until the middle of 1890 and I do not think the dollar series were allowed to be used postally until the latter were issued. This would account for the expression 'issued to the public.' In 1890 I was informed by a friend that very few of these stamps were available and I then purchased 14 all that remained in the Post Office, and since that I have purchased all that I could lay my hands on in the Colony at prices varying from 40/- to 60/- each and during the past 12 years have only succeeded in getting some 40 in addition to the 14 and some 8 or 10 I previously had, of these I have given away or exchanged some 20-25, and now hold about 40."

**DUTCH INDIES** (E 144).—The 2½c. provisional chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of June 28th is stated by the *Postzegelnieuws* to have been issued in Soerabaya on May 15th. A few days later, a ½c. provisional was to have followed.

Adhesives.—½ on 2c. brown.  
2½ on 3c. violet.

These are the result of alterations in the tariff for printed matter. On August 1st, the whole new series of stamps is to be brought into use.

**FIJI ISLANDS** (D 142).—In a consignment of stamps just received from Suva by the Colonial Stamp Market, we notice that both the ½d. and

1d. are on paper watermarked "New South Wales Government" (see *E.W.S.N.* of June 14th), the former being perf. 11, and the latter the new gauge 11×11½. The 4d. (perf. 11×11½) is on Sanderson paper; the 2d. (perf. 11), 6d. (perf. 11×11½), and 1/- (perf. 11×12), on paper with ornamental watermark; the 2½d. (perf. 11×11½) and 5d. (perf. 11×10) on unwatermarked paper (probably, but blocks received are not large enough to be certain).

**FRANCE** (F 143).—We have now received the 10c. in the modified type, similar to the 20c. and 30c. already issued.

Adhesive. Figures "10" on detached shield.  
10c. carmine, perf. 14×13½.

Our earliest dated copy is postmarked Paris, July 4th.

**GAMBIA** (G 145).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new King Edward stamps, all values up to the 2/- being now issued. Each sheet consists of 120 stamps, divided by a vertical margin into two panes of 60, and at each corner of the sheet is the plate-number 1. The stamps are still of the "Postage—Postage" series, and are distinctly handsome in appearance. Our earliest dated copies are postmarked "Bathurst, June 14th, 1902."

**GRENADA** (E 145).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new King Edward stamps and we note that each contains 120 stamps, divided by a vertical margin into two panes of 60. The plate-number 1 appears at each corner of the sheet. Messrs. De la Rue and Co. have made at least three new 'general' plates, namely:—

Postage.—Postage. Plate 1, 120 stamps.  
Postage—Revenue. Plate 1, 120 stamps.  
" Plate 2, 240 stamps.

This would seem to indicate that these "general" plates are to come into more extended use. It will no longer be possible to get any stamp in a complete series of plate-numbers. The 3 and 8 cents Straits Settlements are, for instance, printed in sheets of 240, and will we suppose always have plate 2 until it is worn out, and will never be obtainable with plate-number 1.

Although the new Grenada stamps were not to be issued to the public till June 25th (we have as yet no advice as to whether this took place), we are informed that supplies were allowed to be despatched from the Colony by the European mail leaving June 20th, and by the New York mail of June 21st. All letters leaving by these mails were franked with "Queen's Head" stamps as usual.

**MALTA** (H 142).—The Colonial Stamp Market has just shown us the new provisional, 1d. on 2½d. blue. An error occurs, surcharged "One Penny." Further particulars will be given next week.

**NEW HEBRIDES** (C 134).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of the 1d. and 2d. stamps issued by the Australasian New Hebrides Company for Inter-island postage in the Pacific. Each sheet contains 120 stamps in 12 rows of 10, and is inscribed (mutatis mutandis) along the top margin, "Australasian New Hebrides Company, Limited, Inter-island Postage. Price: 2d. per label, 2s. per row of 12, 20s. per sheet of 120." The stamps are of the nature of private locals and properly cancelled copies must be rare. Although still on sale, we believe the stamps are no longer in actual use. At the upper left-hand corner of each sheet is a consecutive number in black; in the cases under notice, 1d. "1,253," 2d. "0,165."

**NEW ZEALAND** (Y 145).—Mr. H. Bolitho states in the *Montreal Philatelist* that the 1d., no wmk., has been issued with compound perforation.

Adhesive. Perf. 11×14.  
1d. rose, no wmk. (Cowan & Co.'s paper).

Advertisements (L 143).—We have seen advertisement No. 86 on the 1d. value.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (P 145).—Mr. H. Rudd, of Capetown, states in the *Montreal Philatelist* that the surcharge on the 1d. Cape stamps, as also that on the Cape post cards, has been done by a local firm of printers, Messrs. W. A. Richards & Co.





# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25ll.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75. ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
605 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	1/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641* Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642* " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643* " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644* " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670 Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671 " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674* " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fl. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717* Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718* " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

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| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia           |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                 |
| 6. Grand Comore  | 17. Réunion                 |
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward Stamps* (E 146).—Just after going to press last week we received definite information of the issue of the new 10d. stamp. Mr. H. K. Marsden notes the earliest date, July 4th, on which day the Queen's Road, Bayswater, Post Office first issued its supply. The chief alteration, apart from the head, is the removal of "Postage" from above the head, the whole inscription "Postage and Revenue" now being together. The rectangle containing the head and inscription has been rounded at the upper corners. Mr. S. C. Pearce mentions a copy postmarked Birmingham, July 11th. As late as July 9th the new stamp does not appear to have made its appearance in the city; on that day, even at the G.P.O., our representative was assured the 10d. King's Head had not been issued.

**BRITISH NEW GUINEA** (K 144).—The *Australian Philatelist* states that this Colony has now been amalgamated with the Australian Commonwealth, but that as the postal regulations of the latter provide "that no interchangeable stamp or issue of stamps which can be used indiscriminately in any of the States can be issued until the end of the 'book-keeping' period, the said period being five years from the date of the inauguration of the Commonwealth," consequently British New Guinea will, in common with the other States, continue issuing separate stamps for 3½ years more yet.

**COLOMBIA** (D 138).—Stamp matters in Colombia just now are somewhat uncertain and the following letter, communicated by Mr. A. T. Nelson, of Boise, Idaho, to *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*, seems to threaten more trouble for stamp collectors. Mr. Nelson says: "A correspondent wrote me from Bogota under date February 5th last, that the Postmaster there just told him that no new issues would be printed for some time, and that the intention was to use up all the old issues on hand by surcharging on them new values as required. He says also that he purchased the last twenty-five of the 1c. red on yellow, on hand at the Bogota Post Office and was told that no more would be issued. The letter of Mr. Simon, my correspondent, which was registered and inspected by the Censor at Bogota, was mailed on February 7th, reached Barranquilla, a seaport, on March 12th, and New York City on April 1st. Mr. Simons also informs me that the River Mail Envelopes, Scott E2, is no longer sold. He sends the 5c. red on white paper, plainly laid, a variety evidently not known to the cataloguers."

**COSTA RICA** (E131).—*Telegraphs*.—The *Revue Philatèlique Belge* states that the 20c. red of 1892 has been overprinted "Telegrafo" in capitals, in black. This appears to be Costa Rica's first telegraph stamp and unless one of a series, we fail to see what use it can be.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (L 142).—Mr. Frank P. Brown, an enterprising American Collector, recently made a trip to the Danish West Indies and Martinique and is reported by the *Weekly Philatelic Era* to have secured a sheet of 100 of the recent 2c. on 3c. provisional in the old perforation.

*Adhesive.* 2c. on 3c., perf. 14 × 13½.

The 2c. on 3c. and 8c. on 10c. provisionals hitherto met with have had the new perforation 12½ or 12½, 13. From a careful investigation Mr. Brown is led to believe that only three or four sheets of 100 stamps each, with the old perforation, were surcharged.

We take the following account of Mr. Brown's experiences from our American Contemporary, but we could wish it were a little less incoherent in places.

"Mr. Frank P. Brown, the Boston dealer, has just returned from a business and pleasure trip to the West Indies. Among other places he

visited St. Thomas, St. Kitts and Fort de France, Martinique. He visited St. Pierre, May 25th, four days after the second eruption, coming on the steamer Fontabelle from New York, which carried the relief supplies sent by the New York Chamber of Commerce and the National Relief Association, in charge of Mr. C. B. Corwin. My space does not permit me to mention many things of a non-philatelic character which Mr. Brown saw. A few days later he sailed for St. Thomas, where he spent several days in search of stamps and in which he was highly successful. Among other things he secured some of the scarce 2c. on 3c. old shade, perf. 13½, and obtained the following history of the recent provisionals.

On Dec. 10th, 1902, came an order for 2c. stamps, made necessary by the proposed reduction of local postage to 2c. on Jan. 1st, 1902. The only printer in St. Thomas, Leroy Nolte, set up the type and took a proof and showed same to Postmaster for approval. This proof showed the date current year 1901; there were only two of these. The error was noticed by the Postmaster and order given to make it 1902, but in order to keep the postal accounts straight, these sheets [what sheets?—Ed. E.W.S.N.] were put into stock and sold. Mr. Brown, however, was unable to locate any number of unused. This error is evidently a bona fide one and not made to order by some one for his own private purse.

Mr. Brown has obtained another stamp, although he does not consider it of any very great philatelic value. It is the 10c. 1895, surcharged on the 1c. lilac and green instead of on the 50c. This is really more of an error or trial print rather than a postage stamp, as it clearly would be absurd to surcharge a value up. Probably the best stamp, philatelically speaking, brought back by Mr. Brown is a sheet of 2c. on 3c., surcharged on the old shade 3c. and perf. 13½. This stamp has never before been chronicled.

It came about in this way. When the new perforated 3c. were received in 1898, only seven sheets of old 3c. were on hand; the new lot was put on top and therefore the seven sheets remained untouched until some time in March, 1902, when the second printing of 2c. on 3c. was made, at this time they cleared up the entire stock of 3c., 300 sheets being printed 2c. This lot included either three or four sheets of old 3c., the rest of the seven sheets being sold as 3c.

He found great difficulty in purchasing stamps of the post office as, in spite of an annual revenue of \$8,000 and a postal expense of \$16,748, thus showing a deficit of over \$8,000, the Postmaster has returned over \$5,000 in actual cash received from stamp dealers, as he considers a post office should be run for the postal requirements rather than a stamp shop. Considering the above deficit it seems rather unbusinesslike, but against this the Postmaster says that they have only sufficient stamps for actual postal uses, it would be injudicious to sell out entirely. The present stamp is sufficient to carry the office along until the sale of the islands is decided. At any event no more stamps of the present values will be made, as owing to the reduction of local postage to 2c. and foreign to 8c. these values will be the only ones required."

**DJIBOUTI** (K143).—M. Forbin informs the *Revue Philatèlique Belge* of the following new provisional.

*Adhesive.*

"10 CENTIMES DE DJIBOUTI" in black on 2 fr. violet and orange of Obock.

**FRANCE** (U146).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the new 10c. was first issued on June 18th. The 5c. green now has millésime 2. There is only one millésime on each sheet of 150. between the two top panes.

**JUMMOO-CASHMIR** (A).—*Telegraphs*.—The *Revue Philatèlique Belge* chronicles the 8 annas telegraph stamp in yellow and blue, instead of yellow as formerly. Cashmir issued two sets of telegraph stamps in 1884, one in colour and the other in black, the latter being for official use. This first issue is still in use.

**MALTA** (I 146).—Just as we went to press last week we received the 1d. on 2½d. provisional, the issue of which had been forshadowed for some time.

*Adhesive.* Surcharge in black, in two lines.  
"One Penny" on 2½d. blue.  
Error, "One Penny" on 2½d. blue.

The error occurs on the second stamp of the 9th row of each pane of 60. The sheets of 240 are cut in halves before issue, and are presumably printed one pane at a time.

The error was discovered almost at once by the postal authorities and we are informed by a Malta correspondent that the sheets are now sold without the two last rows. If the errors so removed are destroyed, it will probably be found that but very few examples have come into the hands of collectors.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (Q 143).—The *Australian Philatelist* states that the chalk-surfaced paper now in use is obtained from England ready gummed, whereas the old paper was not gummed until after it had been printed.

*Post Card*.—From the same source we learn that a provisional printing of the 1d. post card has been made on thick white card of poor quality, the supply of the usual card having run out.

**NEW ZEALAND** (Z 146).—*Stamp Booklets*.—The Secretary to the General Post Office, Wellington, New Zealand, has been good enough to write us as follows:—

I notice from your *Weekly Stamp News* of the 19th April last that you appear to be in some doubt about New Zealand issuing stamps in booklets. In case the information is of value, I may mention that these booklets were first issued in New Zealand, on the 29th March, 1901. The booklets are composed of twelve and thirty 1d. stamps respectively. So far, stamps torn from the tops and bottoms of fully-perforated sheets have been used for binding into the covers, but a new plate has been obtained from which the Government Printer will shortly be able to print the stamps in blocks of six.

*Advertisements* (M146).—We have been notified of the following additions to our list by Messrs. J. H. Chapman, W. Wheatcroft, and L. Bruce.

35 4d.; 42 4d.; 45 3d.; 79 5d.

Very few early and late dates have been submitted so our list is at present very incomplete.

(a) Perf. 11½. Earliest. Latest.

5d. olive-black — —

1/- brown-red 5.2.94 —

(b) Perf. 10.

1d. 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. — —

2½d. blue — 1.93. — 12.94.

For these dates we are indebted to Messrs. Camroux and Grocott.

*Sheet Numbers*.—The Secretary to the G. P. O. has also kindly made enquiries for us respecting the consecutive numbers on the sheets of paper used in printing the various stamps. The Government Printer states that "no record is kept in this office of the numbers upon the top right-hand corner of sheets of stamps, as we attach no importance to them; they are meaningless. Perforations will vary for some time until the old machines are refitted with teeth of the same fineness as those upon the new." Subsequently the Government Printer stated that the numbered sheets are also used for printing Beer Duty Stamps and Postal Notes, which would account for considerable gaps in the series of numbers of sheets of postage stamps.

Presumably, therefore, the numbers are placed on the sheets of paper for the benefit of the store-keeper who has charge of the paper. The numbering must have some *raison d'être*, as the paper manufacturers would make an extra charge for doing it. If our assumption is correct—and it seems as likely as any other—we may take it that the sheets are issued to the printer in numerical order, but are not necessarily used by him in such order, although no doubt the variation would be slight. We think the numbers have considerable philatelic importance as they assist in fixing the approximate date and order of printing, or would do so if the store-keeper's warrants were available for examination.

So far as the new single-lined N.Z. paper is concerned, we have the following evidence:—

Sheet No. 525. 1d. (Received June).

" No. 1919. 1d. ( " " ).

" Nos. 11402, 11403. ½d. (Received July).

" No. 12584. ½d. (Received June).

" No. 34353. 1d. (Received July).



This certainly looks as if the new paper was being issued and used in order from sheet No. 1 onward. There are at least four other qualities of paper at present (or recently) in use, namely:

- i.—Single-lined N.Z. and Star wide. Used for New Zealand Queen's Head issue, Unpaid Letter Stamps, Life Insurance, Stamp Duty, etc., and for Cook Islands stamps. Highest number yet seen, 487, 66\* (on 2/6 counterpart error).
  - ii.—Waterlow paper, double-lined N.Z. and Star. Used for New Zealand pictorial ½d., 1d., 1½d. and 2d., and for 1900 printings of ½d. and 2d. Queen's Head. Highest number yet seen, 507406 (on ½d. green, perf. 14×11).
  - iii.—Unwatermarked paper. Used for pictorial issue, values over 2d. Unnumbered?
  - iv.—Similar to ii., but cream-coloured. Used for Cook Islands stamps. Highest number yet seen, 32519 (Cook Islands, 6d., perf. 11).
- Of these papers, i. is very old, dating back to early in 1874, since when it has been in constant use. Since 1894 we have evidence of two supplies, the first numbered with figures 8mm. high and the second (current) with figures of 4½mm. Of the first, our highest number is 503961 (8d. Queen's Head, perf. 11). Paper ii. only dates back to 1900 and there has been only one series, possibly now exhausted. Paper iii. also dates back to 1900, whilst paper iv. has not been traced to an earlier year.

**NIUE (G 140).**—Mr. Fred Baxter sends us a cutting from the *New Zealand Graphic* to the effect that a sheet of 1d. stamps has been found with inverted "Niue" overprint. We chronicle this with reserve.

**NORTHERN NIGERIA (D 145).**—In connection with the notice in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 145, respecting the issue of King Edward stamps, it is now stated that the Queen's Head stock has been destroyed. A correspondent writes:—"A friend of mine here has shown me a copy of an official letter, in which it is stated positively that all Queen's Head stamps have been destroyed, by order; presumably to make way for the King's Heads."

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (Q 146).**—It appears that a printing of the new 1d. stamps was also made from the old setting of "Orange River Colony." Messrs. N. Yaar & Co. state that in their first supply, despatched from Bloemfontein on June 4th, the dotless variety occurred on the 1st stamp in the 1st row of the S.W. pane, pl. no. 1. Sheets posted ten days later showed the error, as described by us, on the sixth stamp in the second row of the S.E. pane.

Mr. C. J. Daun informs us that he has the 6d. blue with inverted 1 for letter I. We have already chronicled the 1d., 3d., and 4d. on 6d.

**PANAMA CANAL (A).**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is suggesting the likelihood of an issue of stamps in connection with the Panama Canal. We suppose during the course of construction ordinary United States stamps will be used; it seems rather early to be talking of a special issue.

**SEYCHELLES (I 146).**—The *London Philatelist* notes some minor varieties in the recent provisional issue.

- (a). Narrow figure 5. First stamp in 4th row. 45c. on 2r. 25c.
- (b). Tall narrow "0." Last stamp in 3rd row and 2nd, 3rd and 4th stamps of the last line. Both 30c. Provisionals.

**TONGA (A).**—*Minor variety.*—Mr. Hambly, of Melbourne, informs the *Australian Philatelist* that he has the 7½d. on 2d. blue, G.F.B., without the "d" after 7½d.

**TRANSVAAL (U 145).**—Mr. G. A. Wiehahn has kindly sent us copy of a Registration Envelope with new surcharge.

*Registration Envelope.* Overprint E.R.I. in black measuring 11 mm. instead of 12½. 4d. olive (225×110mm).

The envelope with the letters of the surcharge closer together came into use about the beginning of June, the specimen submitted being dated Pretoria, 11.6.02.

*Telegraphs.*—The *Revue Philatèlique Belge* states that the postage stamps of 1896-97, values, 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- on 2/6 and 2/6 have been overprinted "Transvaal Telegraphs."

**UNITED STATES (V 142).**—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* learns that an addition is to be made to the list of postal stationery in the shape of a 4 cents wrapper. The design will be after the style of the 1c. and 2c., and will probably be printed in brown.

*Plate Numbers (D 127).*—Our last list of plate-numbers left off with No. 1318. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* publishes a list of recent additions, which we take the liberty of reproducing. It begins with No. 1329. Can any reader say what the 10 intervening plates were?

Plate Nos. 1319 to 1328.	?
" 1329 to 1331.	1c. Ordinary.
" 1332 to 1339.	?
" 1340 to 1343.	1c. Ordinary.
" 1344 to 1375.	2c. Ordinary.
" 1376 to 1379.	1c. Ordinary.
" 1380 to 1385.	2c. Ordinary.

**VICTORIA (T 144).**—Mr. G. D. Weeks, Jr., of New York, has shown a correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* the 1/- and 5/- of the rare "no postage" issue without watermark. We suppose they must be from the edge of a sheet.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us part of a sheet of the £2 King Edward stamp, issued at last after over a year's delay.

*Adhesive.* Head of King Edward.

£2 dark blue, wmk. V and Crown sideways, perf. 12½.

Each sheet has 10 stamps in a horizontal row; the number of rows we are unable to say, at least four and presumably five or six. Mr. A. H. Stamford informs us that the £2 stamp was issued on June 2nd.

**ZANZIBAR (D 123).**—It is now stated that the rumour current last Christmas to the effect that Zanzibar was to be ceded to Germany is without foundation, and that there is no present likelihood of Zanzibar stamps being changed.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. H. S. Hudson writes:—

"On looking through several bundles of old English stamps dating from 1840 to 1845, I found several red Pennies obliterated with a Maltese Cross with numbers in the centre (London offices). This cancellation, I believe, is supposed only to have been in use from May, 1843, to May, 1844. Amongst these stamps I found one on the original cover obliterated with a cross and the number 5 in the centre. The back of the cover is stamped with a date stamp in black, the date of which is beyond doubt March 28th, 1843. There is no other date stamp on the cover. This stamp on the original cover proves beyond doubt that this particular obliteration was used before May, 1843, which is the date given in all catalogues, books, etc., on British stamps and postmarks. Another point of interest on the same cover is an obliteration in red on the front of the cover above the address, this reads Fleet Street, W.C. Does not this show that "No. 5" is the number used in the Maltese Cross obliteration on all stamps posted at Fleet St. Post Office between the years 1843 and 1844?"

[The date May, 1843, in our catalogue of British Stamps and Postmarks is a printer's error for March, 1843, and attention has been drawn to same several times in *E.W.S.N.*, and its predecessor, *Ewen's Weekly Circular*.

We have the No. 5 Maltese Cross on a letter dated March 25th, but there is no evidence to show where the letter was posted.

With regard to our correspondent's last paragraph, we believe it is generally accepted by postmark collectors that these numbered Maltese Cross postmarks were employed solely at the G.P.O., each stamper having his own number. In a large correspondence, which is known to have been posted always at the same City office and at the same time, it will be found that the stamps are cancelled with different numbers. It is not unlikely that to one of the stampers was assigned the duty of checking the weight of all letters franked with more than 1d. No other theory seems to account for the preponderance of 2d. blues with Maltese Cross No. 12.—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*

Mr. L. Bruce writes:—

"I have a Cyprus 2 piastres, CA., 1882 issue, in absolutely the same colour as the CC. issue, that is to say, blue instead of ultramarine."

Mr. J. Richardson Yates writes:—

"On looking over my duplicate I.R. Official stamps, I find two distinct stampings of the surcharge on the ½d. red and 1d. lilac. From what I can gather I take it that up to about 1889, these stamps were surcharged with a stamp or machine having thin letters, and after that date they are distinctly thicker and broader, though the word 'Official' does not take up any more space. The letters themselves are thicker, but the word itself does not seem to be any wider in consequence. I shall be glad to hear if you have noticed this. Stanley Gibbons just give one specimen of surcharging for these stamps."

[Ewen's *Standard Catalogue of the Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom* states, on page 93, that "since 1893 the surcharge of the ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 1/- values has been of slightly thicker type."—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*]

Mr. F. Baxter writes:—

"Old issue of New Zealand stamps are every

now and again turning up out of some recess where letters have been hidden for years. A little while ago an Auckland gentleman discovered he had in his possession twenty envelopes containing letters of thirty years ago. The fact that they had been so carefully put away would lead to the presumption that they were love letters. He, however, took the envelopes to a stamp collector, who offered 1/3 for the stamps. The owner, knowing that the Lozenge watermark is scarce, said that there might be some amongst those in the letters for aught he knew, whereupon the collector gave what in 900 cases out of a 1000 was a safe promise, viz., that they would go halves in any of the Lozenge watermark amongst the twenty stamps. Sure enough, there were two such stamps, and as they are worth £5 each it is hard to say which gentleman is the most disgusted—the one who sold the Lozenge for 1/3, or the other who bought the two for 2/6 and rashly promised to go halves. Of course, the compact was adhered to, and each gentleman now owns one of the 2d. vermilion 1872 issue N.Z. stamps."

## Catalogue Values.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* of New York has been cavilling lately at the present system of catalogue prices, which permits stamps to be sold at a third or less of published quotations.

"Noblesse Oblige!" says our contemporary. "The publication of a complete standard catalogue carries duties as well as profit, and the fact that stamps in mint condition are offered in quantities at one-quarter the price which is claimed to be the standard, indicates either that the publishers are unable or unwilling to sustain prices. The large dealers should form a pool to maintain prices or acknowledge that there is nothing standard in the price attached to a postage stamp, and offer such stamps as they may be possessed of at a fair profit over actual cost and the expense of doing business."

It is all very well to give advice, but how the Editor of the *M.P.* expects a publisher-dealer to do what he suggests, we fail to see. If a member of the Stock Exchange published an annual price-list of stocks and shares, according to which he proposed to sell throughout the year, he would be called a lunatic. In the case of stamps, the market is still more uncertain, and consequently more liable to fluctuation. The most reliable catalogue would be one which gave the values of stamps as "likely to range between 3d. and 1/-," "fluctuations expected between 1d. and 6d.," and so on. But collectors prefer a fixed value, although common-sense should tell them it is impossible to put a fixed value on a stamp any more than on a share. Publishers of catalogues generally, therefore, give each stamp a fixed value, and if the catalogue has a wide circulation, its influence is probably sufficient to check too wide fluctuation. In fact, as every dealer knows, fluctuation above catalogue price is checked altogether, although were the laws of supply and demand allowed to take a normal course, the market values of stamps would frequently move above catalogue quotations. The opinion is often expressed that a stamp is "under-catalogued," yet how few collectors are actually willing to pay a premium, even though the stamp is obviously worth it. It is only the fluctuation below catalogue prices which usually becomes evident, and it is utterly unreasonable for collectors to expect catalogue publishers to bear the loss of a fall whilst deprived of the benefits of any advance. The collector who wishes to be sure that his collection will be an investment had much better stick to current unused stamps, where values are not artificial.

## Answers to Correspondents.

H.L.B.—Most of the "Govt. Parcels" stamps are known without dot under T of "Govt."

E.M.—We do not know of any general catalogue of fiscal stamps. Messrs. Yvert & Tellier's catalogue contains a good list of telegraph stamps. Many firms sell fiscal stamps, but we could not specially recommend one of them without mentioning the others.

N.G.H.—We do not think the "Halve Penny" on 3d. Orange Free State, with bar at top, has any particular extra value, as it is only due to off-centre printing.

W.K.—It is a considerable time now since the rule was altered. Communications may now be written on either side of a post card, provided they don't interfere with the legibility of the address. See par 10, page 46, of the *Postal Guide* (April).

G.H.—The stamps you mention are the ordinary Consular Service stamps and have very little value. They cannot be used as postage stamps. The "unappropriated" plates are used in printing a good many different kinds of fiscals as well as the Army telegraph, Bechuanaland and other postage stamps. It was at one time proposed to print the "Government Parcels" stamps in this way.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Hengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guinea, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres	1/4	1/7
747 " 20 piastres	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750* Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " 10fr.	—	—
759 " 25fr.	—	—
760 " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
763* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres	—	—
769 " 20 piastres	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

### FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641* Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642* " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643* " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644* " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " 2 on 10dr.	—	

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Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.

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Holland. The 2½ and 5 guldens are now in stock.

Danish West Indies, 2c. on 3c., 4d.

Paraguay, lithographed.

1c. green, 1d.  
10c. carmine, 1½d.

Argentine Republic, official stamps.

1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

Greece, new issue.

Sets, 1¼ per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Austria. Singles and blocks of four.

1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.  
2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.  
3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.  
5h. varn., perf. 13×13½, 1d.; block, 4d.  
6h. " " " 1d.; " 4d.  
10h. " perf. 13×12½, 2d.; " 6d.  
20h. " " 3d.; " 10d.  
25h. " perf. 13×13½, 3d.; " 1/-.  
30h. " " 4d.; " 1/3.  
40h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 5d.; block, 1/8.

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3. French Congo	14. Madagascar
4. " Guinea	15. New Caledonia
5. " Soudan	16. Oceania
6. Grand Comore	17. Réunion
7. Guiana	18. *St. Pierre et Miquelon
8. Guadeloupe	19. Sénégal
9. Indian Estab.	
10. Indo-China	Series of 19 sets, 18/3.
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10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.  
Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

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Italy, old 20c. orange, 2½d.

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block, 1/3.

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2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.

1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.

1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen  
sets.

5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 öre, set of 2, 1d.

German Colonies.

5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.

40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen  
sets, 7/-.

Greece, Olympian Games.

25 on 40. 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.

6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.

New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.

Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.

Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.

1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.

1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward 10d. stamp (F 147).—Mr. H. J. White writes us as follows:—

"Great Britain 10d.—One sheet consists of two panes, each containing 48 stamps in four horizontal rows of 12 each; the panes (one above the other) are separated from one another by a margin equal in size to two horizontal rows of stamps. This margin is filled in both with vertical and horizontal lined blocks. The horizontal blocks are continuous; two (one purple and one red) lie below the upper pane and two above the lower pane, the red block being nearest to each pane. The vertical blocks (four to a stamp, alternately red and purple, 48 in all) lie between the two pairs of horizontal blocks. Each pane is surrounded by a red and purple line; the former is continuous, but the purple is broken between the 4th and 5th and the 8th and 9th stamps at the top and bottom of each pane, the effect being to facilitate the division of each pane into three blocks of 16 stamps; there is, in addition, a centre dividing mark at the bottom of the lower pane. The word postage is watermarked at the bottom and each side of the sheet but not at the top. The margin between the two panes is watermarked and perforated in just the same way as two rows of stamps would be."

Although the official notice says that the new stamps are printed in sheets of 96 instead of 80, this may only signify that the sheets as delivered by the printers contain 96 stamps instead of 80. From Messrs. Wright and Creeke's work it seems certain that the Victorian 10d. was actually printed in four panes of 20 each, and in the case of the Edwardian 10d. evidence certainly seems to be in favour of there being four panes again, but this would make 192 stamps as the panes are larger. The new 10d. stamps are printed on the same paper as the current 1d., 1d., etc. As is well-known, this paper has 960 crowns watermarked in each sheet, arranged in eight groups of 120. One or two groups or panes of such a sheet of paper therefore suffice to print a sheet of the new 10d., and as each group has 120 watermarked crowns, the centre margin of the 10d. sheets must necessarily be watermarked as well as the stamps. Our diagram will perhaps make the matter clear; the 1's represent stamps and the 0's the margin with ornamentation of lined blocks.

**Papermaker's Watermark** (D 145).—The watermark letter of the new 10d. is apparently E.

**Early Dates** (M 145).—The following early dated stamps have been shown us by Messrs. C. F. Dendy Marshall, S. G. Dudley and M. Raffalovich.

1d. red, plate 92.	London, 19.5.64. (M.R.)
" " 150.	Margate, 17.8.71. (S.G.D.)
" " 187.	London, E.C., 29.2.76. (C.F.D.M.)
" " 198.	" S.E., 9.4.77. ( " )
" " 200.	Belfast, 26.5.77. (M.R.)
" " 202.	Brighton, 21.7.77. (C.F.D.M.)
1 1/2d. red, plate 3.	Birmingham, 7.1.75. (M.R.)
2d. blue, " 12.	London, 5.1.69. (M.R.)
" " 15.	" 15.9.76. ( " )
2 1/2d. rose, " 14.	Lombard Street, 25.3.79. (M.R.)
3d. spray, " 20.	Kensington, S.W., 11.11.79. "
" " 17.	Manchester, 31.1.80. (M.R.)
4d. Small Garter.	Glasgow, 26.10.55. (M.R.)
4d. orange, plate 11.	London, 11.3.69. (M.R.)
4d. sage, " 16.	" 7.4.78 (M.R.)

Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall also informs us that he has the following postmarks, B66 Kibworth Harcourt, 2.2.77 (usually given as Briton Ferry) and "Dunse," 27.6.76. The postmark of the latter town is now "Duns." The *Post Office Guide* gives the name in its directory as "Duns or Dunse."

**Envelope Dies** (V 144).—Messrs. E. Bentley Wood, H. L. Bevir and Douglas Ellis have shown us the following new record early and late dates.

	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
1d. die 105.	—	25.6.65.
" 140.	28.12.67.	—
" 149.	16.7.67.	—
" 152.	21.8.68.	—
" 163.	—	11.2.74.
" 202.	—	11.12.78.
" 213.	—	12.3.80.
1 1/2d. die 5 (yellow).	—	6.2.94.
2 1/2d. die 1.	29.3.77.	—
2 1/2d. die 2 (rose).	—	28.3.92.
" (blue).	—	18.10.93.
3d. die 7.	—	5.1.94.
4d. die 4.	—	17.10.93.

The date for the 4d. die 4 is a rather remarkable one, as it is usually supposed to have been superseded by die 1 in 1889. Previous latest date for die 4 is 29.7.89 and earliest of die 1 (still in use), 4.12.89. The example of die 4 dated 17.10.93 has the broken S in "Postage," so there can be little doubt of its identity, although the die-number is not legible.

**BRAZIL** (I 138).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states, on the authority of a "gentleman in Kötchenbroda," that the news-wraper 20 reis green, 1893, exists with Head of Liberty inverted.

**BUSSAHIR** (D 139).—The status of the recent novelties is thus defined by *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*—"We have the best authority for stating that native postage stamps are no longer used in this State, and have not been in use for more than a year past. The recent varieties are therefore, for the most part at all events, of a purely fancy nature. Those with the "R.S." or "R.N.S." monogram may be remainders, those with "P.S." are fancy reprints, so far as the surcharge is concerned, and the 1a. and 1/2a. on laid, are altogether posthumous. We understand that the proper pronunciation of the name of this State is "Basher" or "Bosher."

**CEYLON** (H 137).—We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—"A correspondent has shown us a fine strip of six of the 4c. rose, with double surcharge "Two Cents" and bar, Type 31. One impression of the overprint is slanting: it starts from near the top of the left-hand stamp and partly covers the correctly placed impression on the right-hand stamp. The strip is postmarked 'Colombo, SP.5.90.'"

**COLOMBIA** (E 147).—A correspondent of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* at Honda, states that he has found amongst a large quantity of used stamps a single copy of the 5c. of 1895, type 58, printed in vermilion on rose, perf. 13 (1 1/2?) x 12 and used apparently at Bogota, but the postmark is not legible. This might possibly be an error in the colour of the 2c., unless it is a proof or essay which has passed through the post.

From the same source we learn of a 2c. stamp of the same design as that chronicled in January in purple, but printed in quite a different colour. It has the same chain-pattern surcharge and is pin perf.

**Adhesive.**  
2c. bronze-brown.

**CRETE.**—Mr. W. A. V. Neill has shown us an unused copy of the current 4pi. on 1fr. French Levant stamp surcharged in black with a rubber stamp CRETE in large sans serif capitals; the surcharge falls just under the type set overprint 4 PIASTRES 4 and measures 19 x 4mm. Can any of our readers say whether this is a new issue or a bogus surcharge?

**CUBA** (E 144).—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the new plate for the 10c. Special Delivery stamp, with the word "immediata" corrected to "immediata," has at last been put to press. For two years the plate has lain unused in the vaults of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The Treasury received an order for 500,000 of these stamps and they are reported to have been shipped on Saturday, July 5th? (Our contemporary, dated July 12th, vaguely says "Saturday.")

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (M 147).—In a circular recently published by Mr. F. P. Brown, the following quantities are stated to have been printed of the recent provisionals.

2c. on 3c. Two printings, 40,000 and 30,000.  
3c. perf. 12 1/2. This stamp is stated to be undervalued. Of the 100,000 printed, 70,000 were surcharged.

8c. on 10c. One printing, 40,000.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following variety:—

**Adhesive.**—Dated "1901" instead of "1902."  
2c. on 3c. (perf. 12 1/2?).

Our contemporary states that two sheets were so surcharged; also that one sheet was surcharged half with 1901 and half with 1902, although how this could possibly occur, we fail to see. There is also a reference to postcards with inverted date, but we should like further particulars before definitely chronicling.

**DUTCH INDIES** (F 146).—The *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* states that the 1/2 on 2c. was issued on June 25th.

The note in *E.W.S.N.*, "the whole new series is to be brought into use" should refer only to the values 1/2 on 2c., 1c., 2c., 2 1/2c., 3c. and 5c., and the date should be on or about June 25th, not August 1st. The other values are not expected to be issued till January.

**GERMANY** (Q 141).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* chronicles the 2 + 2pf. reply-card and the 10pf. letter-card with altered inscriptions.

**MALTA** (J 146).—*Provisional 1d. on 2 1/2d.*—Latest consignments received by the Colonial Stamp Market are surcharged on the old 2 1/2d. blue, presumably the shade described in *Gibbons* as No. 14a, deep ultramarine (No. 15 is of course the current bright ultramarine shade). We therefore have:

1d. on 2 1/2d. dark blue (deep ultramarine), brown gum.  
" bright ultramarine, white gum.

Also the error "Pnney" in both shades. We notice in some of the sheets the surcharge is very heavy, and where the type has been unusually well inked, the letters are blurred, especially the "e." In this way, stamps occasionally appear to be overprinted "Ponny," but we do not place any philatelic importance on such a defect.

Our Malta correspondent writes as follows:—"The overprinting of the 2 1/2d. stamps took three days, but I have not yet been able to ascertain the quantity surcharged. The error does not occur on all the sheets. I am informed by one of the printers, an eye-witness, that the error was caused in the following way: On the last day, the machine was given a shock by a passing cart or trolley, and one of the 'E's' in the type fell to the ground. It was picked up and replaced after, instead of before, the 'double n.' As the sheets printed last are reported to have been placed on the top of the parcel delivered to the Post Office, it is supposed that those with the errors will be issued first, whilst the bulk of the sheets, to be issued later, will have no errors."

**News-wraper.**—We are indebted to the same correspondent for the King's Head 1/2d. news-wraper, the first of the King Edward series to be issued in Malta.

Head of King Edward VII.  
1/2d. green, buff paper; wrapper, 298 x 125mm.: with usual 5 lines of instructions.

The stamp is in the usual King Edward type, but with a small Maltese Cross at each end of "Malta" at top.

**MEXICO** (E 138).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* chronicles a provisional 4c. post card.

**Postcard.** Overprinted in dark brown.  
" Cuatro Centavos" on 3c. brown.

The old words and figures of values are blotted out and the new value printed below the original. The issue was made in May, the advance in the postal rate from 3c. to 4c. being occasioned by the fall in the value of the Mexican dollar.

**MONACO** (F 110).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicles the 15c. letter card in a new colour.

**Letter card,** 130 x 80mm., perf. 10.  
15c. red-brown on green.

The colour was formerly rose on grey.



**MONTENEGRO** (B 123).—In consequence of the change in the currency from kreuzer (novcics) to heller (chelera) to take effect on July 1st, 1902, a new issue is stated by the *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung* to have been issued on that day. Our contemporary furnishes the following particulars:—

*Adhesives.*—New design, values in heller and kronen.

1 heller, blue.	Perf. 12½.
2 .. mauve.	Perf. 13 × 12½.
5 .. green.	Perf. 13 × 13½.
10 .. rose.	"
25 .. dark blue.	"
50 .. blue grey.	"
1 krana, lilac-brown.	"
2 .. brown	?
5 .. yellow-brown	?

*Return stamp.*

25 heller, with carmine edges, perf. 12½.

*Postage due stamps.*

5 heller, orange.	Perf. 12½.
10 .. olive.	"
25 .. lilac.	"
50 .. emerald.	"
1 krana, greyish green	"

None of the stamps have the varnish-lines that one might expect in the product of the Austrian printing office. The sizes of the stamps vary, the ordinary adhesives being 19 × 22½, the return stamp, 19 × 23½, and the Postage Dues, 17 × 20½ mm.

**NABHA** (A).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following varieties:—

3 pies, lower pane of sheet.

(a) Small A in "State." Nos. 8, 12.

(b) .. A in "Nabha." No. 44.

(c) .. H in "Nabha." No. 32 (also known on No. 109 in upper pane).

½ anna, dark green, lower pane of sheet.

(a) Small A in "State." No. 12.

1 rupee, carmine and green.

(d) Small T (raised) in "State." Position unknown.

Other varieties occur, such as the H in "Nabha" without crossbar; but with the above exceptions they appear to be due to broken letters or defective printing.

**NEW CALEDONIA** (D 137).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that a special issue is to be printed locally for inland use in this French colony. The Consul-General originated this fine idea and the Postmaster jumped at the chance of increasing his revenue at the expense of collectors. The values are to be 5, 15 and 40c., but according to our contemporary they are not to be placed in circulation till 1904, the intention being to commemorate by this means the 50th anniversary of the annexation of the Colony. Meantime local talent is being canvassed for designs for the stamps, prizes of £2 and £4 being offered.

**NIUE** (H 147).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. value without fraction bar to the "½." We attach no philatelic importance to this variety as it is evidently caused by the presence of foreign matter adhering to the surface of the sheet during the process of overprinting. The circular bits of paper cut out by the perforating machines are a frequent cause of varieties of this sort.

**NORWAY** (B 94).—According to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, the inscriptions on the 10 öre, carmine on cream, postcard have been modified.

**PARAGUAY** (M 146).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following novelties:

*Adhesives.* Lithographed, perf. 11½.

28 centavos orange.

40 .. blue.

Both were issued on June 10th. The 40 centavos has larger figures of value and is on thinner paper than formerly.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (G 146).—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy writes us that he has the 2½d. value without fraction bar in the "½."

**ST. VINCENT** (D 136).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the King Edward stamps for this Colony.

*Adhesives.* Head of King Edward VII.; CA. 14.

Usual "Postage and Revenue" design.

½d. lilac and green.

1d. lilac and carmine.

2½d. lilac and blue.

3d. lilac and olive.

6d. lilac and brown.

1/- green and carmine.

A St. Vincent correspondent informs us that they were issued at 1 o'clock on June 25th. Later on 2d., 2½ and 5- values will be issued, as also a full set of stationery. Presumably the 4d. and 5d. are to be dropped. The Queen's Head stamps will continue on sale till December 31st, 1902, and will then be destroyed. This latter statement is made in an official notice, No. 98, published in Gazette No. 27 of June 28th.

The new stamps are printed in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60) from plate No. 1.

**SIERRA LEONE** (D 144).—The following novelty is announced by the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. Only specimen copies have so far been seen.

*Registration Envelope.*—Circular stamp, with Head of King Edward in centre.

2d. blue on white, size 133 × 84 mm.

**SPAIN** (I 145).—A Spanish reader has lately been good enough to send us a number of corner blocks of stamps of the current issue, showing plate and sheet numbers. We are consequently able to bring our information on this subject more up-to-date.

Value.	Size of Plate.	Highest Sheet-No.	Plate-Numbers
2c.	100	0,053,736	2, 3
5c.	200	0,092,174	2, 4
10c.	200	0,072,172	1
15c.	200	0,779,023	5, 14, 17, 19, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35
20c.	100	0,000,607	1, 2
25c.	100	0,063,887	2, 3
40c.	100	0,004,231	2
50c.	100	0,013,618	2
1p.	100	0,019,505	2

The 15c. above referred to are all in the new colour, violet. The earliest number in this shade so far chronicled is No. 665,157.

The stamps are evidently printed four sheets of 100 at a time. The groups of four plates, as printed from, probably vary from day to day. For instance in a quantity of sheets numbered between 0,704,974 and 0,704,999 we find plate Nos. 5, 19, 29 and 32 only; in another parcel with Nos. 0,746,274 to 288, the plate Nos. are 19, 29, 33 and 34; again, later, we find plates 19, 29, 14, 17. It will be noted that none of the other values have yet required more than the original four plates, and it is now doubtful if such will ever be brought into use; that is to say, if the suggested issue of stamps in a new design ever materializes.

**SWEDEN** (B 122).—*Postcards.*—The 5 öre postcard has been modified by the omission of the inscriptions on the address portion of the card ("Till," "Bostad," etc.) and the alteration of the instructions to "*Adressen anbringas a denna sida.*"

5 öre, green on white, 140 × 90 mm. Inscriptions partly removed.

5 + 5 öre, reply card, ditto.

**TASMANIA** (M 141).—Miss Amy Louise Swift contributes the following to the *Adhesive*:—"Under date of April 29th, a Tasmanian correspondent gave me a real Tasmanian stamp item of news by remarking that a new set for the Colony was lying ready in the Hobart Post Office, although it was not then on sale. The number of varieties and the values were not mentioned, though I have the impression they are the same as the pictorial issue; but the stamps were described as being small, and bearing the King's Head. Although connected with the postal department as assistant postmistress, my friend did not know positively when the stamps would be put on sale, except that the delay was not expected to be a long one. I presume they will appear at the Coronation date, in celebration thereof, and am wondering if the other Colonies are going to issue commemorative sets also. Tasmania has been very quiet about the preparations, and our surprise is complete."

We reproduce the above on the authority of Miss Swift, but think there must be a mistake somewhere. Still, time will show.

**UNITED STATES** (W 147). We are indebted to Mr. W. O. Wylie for a sight of the McKinley postcard, which has at last been issued.

*Post Card.* 1c. black, portrait of late President McKinley; post card, 82 × 144 mm.

Some slight alterations are made from the description given in *E.W.S.N.* No. 117 (December 7th 1901). The portrait is excellent, being very distinct, and is contained within an oval, inscribed below "1843—McKinley—1901" and above "Postage One Cent." Within a similar oval at left are the Arms. Between the two ovals and just above the centre of the card are three lines of inscription, in sans-serif capitals "The space above is reserved for Postmark.—POSTAL CARD—The space below is for the address only." The space reserved for the postmark is 26 mm. high (nearly 1¼ inch).

The card was sent us under date July 10th but had not yet come into general use then.

**VICTORIA** (U 147).—Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy informs us that he has a pair of the ½d. green, without Postage, imperforate between, but with double row of perforation at left side. The pair was found in the first row of stamps on the pane (vertical or horizontal?).

**ZANZIBAR** (E 147).—*Death of the Sultan.*—The Sultan of Zanzibar, Hamud bin Mahomad bin Said, died at 2.0 a.m. on Friday, July 18th, at the age of 49, and is succeeded by his son, Said Ali. During the minority of the latter, Mr. Rogers, the British resident, will act as regent. The late Sultan succeeded his cousin in 1896, but his portrait did not appear on stamps till 1899, so there is no precedent for expecting a new issue in the immediate future.

## San Francisco Exhibition.

TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26TH AND 27TH.

THE collector in doubt as to what to collect or specialize need only turn to the preliminary prospectus issued in connection with the forthcoming San Francisco Exhibition, and he will be supplied with an abundance of ideas. Medals, diplomas, etc., are to be awarded for the following "Bests":—

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6. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Hawaiian Islands.
7. Second Best Exhibit of Stamps of Hawaiian Islands.
8. Third Best Exhibit of Stamps of Hawaiian Islands.
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10. Best Collection of Postally Cancelled "Seebecks."
11. Best Collection Stamps of East Indian Native States.
12. Best Block Collection of Stamps of British Australian Colonies.
13. Best Collection of Extraterritorial Cancellations.
14. Best Collection of Consular Cancellations.
15. Best Exhibit of British Colonial Cancellations.
16. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Japan.
17. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Great Britain.
18. Best 100 Unused Stamps, none to catalogue over \$1.00 each.
19. Best Exhibit of 50 Used Stamps, none to catalogue less than \$10.00 each.
20. Best Collection of Stamps, the Product or Manufacture of one Firm or Company.
21. Best Collection of Named Portraits on Stamps.
22. Best Exhibit of Stamps of China, Chinese Treaty Ports and Hong Kong.
23. Second Best Exhibit of Stamps of China, Treaty Ports and Hong Kong.
24. Best Exhibit of Type-set Stamps.
25. Best Display of State Revenue Stamps.
26. Best Display of Reconstructed Plates.
27. Best Collection of United States Revenue Stamps.
28. Second Best Collection of United States Revenue Stamps.
29. Third Best Collection of United States Revenue Stamps.
30. Best Display of Postage Stamps on Original Covers.
31. Best Exemplification of Perforations of Stamps of Japan.
32. Best Decorative Work Composed of Stamps.
33. Best Collection in a Printed Album.
34. Most Artistic Ornamental Design Composed of Stamps.
35. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Central American Republic.
36. Best Exhibit of Stamps of French Colonies.
37. Best Display of 50 Unused Imperforate Pairs.
38. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Mexico.
39. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Tonga and Samoa.
40. Best Exhibit of Stamps of Norway and Sweden.
41. Best Specimen of Bookbinding in a Stamp Album.
42. Best 100 Unused Stamps, Condition and Neat Arrangement only to Count.
43. Best Display of Stamps of Holland and Colonies.
44. Best Display of Western Franks.
45. Best 100 Unused Stamps Issued Prior to 1870.
46. Best Display of Stamps of Russia.
47. Best Display of Stamps of Australian Federation.
48. Best Display of Stamps of Leeward Islands.
49. Best Display of Stamps of France.
50. Best Collection of Entire United States Envelopes.
51. Best Collection of Postal Cards.
52. Best Display by a Member of the Berkeley Philatelic Society.
53. Best Display of Stamps of Greece.
54. Best Collection of Stamps of United States Exhibited by a Person not a Member of the Society.
55. Second Best Collection of Stamps of United States.—Open to all.
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57. Best Exhibit of Stamps of South America.
58. Second Best Exhibit of Stamps of South America.
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61. Best Collection of Stamps of Old German States.

If any reader wishes to exhibit, he should forward \$2.50 (about 10/-) to the Exhibition Committee, 506, Market Street, San Francisco, which will pay his initiation fee to the San Francisco Society, and a quarter's dues, transportation charges and insurance also have to be paid by the exhibitor.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Benigasi) 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old 1r. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. vel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
641* Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642* " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643* " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644* " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670 Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671 " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674* " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yell.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717* Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718* " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

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723 Anjouan, 1 fr.		

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| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia           |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                 |
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Fiscal Stamps* (H 146).—The following has now been issued:—

Judicature Fees. Head of King Edward VII.  
£5 lilac and green, wmk. Orbs.

The stamp is similar in colour and size to the £1 previously chronicled, and somewhat like it also in design.

*Envelope Dies* (W 148).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. and 1d. King Edward envelope dies 20. The list now stands:—

½d. Dies 7 to 12, 14 to 18, 20.  
1d. Dies 7 to 15, 20.

Should any reader meet with ½d. dies 13 and 19 and 1d. dies 16, 17, 18 and 19, we should be glad to hear from him.

*Newspaper Tax Stamp.*—Mr. Walter Morley contributes the following interesting note on newspaper tax stamps to his journal.

"Since sending the MSS to press for our April number I have acquired several large parcels of these stamps, especially rich in the 3½d. and earlier values, and most fortunately, the bulk of them had been cut with very large margins which has enabled me to investigate these puzzling stamps more fully than has hitherto been possible and many points in doubt can now be cleared up. Probably the most important is the manner of printing, which we at first thought was done from the dies separately, and I am indebted to Mr. C. F. S. Johnson for first drawing my attention as the result of his own studies, to the fact that the plate of 25 was not cut up, but that 25 sheets of paper were arranged overlapping each other so that the corner of each received one impression of a die. This also accounts for the plate number, which is far beneath the die number, being found occasionally on the papers when the margin was sufficiently wide to include it and often portions of the adjoining stamp appear on one paper. Pursuing my investigations in this direction I found several copies where part of an adjoining stamp shewed the die number also and examples of this both in side and upright arrangement, so that, as a result of much study, I have I think established the reconstruction of the plates. We had already recorded the number of dies to a plate as being 25, but it was quite unknown in what manner they were arranged. I have now succeeded in reconstructing some sheets, the arrangement is somewhat unexpected by those

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	No 1
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

who have studied these stamps. They are in 3 rows, a fact which probably adds weight to the supposed manner of printing, and the annexed diagram shews plate No. 1, with die 1 to 25, the plate No. being under die 9, this position being followed throughout, plate No. 2 being under die 34, plate No. 3 under die 59, plate No. 4 under die 84. I find this arrangement applies to all the types previously recorded in this journal and to certain 3½d. compound values."

A correspondent informs us that the old Almanack Duty Stamps, in use from about 1711 to 1834, are also printed in the same way.

*Envelope Stamps with Circular Band.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* chronicles some varieties not hitherto recorded. They are presumably proofs, all four being dated 22.7.63.

British Workman, 9, Paternoster Row, London.

2d. blue.

1/- green.

Saunders, Otley & Co., 66, Brook Street, London.

2d. blue.

1/- green.

**AFGHANISTAN** (A).—*Discovery.*—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following:—"Mr. Masson has also discovered what appears to be a 1 rupee Registration stamp, of oblong shape, similar to type 44, but without the long character across the centre. It has the date '1311' and 'register' in Afghan characters in the right upper corner, and 'dak Khana' (post-office) at the left."

*Registration Stamp?* Thin wove paper.  
1 rupee, black on green.

**ALSACE LORRAINE** (A).—*Discovery.*—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* reports the discovery, on the authority of *La Gazette Philatèlique Lyonnaise* of a curious variety of a 20c. stamp with a double impression of the background, a blue network inverted, and a pale yellow network the right way up, "the two together giving a greenish appearance which at once strikes the eye." Two copies have been found upon the correspondence of a business house at Lyons, one with a postmark of "Saar-Union, 25.9.71," the other dated "Buckenheim, 1.8.71." Are we to suppose that two sheets were thus printed and issued to two different offices, or that stamps from the same sheet happened to be used at these two places upon letters to the same firm?

**AUSTRIA** (I 136).—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* thus tabulates the perforations of the current issue:—

Without varnished lines.

Perf. 10½. 2, 3, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50h., 1, 2, 4kr.  
" 12½. 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h., 1, 2, 4kr.  
" 12½ × 10½. 25h.  
" 10½ × 12½. 50h.  
" 13 × 12½. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.  
" 13 × 13½. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.  
" 13. 25h.

With varnished lines.

Perf. 13 × 12½. 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 60h.  
" 13 × 13½. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 60h.

The list does not entirely tally with Gibbons' catalogue, even assuming the 13 × 13½ in the above list to correspond with Gibbons' 13; nor does the following list of unpaid letter stamps:—

Perf. 10½. 1, 2, 3, 10, 20h.  
" 12½. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20h.  
" 13 × 12½. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 20, 100h.  
" 13 × 13½. 3, 10h.

All the values of this set were also issued imperforate.

**AUSTRIAN LEVANT** (E 132).—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* records the following list of perforation varieties in the current issue:—

Without varnished lines.

Perf. 10½. 1, 2pi.  
" 12½. 10, 20pa., 2, 5, 10, 20pi.  
" 13 × 12½. 10pa., 1, 2pi.  
" 13 × 13½. 1pi.

With varnished lines.

Perf. 13 × 12½. 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.  
" 13 × 13½. 1pi.

The "13 × 12½" is the gauge actually in use at present.

**BECHUANALAND** (I 141).—Mr. Jas. Moore has shown us a block of four 2d. brown with surcharge "British Bechuanaland" reading up very faintly printed. On one stamp the "r" of British is missing.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (G 142).—The 6d. and 1/- values are now again in stock. We are officially informed that the quantities received in the island have so far been as follows:—2½d., 13,560; 6d., 5400; 1/-, 3240. These quantities seem remarkably small.



**COOK ISLANDS** (L 143).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 2½d. value in the Postal Union colour, blue.

*Adhesive.*—No wmk., perf. 11, dull gum.  
2½d. dark blue.

The paper is different to that of the ½d. and 1d., being more like that of the earlier issues but

without watermark. It is certainly not Cowan & Co.'s thin hard paper. The colour is similar to that of the ½d. blue.

**COREA** (C 126).—The *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* chronicles a 4 cheun reply card.

*Reply post card.*

4+4 cheun, red-brown on bluish.

**CRETE** (I 148, 145).—*Discovery.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* has discovered the local stamp of 1898, 20 parades mauve (British Sphere of Administration), on yellowish wove paper instead of on the usual white laid paper. The stamp is perforated with the number "28," the significance of which is unknown. It is obliterated by a large single-lined circle containing the Union Jack and the word "Kandia" below.

**CUBA** (F 148).—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* writes as follows:—"The fact that the plate used in printing the recent order of special delivery stamps for Cuba was No. 1432 would seem to indicate that there are two plates in existence with the word *immediata* correctly spelt. It was originally supposed that the old plate which has been on hand for some years was used in printing the recent order of 500,000." The highest plate-number we have heard of in United States stamps is 1385, so perhaps the above 1432 is a misprint.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (N 148).—We are indebted to Mr. W. O. Wylie for information relating to a new printing of the 2c. and 8c. provisionals. Our correspondent writes:—"There has been a third printing of the D. W. I. provisionals, the surcharging being done in Denmark. I give above the type of the surcharge. There are no flat-footed '2's' or other varieties. 32,500 2c. and 107,500 8c. are reported. Practically all the former were captured by speculators and about 25c. (1/-) each now demanded."

*Adhesives.* Surcharged in three lines.

"2-Cents—1902" on 3c.

"8-Cents—1902" on 10c.

From our correspondent's drawing we should take the overprint to be in large italics and quite distinct from its predecessors. The *Weekly Philatelic Era* says, however, it is the same as before, but larger. The small quantity of the 2c. would lead one to suppose they are merely the herald of a much larger consignment. We should think the Danish West Indies could use quite a million of this value. Of course, the 3c. and 10c. stamps surcharged will have had to be specially printed, and are probably perf. 12½, although we have no definite information on these points.

The *American Journal of Philately* records the discovery of the 2c. on 3c., perf. 13 × 12½, with local surcharge in green.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (J 139).—The *Philatelic Record* has discovered the bi-coloured 1c. with inverted centre.

*Adhesive.* Inverted centre.

1 cent., green and black.

**GUATEMALA** (F 135).—Mr. W. O. Wylie sends us the following description of a new provisional:—"The 1c. dark blue, *revenue* has been surcharged 2c. for use pending the arrival of the new issue promised in August. The numeral is printed over the old value in both the upper corners and a large figure is at the bottom of the stamp with 'DOS' on the left and 'CTS' at the right. In the centre of the stamp is the date '1902' and above it the inscription in a semi-circle 'CORREOS NACIONALES.' The surcharge is in red."

*Adhesive.* Fiscal stamp surcharged in red.

"Correos Nacionales—1902—Dos 2 Cts" on 1c. dark blue.

**INDIA** (I 142).—The *Straits Times* states that the date of issue of King Edward stamps has been fixed for January 1st, 1903. Rumours are so conflicting, however, we shall not expect them till we see them.

**MAURITIUS** (L 141).—Rumours have already reached us of two new issues. First we were told the current stamps were to be overprinted "Postage and Revenue"; and secondly stamps in a larger design bearing this inscription were printed. Miss Pitot now informs us that a complete set with portrait of King Edward is expected! Which is correct?



**MADAGASCAR** (E 129).—Mr. H. W. Baron has shown us some new provisionals issued here.

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**Adhesives.** Ordinary type of Madagascar and dependencies.

- "05" in black on 50c. pink and blue.
- "10" in black on 5f. lilac and blue.
- "15" in black on 1f. green and rose.

Comparatively few are reported to have been issued. We illustrate above the type of the surcharge.

**MALTA** (K 148).—We have now seen the 2½d. in all three shades (Gibbons 14, 14a and 15) surcharged "One Penny" and presume that the error also occurs, although we have as yet only seen it on the two later shades. The following is a revised list to date.

One Penny Pnney

**Adhesives.** Overprinted "One Penny" in black.

- 1d. on 2½d. pale blue, brown gum.
- Variety, error "Pnney" (?).
- 1d. on 2½d. deep ultramarine, brown gum.
- Variety, error "Pnney."
- 1d. on 2½d. bright ultramarine, white gum.
- Variety, error "Pnney."

Mr. A. H. Jefferis writes:—"I understand from a note received from the island that 3000 sheets were surcharged and that one person bought up 1000 sheets on issue."

**Postcard.**—The following post card with portrait of King Edward on the stamp is to be issued shortly.

1d. carmine on cream, 140 x 89mm.



**NATAL** (G 142).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 142, we gave an official list of the values to be found in the new King Edward stamps, but it does not tally in the least with a "specimen" set described by the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. The appearance of the new stamps is very fine and the design is moreover a practical one, the figures of value being prominent. "Natal" is at top, "Postage" at left side, and "Revenue" on the right, with Head of King Edward in centre and value below.

**Adhesives.** Small type, 18½ x 22½mm. in size.

- ½d. green.
- 1d. rose-red.
- 1½d. black, head in green.
- 3d. grey, head in mauve.
- 5d. ochre, head in black.
- 6d. lilac-brown, head in green.
- 1/- milky-blue, head in rose-red.
- 2/- violet blue, head in green.
- 2/6 red violet.

Larger type, design somewhat similar, 25½ x 30mm.

- 5/- carmine-rose, head in steel blue.
- 10/- lilac-brown, head in carmine.

The difference between the above list and that previously published lies in the omission of the 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 4/-, 6/-, 9/-, £1, 30/-, £5, £10 and £20 values. As however two such important values as 2d. and 2½d. are included in the list of omissions, we presume our original list was correct, and that the stamps chronicled above are merely a first instalment. The following King Edward stationery is also announced as ready for issue.

**Postcards.**

- ½d. green on cream, 121 x 75mm.
- 1d. carmine on cream, 140 x 79mm.

**Newsbands.**

- ½d. dark-green on manilla, 125 x 300mm.
- 1d. carmine on manilla, 125 x 300mm.

The design of the stamps of these latter is similar to that of Grenada, etc.

**NEW ZEALAND** (A 147).—The San Francisco mail brought us, as usual, a big budget of correspondence from New Zealand and the various Pacific Islands. As regards these latter, notes will be found under headings "Cook Islands" and "Niue."

**Values ½d. and 1d.**—The ½d. and 1d. are still the only values issued on the new paper, watermarked single-lined N.Z. and Star. It appears that sheets occasionally escape perforation on one or more sides, and are picked out before leaving the printers, if noticed. The perforation is then usually completed by the aid of the old perf. 11 machine, which is smaller and more easily worked. In this way the 1d. no watermark, perf. 11 x 14 (see *E.W.S.N.*, No. 146),

occurred. Possibly in a supply of 10,000 sheets only two or three would occur with the compound perforation, and, of course, it may also have happened that such defective sheets were finished off on the larger 14-gauge machine. A correspondent informs us that he went through 9000 sheets in stock at various New Zealand Post Offices and succeeded in discovering one sheet of the 1d., on the new paper, perf. 11 x 14 (or perf. 14 x 11, it is not clear which).

**Adhesive.** Wmk. single-lined NZ and Star, compound perf.

1d. carmine, "Universal Postage" type.

This and the similar variety on "no watermark" paper are of course in a different category to the 1d. on Basted Mills paper, perf. 14 x 11 and perf. 11 x 14. These two latter varieties were produced in a regular manner to the extent of some thousands of sheets.

Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Limited, has adopted a convenient method of describing these varieties. The initials *w*, *x*, *y*, *z* represent the four papers:—

- (w) Waterlow paper, thick; indistinct watermark, double-lined NZ over Star.
- (x) Basted Mills paper, thin; watermark generally distinct and often inverted; double-lined NZ over or under Star.
- (y) Cowan & Co., thin; no watermark.
- (z) Cowan & Co., thin; watermark very distinct, single-lined NZ over Star.

The four perforations—11, 11 x 14, 14 x 11 and 14—are represented by the letters *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*. The only varieties of which the Colonial Stamp Market can find that a regular supply was printed are:—½d., *wa*, *wc*, *yd*, *zd*; 1d., *wa*, *xb*, *xc*, *xd*, *yd*, *zd*. As regards the others, 1d. *xa*, *yb*, *zb* are admitted to be freaks and are necessarily of considerable rarity; whilst ½d. *wb*, *wd*, *xb*, *zc*, *zd*, and 1d. *wd* are also said to exist, but we have not yet seen even a single specimen. Lastly, ½d. *xa*, *ya*, *yb*, *yc*, *za*, *zb*, *zc* and 1d. *wb*, *wc*, *ya*, *yc*, *za*, *zc* are reported on all sides not to exist at all. We have thus actually seen only 10 out of the 32 possible or 19 reported varieties. Still, a supply of even some thousands of sheets might readily escape notice. The following figures clearly show what a large consumption of ½d. and 1d. stamps New Zealand has. The sheets of the new paper with single-lined watermark are evidently being printed in the order in which they are numbered, as we have the following:—

Sheet	526	1d.	Issued	May ? 1902.
"	1919	1d.	"	May, 1902.
"	11402	½d.	"	22.5.02.
"	12584	½d.	"	14.6.02.
"	19368	½d.	"	9.6.02.
"	28551	1d.	"	9.6.02.
"	28596	1d.	"	9.6.02.
"	34353	1d.	"	22.5.02.
"	44811	½d.	"	23.6.02.
"	84711	1d.	"	23.6.02.

The sheets of this paper are manufactured four times the size of an issued sheet, and four moulds, each with 240 'bits,' are employed in forming the watermark. The moulds are numbered, and the sheets of stamps as issued show the watermarked number on the margin at the S.E. corner. We have sheets of ½d. with Nos. 1, 2 and 4, and of the 1d. with Nos. 1, 3 and 4.

**Values 1½d. and 2d.**—Owing to the reduction in the postal rates, the 1½d. value will not be again printed, and we believe there is a large stock on hand of the 2d. A sheet just received by the Colonial Stamp Market is numbered 187252 and indicates that it was printed in 1900. The 1½d. value is still in issue, but is also old stock dating back to about the same time. A large firm of dealers in New Zealand wrote us recently:—"The use of the 2d. value is only a tenth of what it used to be, in the days before penny postage. In fact, it is seldom now used and we do not get a hundred used copies brought in where we used to have tens of thousands." We wonder the New Zealand Post Office does not get rid of these two useless stocks by surcharging them 1d. as in the case of Malta.

**Values 2½d. and upward.**—The 2½d. and 5d. are two other values affected by the reduction of the postal rates, and the large stocks are comparatively useless, although no doubt they will be worked off in time. New printings have however been made of the 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/- values, but are only distinguishable by the "dull" gum. The 3d. and 6d. with this gum have been out some months but we only noticed the other values in the Colonial Stamp Market's latest consignment. The new gum is "dull" and dry, whilst the old gum is polished and liable to stick before it is asked.

**Adhesives.** With "dull" gum.

No wmk., perf. 11. 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-

**Stamp Booklets.**—We are indebted to Mr. R. T. Kingsley for first sight of one of the stamp booklets. It contains 12 stamps in two blocks of six, and is dated on the back cover "2,000—2/1901—1022." The postal, money order and telegraph rates are also given on the cover. The stamps are the ordinary 1d., perf. 11 ("wa") current in 1901.



**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**—A new design is about to be brought into use. So far we have only the ½d. value.

New design. No wmk., perf. 11, dull gum. ½d. green and red.

The figures of value are in white in a circle filled in with horizontal lines in red, the rest of the stamp being in green.

**Advertisements.**—We have received a block of 12 of the 8d. blue, from the S.W. corner of the S.E. pane, showing the advertisements in the following order, in three rows:—33, 57, 2, 78—69, 52, 92, 50—77, 92, 49, 31—No. 31 being the corner stamp.

**Old issue.**—Mr. A. E. Moore has shown us an unchronicled variety of the 5d. type of 1882. It is perforated 10 x 12½, but has a superfluous row of perforation (10) through the design at the left side. The specimen submitted us is postmarked "Wellington, 3.10.95" and probably belongs by right to the perf. 10 issue, a sheet perforated 10 vertically off-centre having been re-perforated 12½ between the stamps.

**NICARAGUA.**—(K 139).—Each sheet of the 1899 Unpaid Letter Stamps, states *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, contains 300 stamps and is arranged in thirty vertical rows of ten. All six values are on the sheet arranged in vertical rows or columns. Counting from the right side of the sheet, there are five vertical rows of each value, namely, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 30c.

**NIUE** (I 148).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a block of 60 of the 1d. with perforation 14 instead of the usual 14 x 11. Only one such block has so far been seen, and the variety will probably become one of the rarities.

**Adhesive.** Basted Mills paper, wmk. double-lined NZ and Star, perf. 14.

1d. carmine.

1d. carmine, varieties of surcharge.

- (a) Wide space between "U" and "E."
- (b) No stop after "Peni."
- (c) Varieties *a* and *b* together.
- (d) Broken E, almost like F.

Although next printings of 1d. Niue stamps will probably be perforated 14, they are not in the least likely to be on Basted Mills paper, but will almost certainly be on the new paper, with single-lined N.Z. and Star.

We note that the overprint on the 1d. varies in shade, in some cases being almost black and in other more blue than black.

**PORTUGUESE GUINEA** (C 144).—*Discovery.*—Sheets of the 40c. yellow-buff of 1885, with the large surcharge, type 3, perf. 12½ and perf. 13½, have been found by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, without the error "Mozambique" in the sheet.

**ROUMANIA** (G 142).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have received the 50 bani, on the paper tinted pink on the back, and with the compound perforation. There seems to be no doubt that Nos. 393 to 403 in the Catalogue, and others on the same paper, should come after Nos. 404 to 413, the paper with a large watermark having been used temporarily only.

**Adhesive.**

50b. orange, no wmk., perf. compound.

**SEYCHELLES** (J 147).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* that the following quantities have been printed of the surcharged varieties.

2c. on 4c.	18,000
30c. on 75c.	18,000
30c. on 1r.	9,000
45c. on 1r.	9,000
45c. on 2r. 25c.	6,000

If these quantities are correct, present market quotations of 5/- or 6/- per set of five are hardly justified. The face value is about £1,014.

It is stated that the stamps were issued on June 5th, and that purchasers were only allowed one sheet of 120 of a kind each.

**TRINIDAD** (L 136).—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* is informed by a gentleman from this Island, who is coronating in London, that a sheet of the current 1d. stamp was printed without the value. A post office clerk had just sold six across the counter when he noticed the error. He withdrew the remainder but we are not told what became of them! It was ascertained afterwards that the six stamps sold were used on correspondence to Barbados, as they fell into the hands of a Philistine. So collectors in Barbados have something to look for.

**Adhesive.**

Error, (1d.) black on vermilion, without value.

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eriarea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

## FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price
601 Austria, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange	2/0	2/4
607* " 3m. brown	3/0	3/6
608* " 5m. green	5/0	5/10
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue	1/8	2/0
615* " 5kr. green	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose	1/8	2/0
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br.	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black	4/2	4/11
624 " (black sur.) 1dr.	0/9	0/11
625 " " 2dr.	1/5	1/8
626 " " 5dr.	3/7	4/3
628 " (unpaid) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
629 " " 2dr.	1/8	2/0
630 " (do., surch.) 1dr.	0/10	1/0
631* Finland, 10mk. black	8/4	9/9
632* " Old rr. br. & or.	—	—
633 " " 3½r. gr. & bl.	—	—
634 " " 7r. yel. & bl.	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. "	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. "	4/0	4/8
641* Germany, 1mk. rose	1/0	1/2
642* " 2mk. blue	2/0	2/4
643* " 3mk. lilac	3/0	3/6
644* " 5mk. blk. & rose	5/0	5/10
647* Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	—	1/0
648* " 2dr. on 40l.	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l.	—	3/0
650 " 5dr. on 40l.	—	5/0
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr.	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr.	—	2/6
653 " 1901, 1dr. black	0/7	0/9
654 " " 2dr. bronze	1/2	1/4
655 " " 3dr. silver	1/9	2/1
656 " " 5dr. gold	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green	1/8	1/11
660 " 2½g. lilac	4/2	4/11
661 " 5g. marone	8/4	9/9
664 Hungary, 1k. brown	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue	1/8	1/11
667 " 5k. lilac	4/2	4/10
670 Italy, 1l. gr. and br.	0/10	1/0
671 " 5l. rose and blue	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. purple	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey	2/0	2/4
675* " 5fr. lake	4/0	4/8
677* Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell.	0/10	1/0
678* " 5fr. red on grn.	4/0	4/8
680 Montenegro, 1fr. green	1/8	—
681 " 2fr. brown	3/4	—
683 Norway, 1k. green	1/1	1/4
684 " 1½k. blue	1/8	1/11
685 " 2k. rose and br.	2/2	2/7
687* Portugal, 300r. blue	1/0	1/2
688* " 500r. blk. on bl.	1/9	—
690 Roumania, 1l. br. and rose	0/10	1/0
691 " 2l. or. and brn.	1/8	1/11
693 Russia, 1r. br. and or.	2/3	2/8
694* " 3½r. grey	7/0	—
695* " 7r. bl. and yel.	14/0	—
697 San Marino, 1 lire	—	—
698 " 2 lire	—	—
699 " 5 lire	—	—
702 Servia (not stocked)	—	—
706 Spain, 1p. lake	0/6	—
707 " 4p. lilac	2/0	—
708 " 10p. orange	5/0	—
711* Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
714 Switzerland, 1fr. lake	0/10	1/0
715 " 3fr. brown	2/6	2/11
717* Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/0	2/6
718* " 5mk.	5/0	5/10

## FRENCH COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

721* Alexandria, 2fr.	1/8	1/11

## FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

## Danish West Indies.

Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.

Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.

Holland. The 2½ and 5 guildens are now in stock.

## Paraguay, lithographed.

1c. green, 1d.

10c. carmine, 1½d.

## Argentine Republic, official stamps.

1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.

1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

## Greece, new issue.

Sets, 1/4 per set.

1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

## Austria. Singles and blocks of four.

1h. unvarn., perf. 13×12½, 1d.; block, 2d.

2h. " " " 1d.; " 2d.

3h. " " " 1d.; " 3d.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN (G 148).**—Mr. F. Taylor notifies us of the actual issue of the £1 green; it was on sale at Chippenham Post Office on July 29th.

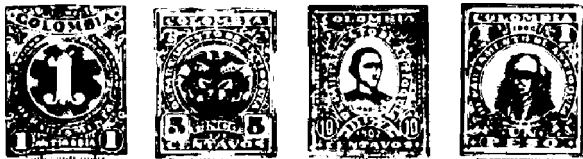
*Adhesive.* Head of King Edward.  
£1 green, wmk. 3 crowns, perf. 14.

*Early Dates.*—Mr. W. Wheatcroft advises us of the following new record.

4d. sage, plate 15. Brompton, S.W. 14.3.78.

In an early number we shall reproduce the list of early dates of the adhesives, 1858-80, in entirety.

**ANTIOQUIA (J 146).**—We illustrate the new set of stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. of July 12th. Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* states that the 1c. and 2c. are in sheets of 50 (5 rows of 10) and the diamond shaped 5c. return receipt stamps is in sheets of 45 (5 rows of 9).



**AUSTRIA (J 149).**—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* notes the discovery of the 30 kr. of 1891 perf. 11½ x 10½, like the 20 kr. (No. 202 in the catalogue).

**CHILE (Q 143).**—We have now received the 1c. in the new type, similar to the 2c. and 5c. already chronicled.

*Adhesive.* New type, perf. 12.  
1c. green (Printed, 5,000,000)

**CARTAGENA (I 138).**—In E.W.S.N., Nos. 132, 136 and 137 we chronicled some 5c. violet and 10c. red provisionals, perf. 11½. The *Philatelic Record* notes the following minor varieties:—

*Adhesives.*  
5c. violet, variety without control mark.  
10c. brown, rouletted.

A sheet of the 5c. has been seen with 10 stamps showing the variety.

**COLOMBIA (F 148).**—Discovery.—We take the following from Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*.

"Our publishers have received, among a lot of common stamps at wholesale rates, some curiosities, which at first sight are rather plausible and puzzling. They are a 5c. of Type 55, printed in red on pale azure laid, and in black on blue wove papers, and a 10c. of Type 53, in black on yellow, all rather roughly perforated. The fact that the lines in the laid paper run diagonally at last gave us a clue to the origin of these things; we have no doubt that they have been cut from the envelopes issued some years back for the Railway and River Postal Services, and they have perhaps been perforated by some enthusiastic Philatelist, more ingenious than ingenuous. Mekeel's *Weekly* states that these envelopes are all obsolete, so that the stamps may have been cut out and issued as adhesives, but it seems hardly necessary to perforate them."

**DJIBOUTI (J 147).**—We are indebted to L'Echo de la *Timbrologie* for information of the following new provisional.

*Adhesive.* Surcharge in red, in three lines.  
"10 CENTIMES DJIBOUTI" on 25c. black and blue, Obock.  
(a) Variety, surcharge inverted.

It is stated that 50,000 1, 2 and 5 centimes stamps have been printed, and that the stock of the two lower values was despatched from Marseilles on July 10th. There will no doubt be a large demand for them—for surcharging. Why fresh supplies of 10c. stamps were not sent is difficult to understand.

**EGYPT (A).**—Mr. G. Brumell has shown us the 2 mill., green on chalk-surfaced paper, similar to that now being used for New South Wales stamps, and he informs us that he also has the 1 and 2 piastres.

*Adhesive.* Thick chalk-surfaced paper, wmk. star and crescent, perf. 14.

2 mill., green.  
1 piast., blue.  
2 ,, orange-brown.

Egyptian stamps are printed by Messrs. De la Rue and Co. in London.

**FRANCE (V 147).**—We have now received the 25c. value in the new type.

*Adhesive.* New type.  
25c. blue.

The stamps was issued presumably during July.

**FIJI ISLANDS (E 146).**—Mr. J. W. Jones informs the *Philatelic Record* of the following two additions to the list of stamps with new perforation.

*Adhesives.* Perf. 11 x 11½.  
2d. green.  
1½ yellow-brown.

The ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d. and 6d. were the values previously recorded, so that only the 5d. and 5/- now remain, two values of which new printings have not been made for years.

**GRENADA (F 146).**—We illustrate below the types of the new ½d. and 1d. postcards of Gambia, Grenada and Natal.

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**GUATEMALA (G 149).**—The provisional chronicled last week has been followed by another, of which a description is also sent by Mr. W. O. Wylie.

*Adhesive.* Fiscal stamp surcharged in red.  
"Correos Nacionales—1902—Un. 1 Ctv." on 1c. dark blue.

*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* learns that these stamps have been required owing to a shortage caused by delay in receipt of the new stamps from New York. There were to have been 5000 surcharged 1c., 5000 2c., and 10000 6c. The latter, so far, has not made its appearance.

**HAYTI (A).**—Mr. W. O. Wylie has been good enough to send us information of a new issue. The current stamps have been surcharged "MAI—Gt Pre—1902," the letters in the centre standing for "Government Provisoire." The overprint is within an oblong frame (nearly square) with slightly rounded corners.

*Adhesives.* Types 9 and 8 of catalogue; surcharge in black.  
1c. yellow-green. Type 9.  
2c. carmine. "  
3c. green. Type 8.  
4c. red. Type 9.  
5c. light blue. "  
7c. violet-grey. Type 8.  
8c. carmine. Type 9.  
10c. orange-red. "  
15c. olive. Type 8.  
20c. black. Type 9.

Political troubles caused by the retirement of President Sam, are to blame for this issue.

**INDIA (J 149).**—Discovery.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have met with a horizontal pair of the ½a. blue of 1856 no watermark with the small type of "Service" surcharge inverted at the top of each stamp. The overprint appears to be undoubtedly genuine. The stamps are on a letter with postmark dated "Bangalore, August 4th, 1866."

**MADAGASCAR (F 149).**—L'Echo de la *Timbrologie* furnishes us with the following statistics of the surcharged issue described last week.

05 on 50c. rose. Quantity issued, 100,000.  
10 on 5fr. violet. " " 25,000.  
15 on 1fr. olive. " " 100,000.

They were issued at Antananarivo on June 16th. It is five years since the last issue of surcharged stamps was made. Our contemporary states that one sheet of 150 of each value was overprinted with the surcharge inverted, this being evidently done purposely.

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*Adhesives.* Inverted overprint.

05 on 50c. rose.  
10 on 5fr. violet.  
15 on 1fr. olive.

**MALTA (I 149).**—We are informed that the 1d. on 2½d. provisional stamp is now obsolete and prices have consequently advanced. We fancy the error in the pale blue shade will prove to be a rarity.

**MARTINIQUE (C 139).**—Letters addressed to St. Pierre during April are now being returned from this Colony marked "Retour à l'envoyer.—Fort de France—Martinique" and "disparu dans la catastrophe du 8 mai," states L'Echo de la *Timbrologie*.

**MAURITIUS (M 149).**—What is happening here is difficult to say. We notice several of our contemporaries give credence to the rumour of a King Edward series, but we must for the present remain sceptical of its accuracy. The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that the only stamps now current are the following:—2c. lilac and violet (No. 139), 3c. lilac (No. 139), 4c. lilac and carmine on yellow (No. 140), 6c. green and rose-red (No. 131a), 8c. blue (No. 112), 15c. blue (No. 136) and 15c. on 36c. (No. 135). The whole stock, with the exception of a few of the above has been sent to be overprinted "Postage and Revenue." A few of the 2r. 50c. may also be still on hand uncharged, but our correspondent is not very clear on this point. The uncharged 1c. grey, 15c., 18c., 25c. and 50c. are all quite obsolete, and we should fancy the 18c. might become fairly scarce. It is not in the "Queen's Head" type, and has consequently escaped the attention of the speculator.

**MONTENEGRO (C 148).**—We illustrate below the new stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. of July 26th.



**NEW CALEDONIA (E 148).**—The *Philatelic Record* chronicles the following provisional Unpaid Letter Stamps.

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.* Surcharged on postage adhesives with the letter T in a triangle.  
T in black on 5c. yellow-green and red.  
" on 5c. in black on 2c. brown on buff.  
" on 5c. in black on 4c. claret.

**NEW ZEALAND (B 147).**—We regret that several printer's errors occurred in the list of paper and perforation varieties published last week. Lines 8 and 9 of the paragraph commencing "The four perforations" should read *xc, xd*, not *zc, zd*, whilst lower down *we* should be *wc*. Perhaps it will be as well to reproduce the list correctly.

"The initials *w, x, y, z* represent the four papers:—

(*w*) Waterlow paper, thick; indistinct watermark, double-lined NZ over Star.  
(*x*) Basted Mills paper, thin; watermark generally distinct and often inverted; double-lined NZ over or under Star.  
(*y*) Cowan & Co., thin; no watermark.  
(*z*) Cowan & Co., thin; watermark very distinct, single-lined NZ over Star.



The four perforations—11, 11×14, 14×11 and 14—are represented by the letters *a, b, c, d*. The only varieties of which the Colonial Stamp Market can find that a regular supply was printed are:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., *wa, wc, yd, zd*; 1d., *wa, xb, xc, xd, yd, zd*. As regards the others, 1d. *xa, yb, zb* are admitted to be freaks and are necessarily of considerable rarity; whilst  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. *wb, wd, xb, xc, xd*, and 1d. *wd* are also said to exist, but we have not yet seen even a single specimen. Lastly,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. *xa, ya, yb, yc, za, zb, zc*, and 1d. *wb, wc, ya, yc, za, zc* are reported on all sides not to exist at all. We have thus actually seen only 10 out of the 32 possible or 19 reported varieties."

The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. variety *xd* is of course well-known surcharged for use in Niue and Penrhyn Island, and since writing the above notes, we have seen it without surcharge.

**Registration Envelopes.**—We have two very distinct varieties of the Queen's Head 3d. Registration Envelope Stamp.

Type of 3d. Queen's Head adhesive of 1874.  
3d. bright ultramarine, large inscriptions.  
3d. dull blue, small inscriptions at sides.

The inscriptions are "Registration-Fee" at left and "Threepence" at right and measure respectively 22 and 18½ mm. and 16 and 13 mm. The 3d. ultramarine is postmarked June 2nd and the 3d. dull blue June 23rd. Can any reader say when the colour was changed?

**Advertisements (O149, 147).**—Our list of dates in *E.W.S.N.* of July 19th may now be revised as follows:—

(a) Perf. 11½.	Earliest.	Latest.
5d. olive-black.	—	—
1 brown-red.	5.2.94.	—2.95.
(b) Perf. 10.		
1d. rose.	27.4.93.	9.7.94.
2d. violet.	9.3.93.	—10.94.
2½d. blue.	—1.93.	—9.95.
3d. orange.	20.7.94.	—3.95.
4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-	—	—

**NORTHERN NIGERIA (E 147).**—We are officially informed that the King Edward set of stamps was issued on July 1st.

**PENRHYN ISLAND (H 148).**—The following new variety is given on the authority of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

**Adhesive.** Overprinted on 1d. stamps of New Zealand.  
1d. Universal, Basted Mills paper, perf. 11 (*xa*.)

This is an accidental variety, like the same stamp for Niue, perf. 14, chronicled last week.

**PERSIA (K 144).**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* notes the following additions to M. Castaigne's provisional issue. (See *E.W.S.N.* No. 144.)

**Adhesives.** Type with "VC" in centre.  
3 chahis, black. Initials in red.  
1 kran, rose. " in violet.

The 1, 2 and 5 chahis were previously chronicled. The 1ch. of the type-set issue, overprinted "Provisoire 1319" has been found pin-perforated.

*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles three provisional Service stamps.

**Official Adhesives.** Overprinted on issue of 1899.  
"Service—5 chahis" on 1kr. carmine  
" 10 " " "  
" 12 " " "

Persia has never previously actually issued official stamps, although a set was prepared for use about 20 years ago.

**SALVADOR (G 135).**—*The American Journal of Philately* notes the following minor varieties:—

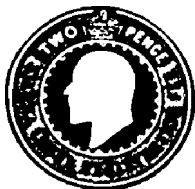
**Official Stamps.** Unpaid letter stamps. Surcharged with "Franco Official" and the Wheel and punched with 12 holes.  
1c. orange | 3c. orange.  
2c. " | 5c. "

The catalogue already records the stamps without the 12 holes (Nos. 700-703) or without the wheel (Nos. 704-707), but not with both.

**SARAWAK (G 142).**—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that a 1c. post card has made its appearance.

**Post Card.**  
1c. green on cream card.

Hitherto Sarawak has only issued 3c. and 4c. post cards.



**SIERRA LEONE (E 148).**—We illustrate above the type of the new registration envelope stamp, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of July 26th.

**SIRMOOR (D 123).**—*Discovery.*—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the 1a. service stamp with surcharge type 12 in red, upside down. The copies seen are used and the overprint appears to be genuine.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (D 142).**—We have already chronicled the issue of the new 3c. and 8c. stamps. Specimen copies have now been seen of the remainder of the King Edward set, but the date of issue is apparently not yet fixed. *The Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* furnishes the following description:—

**Adhesives.** Head of King Edward VII; CA 14.  
1c. green. Name and value, green.  
4c. lilac on red.  
5c. lilac.  
10c. lilac on yellow.  
25c. lilac. Name, etc. in green.  
30c. " " rose.  
50c. green. " " rose.  
\$1 " " black.  
\$2 lilac. " " black.  
\$5 green. " " yellow-brown.

The 1c., 25c., 50c., and \$2 have the value in white on coloured ground, and the 5c., 10c., 30c., \$1 and \$5, the value in colour on white ground. The 1c. and 30c. have now been issued. The following is also ready for issue:—

**Postcard.**  
3 cents, carmine on cream. Size 140×89mm.

**TASMANIA (N 148).**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* notes some minor varieties in the "Revenue" surcharged St. George and Dragon stamps, which it is just possible may have been issued whilst these stamps were still available for postage (till November, 1900).

2/6 St. George and Dragon, unperf.  
" " perf., surch. inverted.  
" " surch. "REVFNUE."

**TOLIMA (A).**—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have obtained a specimen of the 5 pesos of 1887, imperf. (No. 83 in the catalogue) with the value label "5 Pesos 5" upside down.

*The American Journal of Philately* records the 10c. of the current (1888-1900) set perf. 12.

**Adhesive.** Perf. 12.  
10 centavos, green.

The 1, 2, 10 and 20c. have already been issued with this perforation, the other values being perf. 10½. The 1887 issue was either imperf. or perf. 12.

**TRANSVAAL (V 147).**—We have been shown an entire sheet of sixty of each of the recent provisional stamps, 3d. and 4d. E.R.I. It is rather remarkable that a minute inspection shows no variations in the overprints.

In an interview of Mrs. Field, published by the *Stamp Collector*, it is stated that this lady collector has the pleasure of possessing a probably unique copy of the £5 V.R.I. with double surcharge.

**TUNIS (C 122).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that 35,000 stamps of 15c. blue have been surcharged "25," with three small bars over the old value. It was found very confusing to have two blue stamps, one of 15 and the other of 25 cents, so the stock of the former has been converted to the latter value.

**Adhesive.**  
"25" on 15c. blue, quadrillé paper.

We take the following on the same subject from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—

"News regarding a recently-issued provisional stamp, 25 centimes on 15c., the surcharge being in red, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. It appears that only 30,000 specimens were issued, and the whole quantity was sold in one day. A very curious circumstance, is it not?"

"The following translation of a paragraph in "La Dépêche Tunisienne" of July 17th, also kindly forwarded by our friends at Ipswich, will be read with interest:

A few days since, the principal Post Offices in Tunis were selling the old 15c. stamps surcharged 25c.

In consequence of the International Convention all the Offices belonging to the Universal Postal Union were to have one colour for their stamps of 5c., 10c., and 25c.—green for the first, red for the second, and blue for the third.

It was in order to avoid, on the one hand the confusion which resulted from having two sorts of blue stamps (15c. and 25c.), and on the other hand in order to exhaust the remaining stock of blue postage stamps of 15c. that this surcharge was decided upon. Besides, the number of stamps in question is very limited.

"Doubtless the paragraph is an inspired one—"semi-official," to use the correct shibboleth of the day—and intended to show the public the pure, single-minded and benevolent motives actuating the managers of the Tunisian postal service. Readers of the *Fortnightly* will not need to be told that the Government of Tunis is of the Crown Colour type, the strings being pulled from the "Downing Street" of Paris; but one may safely assume that this little matter of the 25c. on 15c. was planned and executed by the authorities on the spot."

**UGANDA (E 137).**—*Consular.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* reports having seen the 8 annas and 1 rupee black, postage stamps of 1896, without surcharge of "L," and bearing a diagonal overprint of "Consular," in manuscript, in black. A single of the former and pair of the

latter were used together on a portion of the original document.

**UNITED STATES (X 148).**—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., report having found the 8c. brown-purple on Revenue paper. The specimen is watermarked with a large "R" which shows up very distinctly.

**Plate-Numbers (E 147).**—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* states that the "2c. ordinary" plates 1271—1274 were intended for stamp booklets and have not yet been used. (See *E.W.S.N.*, No. 127).

**Local Stamps.**—*The American Journal of Philately* illustrates a hitherto uncatalogued local stamp.

Bury's City Post, 1c. dull blue.

Our contemporary states that the stamp was found amongst a lot of old correspondence, and was fortunately retained on the original cover. The design is not printed but embossed and is on coloured paper. It consists of an upright double-lined oval, with the inscription "BURY'S CITY POST" in the upper part and "ONE CENT" in the lower. The centre is occupied by a five-pointed Star.

**VICTORIA (U 148).**—*Stamp Duty.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* chronicles the 3d. value, best known as a postage stamp (type 29 in Gibbons' Catalogue) printed in greenish-grey instead of olive-yellow. It is undoubtedly only intended in its new colour for revenue purposes.

**WADHWAN (A).**—*Discovery.*—We take the following note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"We have seen a vertical pair of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  pice, No. 2 in the catalogue, imperf. horizontally between the two stamps. It is from the right lower corner of the sheet, and as the outside edges were not perforated, the lower stamp is perforated at the left side only! We believe that this stamp does not exist with a real pin perforation and that No. 1 may be struck out."

## Notes.

The London Philatelic Society has undertaken the publication of a new edition of *Oceania*. It will be edited (and ably edited) by Mr. A. F. Basset Hull.

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The July number of the *London Philatelist* contains an exhaustive article on the 1853-67 issues of Chile by Mr. E. D. Bacon. No one interested in Chilean stamps can afford to miss reading it.

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Germany, Foreign Post Offices and Postmarks, 1Bj 8. 02/295.

Martinique, by C. A. Howes, MW 7. 02/286.

\*New South Wales, further Notes on the re-touches of the 2d. "Diadem" type, by L. L. R. Hausburg, PR 7. 02/147.

New Zealand. Proofs of 1874 issue, SG 7. 02/17.

St. Vincent, by C. A. Howes, MW 7. 02/286.

\*Tonga Statistical Article by A. F. Basset Hull, SG 7. 02/9.

Transvaal. Addenda by C. J. Phillips to work on Transvaal by E. J. Nankivell, SG 7. 02/18.

\*Zanzibar, Reference List with special attention to minor varieties, by C. J. Phillips, SG 7. 02/9.

## The New Catalogues.

PART I. READY END OF AUGUST.

(Orders may be sent to Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Limited, with postal order or Stamps, 2/3. Clients having deposit accounts need only send a post card).

The new catalogue for 1902-03, Part I., is expected by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, to be ready about the end of August, whilst Part II. will be published in November. Attention is drawn in the preface to the following alterations in Part I.

"The countries which have received particular attention are Grenada, St. Vincent, South Australia, Tasmania, and Zanzibar, which have all been re-written; while the Indian Native States have all been revised carefully by Major Evans, and some of them, e.g. Bondi, Jammu, and Kishengarh, have been re-written.

"Advanced collectors, who are interested in the various perforations effected by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., will find that the lists of Grenada, St. Helena, St. Vincent, and Western Australia have been divided in accordance with the information supplied in the handbook on Grenada.

"The stamps of Stellaland and of New South African Republic are now placed in Part I., as the territories now form part of the British dominions in South Africa."

# Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
<b>GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.</b>				
101*	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 50c.	9	1/7	1/11
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
107a	" " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108*	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109*	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
<b>GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.</b>				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118*	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö.	11	3/1	3/8
118a*	Dermark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ö.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	3/4
119a	" " 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 aur.	5	0/4	0/5
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ö.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ö.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
<b>GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.</b>				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60h.	13	2/5	2/10
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
135a	" " 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta	6	1/1	1/4
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	10	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	7	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50b.	9	1/4	1/7
138a	" " Postage Due, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60b.	6	1/4	1/8
138b*	" " Delivery, 25b. (No. 605)	1	0/2½	0/3
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 par.	7	1/1	—
<b>GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.</b>				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146*	Bénin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a*	Bénin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a*	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158*	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/4
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XII.—OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.</b>				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167*	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
<b>GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.</b>				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, ? 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
<b>GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES.</b>				
183*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184*	" " New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185*	" " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188*	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190*	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193*	Morocco (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
<b>GROUP XV.—OTHER COLONIES, Etc.</b>				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a*	" " unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" " Crete (Bengasi), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235*	" " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239*	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

	Face Value.	Our Price
735 French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
735a " " 1fr., Pict.	0/10	0/1
736 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
739 French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
740 Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
741 Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
742 Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
743 Indo-China, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
744 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
745 Ivory Coast, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
746 Levant, 8 piastres	1/4	1/7
747 " " 20 piastres	—	—
748 Madagascar, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
749 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
750* Martinique, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
751 Mayotte, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
752 " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
753* Morocco, 2 peseta	1/8	1/11
754 New Caledonia, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
755 Obock, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
756 " " 2fr.	1/8	1/11
757* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
758 " " 10fr.	—	—
759 " " 25fr.	—	—
760 " " 50fr.	—	—
761 Oceania, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
762* Port Said, 2fr.	1/8	1/1
763* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
764 Réunion, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
765 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
766 Senegal, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
767 Soudan (French), 1fr.	0/10	1/0
768 Vathy, 8 piastres	—	—
769 " " 20 piastres	—	—
770 Zanzibar, 20 annas	—	—
771 " " 50 annas	—	—
772 Diego Suarez, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
773 Nossi bé, 1fr.	0/10	1/0
774 Obock, old 2fr.	1/8	3/0
775 " " old 5fr.	4/0	6/0
776 " " 1892, 1fr.	0/10	1/6
777 St. Marie, 1fr.	0/10	1/0

## GERMAN COLONIES AND POST OFFICES.

781* German East Africa, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
782* " " 2 rupees	2/8	3/1
783* " " 3 rupees	4/0	4/8
784* German New Guinea, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
785* German S.W. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
786* Cameroons, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
787* Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
788* China, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
789* Kiaoutschou, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
790* Levant, 10 piastres	—	—
791* " " 15 piastres	—	—
792* Marianne Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
793 Marshall Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
794* Morocco, 1 peseta	0/10	1/0
795* " " 1½ " "	1/0	1/2
796* " " 2½ " "	2/0	2/4
797* " " 3½ " "	3/0	3/6
798* " " 6½ " "	5/0	5/10
799* Samoa, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10
800. Togo, 1, 2, 3, 5M.	11/0	12/10

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| 1. Anjouan       | 12.*Martinique             |
| 2. Dahomey       | 13. Mayotte                |
| 3. French Congo  | 14. Madagascar             |
| 4. " Guinea      | 15. New Caledonia          |
| 5. " Soudan      | 16. Oceania                |
| 6. Grand Comore  | 17. Réunion                |
| 7. Guiana        | 18.*St. Pierre et Miquelon |
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- Greece, Olympian Games.  
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- Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
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10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.
- Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.
- Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.
- Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1½d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (X 149).—The Colonial Stamp Market has received the following new Envelope Dies (King's Heads)—½d. green, die 19, 1d. carmine, die 21. The list therefore now stands:—

½d. Dies 7 to 12, 14 to 20.  
1d. Dies 7 to 15, 20, 21.

**ABYSSINIA** (D 141).—We illustrate the type of the "Posta" surcharge now being applied to the current Abyssinian stamps, as described in E.W.S.N., Nos. 139 and 141.

**BELGIUM** (H 135).—Railway Parcel Stamps. —L'Annuaire Timbrologique chronicles a new set of Railway Parcel Stamps (see "Foreign Extracts"). The values and colours are as follows:—

10c. brown and dark-blue	60c. violet and carmine
15c. grey and violet	70c. blue and red
20c. blue and sienna-brown	80c. yellow and mauve
25c. carmine and green	90c. carmine and green
30c. orange and blue	1fr. brown and orange
40c. emerald and mauve	2fr. bistre and greenish-blue
50c. rose and mauve	3fr. grey-blk. and ultramarine

Several values occur in distinct pale and dark shades.

**CUBA** (G 149).—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal states that the second stamp from the left in the bottom row of the sheet of the Special Delivery Stamp of 1899 has no stop after the word "Cuba" in the surcharge.

Special Delivery Stamp.

10c. on U.S.A. 10c. indigo, variety, no stop after Cuba.

The left hand half of a sheet on which this error has been noted bears the plate-number 1492.

**DUTCH INDIES** (G 148).—Het Postzegel-nieuws states that the following quantities have been printed of the recently issued surcharged stamps:—



½ on 2 cent. 2,000,000.  
2½ on 3 cent. 2,500,000.

There should consequently be enough to go round.

**HAYTI** (A 150).—The American Journal of Philately adds two values to the list of provisional stamps chronicled last week:—

Adhesives. Overprinted "Mai-Gi Pr—1902" in black.

50c. rose-brown.  
1g. lilac.

Variety. Double surcharge.  
8c. carmine.

**MEXICO** (F 148).—A correspondent sends the American Journal of Philately a copy of the 2 centavos of the 1895-98 series on unwatermarked paper, printed by error in green, the colour of the 1 centavo. He writes that one sheet was sent by accident to a post office and most of the stamps sold before the error was noticed. Only a few escaped destruction.

Adhesive. No wmk., perf.  
2c. green (error of colour).

We append an illustration of the surcharge on the 4c. provisional postcard chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 148.

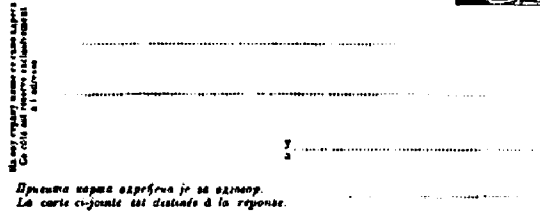


**MONTENEGRO** (D 150).—In addition to the three sets of adhesives, we now have to chronicle the following stationery:—

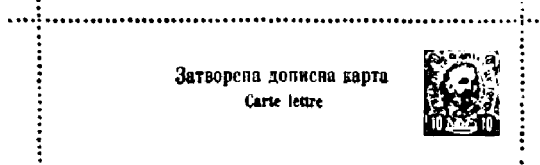
Post Card. 5 heller.  
Letter Card. 10 heller.



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**NEW ZEALAND** (C 150).—Advertisements (P 150).—Our list of dates of N.Z. stamps with advertisements may now be further revised as follows:—

(a) Perf. 11½.	Earliest.	Latest.
5d. olive black	—	—
1/- brown-red	—	—2.95
(b) Perf. 10.		
1d. rose	25.4.93	9.7.94
2d. violet	9.3.93	—10.94
2½d. blue	—1.93	—9.95
3d. orange	20.7.93	—3.95
4d. green	12.11.93	26.5.94
6d. brown	28.2.94	10.1.95
8d. blue	—	—
1/- brown-red	—	—

The additions are sent us by Mr. S. B. Kelton.

**SERVIA** (G 144).—We illustrate the new 5 para postcard.



Србија

ДОПИСНА КАРТА



Само за одгов.

**SPAIN** (K 148).—Through the kindness of a Spanish correspondent we are now able to render our list of marginal plate-numbers more complete. Since our notes in E.W.S.N., No. 148, we have been shown, amongst others, several evidently new plate-numbers:—5c., 6; 10c., 5, 6; 15c., 36. The list to date is as follows.

Value.	Size of Plate.	Highest Sheet-No.	Plate-Numbers.
2c.	100	0,060,118	1, 2, 3
5c.	200	0,098,828	1, 2, 4, 6
10c.	200	0,082,538	1, 1, 5, 6
15c.	200	0,825,079	5, 11, 17, 19, 29, 30, 32 to 36
20c.	100	0,004,522	1, 2
25c.	100	0,075,627	2, 3, 4
40c.	100	0,004,231	2
50c.	100	0,014,189	1, 2
1p.	100	0,019,505	2

The 15c. above referred to are all in the new colour, violet. The earliest number in this shade so far chronicled is No. 665, 157.

**TRANSVAAL** (V 147).—Although the provisional 3d. and 4d. E.R.I. were reported to have been sold out on the first day, further printings were quickly made, and they were again in issue only a month ago.

**TURKEY** (B 122).—Discovery. —A correspondent at Constantinople informs Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal that the 20 paras black, Unpaid Letter Stamp, of the 1888 issue, No. 340 in the Catalogue, is found perf. 11½ as well as 13½.

**URUGUAY** (G 136).—The Monthly Circular chronicles the current 2c. stamp in three distinct shades—orange-red, brick-red and brownish-red.

**UNITED STATES** (X 148).—We are now able to illustrate the McKinley postcard, chronicled and described in E.W.S.N. No. 148.



POSTAL CARD.



## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Luxemburg, Historical Sketch of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and its Postage Stamps, by Jules Bouvèz, AJP 7. 02/185.  
Greece, Criticism of Price-list of, by Crawford Capen, AJP 7. 02/193.  
France, the two sizes of the French stamps of 1850, WPE 7. 02/341.  
Hungary, Issues of 1871-1898, by Count Miklos Dessewffy, DBZ 8. 02/96.

## Foreign Extracts.

Il Consiglio di Stato ha approvato la proposta di modificazione del servizio dei vaglia postali, nel senso di ridurre ad un unico e nuovo tipo i quattro tipi di vaglia attualmente in uso per l'interno. Il nuovo vaglia sarà vendibile, come i francobolli e le cartoline, presso gli spacci di generi di privata; e l'acquirente stesso lo riempirà coll' indicazione dell' ammontare e del destinatario, con facoltà di aggiungervi quelle annotazioni aventi carattere di corrispondenza, che saranno possibili per lo spazio a ciò destinato. Il vaglia così riempito verrà presentato allo sportello dell' ufficio postale, dove si verserà la somma di cui sarà caso, e si avrà la relativa ricevuta.—Corriere Filatelico Romagnolo.

Deux membres du Club Philatélique Bruxellois nous ont montré, à la séance inaugurale du 25 juillet, la série des 14 nouveaux timbres de chemin de fer belges, parus la veille. Avant d'en donner le détail, quelques explications ne seront pas inutiles au sujet de cette émission extraordinaire, qui semble inspirée d'une arrière-pensée de speculation. Ce qui tend à le prouver, c'est que ces timbres—dont la nécessité est contestable—sont vendus dès maintenant au public . . . collectionneur sous entendu . . . alors qu'ils ne seront valables pour l'affranchissement que dans quelques mois, en octobre probablement. On veut attendre, paraît-il, que le stock en cours soit épuisé, ou à peu près, mais ne comprenons pas bien pourquoi il était nécessaire de changer le type de 1895, qui n'avait pas cessé de plaire.

Pour obéir au goût du jour, les lamas de l'administration se sont avisés de faire imprimer la série en deux tentes et d'inaugurer, pour les fortes valeurs de 1,2 et 3 francs, un type baroque qui constitue un échantillon réussi de mauvais goût. Le dessin principal de ces trois timbres représente une loue ailée, emblème de la vitesse, au-dessous de laquelle s'entrelacent des feuilles de laurier. Dans le coin droit supérieur, s'aperçoit un lion microscopique en train de faire le beau; dans le coin gauche, on distingue la main symbolique de nos premiers timbre-taxe.

A tout prendre et puisqu'il semble avéré qu'on désiré coller aux bons collectionneurs cette série de vignettes, d'une valeur faciale de 10fr. 00, les 12 fonctionnaires qui en ont adopté le modèle, auraient bien fait d'aller prendre des leçons à la maison Waterlow & Son de Londres, la grande fabrique de timbres, dont toutes les productions s'inspirent d'un réel souci artistique.—L'Annuaire Timbrologique.

## Answers to Correspondents.

R. J. K.—Thanks for information respecting New Zealand stamp booklets. "BW" on Free State stamps are the initials of the Dutch Equivalent of "Bank Draft." The stamps with Arms are for postcards.

L. B.—Stamps printed by De la Rue & Co. are not at all uncommon with brown gum.



### Early Dates of Use of British Stamps with Plate-Numbers.

As it is now eight months since we published any lists of early dates of 1d. red British stamps, and a still longer period since the lists of other values appeared, and as in the meantime *E. & S. N.* has gained many hundreds of new readers, some of whom may be interested in the subject, we take this opportunity of publishing the lists as they stand at present. The idea, it should be explained to readers who have not seen our previous lists, is to find the earliest postmarked copy of each plate-number.

Plate No.	Plate put to press.	Record (Earliest date of use).	Record-holder.
71	1.3.64	London, 17.5.64	S. G. Dudley
72	"	Glasgow, 3.6.64	H. P. Stewart
73	"	London, W., 23.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
74	"	London, W.C., 25.5.64	P. P. Wood
76	"	York, 15.6.64	G. Verméeren
78	"	Liverpool, 17.5.64	G. Gaffe
79	"	London, S.W., 7.5.64	S. H. Toole
80	"	London, W., 3.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
81	"	"	H. P. Stewart
82	"	Birmingham, 19.5.64	H. L. Ewen
83	"	London, W., 21.5.64	P. P. Wood
84	"	Dundee, 14.6.64	G. Gaffe
85	"	London, E.C., 19.5.64	H. W. Harrison
86	"	Dublin, 25.5.64	O. Firth
87	7.3.64	London, E.C., 2.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
88	17.3.64	London, S.W., 3.6.64	"
89	22.3.64	Kilcaldy, 6.7.64	O. Firth
90	30.3.64	London, N., 15.6.64	P. P. Wood
91	5.4.64	Brighton, 29.6.64	"
92	12.4.64	London, 19.5.64	M. Raffalovich
93	19.4.64	"	P. R. Devis
94	26.4.64	Manchester, 29.6.64	C. F. D. Marshall
95	1.7.64	Ashbourne, 30.8.64	W. D. Roebuck
96	11.10.64	Nottingham, 28.12.64	P. P. Wood
97	7.3.65	Liverpool, 21.6.65	O. Firth
98	20.3.65	Huddersfield, 3.6.65	M. Raffalovich
99	6.1.66	Bangor, 26.2.66	R. H. Jones
100	19.1.66	Oswestry, 20.3.66	"
101	12.4.66	London, E.C., 18.6.66	O. Firth
102	16.4.66	"	"
103	8.8.66	Manchester, 10.10.66	G. Gaffe
104	22.1.68	London, W., 12.3.68	P. P. Wood
105	31.1.68	London, E.C., 11.4.68	"
106	29.2.66	Chard, 20.5.68	C. F. D. Marshall
107	18.3.68	Barnsley, 6.5.68	H. P. Stewart
108	23.3.68	HighWycombe, 21.7.68	H. W. Harrison
109	"	Edinburgh, 22.5.68	W. D. Roebuck
110	"	Bury, Lanc., 29.5.68	G. Gaffe
111	"	London, E.C., 29.5.68	C. F. D. Marshall
112	12.5.68	London, S.W., 25.7.68	H. P. Stewart
113	"	Dublin, 26.8.68	M. Raffalovich
114	"	Bradford, Ys., 24.7.68	O. Frith
115	"	Hull, 5.7.68	H. P. Stewart
116	"	Birmingham, 20.6.68	G. Gaffe
117	9.6.68	London, E.C., 25.9.68	P. P. Wood
118	"	Manchester, 4.8.68	G. Gaffe
119	18.8.68	London, W.C., 23.10.68	P. P. Wood
120	8.9.68	Edinburgh, 14.11.68	"
121	17.12.68	Burton-on-T., 27.2.69	"
122	16.1.69	Edinburgh, 16.3.69	"
123	18.1.69	London, W.C., 6.3.69	"
124	"	Hastings, 14.3.69	"
125	15.2.69	London, W., 3.7.69	S. H. Toole
127	3.5.69	Glasgow, 28.6.69	J. R. W. Clark
129	10.5.69	Chester, 6.9.69	W. D. Roebuck
130	5.6.69	London, E.C., 30.9.69	"
131	3.8.69	Hull, 9.10.69	P. P. Wood
132	4.9.69	Newry, 22.11.69	"
133	1.10.69	Birmingham, 16.3.70	G. Gaffe
134	8.10.69	Dublin, 29.1.70	P. P. Wood
135	14.12.69	London, 2.3.70	H. P. Stewart
136	6.1.70	Liverpool, 19.3.70	P. P. Wood
137	5.3.70	Glasgow, 9.4.70	"
138	10.3.70	Edinburgh, 25.4.70	"
139	19.3.70	Liverpool, 16.5.70	H. P. Stewart
140	9.4.70	Edinburgh, 23.6.70	P. P. Wood
141	7.5.70	Clevedon, 8.7.70	J. C. Rowley
142	13.7.70	London, 13.10.70	H. P. Stewart
143	7.10.70	"	H. L. Ewen
144	3.1.71	"	"
145	16.1.71	Chatham, 21.4.71	P. P. Wood
146	23.1.71	Liverpool, 25.3.71	"
147	4.2.71	London, 11.4.71	"
148	29.4.71	Ayr, 29.7.71	H. P. Stewart
149	15.5.71	London, S.E., 21.7.71	P. P. Wood
150	30.5.71	Margate, 17.8.71	S. G. Dudley
151	14.11.71	Glasgow, 13.12.71	"
152	"	London, 2.1.72	H. L. Ewen
153	27.12.71	Swansea, 5.3.72	"
154	30.1.72	Keigate, 26.4.72	A. W. Chambers
155	20.4.72	"	H. L. Ewen
156	24.4.72	Glasgow, 18.6.72	"
157	"	Brighton, 22.7.72	F. C. Scarr
158	4.5.72	Barton, 9.8.72	J. Mitchley
159	17.8.72	"	H. W. Harrison
160	"	Edinburgh, 4.10.72	W. D. Roebuck
161	17.9.72	"	P. P. Wood
162	26.10.72	Manchester, 6.12.72	"
163	5.11.72	Bristol, 9.1.73	"
164	30.11.72	Weymouth, 8.2.73	H. L. Bevir
165	17.1.73	Enniskillen, 16.5.73	C. F. D. Marshall
166	18.1.73	London, W.C., 27.5.73	P. P. Wood
167	8.2.73	Bromley, 7.4.73	H. P. Stewart
168	8.5.73	Bute Docks, 13.8.73	H. W. Harrison
169	21.6.73	Leamington, 8.9.73	A. W. Chambers
170	11.10.73	Lincoln, 28.1.74	G. Verméeren
171	27.10.73	Manchester, 9.1.74	H. P. Stewart
172	"	Liverpool, ? ? 73	"
173	2.4.74	Abergavenny, 26.7.74	C. F. D. Marshall
174	20.4.74	H. Heath, 17.7.74	P. P. Wood
175	5.3.74	"	H. L. Ewen
176	12.12.74	Sunderland, 22.3.75	H. W. Harrison
177	29.12.74	Inverness, 13.2.75	"
178	1.2.75	London, S.W., 14.4.75	H. G. S. Fell
179	15.5.74	Swindon, 28.6.75	H. L. Bevir
180	25.5.75	Tewkesbury, 19.8.75	P. P. Wood
181	26.5.75	Calne, 13.9.75	H. L. Bevir
182	19.9.75	Manchester, 1.8.75	G. Gaffe
183	9.8.75	"	Miss C. Hoblyn
184	20.10.75	London, S.W., 6.3.76	A. W. Chambers
185	4.12.75	Birmingham, 12.2.76	P. P. Wood
186	18.12.75	Manchester, 12.2.76	G. Gaffe
187	3.1.76	London, E.C., 29.2.76	C. F. D. Marshall
188	8.1.76	London, S.E., 4.3.76	"
189	"	Aylesbury, 6.3.76	P. P. Wood
190	31.1.76	London, 24.3.76	G. Verméeren
191	19.2.76	Maidenhead, 8.5.76	P. P. Wood
192	"	Lisburn, 25.4.76	Miss C. Hoblyn
193	2.9.76	London, W., 11.11.76	P. P. Wood

Plate No.	Plate put to press.	Record (Earliest date of use).	Record-holder.
194	13.11.76	London, W.C., 24.1.77	C. F. D. Marshall
195	18.11.76	London, W., 8.1.77	"
196	15.1.77	Chatham, 2.4.77	"
197	20.1.77	Holloway, N., 9.3.77	A. W. Chambers
198	27.1.77	London, S.E., 9.4.77	C. F. D. Marshall
199	5.2.77	Sheffield, 7.4.77	"
200	3.3.77	Belfast, 26.5.77	M. Raffalovich
201	21.4.77	Wallingford, 4.6.77	C. F. D. Marshall
202	19.5.77	Brighton, 21.7.77	"
203	"	London, W.C., 27.8.77	G. Verméeren
204	23.6.77	Tewkesbury, 8.9.77	P. P. Wood
205	8.9.77	London, S.E., 5.11.77	C. F. D. Marshall
206	"	Reigate, 23.12.77	A. W. Chambers
207	12.11.77	Cork, 29.1.78	G. Gaffe
208	17.11.77	London, E.C., 30.1.78	P. P. Wood
209	24.11.77	Birmingham, 1.1.78	G. C. Gardner
210	8.12.77	Brighton, 6.2.78	C. F. D. Marshall
211	16.3.78	London, 26.4.78	"
212	20.5.78	Lombard St., 7.4.78	G. Gaffe
213	1.7.78	Leamington, 14.10.78	P. P. Wood
214	6.8.78	London, 1.10.78	C. F. D. Marshall
215	"	Neath, 14.10.78	H. G. S. Fell
216	2.9.78	Edinburgh, 15.11.78	W. D. Roebuck
217	23.11.78	"	Miss C. Hoblyn
218	30.11.78	Scarborough, 31.12.78	H. P. Stewart
219	11.1.79	Liverpool, 11.3.79	P. P. Wood
220	"	Windsor, 9.3.79	A. W. Chambers
221	3.4.79	London, S.W., ? 6.79	G. Verméeren
222	6.5.79	Oxford, 17.8.79	H. G. S. Fell
223	21.6.79	London, 16.9.79	W. D. Roebuck
224	23.6.79	Edinburgh, 9.9.79	P. P. Wood
225	27.10.79	London, 16.1.80	H. L. Ewen

#### LIST OF COMPETITORS.

MR. P. P. WOOD STILL HEADS THE LIST.  
The following is a summary of the number of records held by the principal competitors on three of the dates on which the complete list has been published. Every stamp bearing a record date has been carefully examined by the Editor.

	Mch. 24, 1900	Apr. 6, 1901	Aug. 11, 1902
P. P. Wood	35	40	41
C. F. D. Marshall	29	15	20
H. P. Stewart	—	15	14
G. Gaffe	3	14	11
H. L. Ewen	4	12	9
W. Denison Roebuck	34	11	8
O. Firth	14	7	7
H. W. Harrison	—	7	6
G. Verméeren	—	6	5

Most plate-numbers appear to have been issued very shortly after being put to press, the following records being the nearest:—

29 days.	Plate 151, S. G. Dudley.
31 "	Plate 218, H. P. Stewart.
35 "	Plate 137, P. P. Wood.
37 "	Plate 92, M. Raffalovich.
38 "	Plate 209, G. C. Gardner.
38 "	Plate 116, G. Gaffe.
41 "	Plate 162, P. P. Wood.
41 "	Plate 211, C. F. D. Marshall.

On the other hand, the earliest dates yet recorded for the following plate numbers are exceptionally late. No doubt, however, the diligence of our readers will soon result in their being considerably improved upon.

177 days.	Plate 165, P. P. Wood.
167 "	Plate 133, G. Gaffe.
138 "	Plate 125, S. H. Toole.
138 "	Plate 184, A. W. Chambers.
129 "	Plate 166, P. P. Wood.

The tables of records for plate numbers of other values are as follows:—

Plate No.	Plate put to press.	Record (Earliest date of use).	Record-holder.
1	20.6.70	Leeds, 15.11.70	J. J. Thorpe
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13	6.5.76	"	"
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12	28.10.68	"	Unknown
13	13.4.69	London, 23.7.69	H. L. Ewen
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1	30.3.75	London, E.C., 1.7.75	H. L. Ewen
2	1.6.75	Newcastle, 1.9.75	"
3a	12.6.75	"	30.11.75
3b	—	London, S.W., 2.6.76	"
4	21.4.76	Manchester, 1.7.76	"
5	3.7.76	London, 21.8.76	R. Holliday
6	7.9.76	"	10.11.76
7	16.2.77	Liverpool, 21.4.77	"
8	4.6.77	London, 2.7.77	"
9	14.9.77	Glasgow, 9.10.77	"
10	7.12.77	London, E.C., 16.1.78	"
11	19.3.78	Hull, 16.5.78	"

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12	25.5.78	Bradford, 21.9.78	R. Holliday
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14	11.2.79	Lombard St., 25.3.79	M. Raffalovich
15	8.5.79	Nottingham, 17.6.79	G. Verméeren
16	15.8.79	London, 20.10.79	H. L. Ewen
17a	23.12.79	"	23.1.80
17b	—	"	5.2.80
18	11.2.80	"	2.3.80
19	6.4.80	London, 4.5.80	H. W. Harrison
20	11.10.80	Liverpool, 12.11.80	H. L. Ewen
21	3.2.81	"	28.3.81
22	9.6.81	Liverpool, 11.7.81	H. W. Harrison
23	9.6.81	Manchester, 6.7.81	H. L. Ewen

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2	19.2.62	"	7.7.62	H. L. Ewen
4a	19.12.64	Malta, 29.4.65	"	"
4b	—	London, 26.7.67	"	"
5	18.12.67	Bradford, Yks., 10.3.68	"	"
6	22.9.69	London, 19.1.70	"	"
7	19.10.71	"	4.11.71	"
8	29.2.72	"	14.5.72	"
9	31.7.72	"	25.10.72	"
10	1.1.73	London, W.C., 17.3.73	"	"
11	17.4.73	London, 12.7.73	"	"
12	4.9.73	"	19.10.73	Unknown
14	12.1.74	London, E.C., 29.4.74	"	H. L. Ewen
15	9.6.74	Huddersfield, —.8.74	"	"
16	29.10.74	London, 11.1.75	"	"
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- Chamba State (obsolete).  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d., block, 3d.
- Chamba State Service (obsolete).  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.
- Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.  
½d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

- Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star,  
perf. 11.  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9;  
pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen,  
2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen,  
2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12×11½, 6d.; block,  
1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New  
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the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete,  
having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.
- Falkland Islands.  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.;  
block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.
- Fiji Islands, no wmk., "V.R." issue.  
½d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane  
of 50, 2/6.  
1d. pale lilac-rose (obsolete shade), 1½d.;  
block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
2d. green, perf. 11, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11×10, 6d.; block, 1/11;  
dozen, 5/10.
- Fiji Islands, Queen's Head.  
1/- brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
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½d. green, per dozen, 8d.
- Gibraltar, values in centimos and pesetas,  
Queen's Head.  
Set of eight, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.,  
the set, 3/6; blocks, 14/-.
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½d. lilac and green, per doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, per dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.
- Grenada, old type, printed in tête-bêche rows.  
1d. pink, per dozen 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
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2½d. blue, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11;  
pane, 14/7.
- Grenada, Queen's Head.  
½d. lilac and green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2d. lilac and brown, block 10d.; dozen, 2/4;  
pane, 11/8.
- Hongkong, Queen's Heads.  
2c. green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
5c. yellow, block 6d.; dozen, 1/6; pane, 7/-.  
10c. blue, block 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.  
20c. on 30c. green, nett 6d.; block, 2/-;  
dozen, 5/10.  
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50c. on 48c. violet, 1/2; block, 4/8.  
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½ on 1 anna, green, per dozen, 6d.
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½ anna, yellow-green, block, 3 l.; per doz., 7d.  
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2a. violet, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
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½a. green, per dozen, 8d.  
1a. purple, per dozen, 1/3.
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½d. green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2d. green, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. lilac and blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
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2c. pink, postmarked, per dozen, 11d.
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1c. brown, Native, block, 2d.; dozen, 4d.;  
per 100, 2/4.  
2c. blue, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
per 100, 4/8.  
2c. green, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen,  
7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
3c. ochre, Palm Tree, block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
4c. lake, Monkey, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
5c. blue, Peacock, block, 6d.; dozen, 1/6.  
6c. brown-lake, Arms, block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9.  
8c. rose-red, Native Vessel, block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
10c. Honey-Bear, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
12c. vermilion, Alligator, block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
16c. brown and green, Train, block, 1/7;  
dozen, 4/8.  
18c. olive-bistre, View, block, 1/9; doz., 6/11.  
24c. grey-lilac, Arms, block, 2/4; dozen, 6/11.
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" " 10c. yellow (cat. 4d.) ... 0 2  
" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ... 0 2  
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ... 1 3  
" 1901, 1c. claret ... 0 1  
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" " 5c. red... ... 0 1  
" " 20c. lilac and black ... 0 3  
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 15c. green ... 0 2  
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" " 20c. brown on violet ... 0 3  
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(cat. 5d.) ... 0 2  
" " 20c. lake and black ... 0 4  
Dominican Repub., 1900, 5c. brown ... 0 3  
" " 1901, 10c. orange and  
violet ... 0 6  
" " 1902, 10c. orange and  
black ... 0 6  
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" 10c. red ... 0 1  
" 10c. brown ... 0 1  
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" " 10c. orange ... 0 3  
" " 20c. black ... 0 6  
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" 10c. lilac and orange ... 0 1  
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" " 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 10c. black ... 0 1  
" " 20c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 22c. green and black ... 0 2  
" " 22c. green ... 0 2  
" " 50c. carmine ... 0 4  
" " 1s. orange ... 1 0  
" " 2s. lake ... 2 6  
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" 10c. lilac ... 0 3  
" 25c. brown ... 0 9  
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" " " 5c. green ... 0 3  
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" " 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 10c. brown ... 0 3  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps (S 146).

—Mr. J. W. Lowson informs us that the 2d. King's Head has been issued with overprint "Govt. Parcels" and that he has seen a copy postmarked Edinburgh, August 11th. It had already been mentioned in E.W.S.N. as having been printed. We take this opportunity of reproducing the list of Early Dates of use as it stands at present for the various official stamps.

#### QUEEN VICTORIA ISSUES.

I.R. Official	½d. green.	23.2.01.
"	6d. rose	—
"	1/- green and carmine.	17.4.02.
Army Official	6d. rose.	—
O.W. Official	½d. green	8.4.02.
"	5d. lilac and blue.	26.7.02.

#### KING EDWARD VII. ISSUES.

I.R. Official	½d. green.	31.5.02.
"	1d. carmine.	5.2.02.
Govt. Parcels	2d. green and red.	11.8.02.
"	6d. lilac.	8.4.02.
Army Official	½d. green.	21.2.02.
"	1d. carmine.	19.2.02.
Board of Education	½d. green.	14.3.02.
"	1d. carmine.	28.2.02.
O.W. Official	½d. green.	16.4.02.
"	1d. carmine.	16.4.02.

Of no others have we as yet seen dated copies and should be greatly obliged for particulars of such that readers may come across.

Morley's Philatelic Journal states that the following are correct particulars of the quantities of postage stamps overprinted for the use of the Board of Education: ½d., 60,000; 1d., 240,000; 2½d., 60,000; 5d., 60,000; 1/-, 30,000.

Unappropriated Plates.—As is well-known to our readers, there is kept at Somerset House a series of plates, each of a different value, and all have a blank space at the foot of each stamp. They are known as the "unappropriated plates," not being appropriated to any particular purpose. Stamps printed from these plates can be overprinted on the margin at foot of each stamp in any way desired and at comparatively little expenses, thus making one set of plates serve for a number of different purposes. The stamps of British Bechuanaland, values over 2/-, were made in this way. Other notable examples are the Military and Army Telegraphs stamps and quite a wide range of fiscals. It has only just been discovered that in the Queen's Head series, there were values of 30/-, 50/- and £10, altho' of course they were very seldom used. Mr. A. B. Creeke, jr., writes to Morley's Philatelic Journal that they were prepared in 1894 and were used for "Estate Duty" purposes, the £10 being also overprinted \$100 for "Consular Service." The following series of stamps have been printed from the new unappropriated plates with Head of King Edward VII.

Wmk. Orb.	Wmk. Script "I.R."
1d. purple.	1/- green.
2d. "	1/6 "
4d. "	2/- "
6d. "	2/- purple.
6d. rose-pink.	£1 "
6d. green.	£1 10s. purple.
9d. purple.	£2 "
	£2 10s. "
	£5 "

No doubt these will soon be followed by other values. It will be noticed that a new paper has been prepared, with watermark I.R. instead of V.R. According to Morley's Philatelic Journal these new plates have so far been used for the following purposes.

Bankruptcy in brown on 1d., £1, £5 purple.  
Contract Note in black on 2/- purple.  
Estate Duty in blue on 30/-; in brown on 50/-  
Foreign Bills, in purple on 6d., 9d. purple; in green on 1/-, 2/- green; in purple on £1, 50/- and £5 purple.  
Judicature Fees, in green on 4d., £1, £5 purple.

Police Court, in orange-red on 1/-, 2/-, green.  
Ireland, Petty Sessions, in brown on 6d. rose and on 6d. green.

Ireland, Records, in brown on 1/- green.  
A few of the above have already been chronicled in E.W.S.N.

Stationery. (L 135).—We also take this opportunity of bringing up to date our list of record dates of use of the King Edward stationery. It now stands as follows:—

Envelopes.	1d. court.	21.1.02.
"	1d. commercial.	14.2.02.
"	1d. thick commercial.	—
"	½d. commercial.	9.1.02.
"	½d. long	—
Post cards.	½d. court.	17.1.02.
"	½d. on buff.	30.1.02.
Letter card.	1d. carmine.	30.1.02.
Post card.	1d. carmine.	14.2.02.
Reply cards.	½d. court.	—
"	½d. on buff.	18.2.02.
Wrappers.	½d. green.	5.2.02.
"	1d. carmine.	—

In several cases no dates have yet been sent in although we believe all the above have been issued for some time.

Envelope Dies (Y 151).—We were rather surprised to find that in a parcel of envelopes stamped at Somerset House last week for the Colonial Stamp Market, the 1d. impressions were from die 8, a very early number. The Colonial Stamp Market has had its 1d. envelopes stamped at Somerset House on twenty occasions this year, with the following result:—February, dies 11, 13, 13, 11, 13; March, 13, 9. April, 9, 12, 14, 9, 12; May, 9, 15; June, 12, 12; July, 12, 20; August, 21, 8. The ½d. envelopes just received are still stamped from die 20. The record to date for the ½d. is as follows:—January, die 8; February, 10, 9, 12, 8, 9; March, 10; April, 10, 10, 15, 14, 14; May, 15, 18; June, 16, 17; July, 17, 20; August, 20, 19. We suppose in the case of the 1d. certain dies have been reesteled and so made available for use a second time.

AUSTRIA (K 150).—Capt. Raimann has been good enough to show us the current 1 heller violet, without varnished lines, perf. 10½, and informs us that it is a great rarity. It was omitted from our list of perforation varieties in E.W.S.N. No. 149.

BELGIUM (I 151).—The parcel stamps chronicled last week are similar in design to those of the preceding issue, except the 1, 2 and 3 francs, for which there is an entirely new design as below.



BERMUDA (B 128).—We illustrate below the type of a new 1d. stamp which is shortly to be issued. So far only "Specimen" copies have been seen.



BRITISH SOMALILAND (C 145).—We are officially informed that the special set of postage stamps is not yet in use here, although it has arrived. Correspondence is still franked with ordinary unsurcharged Indian stamps. The date of issue of the new stamps is unknown, and no steps have yet been taken to get a special plate.

CANTON (F 138).—In addition to the adhesives chronicled in E.W.S.N. Nos. 118 and 124 and the 5, 15 and 25c. envelope described in No. 138, we are now able to announce the following, on the authority of the Le Timbrophile Belge.

Post card.	Card of Indo-China surcharged Canton in carmine.
	10c. black and carmine on greenish (1899).
Letter cards.	Indo-China surcharged Canton in carmine.
	15c. black and carmine on rose (1893).
	25c. blue and carmine on grey (1893).

COLOMBIA (G 150).—We are indebted to L'Echo de la Timbrologie for information of some new provisional stamps.

Adhesives. Overprinted with seven wavy lines in red as control mark.  
10c. black, perf. ?  
20c. lie de vin (oblong), perf. ?

Our contemporary describes the 20c. as being the colour of lie de vin, a colour-name we have not heard before and which we think best to leave in the original, until we can describe the shade of red-violet (?) from sight. One French contemporary chronicles the stamps as a new issue for Cartagena, but Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News reports examples postmarked "Barranquilla." The 10c. varies from black to grey, according to the American Journal, and there is also a new value.

Adhesive. Control mark, seven wavy lines in red.  
5c. brown.

COREA (D 149).—Correction.—The 4c.+4c. card chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 149 is white like the single card, not bluish.

CYPRUS (F 137).—The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that the 12 piastres value became obsolete about July. Once before it ran out of stock and was reprinted from plate 4, but we do not think more are likely to be printed this time.

DJIBOUTI (M 150).—L'Echo de la Timbrologie publishes the text of the official decree authorizing the printing and issue of the 10c. on 25c. provisional chronicled in E.W.S.N. of August 9th. The decree is dated Djibouti, June 24th, 1902, and calls for 20,000 stamps, of which 731 were to be sent to the International Postal Union at Berne.

A correspondent writes from the Somali Coast to our contemporary defending the issue of these numerous provisionals and stating that they are all of a bona-fide nature. The Governor, Mr. A. Bonhomme, is not a stamp collector and has no interest of any sort in the issues. The provisional issues are confined to the creation of 5c. and 10c. values, supplies of which should have been sent out from Paris but which for some unaccountable reason known only to the home authorities have not yet reached the Colony. There are only comparatively small reserves of the higher values—the 40c. headed the list with 50,000 stamps—and consequently the stocks of most of the values have had to be requisitioned.

The above statement is not quite accurate, as the provisional issues are not confined to 5 or 10c., or were not some little while ago.

The following minor variety is catalogued by Le Timbrophile Belge.

Adhesive. Surcharge ".05" instead of "0.05."  
".05" on 75c. (Djibouti or Obock?).

Correction.—The surcharge on the 10c. on 2fr. chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 147 should be "10 CENTIMES DJIBOUTI" in three lines, without "DE."

FRANCE (W 150).—The new 10c. post card, Mouchon type modified (chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 137) now comes in reply form, according to Le Timbrophile Belge.

Reply post card. New type.  
10+10c. carmine on azure card.

The date of manufacture is given on the card as "221."

FRENCH COLONIES.—We cannot find that we have yet chronicled the 10c. single and reply cards and 15c. and 25c. letter-cards in the Postal Union colours. They were placed on sale in Paris about 18 months ago, but in many cases no supplies have even yet been officially sent out to the respective Colonies. Le Timbrophile Belge now chronicles fresh printings for all the 19 Colonies, but they will only be issued as the earlier stocks are exhausted. The new cards and letter-cards no longer have the date of manufacture printed on them, and the colours are much duller, the general appearance being much inferior.

Post cards.	Names of various Colonies.
	10c. dull red.
	10+10c. lilac-red on blue card.
Letter cards.	Names of various Colonies.
	15c. brownish-grey on grey card.
	25c. dull blue or salmon-rose card (2 shades).



The following have already appeared on sale in Paris.

Anjouan.	10c. reply-card.
French Congo.	Letter cards, 15c., 25c.
Ivory Coast.	Letter card, 25c.
Dahomey.	Letter card, 15c.
Grand Comoro.	Letter card, 15c.
Guadeloupe.	Letter cards, 15c., 25c.
French Guinea.	Post cards, 10c. and 10c. + 10c. Letter card, 25c.
French Guiana.	Letter cards, 15c., 25c.
French India.	Post card, 10 + 10c.
Indo-China.	Letter cards, 15c., 25c.
Madagascar.	Card, 10c. Letter card, 25c.
Martinique.	Letter cards, 15c., 25c.
Mayotte.	Card, 10 + 10c. Letter card, 25c.
New Caledonia.	Letter card, 25c.
Oceania.	Letter cards, 15c. and 25c.
Réunion.	Card, 10c.
St. Pierre.	Letter card, 25c.
Senegal.	Letter card, 15c.
French Soudan.	Card, 10 + 10c. Letter cards, 15c., 25c.

The issues of French Soudan are remarkable, in that they are repudiated by the officials in the colony, but the authorities at Paris still continue to print so as to be in line with the other colonies and enable complete sets of 19 to be sold! According to *La Revue Philatélique Française* there are still five French Colonies which have never issued any stamps of their own, to wit, Kerguelen Island (Indian Ocean), Cheik-Said (Coast of Arabia), Clyperon Island (Pacific Ocean, American Coast), Antarctic Regions known as Adélie Land and Louis Philippe Land; and lastly, New Amsterdam and St. Paul's Island. The inhabitants of the latter speak English or Dutch.

**GRENADA (G 150).**—We illustrate below the type of the King Edward stamp on the new registration envelopes shortly to be issued.



**JAPAN (E 121).**—*Postmarks.*—Japan has recently set a good example to the rest of the world, the post office having celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its inclusion in the Postal Union by means of a new postmark instead of a new stamp. There were also six post cards with different views and printed in different colours. The postmark could be impressed in violet or black, and was inscribed "Jubilé de l'entrée dans l'Union Postale Universelle—Tokio, 1877-1902."

**JAPANESE CHINA (A).**—*L'Écho de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following new issue for Japanese Post Offices in China.

*Adhesive.* Usual overprint.  
½ sen, grey.

This evidently takes the place of the 5 rin (10 rin = 1 sen). A similar change was made in Japan last year and will no doubt follow in due course in Japanese Corea.

**MALTA (M 150).**—We are officially informed that no other provisional 1d. stamp is contemplated. Confirmation is to hand of the report that a Maltese banker had made a large purchase, the amount being stated at £1015. This is speculating in Colonials with a vengeance! No doubt the 4060 "Paney" errors in this little parcel would show a profit, but it will be a very difficult matter to find buyers at a profit for the other 239,940 ordinary stamps.

**MAURITIUS (N 150).**—The new stamps for this Colony are beginning to arrive. The last mail brought us the following:—

Postage & Revenue.

*Adhesive.* Surcharged approximately as above in black.

ARMS TYPE.

4c. lilac and carmine on yellow (No. 149).

6c. green and rose-red (No. 131a.)

HEAD OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

25c. bistre (No. 1031.)

50c. green (No. 9.)

2r. 50c. brown-purple (No. 100).

The new 8c. and 12c. surcharged have also come to hand. See *E.W.S.N.* No. 149.

Under date of July 7th. our correspondent wrote us that the 6c., 25c., 50c. and 2r. 50c. surcharged stamps were issued but that the others were not then ready. We notice the 4c. stamp on his envelope was unsurcharged, all being post-marked July 9th. A week later, on July 16th, he wrote us again, sending the 8c. and 12c. unsurcharged stamps, and although he made no mention of them, surcharged 4c. stamps were partly used to defray the postage, so we presume they had only just been issued.

The Colonial Stamp Market's supplies of the surcharged stamps were all in blocks of 30 stamps (half panes) without margins, so possibly they were only surcharged 30 stamps at a time. There are no errors or varieties but we note the following broken letters which are chiefly interesting as they help to show the size of the forme from which the stamps were overprinted.

- No. 4. "O" of "Postage" broken at foot.
- No. 7. Broken "&."
- No. 9. "G" of "Postage" prints faintly.
- No. 22. "O" of "Postage" broken at top; 1st stroke of "N" of "Revenue" defective.

Every block we have examined shows exactly the same defects.

**NATAL (H 109).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 3d., 6d. and 1/- King Edward stamps, from which it is evident we are to have quite a brilliant bi-coloured series. The other values will presumably follow before long; it is only natural the 3d. and 6d. should come first, as the Queen's Head stamps of these values were already reported out of stock.

*Telegraphs.*—We learn from *Morley's Philatelic Journal*, that the 1/-, 5/-, 10/-, £1 and £5 values are exhausted, and that there is some talk of bringing in Zululand stamps of the issue surcharged on Natal to fill the gaps till the King Edward stamps are ready. As noted above, the 3d., 6d. and 1/- "Postage and Revenue" stamps have now appeared. They were preceded by a special provisional set for Telegraph use. All surcharges are in black.

3d. on 4d. lilac, Revenue, 4 types.

6d. on 9d. lilac, Revenue.

1/- on 9/- lilac and vermilion, Revenue, 3 types.

1/- on £1 green, Revenue, 3 types.

1/- on 30/- lilac and blue, Revenue, 3 types

Prices asked by dealers for these provisionals are double to four times face value.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (R 147).**—

*Telegraphs.*—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* has received the 1d. violet postage stamp, V.R.I. with raised stops, surcharged by handstamp T.F. in tall thin caps, in pale bluish black. This is apparently a provisional as all other telegraphs are specially surcharged "V.R.I.—T.F." without figures of value.

We illustrate below the type of the King Edward embossed stamp for registration envelopes.



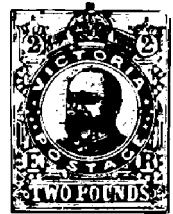
**UNITED STATES (Z 151).**—The mystery which has been surrounding the operations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing the last few weeks is now cleared up by the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Most of the new stamps which had been foreshadowed had just lately been "side-tracked" at the Bureau, and it now appears there is a disagreement as to the price to be paid for the stamps. The Bureau claims to be working at a loss and wants to advance the price, whilst the Post Office authorities are of opinion they can get the stamps cheaper from a private concern. It seems not unlikely, in consequence, that U.S. stamps will again be printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York. We take the following on the subject from our contemporary.

"The work of the Bureau is and has been satisfactory, but it claims that it can no longer print the stamps at the rates heretofore quoted. When the Post Office Department asked for estimates for the next fiscal year, the prices were so high as to be considered practically prohibitive. The Bureau has been printing the stamps for about six years. Prior to that time the American Bank Note Company did the work. It is said the latter firm would be glad to get the contract again and that it will make a bid on the work. The question is now being considered by the Post Office and Treasury officials. These disclosures make clear why it has been impossible to secure any definite information relative to the new series of stamps ordered by the Department three or four months ago. Of course, if the work was to go to the American Bank Note Company, it was not desirable that the series should proceed so far as to involve a transfer of unfinished work. It is now admitted that nothing has been done in the way of engraving plates for the series of 1902, notwithstanding the impression has been conveyed repeatedly that the work was going ahead and would continue. As a matter of fact, nothing is or has been doing on the new series for a month. It is now clear why the matter of the design for the new four cents, portrait of Grant to succeed Lincoln, has been side-tracked."

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* reproduces from the *Tribune* the following official notice:—

Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., July 10th, 1902.—Proposals for Furnishing Adhesive Postage Stamps.—Sealed proposals are invited from parties carrying on the business of steel plate engraving and plate printing, or who have had experience in conducting that business, and will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 1st of August, 1902, for furnishing adhesive postage stamps and books of stamps of the followed named classes, in such quantities as may be called for by the Department during a period of four years, beginning on the first day of November, 1902. Ordinary postage stamps for the use of the public, postage due stamps, special delivery stamps, books of stamps. Blank forms of proposal, with full specifications, will be furnished upon application to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. The early date named above for the opening of bids is rendered necessary by unusual conditions which exist.—H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster-General.

**VICTORIA (W 150).**—We illustrate below the new £2 stamp with head of King Edward. It was chronicled and described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 147.



### Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

*Mr. T. E. Humphreys writes:—*

"Noticing your varieties of the Niue stamps in *News* of Saturday, I have one of Niue Penny surcharged thus: "AHA, without upright bar to the T."

[We fancy this variety must be merely a freak, like that with H without cross-bar, probably due to foreign matter adhering to the sheet of paper during the process of printing.—Ed.]

*Mr. W. Buchanan writes:—*

"SPAIN.—I have in my collection a 25c. pale blue of this country (1889 issue, type 47, No. 447 Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, 1902) overprinted OFICIAL in thin letters. The stamp is lightly postmarked and I am persuaded that it is perfectly genuine. As I have not seen it chronicled by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., I think it may be of some interest to your readers."

*Miss Tracy writes:—*

"In the paragraph on Transvaal (V. 147) of August 9th the *Weekly Stamp News* states that a minute inspection shows no variation in the overprints on the recent provisionals, 3d. and 4d. E.R.I. I have just received a block from the Colonial Stamp Market of the 3d. on one stamp of which the dots after R. and I. are joined to the letters, whilst on the other three stamps they are all separate. Would this constitute a variation?" [We think this variation is caused by heavy printing.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

### Answers to Correspondents.

H. L. C.—The Tobago, 1st type, 1d. carmine, CA, is a fiscal, as are really all the stamps catalogued by Gibbons as the first postage issue. Two sets were made, one with "postage" and one without, the latter being intended for fiscal use only. The former set was not ready in time, so for a few months the fiscals were sold for postal purposes. The "TF" surcharge on Orange Free State stamps stands for "Telegraaf."

L. W. C.—Thanks for sight of the Commemorative Japanese postcards. Fortunately there is no stamp on it (except adhesives) so the stamp catalogue is exempt from recording it.

### Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

- Afghanistan, D. P. Masson, PJI 7. 02/302.
- Bosnia. Notes by E. W. Wetherell, PJI 7. 02/279.
- Crete, Note on Fiscals, Capt. Noel, RPF 7. 02/98.
- Denmark, 1902 Prize Designs, NFI 8. 02/121.
- France, Obliterations, by "Lula," ET 8. 02/957.
- France, 1849, 1fr. vermilion, "Vervelle," RPF 7. 02/95.
- Guadeloupe, Notes, Capt. Noel, RPF 7. 02/97.
- India, Telegraphs, Victorian Era, PJI 7. 02/302.
- Mexico, Notes on, by C. H. Mekeel, MSC 7. 02/331, 350.
- Orange Free State, Fiscal and Telegraph Stamps, Emil Tamsen, MPJ 7. 02/49.
- Tahiti, Notes, Capt. Noel, RPF 7. 02/97.
- Texas, Confederates, MSC 7. 02/270.
- U.S.A., Pre-cancelled Stamps, A. Lloyd Jones, NYP 8. 02/114.

## LATEST ARRIVALS.

- Bahamas. Queen's Heads.  
1d. carmine, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane of 60, 5/10.  
1/- yellow-green, CC. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.  
1/- blue-green, CA. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.
- Bahamas. Queen's Staircase.  
1d. red and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen,  
1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
- Barbados. Issue of 1892.  
¼d. grey and carmine, block of four, 1½d.;  
dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
¼d. dull green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
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pane 11/8.  
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½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.
- Chamba State Service (obsolete).  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.
- Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.  
¼d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

- Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star,  
perf. 11.  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9;  
pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen,  
2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen,  
2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12×11½, 6d.; block,  
1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New  
Zealand, it is not unlikely that next printings may have  
the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete,  
having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.
- Falkland Islands.  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.;  
block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.
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¼d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane  
of 50, 2/6.  
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block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
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dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11×10, 6d.; block, 1/11;  
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- Jhind, Service (Queen's Head).  
¼a. green, per dozen, 8d.  
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- Jamaica, Queen's Head.  
¼d. green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
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2c. blue, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
per 100, 4/8.  
2c. green, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen,  
7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
3c. ochre, Palm Tree, block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
4c. lake, Monkey, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
5c. blue, Peacock, block, 6d.; dozen, 1/6.  
6c. brown-lake, Arms, block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9.  
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dozen, 2/4.  
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12c. vermilion, Alligator, block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
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dozen, 4/8.  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope dies (152 Z 153).—Mr. W. D. Haigh informs us that he has the 1d. envelope die 22, so the list now stands as follows:—

### Envelope Dies.

- ½d. Dies 7 to 12, 14 to 20.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 15, 20 to 22.

**Official Stamps** (152 T 153).—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes:—"I do not find any reference in E.W.S.N. to the O.W. Official 5d. Queen's Head being actually in use. I have a copy postmarked "Parliament Street, July 26, 02." I am told that only £10 worth *i.e.*, 480, have been surcharged, and that the same value, *i.e.*, 240, of the 10d. were so treated. In addition to those mentioned in E.W.S.N. of July 23rd, I have seen the 2½d. Board of Education and the 10d. O.W. Official; you have not yet recorded their actual use."

The Rev. A. Ogle writes:—"As an addition to your list of early dates of the new official overprints I may say that I have the O.W. Official 2d. King's Head, dated 24.7.02."

**Unappropriated Plates** (152 B 153)—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes:—"With reference to your paragraph about 'Unappropriated Dies,' I saw copies, all imperforate and surcharged 'specimens,' sold last June, including the values £1, £2, £3, £5, £6 and £20."

The Rev. A. Ogle writes on the same subject:—"In reference to your note upon the 'Unappropriated Plates,' it may be of interest to mention that in the values of £1 and upwards, a blank space was left at both the top and bottom of the stamp, and that as early as 1887, there was a value printed of £20, though as far as I know, its only use was for Bankruptcy Court Fees, the stamp being overprinted 'Bankruptcy' in red block letters above and below the oval"

**ANTIOQUIA** (150 K 153).—Amongst the illustrations of the new set, given in E.W.S.N. No. 150. We omitted the 5c. A.R. stamp. We now append an illustration.



**BERMUDA** (152 C 153).—We omitted last week to mention the colours of the new 1d. stamp.

### Adhesive.—CA. 14.

1d. carmine, centre in brown.

**BULGARIA** (144 M 153).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the 5 stot. inland post card is now appearing in thinner card, tinted yellow on the printed side instead of wholly white as before.

**COLOMBIA** (152 H 153).—We illustrate below the type of the new 10c. and 20c. provisionals, chronicled in E.W.S.N. last week.



**COOK ISLANDS** (149 M 153).—In chronicling the 2½d. blue in E.W.S.N. No. 149, we mentioned that it was on a different paper to the ½d. and 1d., although still without watermark. The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the ½d. and 1d. on this new paper, evidently a new printing.

**Adhesives.** Soft no wmk. paper, perf. 11, dull gum. ½d. dark green. 1d. pink.

Both are in distinct shades, especially the 1d. The ½d. and 1d. on Cowan & Co.'s thin hard no wmk. paper are presumably obsolete. The latter occurs in extremes of pale and dark rose-red, but we believe there was only one printing.

**DUTCH EAST INDIES** (151 H 153).—In E.W.S.N. No. 151, we illustrated the surcharged 2½ on 3c. provisional. We now append illustration of the ½ on 2c.



**GUATEMALA** (150 H 153).—The 6c. provisional alluded to in E.W.S.N., No. 150, has now been issued. Mr. W. O. Wylie informs us that the surcharge is "CORREOS—1902—Seis 6 cts." and the stamp overprinted is not the 1c. but the 25c. fiscal.

### Adhesive. Fiscal stamp surcharged in black.

"Correos—1902—Seis 6 cts." on 25c. carmine.

The 25c. Revenue has been made use of once before, a few years ago, when a 2c. provisional was created.

**INDIA** (150 K 153).—Although six months since the King Edward stamps were first recorded in E.W.S.N. as being "expected," we have only now received definite information of their issue. The three lowest values were to have been issued on Coronation Day, August 9th. As the mail just left Calcutta on the 7th and Bombay on the 9th, it is doubtful whether any of the new stamps were conveyed by it.

### Adhesives.—Head of King Edward.

- ½ anna, grey.
- ½ anna, pea-green.
- 1 anna, carmine.

There is also some stationery, of which we hope to give particulars next week. Photographs of the new stamps are kindly sent us by Mr. W. Corfield, Hon. Sec. of the Philatelic Society of India.

Mr. H. H. Manghirmalani writes:—"The Indian stamps with the King's Head are to appear on the 10th prox. (a day after the Coronation) at all the post offices. ½a. card and ¼a. envelope are to appear on same date. This is officially announced."

The following clipping is from the *Vadras Standard* of July 28th:—"Postage stamps bearing the King-Emperor's Head are now ready, and will be made available to the public at all Post Offices in India on the 10th proximo, the day after the Coronation."

We are indebted to an Indian correspondent for the following copy of the official notice relating to the new issue:—

### CIRCULAR No. 4.

Extract paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of a letter from the Director-General of the Post Office of India, No. 166-St., dated 16th July, 1902.

In continuation of this office letter No. 158-St., dated the 12th July, 1902, and with reference to this office telegram No. 165-St. of to-day's date, I have now the honour to inform you that it has been decided that postage stamps bearing the King's portrait shall be valid for the prepayment of postage with effect from the Coronation Day of His Majesty King Edward VII, which, it has been officially announced, will be on a date between the 8th and the 12th August next. It is also considered desirable that such denominations of the new stamps as have been received in India in sufficient quantities should be brought into general use throughout India and Burma on and from the Coronation Day.

2. I am to ask, therefore, that you will kindly take immediate steps to have small stocks of the new stamps, envelopes and post cards of the denominations mentioned in the margin issued to all local depôts subordinate to you in sufficient time to place

each local depôt and the branch depôts subordinate to it in a position to meet requisitions from post offices for these new stamps, envelopes and postcards a day or two in advance of the date, between the 8th and 12th August next, that may hereafter be fixed for His Majesty's Coronation and all other requisitions on and from the Coronation Day itself.

3. At the same time it is intended that local and branch depôts shall continue to supply the old stamps,

envelopes and post cards, bearing the portrait of the late Queen, in compliance with ordinary requisitions, that is to say, requisitions in which the new ones bearing the King's portrait are not *specifically* asked for. The Director General will be much obliged if, when issuing supplies of the new stamps, &c., from the Central Depôt, you will kindly instruct officers in charge of local depôts in the sense of this and the preceding paragraphs.

**MALTA** (152 N 153).—We have had an opportunity of examining a large number of the recent 1d. on 2½d. provisional and are now able to classify the shades properly. There are four chief shades, each of which is probably from a distinct printing. The other or minor shades are probably due to heavy or light inking or deoxidation.

## One Penny One Penny

### Adhesives. Overprinted "One Penny" in black.

1. 1d. on 2½d. blue (S.G. No. 14).  
Minor shades (a) dull (b) deep (c) pale (d) dark.
2. 1d. on 2½d. dull ultramarine (S.G. No. 14a).  
(a) grey blue, greyish-blue (oxidised ?).  
(b) deep  
(c) deep, rather bright.  
(d) medium. (c) pale.
3. 1d. on 2½d. bright ultramarine-blue.  
(a, b, c, d.) four shades, dark to pale.
4. 1d. on 2½d. bright ultramarine (S.G. No. 15).  
(a, b.) pale, two shades.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us both the errors and the normal variety in all above sixteen shades. Of course no collector need trouble about the majority. There are really only four distinct printings, of which Nos. 1, 2, 3 have brown gum and No. 4 white gum. Of the minor shades, No. 2a is a very distinct one, but is of no particular importance, being due in all probability to deoxidation. Still, it was in that condition at the time both of surcharging and issue. These 1d. on 2½d. provisionals became obsolete about July 26th. Can any of our Maltese readers say the exact day they were last issued?

**MAURITIUS** (152, O 153).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 15c. value surcharged "Postage & Revenue" similarly to the five values chronicled last week.

Postage & Revenue.

### Adhesive.—Surcharged approximately as above in black.

15c. green and orange.

The broken letters are also similar (see last week's note) except that the "g" no longer prints faintly on No. 9. The stamps also come over in blocks of 30 without margin.

**MEXICO** (G 151).—In addition to the 4c. on 3c. post card chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 148, we are informed by *Le Timbrophile Belge*, that there is also a similar reply card. The following is an amended description:—



### Post cards. Surcharged as above.

- 4c. on 3c. brown on cream card.
- 4c. + 4c. on 3c. + 3c. brown on cream card.

**NATAL** (152, I 153).—We take the following interesting account of postal changes in Natal from the *Natal Witness* of July 26th. It will be noticed that the 1d. value is now reported to be in issue, as well as the three values chronicled last week.

"Philatelists and the public generally will be interested to learn that the new issue of Natal stamps will shortly be on sale, indeed, one or two denominations are already obtainable. The design is an extremely neat one, and was prepared in Maritzburg. The task of choosing the



colours for the stamps was no light one, and considerable relief was felt when it was at last completed.

"Each stamp had a groundwork design, with a centre of different colour. When the list of colours was despatched to Messrs. De la Rue, the printers, of London, by whom the work was to be carried out, it was found that in many cases the colours chosen were what is known as fugitive colours, and could not be repeated. Specimen sheets were sent out from Home, and, where necessary, new colours were selected, but even then it was found that whilst adhering generally to the particular colour or tint wished, the actual shade could not be supplied.

"The whole question of the new stamps has received considerable attention at the hands of the Postmaster-General and his staff, and the various changes that have been made are the result of earnest thought, and are based on experience. The great improvement, which will be highly appreciated by business men generally, is the abolition of separate stamps for postage, telegraphic, and revenue purposes. The new stamps will be available for any of these purposes. Another improvement is a considerable increase in the denominations. All the former denominations, with the exception of the 9d. revenue, have been retained, and many new ones added. The stamps to be issued will be ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 4s., 5s., 10s., £1, £1 10s., £5, £10 and £20.

"All stamps of a greater value than 4s. will be of a larger size—the size of the present 5s. stamp. This arrangement has permitted the repetition of the colours in certain instances, which would otherwise have been inadvisable owing to the possible confusion in selling, the possibility of mistaking one stamp for another owing to the similarity of colour.

"The new stamps will possess an advantage over Home stamps in that in addition to the value being placed at the bottom in words, it is legibly repeated at each side in figures.

"With regard to the colours, three values, the ½d., 1d. and 2½d., had to conform to the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, as laid down in the Washington Postal Convention of 1897. This, however, applies only to the groundwork, which will be green, red and blue, respectively, the centre, as in all stamps, being of a different colour. The 3d. stamp is lavender, with a purple centre, and the 6d. mauve, with a green centre. The groundwork colours of all the stamps are as follows:—½d., light green (as now); 1d., pink (as now); 1½d., purple (new); 2d., French grey (as now); 2½d., light blue (as now); 3d., lavender (as now); 4d., light brown (as now); 5d., canary; 6d., mauve (as now); 1s., turquoise (at present light ochre); 2s., violet; 2s. 6d., orange; 4s., dark green; 5s., pink; 10s., rose; £1, cherry; £1 10s., salmon pink; £5, heliotrope; £10, dark blue; £20, terra cotta.

"Not all the stamps have yet been received, but at present the 1d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 5s. and 10s. have arrived, and will be issued as the stocks of the old issue are exhausted. The stock of shilling stamps is likely to be speedily exhausted, as the demand is very considerable. For postage purposes alone, £40 worth have already been used at the Maritzburg Post Office in the present month. The 1d. stamps are already in use, but for telegraphic purposes only.

"The new issue of postal orders is also expected to arrive shortly. Six new orders have been authorised, and two of the former, for which there was practically no demand, will be withdrawn. The orders at present in use are 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 17s. 6d., and £1. From these the 12s. 6d. and 17s. 6d. have been withdrawn, but 2s., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., and 10s. 6d. orders have been added. The commission on orders up to and including the 5s. order will be 1d., on the 10s. and 10s. 6d., 2d., and on the larger orders 3d.

"The alterations will bring Natal into line with the British Post Office in this matter, and we understand the Transvaal, Orange River, and Cape Colonies are about to follow the same course.

"New stamps, bearing the King's head, will also appear on the letter cards, post cards, and newspaper wrappers when the present stocks are exhausted."

**NEW ZEALAND** (151 D 153).—Since our notes in *E.W.S.N.* No. 150, we have seen the following:—½d. *wb.*, *wd.*, *xd.* and 1d. *wd.* We still want ½d. *xb.*, *xc.*, to complete the list of sixteen regularly-issued varieties. Amongst a number of used copies recently received by the Colonial Stamp Market, we note the following early dates:

½d. <i>wb.</i>	4.1.02	Hawera.
½d. <i>wc.</i>	19.12.01	—
½d. <i>wd.</i>	21.12.01	—
½d. <i>yd.</i>	6.2.02	Wellington, Auckland.
1d. <i>wd.</i>	21.12.01	New Plymouth.
1d. <i>xb.</i>	30.12.01	Dunedin.
1d. <i>xc.</i>	31.1.02	Woodville.
1d. <i>yd.</i>	12.2.02	Christchurch

The 1d. has already been recorded as known perf. 14 (presumably *wd.*) and dated 18.12.01, but both the ½d. and 1d. perf. 14 probably date back

to November, as they were chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of January 11th, as having been seen. The ½d. *wb.*, *wc.* and 1d. *xb.*, *xc.*, were chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of February 8th; and the ½d. and 1d. *yd.* in *E.W.S.N.* of April 5th.

**NIUE** (149, J 153).—The Colonial Stamp Market's last consignment of Niue stamps was entirely on the single-lined watermark paper. It was practically certain that further printings would be on this new paper, as all the Basted Mills paper had been used up in January or February. We chronicle the following:—

*Adhesives.*—Cowan paper, wmk. single-lined NZ & Star, perf. 14.

"NIUE—½ PENI." in vermilion on N.Z. ½d. green.

(a) variety, wide space between U and E.

"NIUE—TAHA PENI." in blue on 1d. rose-carmine.

(a) variety, wide space between U and E.

(b) no stop after "Peni."

(c) variety *a* and *b* on same stamp.

(d) broken E almost like F.

The colour of the 1d. stamps is changed from rose-red to rose-carmine, almost a pink shade. It will be interesting to see whether ordinary unsurcharged New Zealand stamps appear in this shade. Both the ½d. and 1d. stamps were quite recently printed, as the sheets of paper are numbered over 100,000 (the figure 1 is alone visible, owing to the margin being torn off all the sheets we have inspected). The highest sheet-number previously recorded was 84,711 (see New Zealand in *E.W.S.N.* No. 149).

The surcharge on the ½d. stamps is in vermilion instead of dull carmine or rose-red, and is generally more distinctly printed.

The varieties in the overprint are exactly the same as in the second printings, except that four more stamps on the sheets of 1d. now show the "no stop after PENI" variety. As has already been explained, the two "no stop" varieties on the earlier sheets were caused in placing the

the stereos together. Our diagram will perhaps make the matter clearer. In fixing the four stereos together, a stop or dot close to the inner edge is liable to get knocked off. This happened at first only on stamps Nos. 9 and 12 in the lower left hand group; these would naturally come into friction with Nos. 7 and 10 of the right-hand stereo. Recently the stops from No. 15 in the left-hand upper block and from Nos. 6 and 15 in the left hand lower block have disappeared in the same way. It will be noticed that all these are in the 3rd vertical row of a sheet and the stops after "Peni" would necessarily be at the extreme edge of the stereo. In the new printings therefore, we have the following positions.

(a) wide space. Nos. 15, 18, (45), 48 (*i.e.* No. 9 in each of the four blocks, see diagram).

(b) no stop. Nos. 27, 39, (45), 51, 57 (all in 3rd vertical row).

(c) variety, *a* and *b* together. No. 45.

(d) broken E. No. 36.

Varieties (b) and (c) being in the value "Taha Peni" naturally occur only on the 1d. value; whilst as (d) occurs only in one block and not in the four, inference is that it occurred after the stereos were made, and not in the original type from which the stereos were taken, as was the case with the wide space variety.

We have seen a block of sixty of the 1d. with double surcharge, the second one being ½mm. immediately above the other, but is rather faint on most of the stamps. In fact, on some of the stamps both surcharges are so indistinct that "TAHA PENI" is an illegible blur, whilst on others the two overprints cause the letters of "Niue" to clearly measure 2½mm. instead of 1½mm. in height. As this is merely a freak, we do not give it chronicle-rank.

**PARAGUAY** (N 148).—It appears that the new 1c. green which was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of May 10th is already out of stock, although 300,000 were made. Messrs. Bloch & Co. write to the *Echo de la Timbrologie* that a decree was published at Asuncion on July 1st authorising the new 2c. grey to be cut vertically in half, the halves being used as 1c. stamps.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (130, I 153).—The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of Penrhyn Island stamps is also, like that of Niue, on single-line watermarked paper. We have the following varieties:—

*Adhesives.*—Cowan paper, wmk. single-lined N.Z. & Star, perf. 14.

"PENRHYN ISLAND—½ PENI." in vermilion on N.Z. ½d. green.

"PENRHYN ISLAND—1 PENI." in blue on N.Z. 1d. rose-carmine.

(b) variety, no stop after "Island."

Here also, as in the case of Niue, the stamps (apart from the overprint) are evidently of recent printing, the 1d. being in the new rose-carmine shade. We have not met with any blocks showing trace of marginal sheet-numbers as in the Niue stamps.

The surcharge on the ½d. stamps is in vermilion instead of dull carmine or rose-red as before

whilst the surcharge on the 1d. is in blue instead of black.

The stop after "Island" on stamp No. 60—that in the lower right-hand corner—has now been knocked off. It is natural that "island" should suffer and not "Peni" as in the case of the Niuean 1d. stamp, as the latter is here part of the shorter inscription. The stop after "island" on stamp No. 9 on sheets of the ½d. has also been knocked, but still prints, although faintly.

Amongst a large number of sheets of Penrhyn stamps received by the Colonial Stamp Market we noticed three which had been patched and re-perforated. One block of 60 ½d. stamps had evidently been torn nearly across and was consequently unsuitable for surcharging, so the printer pasted a narrow strip of paper across the division, gummed it over, and then partly re-perforated between the two rows of stamps with gauge 11. Five stamps on this sheet are consequently perf. 11 at top and perf. 14 on the other three sides. In one of the other cases, three stamps were perf. 11 at top, whilst in the third, the new perforation clashed with the old and made an unangeable perforation. These are freaks which have no philatelic importance, and we do not give them chronicle-rank. Next week we will give a table of similar freaks which have been found on ordinary New Zealand stamps, and no doubt if a sufficient number of sheets were examined, every possible combination could be discovered. No useful philatelic purpose would however be served by hunting for them.

**PERSIA** (150 L 153).—We illustrate below the type of the three Service stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 150.



The Service overprint on the official stamps is in black. As regards the statistics given in No. 144, *Le Timbrophile Belge* states that there were from 2500 to 3000 each of the type set stamps overprinted with "Provisoire 1319" in black instead of the lion control mark in red, and not 2500 of each as stated by us.

**SEYCHELLES** (149, K 153).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire panes of four of the five recent provisional stamps, and we are consequently now able to describe them from sight. The varieties given in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 147, on the authority of the *London Philatelist*, are all that occur, apart from minor varieties due to off-centre printing, broken letters, specks of dust, &c., and are the only ones which will no doubt obtain catalogue rank. For the sake of completeness we include in the following list all the varieties we have seen, minor or otherwise. It should be stated that the overprint is done from ordinary type on a hand press, 30 stamps or half a pane being surcharged at a time. As a rule, in the 45c. stamps, the overprint is well-centered on the top half of the pane and off-centre on the lower half. We notice when surcharging one of the sheets of the 30c. on 75c. the printers must have upset some too liquid ink, as the lower half of a sheet is almost smothered. On most of the other sheets sundry thumb-marks are left, so the collector of entire panes will find it very difficult to get clean ones.

*i.*—Setting for the 30c. surcharge.

Narrow "0" in "30" in Nos. 18, 26, 27, 28, a pane of 60 consequently having this variety eight times, on Nos. 18, 26, 27, 28, 48, 56, 57, 58.

"30 cents" on 75c. yellow and violet.

(a) variety, narrow "0" in "30."

"30 cents" on 1r. 50c. violet and carmine.

(a) narrow "0" in "30."

(x) speck of dust variety, "30 cents."

*ii.*—First setting for the 45c. surcharge.

There are no varieties in this setting. The sheets give the impression of being surcharged 60 stamps at a time.

"45 cents" on 1r. violet and carmine.

(x) off-centre variety "45 cent" (no 's').

(y) " " " " "s 45 cent."

(z) broken letter variety, no tops to letters in "cents" and no arm to the figure "5."

*iii.*—Second setting for the 45c. surcharge.

Narrow "5" in "45" in No. 19, a pane of 60 consequently having this variety twice, on Nos. 19 and 49.

"45 cents" 2r. 25c. violet and green.

(a) narrow "5" in "45."

(x) off-centre variety, "45 cent" (no 's').

(y) " " " " "s 45 cent."

(z) " " " " "5 cents."

Varieties (a) are certainly collectable, but x, y, z, are optional, and will, no doubt, only appeal to the collector of freaks.

(News from Russia, Servia, Transvaal, Trinidad, and United States is held over until next week.)

## LATEST ARRIVALS.

Bahamas. Queen's Heads.  
1d. carmine, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane of 60, 5/10.  
1/- yellow-green, CC. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.  
1/- blue-green, CA. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.

Bahamas. Queen's Staircase.  
1d. red and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen,  
1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.

Barbados. Issue of 1892.  
½d. grey and carmine, block of four, 1½d.;  
dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
½d. dull green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. blue-black and orange, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. ultramarine, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
5d. olive-brown, 6d.; block, 2/-; dozen, 5/10.  
6d. mauve and carmine, 7d.; block, 2/4;  
dozen, 7/-.  
8d. orange and blue, 10d.; block, 3/2;  
dozen, 9/4.  
10d. blue-green and carmine, 1/-; block, 3/11;  
dozen, 11/8.

NOTE.—Owing to the reduction of the postal rates  
to the United Kingdom from 2½d. to 1d., several of the  
above values are very little required and will probably  
become obsolete. The 5d., 8d. and 10d. will probably  
be withdrawn and a 1/- value substituted.

Bechuanaland. Queen's Head.  
½d. vermilion (obsolete), dozen, 7d.  
½d. green, per dozen, 7d.  
3d. lilac, old type, 4d.; per dozen, 3/6.

Bermuda.  
½d. on 1/- grey, 1d.; per dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine, per dozen, 1/2.

B.C.A. on B.S.A.  
4d. chestnut and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen,  
4/8.  
6d. ultramarine, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. rose-lake and ultramarine, 10d.; block,  
3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
1/- grey-brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.

British Central Africa.  
1d. carmine and violet, per dozen, 1/2.

British South Africa, 1896-97 issue.  
4d. blue and lilac, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. purple and rose, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. green and violet, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen,  
9/4.  
1/- green and blue, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.

British South Africa, 1898-1900 issue.  
½d. green, block, 2½d.; per dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. bistre, 2½d.; block, 10d.; per dozen 2/4;  
pane 11/8.  
4d. olive-brown, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. red-lilac, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
1/- ochre, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.

British Guiana.  
1c. bright green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1c. grey-green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2c. lilac and orange-red, 2d.  
2c. lilac and carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2c. lilac on red, block, 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
6c. brown, old type, 4d.; block, 1/3; doz., 3/6.  
6c. grey and blue, 4d.; block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.

British Honduras, Queen's Head.  
1c. green, per doz., 7d.; pane of 60, 2/11.  
2c. carmine, per doz., 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.  
10c. lilac and green, 6d.; per doz., 5/10.  
12c. lilac and green, 7d.; per doz., 7/-.

British New Guinea.  
½d. green and black, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 7d.;  
pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2; pane, 2/11.  
2d. violet and black, 2½d.; block, 10d.; doz.,  
2/4; pane, 5/10.  
2½d. blue and black, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
4d. brown and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; doz., 4/8.  
6d. olive and black, 7d.; block, 2/4; doz., 7/-.

Canada, Queen's Head.  
2c. on 3c. maple leaves, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2.  
50c. blue, 2/5; block, 9/8.

Cape Colony.  
1d. Table Bay, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.  
3d. violet, old type, 4d.; per doz., 3/6.

Cayman Islands, Queen's Head.  
½d. green, block 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.

Ceylon, Queen's Heads.  
3c. green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. yellow, block, 4d.; dozen, 10d.; pane, 3/11.  
5c. lilac, block, 4d.; dozen, 1/-; pane, 4/10.  
6c. rose and black, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.

Chamba State (obsolete).  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.

Chamba State Service (obsolete).  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.

Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.  
½d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star,  
perf. 11.  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9;  
pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen,  
2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen,  
2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12×11½, 6d.; block,  
1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.

NOTE.—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New  
Zealand, it is not unlikely that next printings may have  
the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete,  
having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.

Falkland Islands.  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.;  
block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.

Fiji Islands, no wmk., "V.R." issue.  
½d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane  
of 50, 2/6.  
1d. pale lilac-rose (obsolete shade), 1½d.;  
block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
2d. green, perf. 11, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11×10, 6d.; block, 1/11;  
dozen, 5/10.

Fiji Islands, Queen's Head.  
1/- brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.

Gambia, Queen's Head.  
½d. green, per dozen, 8d.

Gibraltar, values in centimos and pesetas.  
Queen's Head.  
Set of eight, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.,  
the set, 3/6; blocks, 14/-.

Gold Coast, Queen's Head.  
½d. lilac and green, per doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, per dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.

Grenada, old type, printed in tête-bêche rows.  
1d. pink, per dozen 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.

Grenada, Commemorative.  
2½d. blue, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11;  
pane, 14/7.

Grenada, Queen's Head.  
½d. lilac and green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2d. lilac and brown, block 10d.; dozen, 2/4;  
pane, 11/8.

Hongkong, Queen's Heads.  
2c. green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
5c. yellow, block 6d.; dozen, 1/6; pane, 7/-.  
10c. blue, block 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.  
20c. on 30c. green, nett 6d.; block, 2/-;  
dozen, 5/10.  
30c. brown, 9d.; block, 3/-.  
50c. on 48c. violet, 1/2; block, 4/8.  
\$1 on 96c. black, 2/4; block, 9/4.

India, Queen's Head.  
½ on 1 anna, green, per dozen, 6d.

India, new colours.  
½ anna, yellow-green, block, 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1a. carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
2a. violet, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½a. blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.

Jhnd. Service (Queen's Head).  
½a. green, per dozen, 8d.  
1a. purple, per dozen, 1/3.

Jamaica, Queen's Head.  
½d. green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2d. green, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. lilac and blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
4d. orange-brown, block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. violet, block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.

Jamaica.  
Llandoverly Falls, 1d. black and red, 1½d.;  
block, 5d.

Johore.  
Set, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 cents, set of 6, 6d.; blocks,  
2/-; per dozen sets, 7/-.

Labuan, Queen's Head, old type.  
2c. pink, postmarked, per dozen, 11d.

Labuan. Pictorial designs.  
1c. brown, Native, block, 2d.; dozen, 4d.;  
per 100, 2/4.  
2c. blue, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
per 100, 4/8.  
2c. green, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen,  
7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
3c. ochre, Palm Tree, block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
4c. lake, Monkey, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
5c. blue, Peacock, block, 6d.; dozen, 1/6.  
6c. brown-lake, Arms, block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9.  
8c. rose-red, Native Vessel, block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
10c. Honey-Bear, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
12c. vermilion, Alligator, block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
16c. brown and green, Train, block, 1/7;  
dozen, 4/8.  
18c. olive-bistre, View, block, 1/9; doz., 6/11.  
24c. grey-lilac, Arms, block, 2/4; dozen, 6/11.

Malay Federated States.  
Sets, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 cents, set of six, 10d.;  
blocks, 3/4.

Malta, Queen's Head.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
1d. on 2½d. dark blue, block, 8d.; dozen, 2/-.

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" " 5c. rose ... 0 1  
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" " 30c. vermilion ... 0 3  
Bolivia, 1899, 2c. red (cat. 2d.) ... 0 1  
" " 10c. yellow (cat. 4d.) ... 0 2  
" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ... 0 2  
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ... 1 3  
" 1901, 1c. claret ... 0 1  
" " 2c. green ... 0 1  
" " 5c. red ... 0 1  
" " 20c. lilac and black ... 0 3  
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 15c. green ... 0 2  
" " 20c. black ... 0 1  
" " 1 peso black and brown ... 0 8  
" 1900, 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 10c. violet ... 0 1  
" " 50c. brown ... 0 6  
" " re-engraved 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " " 10c. violet ... 0 1  
" 1902, new type, 5c. blue ... 0 1  
Colombia, 1898, 5c. brown on brown ... 0 1  
" " 10c. brown on rose ... 0 1  
" " 20c. brown on violet ... 0 3  
Panama, 1892, 10c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 20c. violet (cat. 1/-) ... 0 5  
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black  
(cat. 5d.) ... 0 2  
" " 20c. lake and black ... 0 4  
Dominican Repub., 1900, 5c. brown ... 0 3  
" " 1901, 10c. orange and  
violet ... 0 6  
" " 1902, 10c. orange and  
black ... 0 6  
Ecuador, 1899-01, 2c. green and black ... 0 1  
" " 5c. lilac and black ... 0 2  
" " 10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.) ... 0 2  
" " 10c. blue and black ... 0 1  
" " 20c. grey and black ... 0 4  
" " 50c. blue and black ... 1 0  
" 1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black  
surch. ... 0 9  
Guatemala, 1c. green ... 0 1  
" 2c. rose ... 0 1  
" 10c. red ... 0 1  
" 10c. brown ... 0 1  
" 20c. green ... 0 3  
Hayti, 1898, 5c. blue ... 0 2  
" " 10c. orange ... 0 3  
" " 20c. black ... 0 6  
Mexico, 1c. green ... 0 1  
" 2c. red ... 0 1  
" 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" 10c. lilac and orange ... 0 1  
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" " 5c. green ... 0 3  
" " "Surch. 1900," 50c. orange ... 0 4  
" " " " 1bol. black ... 0 9  
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" " 10c. brown ... 0 2  
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" " 2c. rose ... 0 1  
" " 3c. violet ... 0 2  
" " 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 10c. brown ... 0 3  
" " 15c. green ... 0 6  
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" " 2c. rose ... 0 1  
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" " 2c. rose ... 0 1  
" " 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 8c. purple ... 0 6  
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" " 50c. black and carmine,  
type A ... 0 3  
" " 50c. black and carmine,  
type B ... 0 3  
Indo China, 25c. carmine and brown ... —  
German China, 5c. green, old ... 0 1  
" " 10c. rose, old ... 0 3  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN—Envelope Dies (153 A 154).**—Mr. T. S. Tyrrell has shown us the 1d. dies 17 and 18, dated August 12th and July 30th respectively. The list therefore now stands as follows:—

½d. Dies 7 to 20 except 13.  
1d. Dies 7 to 22 except 16, 19.

**Fiscal Stamps (149, 152 J 154).**—We have seen the following King Edward fiscal stamps:—

Bankruptcy, green and brown, 1/.  
Judicature Fees, green and lilac, 1/., 2/.

Like the others, they are printed from the "Unappropriated Plates" with distinctive overprint.

**News-wrappers.**—We illustrate below the 1d. news-wrapper stamp chronicled a few months ago.



**ALBANIA (A 154).**—The Italian Post Offices in Albania issued special stamps on September 1st for the first time. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the following particulars.

**Adhesives.** Surcharged on current Italian stamps.  
10 para on 5c. green.  
35 para on 20c. orange.  
40 para on 25c. blue.

The colour of the overprint is not stated.

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA (122 C 154).**—We are officially informed that the King Edward issue for this Colony will probably be made about the end of December or beginning of next year.

**BRITISH LEVANT (135 D 154).**—The British Post Offices in the Levant are now issuing a special registration envelope. The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* has seen one postmarked Constantinople, July 21st.

**Registration Envelope.** Size G of Great Britain, overprinted in blue.  
"REG<sup>n</sup> FEE—40 PARAS" in two lines, on 3d. brown.

**CANADA (143 C 154).**—In view of the fact that Canada has been generally expected to be one of the first to have a King Edward issue of stamps, the following official letter is of interest "In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., asking when the new postage stamps bearing the portrait of King Edward VII. will be issued, I am to say that up to the present time the Department has taken no steps in regard to a new issue of postage stamps."

**CARTAGENA (150 J 154).**—The 10c. and 20c. stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 152 under heading Columbia are provisionals for Cartagena.

**COLOMBIA (153 I 154).**—The statement made last week was incorrect. The two stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 152, were provisionals for Cartagena, whilst those illustrated in No. 153 are chronicled below for the first time in E.W.S.N. We reproduce the illustrations.



**Adhesives.**  
10c. black on rose.  
20c. black on chamois.

These are apparently the fore-runners of a complete new set.

**DJIBOUTI (152 N 154).**—The new 1c. and 2c. pictorial stamps are reported to have reached the Somali Coast on the 20th July, but not the new 5c., although we believe it is on sale in Paris. To meet the continued shortage of stamps of this value, we have the following two new provisionals.

**Adhesives.**—5 centimes, DJIBOUTI" on 30c. brown and green, Obock.

"10 centimes" on 50c. blue on rose, Djibouti.

The type of the latter is similar to that of the 5 on 40c. The decree of July 11th, authorized 20,000 of the 5 on 30c., and 15,000 of the 10 on 50c., and provided that all specimens with defective surcharge should be burnt. We chronicle the following stamps in the new type, and hope to give an illustration shortly.

**Adhesives.**—Oblong, pictorial design, inscribed "Côte Française des Somalis—Postes." Perf. 11.  
1c. violet and orange.  
2c. brown and green.  
5c. green.

These stamps have an added interest from the fact that they were designed by the artist Paul Merwart, who was one of the victims of the Mont Pelée eruption.

**GUATEMALA (153 I 154).**—The *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* states that the following fiscals have been allowed to do postal duty.

**Fiscal-postals.**  
Vale 5 centavos 1901 in black on \$1 red.  
" 5 " " " " \$25 lilac.  
" 10 " " " " " " "  
" 25 " " " in red on \$10 green.  
" 25 " " " in black on \$1 brown.

From the same source we gather the following description of the forthcoming pictorial issue.

1c. green, centre violet.	Arms, with Quezal.
2c. violet " black.	Monument Barrios.
5c. blue " blue-green.	Museum.
6c. olive " dark green.	Temple of Minerva.
10c. brown " blue.	Amatitlan Lake.
20c. violet " black.	Cathedral.
50c. bwn.-vio. " dark blue.	Columbus Monument.
75c. blue-vio. " black.	Artillery Barracks.
1p. brown " "	Columbus.
2p. vermil. " "	Indian Schools.

**HAYTI (150, 151 C 154).**—The provisionals recently chronicled with surcharge, "Mai—G<sup>re</sup>—1902" are now giving way to others similarly surcharged but dated "Juin"; and, adds *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, specimens are also reported to have been seen dated "Juillet."

**INDIA (153 L 154).**—We are indebted to a number of correspondents for the new King Edward Indian stamps, and are now able, as promised last week, to give information of the stationery.

**Postcards.** Arms in upper left hand corner.  
½ anna, red-brown on buff (121 x 74mm.)  
½ + ½a. red-brown on buff.

**Envelope.**  
½a. green, white paper (118 x 67mm.)

Mr. H. H. Manghirmalani writes:—The ½, ½ and 1 anna stamps and ½ + ½ postcards, bearing the King-Emperor's portrait, were issued throughout India on Coronation Day, the 9th inst. All the post-offices throughout the Empire had been supplied with a stock of these stamps, etc., so that the issue was simultaneous. Proper precaution had been taken to check the stamps passing through the post before the 9th, and pre-Coronation postmarked stamps would be a rarity. I enclose samples; the ½ + ½a. card is identical with the ½a. one."

Mr. W. A. Ingle writes:—"I saw the paragraph in your paper this morning about the Indian issues of King Edward's stamps, and you doubted whether any of the new stamps had reached England by the last mail. I am writing to let you know that a Bombay newspaper I had by the last mail which left Bombay on the 9th August, had two of the King Edward ½a. stamps on it."

**JAMAICA (145 F 154).**—"Up-to-date" writes to the *Jamaica Gleaner*, of August 7th, suggesting that this colony should have a pictorial issue of small size. We reproduce his letter and certainly think the Jamaican Post Office could do worse than adopt his suggestion. The present large size of stamps are objectionable both to collectors and business men.

"The Editor,

"Sir,—Now that it will become necessary to have a new issue of Jamaica postage stamps after the Coronation, I would urge on those in authority the advisability of taking precautions so that the issue may be something more attractive than our present one. The inconvenience of the prevailing "penny" issue, not to mention its size and unsightliness, is too apparent to need much comment, but why it should be forced on persons requiring a 'twopenny' for a double weight letter I cannot imagine, for at times there is hardly room to affix one in a convenient way.

"We require beautiful designs in Jamaica fruit and tropical scenery in pretty tints of at least the following values, viz.: ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s. and 5s. The more unique the issue the more eagerly will they be sought after by Philatelists the world over, combining as they would, beauty and utility for ourselves, and a source of revenue for our Treasury.

"This abominable penny stamp, with its black centre, has to be used as a revenue stamp also, and it must be patent to every one how unsuitable it is for the purpose. Cannot the Postmaster, if he does not endorse these views, make some suggestions which will improve the present incomplete and unattractive issue, and facilitate the public thereby?"

**LEEWARD ISLANDS (119 B 154).**—Just after going to press last week we received information of the issue of the following provisional stamps:—

**Adhesive Provisionals.** Surcharged in black "One Penny" with bar through original value.  
"One Penny" on 4d. lilac and orange.  
" on 6d. lilac and brown.  
" on 7d. lilac and slate.

The object is no doubt to get rid of superfluous stocks of the 4d., 6d. and 7d. values, which are but little used since the introduction of penny postage. Speculators, as usual, greatly facilitated matters by buying up the stamps in quantity.

Our Antigua correspondent writes as follows:— "It may interest you to learn that an authorised issue of surcharged Leeward Islands stamps (about 40,000) was placed on the market on the 11th instant, and bought up within one hour by local speculators. The surcharge is made on the 4d., 6d. and 7d. present issue of Leeward Islands, with the words 'One Penny' printed on the face and a black line through the original values. On the last stamp in the right hand corner of each sheet, the final letter of the word 'One' is a 'c.' All the sheets that I have seen are the same in this respect."

If our correspondent is correct in putting the total issue at only 40,000, the provisionals should be somewhat scarce. There were 30,000 each of the Gold Coast 1d. on 2½d. and 1d. on 6d., and they are not at all common. If the three Leeward Island issues are equally distributed, there will only be about 13,000 of each or about £50 face value, which is quite insufficient to go round.

**MADAGASCAR (150 G 154).**—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the text of the decrees of May 30th and June 18th relating to the recent issue of surcharged stamps.

**MALTA (153 O 154).**—We are in somewhat of a quandary as to whether or not to chronicle as a variety the following curious surcharge. The Malta Post Office is so much concerned that those collectors who have purchased 1d. on 2½d. stamps should not be defrauded by false surcharges, and more especially by forged "One Penny" errors, that it is marking with a tick in red ink every unsurcharged 2½d. stamp sold by it, so as to prevent as far as possible any would-be faker obtaining material to operate upon. The manuscript 'surcharge' or tick covers the Maltese cross in the upper left hand corner of each 2½d. stamp.

One of our Malta correspondents writes us on the subject as follows:—"Cette administration postale a cru devoir oblitérer avec plume et en encre rouge une des extrémités des timbres de 2½d. (suivant exemplaire ci-inclus) pour empêcher, évidemment, la possibilité de permettre la circulation des timbres faux à l'erreur de 'One Penny.' La poste y a pensé trop tard! Faites de cette



information l'usage qui vous conviendra. Mes amis à l'étranger ont été déjà informés de la disposition soupçonneuse de notre autorité postale."

We think our correspondent's suspicions are hardly likely to have any foundation. We publish this information chiefly because it is likely to affect collectors who want mint copies of the unsurcharged 2½d. stamp.

**MAURITIUS** (153 P 154).—We are indebted to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* for the following statistics of the current issue overprinted "Postage and Revenue."

Overprinted "Postage and Revenue."		25c. Queen's Hd. 73,560	
4c. arms	540,000	50c. "	54,540
6c. "	180,000	2r. 50c. "	8,400
15c. "	256,500		

The 4c. and 15c. were issued later than the others; no doubt, owing to the larger quantity to be overprinted.

*Correction.*—An unfortunate mistake occurred in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 152. For "The new 8c. and 12c. surcharged have also come to hand" read "The new 8c. and 12c. unsurcharged." They had already been chronicled as ready for issue.

**MONTENEGRO** (151, E 154).—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 148, we gave particulars of the new adhesives and in No. 150 illustrations of the same. In No. 151 we illustrated the new 5h. post card and 10h. letter card, and are now able, on the authority of *Der Philatelist*, to give a full list of the new stationery:—

*Post Cards.*

5h. green on yellow card, 143×90 mm.

5+5h. " " " "

10h. rose on blue card, 143×90 mm.

10+10h. " " " "

*Letter Cards.*

10d. rose on yellow card, 140×85 mm.

25h. dark blue on blue card, 140×85 mm.

*Envelopes.*

10h. rose on white, 134×116 mm.

25h. dark blue on yellow, 150×130 mm.

*Newsbands.*

5h. green on yellow, 150×300 mm.

10h. rose " " "

The stamp is of the same type as the adhesives on all.

**NORTH BORNEO** (141 N 154).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 10c. and 16c. overprinted "British Protectorate." The issue has been expected for some months.

*Adhesives.* Overprinted "British—Protectorate" on 10c. in red and on the 16c. in black.

10c. grey-lilac and brown.

(a) Variety. No stop after "Protectorate."

16c. brown and green.

There is no variety on the 10c. The stamps are printed in sheets of 100 (10 rows of 10) as usual, but the surcharge overprints only 50 stamps at a time, and consequently has to be applied twice to complete each sheet. A horizontal row of five surcharges was probably set in ordinary type and then stereotypes made from it and placed one below the other. As the full stop was omitted from surcharge No. 5 in the original type each stereo shows this defect, and consequently each sheet of 100 10c. has the variety on all stamps in the 3rd and 7th vertical rows. The 1st, 5th, 6th and 10th rows have faint stops.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (152 R 154).—Mr. W. H. Regan informs us that the 6d. blue has now been issued with overprint E.R.I.

*Adhesive.*—Overprint E.R.I. in black.  
6d. blue.

This is the first of the Orange River E.R.I. issue and it will be interesting to see whether any other values follow. Presumably there is not likely to be any ½d., 1d. or 2½d., these values being made by surcharging Cape stamps so as to conform to Postal Union requirements as regards colour.

**PORTUGAL** (117, 142 C 154).—M. Costa Pereira informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that Portugal is introducing penny postage within its Colonies, the single-letter rate being now reduced from 50 to 25 reis. The new 25 reis of the Colonies will be rose.

**RUSSIA** (146 G 154).—Mr. L. Glatz of St. Petersburg has shown *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* a pair of the current 10 kopek on paper with vertically-lined watermark.

*Adhesive.* Variety, wmk. vertical lines.  
10 kop., blue.

Since about 1883 stamps have been almost invariably printed on horizontally laid paper, the only catalogued exceptions being the 3½ and 7 roubles of 1884.

**ST. LUCIA** (124 D 154).—Mr. G. C. Hodgson reminds us that we have omitted to chronicle the ½d. and 1d. St. Lucia with Head of King Edward.

*Adhesives.*—Same type as Gold Coast.  
½d. lilac and green  
1d. lilac and carmine

They were issued on August 1st.

**ST. VINCENT** (148 E 154).—In addition to the six values chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, we now have information of the issue of the 2d. and 2/- values. The new 5/- value was still unissued when the last mail left.

**SERVIA** (151 H 154).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* adds another value to the already catalogued 5 paras in the new type (Gibbons' type 9) similar to that of the current dinar values, but smaller.

*Adhesives.*—New type, perf. 11½, white paper.  
5 para, yellow-green (pale shade).  
10 para, rose.

From the same source we learn of the 5 para in a different and paler shade.

Last week we gave an illustration of the new single post cards which are shortly to appear. *Le Timbrophile Belge* remarks on the other hand that the reply cards with stamps in the type of the 1894 adhesives have only just appeared.

*Reply Post Card.* Stamp type of 1894.  
10+10 paras, red on buff.

The new cards and letter cards are being manufactured in Paris.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles the following stationery with stamp in the new type, which is shortly to appear.

*Postcard.* 5 para, pale green, cream coloured card.  
*Lettercards.* 5 para, green and green, green card.  
10 " rose and black, green card.

**SIERRA LEONE** (150 F 154).—The new registration envelope has now been issued; the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us size G, postmarked "Sierra Leone, August 15th, 1902." The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* records it in size F.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (141 L 154).—Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton write to the *London Philatelist* as follows:—"We are enclosing a specimen of the new unpaid letter stamps for South Australia. They are the same design and evidently from the same plates, as the current ones for New South Wales, but have the label at the bottom quite blank instead of bearing the initials N.S.W. They are printed in emerald green on chalk-surface paper, and perforated 11½ to 12. We have seen the following values: ½d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. Our correspondent in South Australia informs us that the 6d. and 5/- are also issued and that eventually the whole set will appear."

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.* Wmk. Crown N.S.W.,  
perf. 12×11½.

½d. emerald green.
1d. "
2d. "
4d. "
6d. "
5/- "

**TRANSVAAL** (150, 151 X 154).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 147 we chronicled the 4d. South African Republic registration envelope, size H2, 225×110mm., with overprint "E.R.I." 11mm. long instead of 12½mm. Mr. G. A. Wiehahn has now kindly sent us another variety.

*Registration Envelope.* Surcharge E.R.I. in black measuring 16½mm.  
4d. olive (envelope, 225×110mm.)

The envelope is postmarked Johannesburg, 23.7.02.

We illustrate below the type of the King Edward embossed stamp for the ½d. envelopes shortly to be issued.



**TRINIDAD** (149 M 154).—Mr. H. A. L. Hughes writes: "With regard to my recent discovery re Type II. of the 1d. lilac and carmine Trinidad. I have at last discovered a second specimen dated March 14th, 1901. The specimen which I first sent you was cancelled in such a manner as to render the date indistinguishable. I believe the specimen reported recently was dated "November, 1901." Does this clear up the mystery in any way as to the date of issue, or whether it occurred on the same plate? They (Type II.) seem to be fairly scarce, as I have been hunting all this time and have only just come across the enclosed."

Mr. Hughes' specimen is clearly postmarked "Port of Spain, March 14th, 1901, Trinidad" and is undoubtedly type 2 with the tall, narrow "One Penny." This puts the date of issue back earlier than has been supposed. The two types occur on two distinct plates.

**TUNIS** (150 D 154).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 1c. now reappears with millésime 2.

**TURKEY** (151 C 154).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles the following provisional envelope.

*Envelope.* 20 para in blue on 1 piast., ultramarine on yellow paper.

The earliest postmarked copy so far seen is dated July 24th.

**UGANDA** (150 F 154).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 1 anna in a new colour, aniline pink instead of red.

*Adhesive.* Same type as before, CA. 14.  
1a., aniline pink.

The earliest dated copy we have seen is July 30th.

A correspondent writes from Entebbe under date of July 31st:—"I am sending you specimens of the B.E.A. ½ and 2½ annas stamps surcharged "Uganda," second issue. This issue came into force on the 29th July, 1902, and as only a limited supply was issued, they are all likely to be used up during the month." A postscript adds: "I am sorry to find that the second issue of surcharged stamps have been sold. I am, however, enclosing specimens as under." These specimens are exactly similar to those of the first printing received by the Colonial Stamp Market in February.

From another source, under date July 30th, the Colonial Stamp Market received a supply of the surcharged stamps, and these we also note are exactly similar to the first issue, so we may assume there has simply been a small re-issue.

**UNITED STATES** (152 A 154).—We are indebted to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for the following sequel to the account of the difficulties of the U.S. Post office with its printers:—"Uncle Sam will print his postage stamps at home. That question has been settled now, and its settlement is doubtlessly for all time to come. The various bank note companies may continue to bid on the big job until doomsday but the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will continue to print the stamps used by the Post Office Department. It has ceased to be simply a question of the saving of a few thousand dollars annually. There are other considerations vastly more important in the eyes of the Post Office Department; to wit: the maintenance of the policy of the Government that labor shall be well paid, and secondly, that the stamps may be printed under the supervision of the officials of the Government, in fact the work will continue to be done by Government help.

The bids for stamps for the next four years were opened last week. There were but two bidders, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the American Bank Note Company, of New York. Contrary to expectations, the Bureau bid was some fifteen thousand dollars cheaper on the entire requirements of the Post Office Department than that of the American Bank Note Company. This being the case, of course the Postmaster-General turned the contract over to the Bureau without delay, and very gladly. The contract for the envelopes was given to the Hartford Manufacturing Company, as heretofore. It is understood the regular stamps will be printed on the basis of five cents per thousand, and due stamps at seven cents per thousand. There was general rejoicing in the Post Office Department when it developed that the Bureau had underbid the outsiders. The officials have been very loth to give the work to a private concern and it is very questionable if the American Bank Note Company would have secured the work even if its bid had been materially lower than that of the Bureau.

Now that the question of printer has been determined, it is presumed that the work upon the new series, suspended a month ago, will be taken up and pushed as rapidly as the facilities of the Bureau will permit."

**URUGUAY** (151 H 154).—We are indebted to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* for information of a set of unpaid letter stamps.

*Unpaid Letter Stamps.*—Special design.  
1c. greenish-bluish.  
2c. carmine.  
4c. violet.  
10c. blue.  
20c. orange.

They are very simple in design, consisting chiefly of a large figure on plain ground, surrounded by a frame in which room is found for the inscription "Tasa—Republic O. del Uruguay—Centimos."

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (A 154).—*Forthcoming New Issue.*—Mr. Basset Hull informs the *London Philatelist* that the De la Rue types of the 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1/- were printed from one key plate, with separate overprint plates for each denomination. This necessitated two printings for each value and the large increase in correspondence resulting from the influx of population following the gold discoveries rendered it necessary to prepare separate plates for those values most in use. For the 2½d., 6d. and 1/- therefore, new dies were engraved. The central design of the swan remained unaltered, but representations of the native flora were introduced in the spandrels. The 2½d., with hibiscus flowers, has been in issue for some time; but the two higher values of 6d. and 1/-, although printed and sent out to the Colony, have not yet appeared. So soon as the stock printed from the key plate is exhausted these will no doubt appear. The designs are quite as pretty and effective as that of the 2½d., and the colours, etc., remain unchanged.

## LATEST ARRIVALS.

**Bahamas. Queen's Heads.**  
1d. carmine, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.  
1/- yellow-green, CC. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.  
1/- blue-green, CA. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.

**Bahamas. Queen's Staircase.**  
1d. red and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.

**Barbados. Issue of 1892.**  
¼d. grey and carmine, block of four, 1½d.; dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
¼d. dull green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. blue-black and orange, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. ultramarine, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
5d. olive-brown, 6d.; block, 2/-; dozen, 5/10.  
6d. mauve and carmine, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. orange and blue, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
10d. blue-green and carmine, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.

NOTE.—Owing to the reduction of the postal rates to the United Kingdom from 2½d. to 1d., several of the above values are very little required and will probably become obsolete. The 5d., 8d. and 10d. will probably be withdrawn and a 1/- value substituted.

**Bermuda.**  
¼d. on 1/- grey, 1d.; per dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine, per dozen, 1/2.

**B.C.A. on B.S.A.**  
4d. chestnut and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. ultramarine, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. rose-lake and ultramarine, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
1/- grey-brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.  
**British Central Africa.**  
1d. carmine and violet, per dozen, 1/2.

**British South Africa, 1896-97 issue.**  
¼d. blue and lilac, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. purple and rose, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. green and violet, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
1/- green and blue, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.  
**British South Africa, 1898-1900 issue.**  
¼d. green, block, 2½d.; per dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. bistre, 2½d.; block, 10d.; per dozen 2/4; pane 11/8.  
4d. olive-brown, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. red-lilac, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
1/- ochre, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.  
**British Guiana.**  
1c. bright green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1c. grey-green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2c. lilac and orange-red, 2d.  
2c. lilac and carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2c. lilac on red, block, 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
6c. brown, old type, 4d.; block, 1/3; doz., 3/6.  
6c. grey and blue, 4d.; block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
**British Honduras, Queen's Head.**  
1c. green, per doz., 7d.; pane of 60, 2/11.  
2c. carmine, per doz., 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.  
10c. lilac and green, 6d.; per doz., 5/10.  
12c. lilac and green, 7d.; per doz., 7/-.  
**British New Guinea.**  
¼d. green and black, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 2/11.  
2d. violet and black, 2½d.; block, 10d.; doz., 2/4; pane, 5/10.  
2½d. blue and black, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
4d. brown and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; doz., 4/8.  
6d. olive and black, 7d.; block, 2/4; doz., 7/-.  
**Canada, Queen's Head.**  
2c. on 3c. maple leaves, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz., 1/2.  
50c. blue, 2/5; block, 9/8.

**Cape Colony.**  
1d. Table Bay, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.  
3d. violet, old type, 4d.; per doz., 3/6.

**Cayman Islands, Queen's Head.**  
¼d. green, block 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.

**Ceylon, Queen's Heads.**  
3c. green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. yellow, block, 4d.; dozen, 10d.; pane, 3/11.  
5c. lilac, block, 4d.; dozen, 1/-; pane, 4/10.  
6c. rose and black, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.

**Chamba State (obsolete).**  
¼ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.

**Chamba State Service (obsolete).**  
¼ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.

**Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.**  
¼d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

**Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star, perf. 11.**  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9; pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12×11½, 6d.; block, 1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.

NOTE.—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New Zealand, it is not unlikely that next printings may have the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete, having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.

**Falkland Islands.**  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.; block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.

**Fiji Islands, no wmk., "V.R." issue.**  
¼d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane of 50, 2/6.  
1d. pale lilac-rose (obsolete shade), 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
2d. green, perf. 11, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11×10, 6d.; block, 1/11; dozen, 5/10.

**Fiji Islands, Queen's Head.**  
1/- brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.  
**Gambia, Queen's Head.**  
¼d. green, per dozen, 8d.

**Gibraltar, values in centimos and pesetas. Queen's Head.**  
Set of eight, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p., the set, 3/6; blocks, 14/-.  
**Gold Coast, Queen's Head.**  
¼d. lilac and green, per doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, per dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.

**Grenada, old type, printed in tête-bêche rows.**  
1d. pink, per dozen 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.

**Grenada, Commemorative.**  
2½d. blue, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.

**Grenada, Queen's Head.**  
¼d. lilac and green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. lilac and brown, block 10d.; dozen, 2/4; pane, 11/8.

**Hongkong, Queen's Heads.**  
2c. green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
5c. yellow, block 6d.; dozen, 1/6; pane, 7/-.  
10c. blue, block 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.  
20c. on 30c. green, nett 6d.; block, 2/-; dozen, 5/10.  
30c. brown, 9d.; block, 3/-.  
50c. on 48c. violet, 1/2; block, 4/8.  
\$1 on 96c. black, 2/4; block, 9/4.

**India, Queen's Head.**  
¼ on 1 anna, green, per dozen, 6d.

**India, new colours.**  
½ anna, yellow-green, block, 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1a. carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
2a. violet, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½a. blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.

**Jhind, Service (Queen's Head).**  
¼a. green, per dozen, 8d.  
1a. purple, per dozen, 1/3.

**Jamaica, Queen's Head.**  
¼d. green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2d. green, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. lilac and blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
4d. orange-brown, block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. yellow, block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
**Jamaica.**  
Llandoverly Falls, 1d. black and red, 1½d.; block, 5d.

**Johore.**  
Set, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 cents, set of 6, 6d.; blocks, 2/-; per dozen sets, 7/-.  
**Labuan, Queen's Head, old type.**  
2c. pink, postmarked, per dozen, 11d.

**Labuan. Pictorial designs.**  
1c. brown, Native, block, 2d.; dozen, 4d.; per 100, 2/4.  
2c. blue, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
2c. green, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
3c. ochre, Palm Tree, block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
4c. lake, Monkey, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
5c. blue, Peacock, block, 6d.; dozen, 1/6.  
6c. brown-lake, Arms, block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9.  
8c. rose-red, Native Vessel, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
10c. Honey-Bear, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
12c. vermilion, Alligator, block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
16c. brown and green, Train, block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
18c. olive-bistre, View, block, 1/9; doz., 6/11.  
24c. grey-lilac, Arms, block, 2/4; dozen, 6/11.

**Malay Federated States.**  
Sets, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 cents, set of six, 10d.; blocks, 3/4.

**Malta, Queen's Head.**  
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" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ... 0 2  
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ... 1 3  
" 1901, 1c. claret ... 0 1  
" " 2c. green ... 0 1  
" " 5c. red... ... 0 1  
" " 20c. lilac and black ... 0 3  
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 15c. green ... 0 2  
" " 20c. black ... 0 1  
" " 1 peso black and brown ... 0 8  
" 1900, 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " 10c. violet ... 0 1  
" " 50c. brown ... 0 6  
" " re-engraved 5c. blue ... 0 1  
" " " 10c. violet ... 0 1  
" 1902, new type, 5c. blue... ... 0 1  
Colombia, 1898, 5c. brown on brown ... 0 1  
" " 10c. brown on rose ... 0 1  
" " 20c. brown on violet ... 0 5  
Panama, 1892, 10c. orange ... 0 1  
" " 20c. violet (cat. 1/-) ... 0 5  
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black (cat. 5d.) ... 0 2  
" " 20c. lake and black ... 0 4  
Dominican Repub., 1900, 5c. brown ... 0 3  
" " 1901, 10c. orange and violet ... 0 6  
" " 1902, 10c. orange and black ... 0 6  
Ecuador, 1899-01, 2c. green and black ... 0 1  
" " 5c. lilac and black ... 0 2  
" " 10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.) ... 0 2  
" " 10c. blue and black ... 0 1  
" " 20c. grey and black ... 0 4  
" " 50c. blue and black ... 1 0  
" 1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black surch. ... 0 9  
Guatemala, 1c. green ... 0 1  
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" 10c. red ... 0 1  
" 10c. brown ... 0 1  
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Hayti, 1898, 5c. blue ... 0 2  
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN:—

**Official Stamps (153 U 155).**—The following new official stamps may now be chronicled as actually issued.

Army Official. 6d. lilac, King's Head.  
Govt. Parcels. 2d. green and red, King's Head.  
" 1/- green and red, King's Head.

Mr. C. E. Russell Rendle writes:—"I have to-day (September 2nd) seen the new King's Head 6d. overprinted 'Army Official.' The type of the surcharge is not the thicker type used for the red 6d., but the same thin type that was used for the 1/4d. and 1d. stamps, and consequently the surcharge does not easily catch the eye against the violet of the stamp. I have not yet seen this stamp noted in E.W.S.N."

We are indebted to Mr. H. G. Watson and others for the following early dates of official stamps. Our list given in E.W.S.N., No. 152, requires alteration as follows:—

O.W. Official. 5d. Queen's Head. 3.5.02.  
" 2d. King's Head. 10.7.02.  
" 2 1/2d. " 16.6.02.  
Govt. Parcels. 2d. June, 1902.

**Army Telegraph (154).**—A correspondent informs us that the 1/4d. green Queen's Head stamps overprinted "Army Telegraph" were amongst the second consignment sent out from Somerset House this year, whilst the 1st and 3rd consignments were the old 1/4d. vermilion. The 3rd lot had control letter O, whereas the 1/4d. green have letter R. The only values which have been in use in England this year are the 1/4d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, and 5/-. The 8d. is obsolete. As soon as the accounts are balanced up, which will be very shortly, no more of these stamps will be used till next year. The remainders are returned to Somerset House and it would be interesting to know whether they are destroyed or kept till another year. In the former event, we may expect next year's supplies to be printed from the King Edward unappropriated plates. In any case, it seems hardly likely that any more 1/4d. green Queen's Head remain on hand at Somerset House, and very few must have been printed.

**Early Dates (148, 150, 151 P 155).**—Since the revised list published a month ago, the following new records have been shown us.

1d. red, plate	86	London, E.C.	24.5.64	C. F. Gwynn
" "	117	" "	24.8.68	W. T. Roycroft
" "	123	" "	4.3.69	" "
" "	129	" "	23.6.69	F. W. Knight
" "	134	Ashton-u-L.	22.1.70	J. Neech
" "	143	London, E.C.	12.7.70	F. W. Knight
" "	161	Bradford, Y.	29.11.72	J. Neech
" "	165	London, E.C.	15.4.73	W. T. Roycroft
" "	166	Canterbury	8.4.73	C. F. D. Marshall
" "	170	Bradford, Y.	30.12.73	J. Neech
" "	181	" "	22.7.75	" "
" "	206	London, S.E.	21.12.77	W. T. Roycroft
" "	219	" W.	3.3.79	C. F. Gwynn
" "	222	" E.C.	30.6.79	" "
" "	225	" W.C.	6.1.80	W. T. Roycroft
1/4d. red	13	Dunse	27.6.76	C. F. D. Marshall
2d. blue	13	Manchester	1.7.69	C. F. Gwynn
2 1/2d. rose	4	London	28.6.76	G. Vermèren
2 1/2d. blue	22	Lombard St.	5.7.81	C. F. D. Marshall
3d. lilac	21	Forfar	2.3.83	J. W. Lowson
4d. oran.	4	London, E.C.	17.11.63	E. B. Wood
4d. sage	15	Forfar	8.6.77	J. W. Lowson
" "	16	London, S.W.	12.7.77	J. R. Yates
4d. bwn.	17a	Laurencekirk	25.12.80	G. Vermèren
6d. lilac	5	Edinburgh	15.12.65	N. Yaar
" "	18b	Cheadle	22.2.83	G. Vermèren
8d. oran.	1	Edinburgh	8.10.76	J. W. Lowson
1/- green	4a	" "	15.12.65	N. Yaar
" "	11	Brighton	12.3.75	G. Vermèren
5/- rose	2	London	9.10.74	J. W. Lowson

**Envelope Dies (154 B 155).**—Mr. A. R. Hayward has shown us the 1d. envelope die 16, so that the list now stands:—

1/4d. Dies 7 to 20 except 13.  
1d. Dies 7 to 22 except 19.

**Stationery (152 M 155).**—Mr. J. W. Lowson writes:—"In your list of record dates of the

current stationery you leave the 1/4d. envelope, long size, blank. I have a copy dated 'Arbroath, April 5th, 1902.'"

**ANTIOQUIA (153 L 155).**—We take the following note from the *Philatelic Record*:—"It appears that laid and wove papers are used indiscriminately in the issue of which we gave particulars last month. We mentioned the 1c. on the former and have now seen the 1 peso, while various exchanges chronicle the set of peso values thus."

**CARTAGENA (154 K 155).**—We now illustrate the 20c. provisional referred to last week and described under Colombia in E.W.S.N. No. 152.



The following is a revised list to date of the Cartagena provisionals.

- (i). *March 1st, 1902.*—Control mark, 5-rayed star, in carmine.  
5 centavos, violet.  
(a) Perf. 11 1/2 [E.W.S.N. 137].  
(b) " No control mark [ " 150].  
(c) " Double Star [ " 136].  
10 centavos, red or brown.  
(a) Perf. 11 1/2 [ " 137].  
(b) Imperf. [ " 136].  
(c) " Double Star [ " 136].  
(d) Rouletted [ " 150].
- (ii). *July (?) 1902.*—Control mark, 7 wavy lines, in red.  
5 centavos, brown, pin perf. [E.W.S.N. 152].  
10 " black " [ " 152, 154].  
20 " claret " [ " 152, 154].

The above varieties are all chronicled on the authority of various American and Continental journals, and none have been actually described by us from sight. It is the 20c. of the July series which we illustrate above. Our American contemporaries state that the second issue comes postmarked Barranquilla, so we are beginning to doubt whether these are really local provisionals for Cartagena or whether they are intended for use throughout the department of Bolivar, of which Cartagena is the capital.

The Republic of Colombia is situated in the N.W. corner of the South American Continent and is divided into nine departments, most of which have generally had separate issues for local use (see Antioquia, Bolivar, etc., in the catalogues) whilst issuing the regular Colombian stamps for foreign correspondence. Owing to Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, being situated away up on the Andes, in the centre of the country, and to recent insurrection, communication with the provinces on the coast has become a difficult matter. Hence it is not surprising that Antioquia, on the Pacific Coast, and the departments of Panamá, Bolivar and Magdalena on the north should occasionally run short of stamps. So far, Panamá has not offended philatelically, but the names of several of the chief ports of the other two northern provinces should already be familiar to collectors. Starting with Rio Hacha, near the Venezuelan boundary, and going westward we pass in succession Santa Marta (capital of Magdalena), Barranquilla, Savanilla (as at Santa Marta, a British Post Office was established here in the days before Colombia joined the Postal Union, the postmark numbers being C62 and F69), and Cartagena (capital of Bolivar; here also a British Post Office until 1881). All these ports are close together, several being connected by railway. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s boats call at Savanilla (formerly, we believe, at Santa Marta) and there is a direct line to New York from Cartagena and Barranquilla.

In E.W.S.N. of September 7th, 1901, we chronicled a number of provisionals for *Rio Hacha*, issued during 1900 and in June and July, 1902, *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* describes at length a re-issue, but our contemporary considered this to be a speculative venture.

In E.W.S.N. of November 16th, 1902, we commenced to chronicle a series of provisional stamps for Cartagena, and three additions to the list this week are noted above. As already reported, they are postmarked Barranquilla, so the

question is whether they would not be more correctly chronicled under Bolivar.

It seems that Barranquilla will now take up the running. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* reports that a newspaper postmarked "Barranquilla, June 24th, 1902," bore no stamp, but was marked in violet ink:—

No hay estampillas  
Pago S/ 0.10  
El Agente Postal Nacional  
[Signature]

The signature and value were inserted in manuscript.

Our contemporary also publishes the text of a contract dated "Barranquilla, 21st Dec., 1901," between Andrés M. B. Rebollo, Agent of the National Post Office at Barranquilla, authorized by the civil and military head of the department, and Francisco Valiente F., who agrees to furnish 2,500,000 stamps for the consideration of 45,000 pesos, the stamps to be inscribed "Republica de Colombia—Correos," and the values in figures. The following are the particulars:—

1 centavo (view of River Magdalena)	600,000
2 centavos (view of Quay of Port Colombia)	500,000
20 " (view of Hill of La Popa)	250,000
50 " (Portrait of Bolivar)	400,000
1 peso (Portrait, General P. Pinzon)	500,000
5 pesos (Arms of Colombia)	50,000
10 " ( " " )	50,000
2 1/2 centavos, Retardo	100,000
5 " A.R.	50,000

The Magdalena is one of the two most important rivers, and rises in the mountains near Bogotá, in the centre of Colombia. Nearing the coast it is joined by the Cauca, which has been flowing almost parallel after passing through Medellín, capital of Antioquia. The view on the 2c. is probably the harbour of Savanilla, now known as Puerto Colombia. It is noticeable that there are no 5 and 10c. stamps in the above series.

The populations of the Northern ports concerned in the provisional issues are as follows:—

Cartagena,	25,000 (slightly more than Poole).
Savanilla,	—
Barranquilla,	40,000 (less than that of Bournemouth).
Santa Marta,	6,500 (slightly more than Ventnor).
Rio Hacha,	4,000 (slightly more than Swanage).

Bogotá, the capital, has 120,000 inhabitants, and it is no doubt chiefly for their benefit that the old issues are to be surcharged (see below). As means of communication with Bogotá are by mule trains, these provisionals will probably find their way to the ports very slowly.

**COLOMBIA (154 J 155).**—The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* publishes the text of the decree, dated Bogotá, 27th Dec., 1901, authorising the rehabilitation of the remainders of old issues by surcharging them "1902." When, by the way, is effect to be given to the decree? Time is getting on.

Last week we described and illustrated the new 10 and 20c. adhesives and surmised that they might be the fore-runners of a new issue. We are now able to confirm this and are now able to give more complete and correct particulars, on the authority of *Mekeel's Stamp Collector*. We reproduce the two illustrations given last week, together with a third of the 5c. value and give the following revised list:—



**Adhesives.** Lithographed on coloured papers imperf.

2 centavos,	black on rose paper.
4 " "	vermilion on light green.
5 " "	dark green on blue green.
10 " "	black on pink.
20 " "	light brown on salmon.

They have no control marks like the local provisionals for Cartagena. Date of issue is not mentioned. The *Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* also mentions a 5c. late fee and a 10c. A.R., but gives no particulars.

**Discovery.**—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., have found in their stock a horizontal pair of the



20 centavos brown on blue of 1892, imperforate between.

**CANTON** (152 G 155).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* chronicles the postcard and letter cards just issued as being in the old colours, and not the new as given in *E.W.S.N.* No. 152. Which is correct?

**CHILE** (150 R 155).—We are informed by Mr. R. T. Morgan that the new 20c., 30c. and 50c. stamps were issued on July 19th.

*Adhesives.* Same type as the new 1c., 2c. and 5c. 20c. grey and black. 30c. violet and black. 50c. yellow and black.

**CRETE** (149 J 155).—Crete having joined the Postal Union as from 1st July, the suppression of the French, Austrian and Italian Post offices is imminent, and Cretan stamps will no longer be surcharged.

**CUBA** (149 H 155).—The current 2c. is reported by the *American Journal of Philately* in scarlet, instead of carmine.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (149 K 155).—The *American Journal of Philately* publishes a translation of the official report of the destruction on May 2nd, 1902, of the remainders of the map stamps, which were withdrawn from circulation on November 15th, 1901.

**DANISH WEST INDIES** (149 O 155).—Mr. W. O. Wylie writes:—"I enclose two stamps for your inspection, Danish West Indies, 4c. unpaid letter stamps. I am satisfied the stamps from the design was engraved, and the same plate used for all values by cutting out that portion where value goes in and inserting the figure, or else value printed in after main design was printed, making a second printing. The former seems more probable. See the variations in distance of foot of 4 from line at bottom, also note difference in shade."

We cannot agree with Mr. Wylie that the stamps were engraved; they appear to us to be lithographed, in which case the design would probably be drawn without the value. A certain number of impressions could then be made on a stone and whatever values were wanted printed in. A fresh transfer would then be made to the machining stone. If the figures 4 were drawn separately, they would probably all show slight differences. It is difficult to say definitely what was the procedure unless an entire sheet of each value could be produced. If the stamps were lithographed, the method of forming the transfers would be at once apparent.

**DUTCH INDIES** (153 I 155).—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the 3c. purple post card surcharged "2½" in tall capitals like the 3c. adhesive.

*Postcard.*  
"2½" on 3c. post card.

**FIJI ISLANDS** (150 F 155).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* learns that this colony has decided to have an issue of stamps bearing the King's Head.

**GOLD COAST** (142 N 155).—The King Edward series of stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 137 is now on sale in the Gold Coast. Under date of August 10th, our Accra correspondent writes:—"I am sending you by this mail the King's Head ½d. and 1d. stamps. Although these stamps have been despatched from England some considerable time only those of the 1d. denomination have up to the present actually been in circulation. Although the former issue will be in use for some months yet, you may obtain any of the new issue you desire. The Gold Coast 4d. stamp is to be discontinued."

From this we understand that the King's Head stamps will only be issued for use as the stocks of the Queen's Head issue are exhausted, but that collectors will be permitted to have the new set complete at once, a very sensible arrangement, as it causes a lot of inconvenience having the new sets doled out one value at a time, as in the Straits Settlements, Natal, etc. In addition to the 1d. King Edward Gold Coast stamps, we think our correspondent should add the 2d., as this value also has been on the London market for some months. We illustrate the type of the new stamps.



The Colonial Stamp Market has received a consignment of all values of the King Edward stamps, despatched from Accra under date August 15th.

*Registration Envelope.*—We have seen the following envelope with flap nearly square and stamp in upper right hand corner.

Overprinted GOLD COAST COLONY, reading downwards on flap near right edge of envelope.

2d. blue of Great Britain, sizes G and H.

**GUATEMALA** (154 J 155).—The 2c. on 1c. blue Fiscal recorded in *E.W.S.N.* No. 149 is chronicled by the *American Journal of Philately* as having been found with double surcharge.

**HAYTI** (154 D 155).—We illustrate below the new surcharge.



In addition to the postage adhesives, it appears there is a set of postage due stamps similarly surcharged. *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* chronicles the following:

*Postage Due Adhesives.* Surcharged as above in black.  
2c. greenish-black.  
5c. orange-brown.  
10c. orange.  
50c. slate.

As the surcharge does not show up very well on the 2c. it will probably be applied in future in red. It is possible that remainders of the 1c. blue, 2c. orange and 5c. brown postage adhesives (in the old colours before the change to those required by the Postal Union), may also be surcharged. It is rumoured that inverted surcharges occur.

**INDIA** (154 M 155).—Major Cookson, R.A., has found a copy of the 1a. plum, with the "On H.M.S." surcharge inverted, states *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*. The specimen is used.

**JAMAICA** (154 G 155).—We learn from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that this Colony proposes to employ the Arms of the Island for some of the values of a forthcoming series. Is this preparatory, suggests our contemporary, to carrying into effect the scheme of annexation to the United States, of which we occasionally hear rumours?

**KISHENGARH** (132 E 155).—Mr. C. T. Hawkins writes:—"I do not know if the following have been noted, but they are interesting, if only as a comment, on Indian native art (?) Kishengarh, last issue, 1 anna, 'REVENUE'; 2 annas, ANNA (no S); 4 anna, 'POSTAGE.' I have all above in pairs, so the whole sheet was evidently similar."

We have examined the Colonial Market's stock and find the 1 anna are of two kinds.

- 1a. grey, imperf., including vertical tête-bêche pairs, "Revenue" is spelt correctly. The vertical line in the S.W. corner has a small circle on it, about half-way down.
- 1a. lilac, pin-perf. The right stroke of the V of "Revenue" is absent on all stamps on the sheet, although here and there is a white dot in its place.
- 4a. all have "POSTAGE."

The 1a. grey, imperf. does not appear to be catalogued.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (154 C 155).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the recently issued provisionals and we notice the surcharge on the 7d. is "One Penny" (in one line, in very small type, length 13mm.) and a thick bar through the value 7d. On the other hand, the 4d. and 6d. values are overprinted "One-Penny" in two lines, in large type, and there is a very thin line through the original value.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* puts the face value of the provisional 1d. stamps issued at £130 (31200 stamps) and adds that the whole stock is in very few hands, one gentleman alone securing £27 worth.

**MAURITIUS** (154 Q 155).—We are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for the text of the following official notice:—

"The public is hereby informed that stamps heretofore used as postage stamps only, as well as further issues, whether surcharged or not with the words 'Postage and Revenue,' may be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

"26th June, 1902.

"(Signed) L. S. R. DU VERGE.

"Acting Receiver General."

**MEXICO** (153 H 155).—The *American Journal of Philately* reports the discovery of the current 20c. brown-rose and 5 pesos scarlet official stamps with inverted overprint.

**NEW ZEALAND** (151 D 153).—We have now seen the 1d. universal ½c and 2c chronicled a short while ago.

A correspondent informs the *Australian Philatelist* that he found a sheet of the 2½d. imperforate horizontally at a country post office. We believe the list of imperforate varieties in the current issue now stands as follows:—

Imperforate vertically, 1d., 3d., 6d.  
" horizontally, 2½d.  
" entirely, 6d.

The same journal notes that a copy of the 1871-73 issue—2d. blue, perf. 10×12½—was sold at auction lately for £7 10s.; this is a hitherto uncatalogued variety. We wonder if the numerous paper and perforation varieties of 1871-73 were

abused at the time by pessimistic collectors as much as the similar varieties of 30 years later! We cannot imagine why a certain section of collectors—fortunately in a hopeless minority—are so prone to magnify their own importance and think that every new surcharge, watermark or perforation variety is made specially for them. In 99 cases out of 100 the causes are of an entirely bona-fide nature; just as much so, in fact, in 1902 as in 1872. Varieties occur just as frequently in fiscal as in postage stamps, yet there is practically no sale to collectors of the former unused. No-one need collect minor varieties unless he likes, and it is a dog-in-the-manger policy to try and stop others. It is significant that almost without exception philatelists in the front rank (including most members of the London Philatelic Society) are specialists who specialize thoroughly, and it is collections which are formed in a thorough manner which will find the best market in the future.

**NICARAGUA** (149 L 155).—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., have found amongst a lot of common stamps of this country several copies of the 20c. yellow-brown telegraph stamps with postal cancellation.

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* announces the appearance of four post cards of the 1901 type.

*Postcards.* Size, 142×90mm.

- 2c. blue on blue-grey.
- 2c. + 2c. blue (on blue-grey?).
- 3c. red-brown on green.
- 3c. + 3c. red-brown on green.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (154 S 155).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us several sheets of 240 of the 6d. E.R.I. chronicled last week. We notice that all the sheets are exactly alike and the four panes of each sheet are also similar. The second stamp in the fourth row of each pane has a wide space between the "6" and "d" of the value "6d." although it is perhaps hardly as wide as in the "1 s" variety of 1900. An amended description is given below.

The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us the 4d. on 6d. provisional in a new printing with overprint in vermilion instead of carmine. The difference is very clear if the stamps are placed in a good light and more especially if the stamps are held up to the light—against a window, for instance—and looked through.

*Provisional Adhesives.*

"4d." in vermilion on 6d. blue, V.R.I. raised stops.

- (a) Variety, thick V. Nos. 12, 30, 37, 53, 58.
- (b) " thick V and inverted 1 on same stamp. No. 43.

"E.R.I.—6d." (with level stops after E.R.I.) in black on 6d. blue.

- (a) Variety, wide-spaced "6d." (space, ½mm. instead of ¼ or ⅓mm.).

The varieties in the 4d. on 6d. are similar to those in the first printing, except that we have not met with the dotless R variety in the vermilion overprint.

Mr. J. W. Branwhite informs us that the 4d. on 6d. in vermilion has been coming over by the "last few mails," but we should be glad to have more definite information than this. Our own earliest dated copy is postmarked "Bloemfontein, August 15th."

The *Philatelic Record* reports having recently seen a "sheet" of the 1d. rose Cape Colony surcharged "Orange River Colony" with the missing stop variety corrected. We note, on the contrary, that all the sheets received by the Colonial Stamp Market by the last mail from Bloemfontein still have the variety on pane D, stamp No. 12.

**SEYCHELLES** (149 K 154).—In looking over some sheets of the 1901 provisionals, the Colonial Stamp Market was fortunate enough to find one pane of the 3c. on 16c. which is partly double-surcharged. The top half of the pane was properly surcharged, but in overprinting the lower 30 stamps, the impression was made so unevenly that the surcharge was hardly printed at all on the right-hand 15 stamps; to remedy this, the overprint was applied again and not being in quite the same position as before, the 15 left-hand stamps show a double surcharge. Another freak is the 3c. on 10c. with off-centre surcharge, showing only one bar instead of two across the value. The word "cents" is often very badly printed and the 3c. on 10c., 3c. on 16c. and 3c. on 36c., may all be found with an overprint which looks more like "cents" than what it was intended for. The general collector need not, of course, include such varieties as these in his collection.

**TRANSVAAL** (154 Y 155).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a packet of the registration envelopes with wide-spaced E.R.I. surcharge, which we chronicled last week, and also the King Edward 1d. post cards and 1d. letter cards. These latter were chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 145, as "ready for issue"; this may now be altered to "actually issued."

(Further News and Postcard Column, etc., are held over till next week.)

## LATEST ARRIVALS.

- Bahamas. Queen's Heads.  
1d. carmine, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane of 60, 5/10.  
1/- yellow-green, CC. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.  
1/- blue-green, CA. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.
- Bahamas. Queen's Staircase.  
1d. red and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen,  
1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
- Barbados. Issue of 1892.  
¼d. grey and carmine, block of four, 1½d.;  
dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
½d. dull green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. blue-black and orange, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. ultramarine, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
5d. olive-brown, 6d.; block, 2/-; dozen, 5/10.  
6d. mauve and carmine, 7d.; block, 2/4;  
dozen, 7/-.  
8d. orange and blue, 10d.; block, 3/2;  
dozen, 9/4.  
10d. blue-green and carmine, 1/-; block, 3/11;  
dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.—Owing to the reduction of the postal rates  
to the United Kingdom from 2½d. to 1d., several of the  
above values are very little required and will probably  
become obsolete. The 5d., 8d. and 10d. will probably  
be withdrawn and a 1/- value substituted.
- Bermuda.  
¼d. on 1/- grey, 1d.; per dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine, per dozen, 1/2.
- B.C.A. on B.S.A.  
4d. chestnut and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen,  
4/8.  
6d. ultramarine, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. rose-lake and ultramarine, 10d.; block,  
3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
1/- grey-brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- British Central Africa.  
1d. carmine and violet, per dozen, 1/2.
- British South Africa, 1896-97 issue.  
4d. blue and lilac, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. purple and rose, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. green and violet, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen,  
9/4.  
1/- green and blue, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- British South Africa, 1898-1900 issue.  
¼d. green, block, 2½d.; per dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. bistre, 2½d.; block, 10d.; per dozen 2/4;  
pane 11/8.  
4d. olive-brown, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. red-lilac, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
1/- ochre, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- British Guiana.  
1c. bright green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1c. grey-green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2c. lilac and orange-red, 2d.  
2c. lilac and carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2c. lilac on red, block, 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
6c. brown, old type, 4d.; block, 1/3; doz., 3/6.  
6c. grey and blue, 4d.; block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.
- British Honduras, Queen's Head.  
1c. green, per doz., 7d.; pane of 60, 2/11.  
2c. carmine, per doz., 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.  
10c. lilac and green, 6d.; per doz., 5/10.  
12c. lilac and green, 7d.; per doz., 7/-.
- British New Guinea.  
½d. green and black, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 7d.;  
pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2; pane, 2/11.  
2d. violet and black, 2½d.; block, 10d.; doz.,  
2/4; pane, 5/10.  
2½d. blue and black, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
1d. brown and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; doz., 4/8.  
6d. olive and black, 7d.; block, 2/4; doz., 7/-.
- Canada, Queen's Head.  
2c. on 3c. maple leaves, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2.  
50c. blue, 2/5; block, 9/8.
- Cape Colony.  
1d. Table Bay, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.  
3d. violet, old type, 4d.; per doz., 3/6.
- Cayman Islands, Queen's Head.  
¼d. green, block 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.
- Ceylon, Queen's Heads.  
3c. green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. yellow, block, 4d.; dozen, 10d.; pane, 3/11.  
5c. lilac, block, 4d.; dozen, 1/-; pane, 4/10.  
6c. rose and black, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.
- Chamba State (obsolete).  
¼ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.
- Chamba State Service (obsolete).  
¼ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.
- Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.  
¼d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

- Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star,  
perf. 11.  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9;  
pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen,  
2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen,  
2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12x11½, 6d.; block,  
1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New  
Zealand, it is not unlikely that next printings may have  
the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete,  
having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.
- Falkland Islands.  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.;  
block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.
- Fiji Islands, no wmk., "V.R." issue.  
¼d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane  
of 50, 2/6.  
1d. pale lilac-rose (obsolete shade), 1½d.;  
block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
2d. green, perf. 11, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11x10, 6d.; block, 1/11;  
dozen, 5/10.
- Fiji Islands, Queen's Head.  
1/- brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- Gambia, Queen's Head.  
¼d. green, per dozen, 8d.
- Gibraltar, values in centimos and pesetas.  
Queen's Head.  
Set of eight, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.,  
the set, 3/6; blocks, 14/-.
- Gold Coast, Queen's Head.  
¼d. lilac and green, per doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, per dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.
- Grenada, old type, printed in tête-bêche rows.  
1d. pink, per dozen 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
- Grenada, Commemorative.  
2½d. blue, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11;  
pane, 14/7.
- Grenada, Queen's Head.  
¼d. lilac and green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1d. lilac and carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2d. lilac and brown, block 10d.; dozen, 2/4;  
pane, 11/8.
- Hongkong, Queen's Heads.  
2c. green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. carmine, block 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
5c. yellow, block 6d.; dozen, 1/6; pane, 7/-.  
10c. blue, block 1/-; dozen, 2/11; pane, 14/7.  
20c. on 30c. green, nett 6d.; block, 2/-;  
dozen, 5/10.  
30c. brown, 9d.; block, 3/-.  
50c. on 48c. violet, 1/2; block, 4/8.
- India, Queen's Head.  
¼ on 1 anna, green, per dozen, 6d.
- India, new colours.  
½ anna, yellow-green, block, 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1a. carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
2a. violet, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½a. blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.
- Jhind, Service (Queen's Head).  
¼a. green, per dozen, 8d.  
1a. purple, per dozen, 1/3.
- Jamaica, Queen's Head.  
¼d. green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2d. green, block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. lilac and blue, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
4d. orange-brown, block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. yellow, block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.
- Jamaica.  
Llandovery Falls, 1d. black and red, 1½d.;  
block, 5d.
- Johore.  
Set, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 cents, set of 6, 6d.; blocks,  
2/-; per dozen sets, 7/-.
- Labuan, Queen's Head, old type.  
2c. pink, postmarked, per dozen, 11d.
- Labuan. Pictorial designs.  
1c. brown, Native, block, 2d.; dozen, 4d.;  
per 100, 2/4.  
2c. blue, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
per 100, 4/8.  
2c. green, Stag's Head, block, 3d.; dozen,  
7d.; per 100, 4/8.  
3c. ochre, Palm Tree, block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
4c. lake, Monkey, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2.  
5c. blue, Peacock, block, 6d.; dozen, 1/6.  
6c. brown-lake, Arms, block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9.  
8c. rose-red, Native Vessel, block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
10c. Honey-Bear, block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11.  
12c. vermilion, Alligator, block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.  
16c. brown and green, Train, block, 1/7;  
dozen, 4/8.  
18c. olive-bistre, View, block, 1/9; doz., 6/11.  
24c. grey-lilac, Arms, block, 2/4; dozen, 6/11.
- Malay Federated States.  
Sets, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 cents, set of six, 10d.;  
blocks, 3/4.
- Malta, Queen's Head.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
1d. on 2½d. dark blue, block, 8d.; dozen, 2/-.

## USED FOREIGN STAMPS.

Argentine, current 1c. green ...	0 1
" " 5c. rose ...	0 1
" " 10c. green ...	0 1
" " 15c. slate ...	0 2
" " 30c. vermilion ...	0 3
Bolivia, 1899, 2c. red (cat. 2d.) ...	0 1
" " 10c. yellow (cat. 4d.) ...	0 2
" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ...	0 2
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ...	1 3
" 1901, 1c. claret ...	0 1
" " 2c. green ...	0 1
" " 5c. red ...	0 1
" " 20c. lilac and black ...	0 3
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ...	0 1
" " 15c. green ...	0 2
" " 20c. black ...	0 1
" " 1 peso black and brown ...	0 8
" 1900, 5c. blue ...	0 1
" " 10c. violet ...	0 1
" " 50c. brown ...	0 6
" " re-engraved 5c. blue ...	0 1
" " 10c. violet ...	0 1
" 1902, new type, 5c. blue ...	0 1
Colombia, 1898, 5c. brown on brown ...	0 1
" " 10c. brown on rose ...	0 1
" " 20c. brown on violet ...	0 5
Panama, 1892, 10c. orange ...	0 1
" " 20c. violet (cat. 1/-) ...	0 5
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black (cat. 5d.) ...	0 2
" " 20c. lake and black ...	0 4
Dominican Repub., 1900, 5c. brown ...	0 3
" " 1901, 10c. orange and violet ...	0 6
" " 1902, 10c. orange and black ...	0 6
Ecuador, 1899-01, 2c. green and black ...	0 1
" " 5c. lilac and black ...	0 2
" " 10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.) ...	0 2
" " 10c. blue and black ...	0 1
" " 20c. grey and black ...	0 4
" " 50c. blue and black ...	1 0
" 1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black surch. ...	0 9
Guatemala, 1c. green ...	0 1
" 2c. rose ...	0 1
" 10c. red ...	0 1
" 10c. brown ...	0 1
" 20c. green ...	0 3
Hayti, 1898, 5c. blue ...	0 2
" " 10c. orange ...	0 3
" " 20c. black ...	0 6
Mexico, 1c. green ...	0 1
" 2c. red ...	0 1
" 5c. blue ...	0 1
" 10c. lilac and orange ...	0 1
" 15c. grey and lilac ...	0 3
" 20c. carmine and blue ...	0 3
Nicaragua, 10c. lilac, engraved ...	0 2
" 15c. blue, engraved ...	0 2
" 5c. blue, lithographed ...	0 1
Peru, 1896-1900, 1c. green ...	0 1
" " 2c. red ...	0 1
" " 5c. blue ...	0 1
" " 10c. black ...	0 1
" " 20c. orange ...	0 1
" " 22c. green and black ...	0 2
" " 22c. green ...	0 2
" " 50c. carmine ...	0 4
" " 1s. orange ...	1 0
" " 2s. lake ...	2 6
Uruguay, 5c. blue ...	0 2
" 10c. lilac ...	0 3
" 25c. brown ...	0 9
Venezuela, 1899, 25c. blue ...	0 1
" 1900, "Castro," 10c. red ...	0 3
" " 25c. blue ...	0 3
" " 5c. green ...	0 3
" " "Surch. 1900," 50c. orange ...	0 4
" " 1bol. black ...	0 9
Cuba, 1899, 2c. rose ...	0 1
" 5c. blue ...	0 1
" 10c. brown ...	0 2
Philippines on U.S.A., 1c. green ...	0 1
" 2c. rose ...	0 1
" 3c. violet ...	0 1
" 5c. blue ...	0 1
" 10c. brown ...	0 3
Puerto Rico on U.S.A., 1c. green ...	0 1
" 2c. rose ...	—
Porto Roco on U.S.A., 1c. green ...	0 1
" 2c. rose ...	—
" 5c. blue ...	0 1
" 8c. purple ...	—
" 10c. brown ...	0 6
French China, 25c. carmine and brown ...	0 1
" 50c. black and carmine, type A ...	0 3
" 50c. black and carmine, type B ...	0 3
Indo China, 25c. carmine and brown ...	0 1
" 50c. carmine and blue ...	0 4
German China, 5c. green, old ...	—
" 10c. rose, old ...	0 3
" 10c. rose, new ...	0 3
" 20c. blue, new ...	0 2
Holland, 7½c. brown ...	0 1
" 22½c. brown and green ...	0 2

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (155 C 156).—Mr. G. F. M. Camroux informs us that he has the ½d. envelope die 21. The list now stands:—

½d. Dies 7 to 21, except 13.  
1d. Dies 7 to 22, except 19.

**Watermark Letters** (145, 148 G 156).—Mr. J. W. Lowson advises us that he has the current 10d. stamp with letter F, so the list now stands:—

Queen's Head, ½d. D, E.  
" 5d. D.  
King's Head, ½d. D, E, F.  
" 1d. D, E.  
" 1½d. D, E.  
" 2d. F.  
" 2½d. E.  
" 5d. E, F.  
" 10d. E, F.

We should be glad to hear of any additions to the list; they should be sent for inspection.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (140 J 156).—*Filatelica* chronicles the 1 and 20 peso of the current issue with inverted centre.

**CARTAGENA** (155 L 156).—Last week we illustrated the 20c. provisional and are now able to reproduce the 10c.



**COLOMBIA** (155 K 156).—*Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* gives the following description of the two stamps referred to last week.

Late Fee Adhesive, imperf.  
5c. violet on rose.  
Unpaid Letter Adhesive, imperf.  
10c. blue on azure.

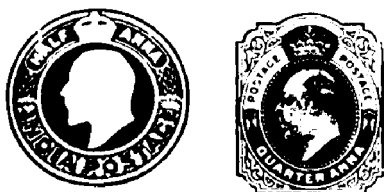
**DENMARK** (143 C 156).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following new adhesives.

Adhesives. Type of current 5 and 10 öre. Perf. 12½.  
1c. orange.  
15c. violet.

Our earliest dated copies are postmarked Copenhagen, Sept. 13th. There are also some new official stamps and stationery which we will describe next week.

**HONG KONG** (142 I 156).—We are informed on good authority that the 12c. blue, wmk. Crown CA, and the \$2 Stamp Duty are both obsolete. The former should become a very scarce stamp, especially in the dark blue shade.

**INDIA** (154 M 156).—We illustrate below the new adhesives chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 153, and the new stationery described in No. 154.



**MAURITIUS** (155 Q 156).—We are now able to illustrate the exact type of Revenue "Postage and Revenue" on the 4c., 6c., 15c., 25c., 50c. and 2r. 50c. stamps. We should not be surprised if the mail due Sept. 23rd brought further additions to the list.

**SIERRA LEONE** (154 G 156).—With reference to the note in E.W.S.N., No. 123, we are now officially informed that the King Edward set of adhesive stamps may be expected some time during 1903.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (154 M 156).—The *Philatelic Record* states that the ½d. and 2d. Postage Due stamps were issued at Adelaide on July 7th.

**SPANISH GUINEA** (138 C 156). We append an illustration of the new stamps described in E.W.S.N., No. 138.



**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS** (150 E 156).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 5c. and 25c. of the King Edward set. Like the 1, 3, 8 and 30c. already issued, they are printed from the "Postage and Revenue" plate 2, in sheets of 240, divided into four panes of 60. It is doubtful whether the other values of the set (4c., 10c., 50c., \$1, 2, 5) will be issued just yet.

**URUGUAY** (154 I 156).—The Unpaid Letter Stamps chronicled last week are stated by the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* to have been first issued on July 18th.

*Official Stamps.*—The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Ltd., has found a copy of the current 1 peso official stamp with inverted surcharge.

**VICTORIA** (152 X 156).—The *Australian Philatelist* understands that a 2/6 value may be issued here shortly.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (154, B 156).—The *Australian Philatelist* learns that a 2/6 value may be issued here shortly.

## Reviews.

### Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, Part I. 1903.

(Orders may be sent to Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Limited, and will be executed by return post. Price, 2/3 post free.)

THE fifteenth Edition of Gibbons' Colonial Catalogue is now to hand and is chiefly remarkable for the advance in prices of used British Stamps and unused recently issued Colonial stamps. In outward appearance it is similar to its predecessor, although slightly thicker, having 20 additional pages of Catalogue and 50 of advertisements. Inside, the Catalogue is as neatly compiled and printed as usual and in both these respects easily takes first place amongst catalogues in the English language. Special attention has been given, we are told in the preface, to the dates of issue, a matter of considerable importance to the philatelist; in many cases the year of issue is now supplemented by the month and day. The issue of new stamps has necessitated the inclusion of a number of new illustrations, all of which are shown with perforations. Is the innovation intentional? Borneo and Labuan are favoured with three price-columns, the third being for cancelled-to-order copies. We doubt if this is a very wise step, as the demand for regularly cancelled specimens must be very small, seeing the much enhanced prices asked for them. The attempt to "catalogue as many of the King Edward stamps as possible" has met with very little success, chiefly no doubt owing to the delay with which these are making their public appearance. Consequently the issues which have just become obsolete are in several cases still quoted at old prices. Stellaland and New South African Republic are now for the first time included in Part I.

It is the subject of prices which will most interest collectors and we propose to give below a list of some of the more important alterations. Turning first to Great Britain, we note the following:—

	Used 1902.	Used 1903.
1854, 2d. blue, S.C. 16	1 0	1 6
1855, 1d. red, S.C. 14, die I.	1/6	2 0
" 2d. blue, L.C. 16, die II.	9d.	1/6
" 2d. blue, L.C. 16, plate 5	10 0	15/0
" " " " 6	12/6	17/6

	Used 1902.	Used 1903.
1857, 2d. blue, L.C. 14, " 6	6d.	1 0
" 1d. rose-red, L.C. 16	1/9	2/6

In none of the above cases were the advances justified. Even the 1902 quotations were too high in several cases. Collectors with duplicates would do well to sell out on the basis of the new quotations—if they can.

1847-54, 1 - octagonal	3/0	4 6
" 6d. octagonal	4 6	6 0
1855, 4d. Med. Garter, on white	3 0	5 0
" 1 - green, no letters	0/9	1 3
1862, 3d. small letters	3 6	4 6
1865, 3d. wmk. Emblems	0/6	1/6
" 9d. do.	10 0	17/6
1867, 9d. wmk. Spray	3/6	5 0
" 10d. do.	3 0	6/0
" 2/- blue	2 0	3/0
" 2/- brown	65 0	70/0
" 5/- wmk. Cross	3/6	6/0
1875, 24d. rose, wmk. Anchor	0 4	0 8
1880, 4d. brown, wmk. Garter	8 6	10 6
" 2d. rose	0 2	0 6
1884, 10/- ultramarine	2 0	3/0
" 9d. dull green	4/0	0/0
1888, £1 brown, wmk. Orbs	17 6	25/0
1891, £1 green	5 0	7 6

The first six of the above changes are hardly justified, the 6d. octagonal being undoubtedly a commoner stamp in fine condition than the 1/- green. The other advances are however not unreasonable, especially in the case of the 9d. emblems, whilst in that of 10/- blue it is hardly sufficient; we should have thought this stamp in good condition well worth 4/6. The present price of the 9d. green must make many collectors regret lost opportunities. The 10/- and £1 Cross and Anchor have only advanced about 5/- each whilst the £5 orange is stationary. Turning to the plate-numbers we find that the ½d. red, plate 1, unused, is now quoted, 7/6 being a fair valuation for a really mint copy. The 1/- green, wmk. Spray, plate 4, advanced from 3d. to 6d., is now esteemed as highly as plates 5 and 6. Plates 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the 1/- are stationary and we still adhere to the opinion expressed in a former review that 1/- apiece is too low. The official stamps are disappointing, all the novelties and many of early issues being left unpriced; in fact, only 25 out of 68 are given a quotation. The £1 green I.R. Official is reduced from 75/- to 50/-, and the O.W. Official stamps are also more reasonable. The early "Govt. Parcels" are the only official stamps to advance. Unused 1/- Telegraph stamps are cut down mercilessly, the rare plate 8 falling from 30/- to 10/- and plate 5 from 17/6 to 5/-. Does this betoken a find? The other values are mostly stationary.

Turning to the Colonial section, a cursory examination does not show much activity in the earlier issues. This is probably because the general collector is beginning to turn his attention more and more to the stamps of his own generation, the older and higher priced issues being left to the specialist of antiquarian tendencies. Our readers will no doubt be chiefly interested in the quotations for stamps that have been current since they took an active interest in philately. The following table gives the latest date at which many were sold by Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, as well as the present catalogue quotation.

	Face Value.	Latest Date Sold at 1/2 per 1/-	Catalogue Price.
Barbados, Jubilee set	2/9½	Sept., 1901	12/11
B.C.A., £1 orange	20/0	—	£4
" £1 blue	20/0	—	£5
" 3 - green	3 0	Dec., 1899	—
" 6d. green & black	0 6	Aug., 1901	2 6
B.E.A., 1806, 1 rupee	1 1	January, 1901	7 6
B. Honduras, 50c. on 1/-	2/1	March, 1901	6 0
" 5c. blue	0/2½	April, 1901	1 6
" 25c. brn. & grn.	1 0	June, 1901	5 0
B.S.A., £1 blk., brn. & grn.	20 0	Dec. 1899	40 0
Canada, Maple leaf set	1 6	February, 1901	3 11
" 1898, 3c., 6c., 8c.	0 8½	December, 1901	2 11
Ceylon, 1r. 12c. rose	1 6	Oct., 1900	8 6
" 28c. grey	0 5	April, 1901	1 6
" 1r. 50c. on 2r. 50c.	2 0	March, 1901	3 6
" 2r. 25c. on 2r. 50c.	3 0	Sept., 1900	7/6
Gambia, 1898, 3d.	0 3	May, 1902	0 9
Gold Coast, 1884 set	2 4½	March, 1900	0 11
" 2/- brown	2/0	"	8 6
" 5 - lilac & blue	5 0	April, 1900	12 0
" 10 - lilac & red	10 0	April, 1900	30/0
Mauritius, 15c. on 36c.	0/2½	Aug., 1902	1 0
Newfoundland, 24c. blue	1 0	March, 1900	3/0
N.S.W., 4d. yellow-brown	0 4	Feb., 1902	1 6
N.Z., 2d. violet, No. 220	0 2	—	1 6
Niger, 1/- No. wmk.	1 0	1900	3 0
" 1 - CA.	1 0	May, 1901	3 6
" 10 - violet	10 0	May, 1901	—

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1d. carmine, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane of 60, 5/10.  
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1/- blue-green, CA. 14, nett 1/2; block, 4/8.
- Bahamas. Queen's Staircase.**  
1d. red and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen,  
1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
- Barbados. Issue of 1892.**  
½d. grey and carmine, block of four, 1½d.;  
dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
½d. dull green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. blue-black and orange, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
2½d. ultramarine, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
5d. olive-brown, 6d.; block, 2/-; dozen, 5/10.  
6d. mauve and carmine, 7d.; block, 2/4;  
dozen, 7/-.  
8d. orange and blue, 10d.; block, 3/2;  
dozen, 9/4.  
10d. blue-green and carmine, 1/-; block, 3/11;  
dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.**—Owing to the reduction of the postal rates  
to the United Kingdom from 2½d. to 1d., several of the  
above values are very little required and will probably  
become obsolete. The 5d., 8d. and 10d. will probably  
be withdrawn and a 1/- value substituted.
- Bermuda.**  
½d. on 1/- grey, 1d.; per dozen, 4d.; pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine, per dozen, 1/2.
- B.C.A. on B.S.A.**  
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4/8.  
6d. ultramarine, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. rose-lake and ultramarine, 10d.; block,  
3/2; dozen, 9/4.  
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6d. purple and rose, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
8d. green and violet, 10d.; block, 3/2; dozen,  
9/4.  
1/- green and blue, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- British South Africa. 1898-1900 issue.**  
½d. green, block, 2½d.; per dozen, 7d.; pane,  
2/11.  
1d. rose, block, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
2d. bistre, 2½d.; block, 10d.; per dozen 2/4;  
pane 11/8.  
4d. olive-brown, 5d.; block, 1/7; dozen, 4/8.  
6d. red-lilac, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
1/- ochre, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- British Guiana.**  
1c. bright green, block 3d.; dozen, 7d.;  
pane, 2/11.  
1c. grey-green, block, 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
2c. lilac and orange-red, 2d.  
2c. lilac and carmine, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.  
2c. lilac on red, block, 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.  
6c. brown, old type, 4d.; block, 1/3; doz., 3/6.  
6c. grey and blue, 4d.; block, 1/2; doz., 3/6.
- British Honduras. Queen's Head.**  
1c. green, per doz., 7d.; pane of 60, 2/11.  
2c. carmine, per doz., 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.  
10c. lilac and green, 6d.; per doz., 5/10.  
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pane, 1/6.  
1d. carmine and black, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2; pane, 2/11.  
2d. violet and black, 2½d.; block, 10d.; doz.,  
2/4; pane, 5/10.  
2½d. blue and black, 3d.; block, 1/-; doz., 2/11.  
4d. brown and black, 5d.; block, 1/7; doz., 4/8.  
6d. olive and black, 7d.; block, 2/4; doz., 7/-.
- Canada. Queen's Head.**  
2c. on 3c. maple leaves, 1½d.; block, 5d.; doz.,  
1/2.  
50c. blue, 2/5; block, 9/8.
- Cape Colony.**  
1d. Table Bay, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.  
3d. violet, old type, 4d.; per doz., 3/6.
- Cayman Islands. Queen's Head.**  
½d. green, block 3d.; per doz., 7d.  
1d. carmine, block, 5d.; per doz., 1/2.
- Ceylon. Queen's Heads.**  
3c. green, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
4c. yellow, block, 4d.; dozen, 10d.; pane, 3/11.  
5c. lilac, block, 4d.; dozen, 1/-; pane, 4/10.  
6c. rose and black, block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2;  
pane, 5/10.
- Chamba State (obsolete).**  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.
- Chamba State Service (obsolete).**  
½ anna, dark-green, 1d.; block, 3d.; doz., 8d.
- Cook Islands, no wmk., perf. 11.**  
½d. green, 1d.; blk., 3d.; doz., 7d.; pane, 2/11.  
1d. rose, 1½d.; blk., 5d.; doz., 1/2; pane, 5/10.

- Cook Islands, wmk. single-lined NZ and Star,**  
perf. 11.  
1½d. deep violet, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9;  
pane, 8/9.  
1½d. pale violet, 2d.; block, 8d.  
2d. dark brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.  
2d. pale brown, 2½d.; block, 10d.; dozen,  
2/4; pane, 11/8.  
2½d. rose (obsolete), 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen,  
2/11; pane, 14/7.  
5d. olive-black, perf. 12×11½, 6d.; block,  
1/11; dozen, 5/10.  
10d. green, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.
- NOTE.**—As Cook Islands stamps are printed in New  
Zealand, it is not unlikely that next printings may have  
the small perforation 14. The 2½d. rose is now obsolete,  
having been superseded by the 2½d. blue, no wmk.
- Falkland Islands.**  
1d. brown-red shade, cat. 6d., nett 3d.;  
block, 1/-; per dozen, 2/6.
- Fiji Islands, no wmk., "V.R." issue.**  
½d. dark grey, block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; pane  
of 50, 2/6.  
1d. pale lilac-rose (obsolete shade), 1½d.;  
block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; pane of 50, 4/11.  
2d. green, perf. 11, 2½d.; block, 10d.;  
dozen, 2/4.  
5d. blue, perf. 11×10, 6d.; block, 1/11;  
dozen, 5/10.
- Fiji Islands, Queen's Head.**  
1/- brown, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-.
- Gambia, Queen's Head.**  
½d. green, per dozen, 8d.
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dozen, 2/4.  
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dozen, 4/8.  
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"	5c. rose	...	0	1
"	10c. green	...	0	1
"	15c. slate	...	0	2
"	30c. vermilion	...	0	3
Bolivia, 1899,	2c. red (cat. 2d.)	...	0	1
"	10c. yellow (cat. 4d.)	...	0	2
"	20c. rose (cat. 4d.)	...	0	2
"	50c. brown (cat. 2/6)	...	1	3
"	1901, 1c. claret	...	0	1
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"	5c. red...	...	0	1
"	20c. lilac and black	...	0	3
Chili, 1881,	10c. orange	...	0	1
"	15c. green	...	0	2
"	20c. black	...	0	1
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"	50c. brown	...	0	6
"	re-engraved 5c. blue	...	0	1
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Colombia, 1898,	5c. brown on brown	...	0	1
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"	20c. violet (cat. 1/-)	...	0	5
Costa Rica, 1901,	10c. bistre and black (cat. 5d.)	...	0	2
"	20c. lake and black	...	0	4
Dominican Repub., 1900,	5c. brown	...	0	3
"	1901, 10c. orange and violet	...	0	6
"	1902, 10c. orange and black	...	0	6
Ecuador, 1899-01,	2c. green and black	...	0	1
"	5c. lilac and black	...	0	2
"	10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.)	...	0	2
"	10c. blue and black	...	0	1
"	20c. grey and black	...	0	4
"	50c. blue and black	...	1	0
"	1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black surch.	...	0	9
Guatemala, 1c. green	...	...	0	1
"	2c. rose	...	0	1
"	10c. red	...	0	1
"	10c. brown	...	0	1
"	20c. green	...	0	3
Hayti, 1898,	5c. blue	...	0	2
"	10c. orange	...	0	3
"	20c. black	...	0	6
Mexico, 1c. green	...	...	0	1
"	2c. red	...	0	1
"	5c. blue	...	0	1
"	10c. lilac and orange	...	0	1
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"	20c. carmine and blue	...	0	3
Nicaragua, 10c. lilac, engraved	...	...	0	2
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Peru, 1896-1900,	1c. green	...	0	1
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"	5c. blue	...	0	1
"	10c. black	...	0	1
"	20c. orange	...	0	1
"	22c. green and black	...	0	2
"	22c. green	...	0	2
"	50c. carmine	...	0	4
"	1s. orange	...	1	0
"	2s. lake	...	2	6
Uruguay, 5c. blue	...	...	0	2
"	10c. lilac	...	0	3
"	25c. brown	...	0	9
Venezuela, 1899,	25c. blue	...	0	1
"	1900, "Castro," 10c. red	...	0	3
"	25c. blue	...	0	3
"	5c. green	...	0	3
"	"Surch. 1900," 50c. orange	...	0	4
"	1bol. black	...	0	9
Cuba, 1899,	2c. rose	...	0	1
"	5c. blue	...	0	1
"	10c. brown	...	0	2
Philippines on U.S.A., 1c. green	...	...	0	1
"	2c. rose	...	0	1
"	3c. violet	...	—	—
"	5c. blue	...	0	1
"	10c. brown	...	0	3
Puerto Rico on U.S.A., 1c. green	...	...	0	1
"	2c. rose	...	—	—
Porto Roco on U.S.A. 1c. green	...	...	0	1
"	2c. rose	...	—	—
"	5c. blue	...	0	1
"	8c. purple	...	—	—
"	10c. brown	...	0	6
French China, 25c. carmine and brown	...	...	0	1
"	50c. black and carmine, type A	...	0	3
"	50c. black and carmine, type B	...	0	3
Indo China, 25c. carmine and brown	...	...	0	1
"	50c. carmine and blue	...	0	4
German China, 5c. green, old	...	...	—	—
"	10c. rose, old	...	0	3
"	10c. rose, new	...	0	3
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## Editorial.

WITH this number, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* commences its fourth year of publication under its present title, and we take this opportunity of thanking Collectors all over the world for the support they have extended us. Originally intended to be a four-page paper, we were very quickly able to increase its size to eight pages, and the present seems to us a suitable occasion to see what can be done with twelve pages. The chief disadvantage is the immense amount of time taken in finding and writing up subjects of philatelic interest each week. There is not always a sufficiently plentiful supply of new issues and it is remarkable how few collectors care to write on philatelic matters. These few lines are intended as an apology for providing our subscribers this week with only two pages "reading matter" as against ten of our publishers' advertisements, but we hope before long—possibly next week—to devote at least three pages to notes on new issues and philatelic articles. The Editor will be pleased to hear from would-be contributors.

## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (156 D 157).—Amongst the latest supply of envelopes stamped at Somerset House for the Colonial Stamp Market, we notice that the 1d. value is die 23 and that the 1½d. value is stamped for the first time from a die with Head of King Edward. Of the King's Head series, the following are now known.

¾d. green.	Dies 7 to 21 except 13.
1d. carmine.	Dies 7 to 23 except 19.
1½d. orange.	Die 1.
2½d. blue.	Die 3.
6d. violet.	Dies 1, 2, 3 and 4.

It is surmised, but not known for certain, that dies 1 to 6 of the ¾d. and 1d. and dies 1, 2 of the 2½d. are those employed at Messrs. De la Rue and Co's to stamp post office stationery. They are not numbered but have the initials "BR" (Bunhill Row).

The 1½d. King Edward die is somewhat similar in appearance to its predecessor, but has the inscription "Postage Three Halfpence" round the lower portion, with crown and two arrow-heads above. The Queen's Head 1½d. with arrow-heads and clear die-number (9) will probably prove to be a great rarity.

**Official Stamps** (155 V 157).—We are indebted to Major Lister and Mr. H. Lack for record dates of use of the "Board of Education" ¾d. and 1d. We append a list of the records as they stand at present, and as we have had so many enquiries as to what these new officials are worth, we append in each case a rough estimate of their present value. Time will probably cause fluctuation, and will no doubt discover to collectors methods of obtaining the stamps. At present, they are almost unobtainable.

	Record Date.	Holder.	Quantity.	Estimated Value.
R.H. Official.				
¾d. King	—	—	—	—
1d. "	—	—	—	—
Board of Education.				
¾d. King	13.3.02	H. Lack	60,000	6d.
1d. "	28.1.02	L. Leader	240,000	4d.
2½d. "	Aug. ?	F. Grove Powell	60,000	3/-
5d. Queen	13.3.02	H. Lack	60,000	7/6
1/-	?	—	30,000	15/-
O.W. Official.				
¾d. Queen	Oct. 1901 (Official)	—	6,000	20/-
¾d. King	16.4.02	Ewen's, Ltd.	—	1/-
1d. "	16.4.02	—	—	6d.
2d. "	22.5.02	Unknown	—	5/-
2½d. "	16.6.02	—	—	5/-
5d. Queen	3.5.02	H. G. Watson	480	£5
10d. "	Aug. ?	F. Grove Powell	240	£10
I.R. Official.				
¾d. green. Queen	23.2.01	—	—	1d.
¾d. King	31.5.02	Unknown	—	1d.
1d. "	5.2.02	Ewen's, Ltd.	—	1½d.
6d. Queen	15.8.01	—	—	—
1/-	17.4.02	Unknown	—	—

Army Official.				
¾d. King	21.2.02	Capt. Brooks	—	1d.
1d. "	19.2.02	—	—	1½d.
6d. "	2.9.02	Unknown	—	1/-
Govt. Parcels.				
1d. King	—	—	—	—
2d. "	June 1902	—	—	4d.
6d. "	8.4.02	C. A. Cole	—	4d.
1/- Queen	May '01	—	—	10/-

We have omitted the prices of the 6d. and 1/- I.R. Official as they depend greatly on whether these two stamps are obsolete or not. We notice that since September 17th, one large office which used numbers of these two stamps was first compelled to frank its correspondence with large blocks of the 2½d., from which we assume that the stock of high values was exhausted. It will be interesting to see if the new supply has the King's Head.

Mr. J. J. Bernstein informs us that just before the surcharged "O.W. Official" stamps were issued, the old issue perforated "Crown and O.W." was superseded by an issue perforated "H.M.O.W." Can any reader confirm this? We should be glad to have a list of any perforated official stamps readers may know of.

**Early Dates** (155 Q 157).—We have seen the following further additions to our list of record dates:—

1d. red. pl. 108.	London, S.E.	30.6.68.	C. F. D. Marshall.
" "	133. St. Andrew's.	1.3.70.	J. R. Yeates.
" "	134. Edinburgh.	1.1.70.	—
3d. pl. 20b.	Manchester.	9.8.81.	F. J. Cowan.
4d. pl. 14 re-issue	—	12.1.75.	—
6d. pl. 17b.	London.	19.5.81.	J. R. Yeates.

**ALBANIA** (154 B 157).—The *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* chronicles a letter card as well as the three adhesives described in E.W.S.N., No. 154.

### Letter Card.

"ALBANIA" on 10c. letter card of Italy.  
20 PARA 20

Our contemporary also published text of the decree authorizing the issue of the stamps. It is dated Rome, July 3rd. The first Italian Post Office in Albania was opened on November 1st, 1901 and was at Scutari. Other offices have since been opened at Durazzo (June 25th) and at Janino (August 16th).

We illustrate the type of the overprint on the new stamps, and also the letter card.

## ALBANIA 10 Para 10

CARTOLINA POSTALE ITALIANA  
(CARTE POSTALE ITALIE)



**BHOPAL** (137 B 157).—*Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* chronicles a new set of six values for use here.

### Adhesives.

Thin white paper, imperf.
½ anna, black.
½ " orange-red.
1 " brown lilac.
2 " blue.
4 " yellow.
8 " violet.

The stamps have a very poor appearance. The centre design consisting of an Indian inscription is embossed.

**BRITISH LEVANT** (154 E 157).—The King's Head 5d. of Great Britain was issued a few weeks ago with overprint "80 PARAS." Apparently the supply was only a small one, as under date September 15th a Constantinople correspondent informed us that it was already sold out there, but a further supply was expected to be sent out from London.

### Adhesive.

"80 PARAS" on 5d. lilac and blue, Head of King Edward.

(a) Variety, small "o" in "80."

The sheets consist of 240 stamps divided by a horizontal margin into two panes of 120, each 10 rows of 12. The watermark-letter is F. The

old duty plate has been used, so that the blue marginal lines are slightly out of place. The variety occurs on the 2nd and 8th stamps in the 4th row of each pane, thus apparently indicating that the overprint is produced from four stereotypes fixed together.

**BULGARIA** (153 N 157).—A Sophia correspondent informs us that three new stamps, values 5, 10 and 15 stotinki, are to be issued in honour of the 25th Anniversary of the defence of the Shipka Pass by the first Bulgarian soldiers, the "Opaltschenzi," against the Turkish Army. The shape of the stamps is a perpendicular oblong, larger than the ordinary stamps, and the design will have a suitable illustration of the event.

The stamps will only be available for inland postage and for postage with Russia and Servia, and will only be in issue five or six days. The number printed will not exceed 300,000 or 400,000. They will be issued on the day of arrival of the Russian officers, who are to be present as guests during the manoeuvres on the Schipka Pass—September 13th.

**CONGO FREE STATE** (119 B 157).—*Le Moniteur du Collectionneur* chronicles a 5c. stamp of a new design.

**COREA** (152 E 157).—We take the following further description of the forthcoming new issue (see E.W.S.N. of February 22nd) from *Hobbies*:—

"Corea, apparently, desires to fall into line with her more up-to-date neighbours in the matter of coinage; for there can surely be no other reason for the fact that a complete new set of postage stamps has been manufactured for the 'Hermit Kingdom' by the French stamp factory in the Boulevard Brune, Paris. The new stamps are to be priced in rins, cents and dollars, instead of in 're' and 'cheun' as heretofore."

The new stamps will be of a large and ungainly size, and from the illustration given do not appear to be very prepossessing.

**GUATEMALA** (155 K 157).—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* chronicles the following two colour changes.

**Adhesives.** Current type.  
20c. brown.  
25c. blue-green.

The pictorial set described in E.W.S.N., No. 154 was due to appear on Sept. 15th.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (155 D 157).—We are informed that the King Edward issue was to have been issued here early in September.

Further information is now to hand concerning the surcharged issue. A correspondent writes as follows from Antigua:—"The stock of Leeward Island 1d. stamps having become exhausted before the new issue could be brought into use, it became necessary to surcharge three of the higher values, 4d., 6d., 7d. These surcharges were issued in Antigua on the 11th August, and the number proving quite inadequate to the demand, they were bought up entirely within three-quarters of an hour." Our correspondent is evidently wrong as to the *raison d'être* of the issue. The stamps were surcharged because the supply of the 4d., 6d. and 7d. was much greater than the demand, and not to let it be wasted, it was surcharged to a value for which there was a use.

Our Dominica correspondent writes:—"I send you specimens of some provisional stamps recently issued here for use pending the receipt of the new King's Head stamps which are expected on September 4th. The price for the surcharged stamps is 1/- each for the 1d. on 4d., and 1/3 each for the other two."

From St. Christopher, we hear as follows:—"I enclose some surcharged '1d.' on 4d., 6d. and 7d. stamps which were put on sale at the Basseterre Post Office for about a quarter of an hour on the mornings of the 15th, 16th and 18th August. They were bought up rapidly by persons here. Twelve thousand (12,000) of each were put on sale both here and in Antigua. The King's Head stamps will not be placed on sale till the middle of September. The 1d. on 7d. sell here at 6d. a piece, the others at a penny or so less."

From the Presidencies of Montserrat and the Virgin Islands we have not yet heard, so perhaps they have not had a share in the spoils. But it



would seem that about 12000 of each value were plated on sale in each of the three Presidencies of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis and Dominica.

**MAURITIUS** (156 R 157).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of blocks of 30 of the surcharged stamps received by the last mail, and we notice that the overprint shows us a number of defects we had not noticed in the blocks which came under our notice a month ago. Does this betoken new printings. Of course, none of the defects constitute a collectable variety, but as they may prove useful as evidence of the number of printings made, we give the list here.

Postage & Revenue.

- "Postage & Revenue" on 25c. bistre, CA.
- No. 4 "o" of "Postage" broken at foot.
- " 5 "n" of "Revenue" broken at top.
- " 7 Broken "&."
- " 8 Serif at head of R of "Revenue" broken
- " 9 ("g" of "Postage" no longer prints faintly)
- Nos. 10, 13 Small stop after "Revenue."
- No. 15 "g" of "Postage" broken at top.
- " 19 Stop after "Revenue" broken.
- " 21 Cross-bar of "t" of "Postage" broken.
- " 22 "o" of "Postage" broken at top; 1st stroke of "n" of "Revenue" defective
- " 24 Top serif of "s" of "Postage" missing.
- " 29 Top serif of "P" of "Post" broken.
- "Postage & Revenue" on 50c. green, CC.
- Nos. 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 24, 29, as above.
- No. 22 "s" of "Postage" broken also.
- "Postage & Revenue" on 2r. 50c. CC.
- Same as on the 25c., except that in No. 5 the "n" is only very slightly bent.

By studying the above marks readers can ascertain the original position on a sheet of their stamps. It must be remembered that the stamps are surcharged only 30 stamps or half a pane at a time.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (147 R 155).—We take the following from the August 1st number of the *Australian Philatelist*.

"We have been informed on the best authority that it is the intention of the New South Wales Post Office to immediately issue a stamp of the value of 2/6, and that all the Australian States not possessing such a value in their current set are to at once follow suit. The resolution that the issue was to take place dates as from the 1st July, and the idea is to similiarize the values issued by all the States, thus we can expect a 2/6 stamp for New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia almost immediately."

We do not see exactly how the issue of a 2/6 stamp in these three States is going to render the sets uniform. Possibly certain values are to be dropped. At present there are in issue:—

- New South Wales, 12½d., 5/-, 10/-, £1.
- Victoria, 2/-, 5/-, £1, £2.
- South Australia, 2/-, 2 6, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, and higher.
- Queensland, 2/-, 2 6, 5/-, 10/-, £1.
- Western Australia, nil.

No doubt, as a preliminary step towards the Commonwealth issues expected in three years time, there will be some modification of the individual sets, so that all the States may be more in line with one another. To accomplish this, the 12½d., 2/- and 15/- values require to be dropped; New South Wales wants a 2/6 value; Victoria, 2 6 and 10/-; and Western Australia, 2 6, 5/-, 10/- and £1.

**NIUE** (153 K 157).—We illustrate the types of the surcharge.

<b>NIUE.</b>	<b>NIUE.</b>
<b>2½ PENI.</b>	<b>½ PENI.</b>
(a)	(d)
<b>NIUE.</b>	<b>NIUE.</b>
<b>TAHA PENI</b>	<b>TAHA PENI.</b>
(b)	(c)

Type (b) shows both the "wide space" and the dotless variety.

**NORTH BORNEO** (154 O 156).—We now illustrate the surcharge on the stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 154.

**BRITISH**

**PROTECTORATE.**

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (155 T 157).—Mr. Charles Colman writes us as follows:—

With regard to your note in the Weekly News as to the 4d. and 6d. Orange River Colony, vermilion surcharge, of which your earliest post-marked copy was August 15th, I beg to inform you that I had part of a sheet with the same coloured surcharge sent to me from Bloemfontein on June 10th and on the envelope there are two

copies of the same postmarked June 10th. At the same time my correspondent sent me a sheet of the 1d. red Cape *without the dotless variety.*

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (153 J 157).—We illustrate the types of the surcharges.

**PENRHYN ISLAND.**

**½ PENI.**  
(a)

**PENRHYN ISLAND.**  
**2½ PENI.**  
(b)

**PENRHYN ISLAND.**  
**2½ PENI.**  
(c)

Type c shows the wide space between "2½" and "Peni."

Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue chronicles the 1d., perf. 11 x 14.

*Adhesive.* Basted Mills paper.  
1d. rose, perf. 11 x 14.

**SERVIA** (154 I 157).—We are indebted to *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* for information of two more values in the new type.

*Adhesive.* White paper, perf. 11½.  
25 paras, ultramarine.  
50 " brown.

The 5 and 10 paras were chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 154.

**PERSIA** (143 M 157).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following minor varieties:—

- Surcharge "Provisoire 1319" inverted.  
12 ch. on 1 kran.  
1 kran.
- Double surcharge "Provisoire 1319."  
1 kran.

We should not be surprised to see other values with similar varieties.

**SEYCHELLES** (154 L 157).—We are now able to illustrate the recent surcharge varieties.

**30 cents 30 cents**

(a) (b)

**45 cents 45 cents**

(c) (d)

Types b and d are the normal ones, whilst a shows the narrow "o" in "30" and (c) the narrow "5" in "45."

**TRINIDAD** (154 N 157).—Concerning type II. of the 1d. lilac and carmine stamp, Britannia type. Mr. T. E. Humphreys has shown us a copy postmarked as early as January 29th, 1901. He adds that he also has a specimen dated in April, 1901, but that nearly all the 1d. stamps he has met with are type I., even those used in the same months, which would lead one to suppose very few were printed from type II. Why does the new Gibbons' ignore these two varieties?

**UNITED STATES** (154 B 157).—The Cyclist of September 11th states that a new special delivery stamp is in preparation and will be changed both in design and colour. It will bear on the left hand side a picture of a messenger on a bicycle.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

G.H.D.—The two British ½d. stamps are certainly in very distinct pale and dark shades, but we doubt whether the change is intentional or likely to last.

F.K.—We fancy several of the French Colonial stamps besides Bénin occur without accent over the *i*, and do not place much importance on them.

J.A.McC.—We should say that the German stamp is merely stained in some way. We have never heard of a printing of the 10pf. 1889 on yellow paper. As regards catalogues, if you are only just commencing, we should certainly think the one published by Messrs. Whitfield King and Co., of Ipswich, much the most suitable. Scott's Standard Catalogue is also a good one for general collectors, but the prices are in dollars and cents. Most of the catalogues published in Great Britain cater for specialists or very advanced general collectors.

At the farewell banquet given to the members of the Philatelist Congress, at the Hotel Continental, Vienna, each guest received by post a card containing the following menu: "Hotel Continental, Vienna, Sept. 8, 1902. — Hors d'œuvres norvegoise. Objects inciting members to stamp collecting. Consommé à la Sir Rowland Hill. Universal postal study. Filet de bœuf à la St. Maurice. Rarity—Mercury head guaranteed real. Choux-fleurs without tax. Poulet de grain. Salade St. Vincent. Mixed news. Bombe Réunion. Current stamps. Fruits en corbeilles. Series perforated and unperforated. Petits fours à la Renetière. Collection first issues. Fromage divers." —*The Daily Telegraph.*

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**A Postal System for Two.**

From the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

THE "PRIVATE LOCALS" OF FOX HILL, NATAL, DESCRIBED BY THEIR ORIGINATOR AND MANUFACTURER.

IN the *Fortnightly* of July 5th last, we commented upon a description of a local stamp of Fox Hill, Natal, as given in our contemporary, the "Philatelic Monthly Referee." We asked then whether this was yet another War Provisional or an elaborate hoax. As a reply we have received the following letter from a gentleman of Fox Hill, Natal, who, at his own request, shall be nameless:

"You may perhaps be pleased to know (writes this gentleman, under date August 1st) that the stamp described in the *Fortnightly* for July 5th is neither an 'elaborate hoax' nor a new 'War Provisional.'

"It was simply a private local manufactured by myself and used on letters which my native carried to a friend of mine some few miles off.

This Kaffir was paid at the end of the month at the rate of one penny for each letter he had carried during that period. Not wishing to take the trouble of making a note of each letter or packet I sent, I printed a certain number (100) of this stamp and despatched half to my friend. At the end of the month it was of course plain to see how many letters had been carried each way by the number each of us had left. Thus each paid his own postage in a lump sum. Being dissatisfied with the first design I subsequently manufactured a second and finally a third type, printing 40 of the former and 50 of the latter.

"When my friend moved away a short time ago it was more convenient to write per Post and hence the Local Service was discontinued. When the Editor of the 'P.M.R.' asked for an explanation of the stamps, I, not dreaming that he had an eye to publication, merely gave him a short sketch of their character, not mentioning that they were used by myself alone. As your paper is published before the 'P.M.R.' I should be glad if you could give publicity to this letter or any part of it you may deem sufficient.

"The difference between my 'Locals' and the Natal stamps is that mine had no value until used (when they were worth 1d. to the Runner, while Government stamps are worth face value before use but are valueless afterwards.

"Kindly do not mention my name in any contradiction you may make as were you to do so I should be deluged with letters of enquiry, etc. It is still a mystery to me how the specimen came to be affixed to my letter to the 'P.M.R.', but at any rate the error cost me one penny and enriched the runner by that sum!"

Certainly a droll issue of postage stamps! And their originator, in his letter to the *Fortnightly*, kindly encloses specimens of the three types. The first of these is inscribed "Fox Hill, Natal, Local Postage" around the border, and in the centre, in large capitals "E.R." and the value "10." In the second type of stamp a three-letter monogram takes the place of the "E.R. 10." in the centre. The third type is a much more pretentious affair, bearing, as a central device a very amateurish looking profile portrait of an individual whose personal attractions are probably greater in the original than in the pictured face. Whether this gentleman is the originator of the Fox Hill post or the gentleman at the other end of the circuit we are unable to say.

All the stamps appear to have been produced by means of a home-made duplicator, and are in the thin blue and violet inks that one associates with rubber stamps.

REST OF THE WORLD.

Independent Countries of Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and last, but not least, United States and Colonies.

GROUP XIX.—AFRICA.

321 Abyssinia, 1/2, 1, 2, 4gu. ..	..	5	—	—
322 Congo Free State, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50c. ..	..	6	1/3	—
323 Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	..	7	1/11	2/3
324 Liberia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c. ..	..	9	—	—
325 Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	..	10	1/10	2/3

GROUP XX.—ASIA.

331 Afghanistan (not stocked) ..	..	—	—	—
332 China, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ..	..	9	2/5	2/11
333 Japan, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 sen ..	..	13	—	—
334 Persia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16ch. ..	..	9	—	—
335 Siam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 24 atts ..	..	8	—	—
336 Corea, 2re., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25ch. ..	..	10	—	—
337 Japanese China, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—
338 " Corea, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—

GROUP XXI.—SOUTH AMERICA.

341 Argentine Rep., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c. ..	..	12	—	—
341a " Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c. ..	..	4	—	0/6
342 Bolivia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
343 Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000r. ..	..	9	—	—

344 Chili, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. ..	..	9	—	—
355 Colombia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
346 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
347 Paraguay, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 20, 28, 40 ..	..	11	—	—
348 Peru, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 22, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
349 Uruguay, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	8	—	—
350 Venezuela, 5, 10, 25, 50c. ..	..	4	—	—

GROUP XXII.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 50c. ..	..	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c. ..	..	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c... ..	..	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

361 Costa Rica, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
362 Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	7	—	—
363 Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
364 Mexico, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	8	—	—
365 Nicaragua, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
366 Salvador, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 24, 26, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
368 Dominican Rep., 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
369 Hayti, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	..	10	—	—

GROUP XXIV.—UNITED STATES & COLONIES.

371* United States, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c. ..	..	9	2/3	2/8
372* Philippines, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15c. ..	..	7	1/6	1/9
373* Porto Rico, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. ..	..	5	1/1	1/4
374 Cuban Republic, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. ..	..	5	0/10 1/2	1/1

FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Danish West Indies.  
Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.  
Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.

Holland. The 2 1/2 and 5 guldens are now in stock.

Paraguay, lithographed.  
1c. green, 1d.  
10c. carmine, 1 1/2d.

Argentine Republic, official stamps.  
1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.

Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1/4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.

Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.

Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
Segnatasse, 5c., per dozen, 6d.

Luxemburg.  
1, 2, 4, 5c., set of five, 1 1/2d.; dozen sets, 1/5.  
1c. grey, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.  
1c. grey official, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 6d.

Sweden, 1 öre, per dozen, 2d.; 50 for 7d.  
1, 2, 3, 4 öre, set of four, 2d.; dozen sets, 1/7.

Austria (unvarnished), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set 3d.; 2/2 per dozen sets.

Bosnia, second issue, values in heller.  
1 heller, black, 2d. per dozen.  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, set of five, 3d.

Bulgaria, obsolete issue.  
1, 2, 3 stotinki, set of 3, 1d.; 10d. per dozen sets.  
5 on 3 stot., 1d.; 10d. per dozen.

Denmark, 3, 4 öre, set of 2, 1d.

German Colonies.  
5 pf. green, various Colonies, 50 for 2/10.

Greece, old issues, imperforate.  
40 on 2, 50 on 40l., set of two, 8d.; per dozen sets, 7/-.

Greece, Olympian Games.  
25 on 40, 4d.; per dozen 3/9.

Hungary, new issue.  
6 filler, marone, 1d.; per doz., 10d.  
6 filler, yellow, 1901, 1d.; per doz., 9d.  
10, 20, 25, 50, 35 filler, set of five, 1/3.

Austrian Levant.  
5pi. on 1kr., nett 1/-; pair 1/11.  
10pi. on 2kr., nett 1/11; pair 3/10.

Montenegro, 2, 3, 5 nov., set of two, 3d.

Roumania. The sets now contain the new "1 ban."

Antioquia, 1c. blue-green, 1d.; 6d. per dozen.

Venezuela, 5c. green, surch. "Resellado Castro" inverted.  
Single, 1/-; block of 4, 3/-; per dozen, 7/-.

Luxemburg, old 5fr. buff, 4/8.

Eritrea, obsolete, 2, 10, 20, 45c., set of four, 10d.

Italy, old 20c. orange, 2 1/2d.

Brazil, 200 reis, orange and black, p. 11, 11 1/2, 4d.; block, 1/3.

USED FOREIGN STAMPS.

Argentine, current 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 5c. rose ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 15c. slate ...	..	0	2
" " 30c. vermilion ...	..	0	3
Bolivia, 1899, 2c. red (cat. 2d.) ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. yellow (cat. 4d.) ...	..	0	2
" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ...	..	0	2
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ...	..	1	3
" 1901, 1c. claret ...	..	0	1
" " 2c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 5c. red... ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. lilac and black ...	..	0	3
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ...	..	0	1
" " 15c. green ...	..	0	2
" " 20c. black ...	..	0	1
" " 1 peso black and brown ...	..	0	8
" 1900, 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. violet ...	..	0	1
" " 50c. brown ...	..	0	6
" " re-engraved 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. violet ...	..	0	1
" 1902, new type, 5c. blue... ..	..	0	1
Colombia, 1898, 5c. brown on brown ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown on rose ...	..	0	1
" " 20c. brown on violet ...	..	0	5
Panama, 1892, 10c. orange ...	..	0	1
" " 20c. violet (cat. 1/-) ...	..	0	5
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black (cat. 5d.) ...	..	0	2
" " 20c. lake and black ...	..	0	4
Dominican Rep., 1900, 5c. brown ...	..	0	3
" " 1901, 10c. orange and violet ...	..	0	6
" " 1902, 10c. orange and black ...	..	0	6
Ecuador, 1899-01, 2c. green and black ...	..	0	1
" " 5c. lilac and black ...	..	0	2
" " 10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.) ...	..	0	2
" " 10c. blue and black ...	..	0	1
" " 20c. grey and black ...	..	0	4
" " 50c. blue and black ...	..	1	0
" 1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black surch. ...	..	0	9
Guatemala, 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" 2c. rose ...	..	0	1
" 10c. red ...	..	0	1
" 10c. brown ...	..	0	1
" 20c. green ...	..	0	3
Hayti, 1898, 5c. blue ...	..	0	2
" 10c. orange ...	..	0	3
" 20c. black ...	..	0	6
Mexico, 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" 2c. red ...	..	0	1
" 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" 10c. lilac and orange ...	..	0	1
" 15c. grey and lilac ...	..	0	3
" 20c. carmine and blue ...	..	0	3
" 50c. black and lilac ...	..	1	0
France, 1902, 10c., 20c., 30c., set of 3 ...	..	0	2
Germany, 1900, 25c., Reichspost ...	..	0	4
Denmark, 1902, 15c. lilac ...	..	0	2
United States, 8c. Columbus ...	..	0	2
Nicaragua, 10c. lilac, engraved ...	..	0	2
" 15c. blue, engraved ...	..	0	2
" 5c. blue, lithographed ...	..	0	1
Peru, 1896-1900, 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" 2c. red ...	..	0	1
" 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" 10c. black ...	..	0	1
" 20c. orange ...	..	0	1
" 22c. green and black ...	..	—	—
" 22c. green ...	..	0	2
" 50c. carmine ...	..	0	4
" 1s. orange ...	..	1	0
" 2s. lake ...	..	2	6
Uruguay, 5c. blue ...	..	0	2
" 10c. lilac ...	..	0	3
" 25c. brown ...	..	—	—

Venezuela, 1899, 25c. blue ...	..	0	1
" 1900, "Castro," 10c. red ...	..	0	3
" " " 25c. blue ...	..	0	3
" " " 5c. green ...	..	0	3
" " "Surch. 1900," 50c. orange ...	..	0	4
" " " 1bol. black ...	..	0	9
Cuba, 1899, 2c. rose ...	..	0	1
" " 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown ...	..	0	2
Philippines on U.S.A., 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ...	..	0	1
" " 3c. violet ...	..	—	—
" " 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown ...	..	0	3
Puerto Rico on U.S.A., 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ...	..	—	—
Porto Roco on U.S.A. 1c. green ...	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ...	..	—	—
" " 5c. blue ...	..	0	1
" " 8c. purple ...	..	—	—
" " 10c. brown ...	..	0	6
French China, 25c. carmine and brown ...	..	0	1
" " 50c. black and carmine, type A ...	..	0	3
" " 50c. black and carmine, type B ...	..	0	3
Indo China, 25c. carmine and brown ...	..	0	1
" " 50c. carmine and blue ...	..	0	4
German China, 3p. brown, old ...	..	—	—
" " 5p. green, old ...	..	0	2
" " 10c. rose, old ...	..	0	3
" " 10c. rose, new ...	..	0	3
" " 20p. blue, old ...	..	0	3
" " 20c. blue, new ...	..	0	2
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN.—Watermark Letters.—

A fortnight ago we published a list of the watermark letters found once at either the left or right side of each sheet of 240 Crown-watermarked British stamps. We have since met with several additions and Mr. J. W. Lowson also supplements the list, which now stands as follows:—

½d. D, E, F.	4d. F.
1d. D, E, F.	5d. E, F.
1½d. D, E, F.	6d. D.
2d. F.	9d. Not yet seen.
2½d. D, E.	10d. E, F.
3d. E.	1/- Not yet seen.

The Editor would be glad to purchase letters not in the above list.

Stationery (155 N 158).—The following is from the *Evening Standard* of Sept. 24th. (Cutting sent by Mr. Roycroft):—

"The Postmaster-General notifies that, with the view of accelerating the disposal of the remaining stock of embossed envelopes bearing 2½d. stamps of the old issue, the Postmaster-General has decided to reduce the price at which these envelopes are sold to the public."

The Postmaster-General is apparently anxious to delight a grateful public with a new issue having head of King Edward.

Envelope Dies (157 E 158).—The envelopes stamped for the Colonial Stamp Market at Somerset House last week brought forth several novelties. The 1½d. impressions were made in a distinct pale yellow shade instead of orange-yellow, whilst the ½d. envelopes were stamped from die 23 and the 1d. ones from die 24. The list now stands as follows:—

½d. green.	Dies 7 to 23, except 13, 21.
1d. carmine.	Dies 7 to 24, except 19.
1½d. yellow.	Die 1 (2 shades).
2½d. blue.	Die 3.
6d. violet.	Dies 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3d. brown (Postage and Registration).	Dies 1, 2.

The authorities are still in difficulties in stamping compound envelopes, owing to the objection to stamp "King's Heads" and "Queen Heads" on the same envelope. Any compound ending in ½d. now has to be made up exclusively of the above five values. An envelope just stamped to the value of 3/2½ for the Colonial Stamp Market would usually receive 1/- + 1/- + 1/- + 2½d., but owing to the above cause, it was stamped with six 6d. and one 2½d.! We believe this is the first occasion on which a larger number than two impressions of the 6d. have been made on the same envelope, and of course as soon as the 1/- King's Head die appears it will be impossible to get more than one. The value 4½d. has to be made up of three 1½d., whilst 10d. requires 6d. + 2½d. + 1½d. (King) or 4d. + 4d. + 2d. (Queen). If any reader is interested in such curiosities, we have no doubt the Somerset House authorities would oblige, but two personal attendances are necessary and a fee of 2/- must be paid, or the Colonial Stamp Market would act as agent in the matter. Doubles of the ½d. and 1d. King's Head are unknown, but 4½d. produces three 1½d., whilst 9d. is usually stamped at present 3d. + 3d. + 3d. Two impressions of the 2½d. can be obtained to make up 5d. and any number of the 6d. The 1/- Queen's Head can also be obtained in rows on the same envelope.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (139 E 158).—We take the following notes from the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—

### THE FIRST FEDERAL STAMPS.

We have been informed that a supply of Postage Due Stamps has been printed and sent to Queensland, South Australia and West Australia for use in those States. They are the same design and colour as the N.S.W. Postage Dues, with the letters "N.S.W." taken out. Two new values have been added, viz., 5d. and 10d., and they are printed on N.S.W. paper. These may

fairly be called the first Federal stamps, but what an inglorious beginning! Both the design and colour (green) are very ugly, and the issue may be described a mongrel one. These stamps are only supposed to be used for departmental purposes, but they reach the public and are included in all postal collections. Hitherto Queensland, South Australia, West Australia and Tasmania have not had Postage Dues, and it would appear that this patchwork proceeding on the part of the Federal Postal Authorities is with a view to bring all the States into conformity.

According to the Post Office regulations, which came into force on 1st July, those States which had not previously a stamp of the value of 2/6, were instructed to have one prepared for use. This applies to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. As to what is being done in the two latter States, we have no information, but, so far, the matter is in embryo in New South Wales. Inquiries are being made as to the easiest method of overcoming the difficulty. It has not yet been decided whether or not to have one of the other values surcharged or to use a die belonging to one of the other States, substituting the name of New South Wales, or to adopt the expediency of having a new wood cut prepared (there is no one in Australia able to cut a satisfactory steel die). The authorities here do not appear to be in any hurry, and we hope to be able to give our readers more definite information in next month's issue. Victoria had until recently a 2/6 stamp of the "Stamp Duty" series. The difficulty there may be, and probably will be, overcome by having that stamp, which is still available for duty purposes, surcharged "Postage." The same method may be adopted by West Australia, which has in use a 2/6 stamp of the long rectangular "Internal Revenue" series, and we should not be surprised if New South Wales followed suit by having their half-crown duty stamp surcharged "Postage" similarly to the 10/- stamp, which has been in use for postal purposes since 1885.

The Australian States have now been federated for almost a year and eight months, and yet postal matters (so far as philatelists are concerned) are in the most utter confusion. The last Postal Guide issued in New South Wales was dated January, 1902. No copies of it are to be had at the G.P.O., and the excuse given for not issuing one at July is that the local authorities are waiting for the necessary up-to-date information.

Sir Phillip Fysh, in moving the second reading of the Postal Rates Bill in the House of Representatives, on the 14th inst., said the delay in proceeding with the measure had been caused by inquiries relating to newspaper postage in New South Wales, and cable rates to Tasmania. The Bill would remove a number of anomalies and establish uniformity through the Commonwealth.

At the conference of Premiers recently held in London it was decided to favour the metric system of coinage and weights and measures, and the Australian Premier intimated that New Guinea will be converted into a territory of the Commonwealth, under an act of the Federal Parliament next session.

BAVARIA (139 F 158).—In E.W.S.N. of March 22nd and May 10th we published a list of the consignment letters known on the current issue of adhesive stamps. The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the following two additions to the list—30pf. 29; 1mk., 29. The list now stands as follows:—

2pf. 26, 27, 28.	40pf. 27, 29.
3pf. 26, 28, 29.	50pf. 27, 29.
5pf. 27, 29.	80pf. 26.
10pf. 28, 29.	1mk. 22, 27, 29.
20pf. 28, 29.	2mk. 23, 25.
25pf. 28.	3mk. 26.
30pf. 27, 28, 29.	5mk. 26.

The 2, 3 and 5 mark are still coming over as above.

BHOPAL (157 C 158).—In addition to the six values chronicled last week, there is a 1 rupee.

Adhesive. New Type.  
1 rupee, rose.

Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* states that the issue is consequent on the death of the Begam,

Shah Jahan, last year. The ½a. value is in sheets of 16 and the ¼, 1 and 2a. in sheets of 8.

BOLIVAR (114 B 158, see also Cartagena, 155).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a new 20c. adhesive.

Adhesive. Lithographed on white gummed paper, perf. 10.  
20c. violet, view of the Hill of La Popa (oblong).

The stamp is an exceedingly crude production. The design shows a row of four telegraph poles leading to a town, behind which the hill of La Popa towers up into a sky formed by eight or nine rows of dots and dashes. The whole is labelled *Pie de la Popa*. The inscription reads *Republica de Colombia—Correos—20 Centavos 20*. The stamps are wretchedly perforated, nine out ten being badly off centre.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA (122 G 128).—We reproduce the following notes for what they may be worth.

From the *Evening News*, Sept. 25th:—

CHARTERED COMPANY.—Reported decision of the Government to take over the Concern.—The *Financial News* to-day prints the following: "We understand that the British Government has now practically resolved upon taking over of the Chartered Company. The whole of the details yet remain to be arranged; but on the return of Mr. Beit from South Africa a meeting of the Company will be called, and the proposals of the Government laid before the shareholders. By that time the scheme will have been fully elaborated. The Government has been largely influenced in coming to this decision by influential representations with regard to the position of Mr. Beit. It has been urged that while Mr. Rhodes, with his faults, had a perfect enthusiasm for the Imperial expansion of the British Empire, Mr. Beit is by birth a German, and naturally, prone to regard German ambitions with a favourable eye.

From the *Evening News*, Sept. 26th:—

THE CHARTERED COMPANY.—The *St. James's Gazette* denies on the "highest authority" the statement that the British Government has decided to take over the Chartered Company. No such decision has been come to by the Government. The position of Rhodesia, nevertheless, is receiving the attention of the Government in connection with the future of South Africa. It is difficult to say (adds our contemporary) what the next few years will bring forth, but we believe that the idea of most of his Majesty's Ministers at the present time is to see the great sub-continent federated as early as possible.

BULGARIA (157 O 158).—Mr. Lohmeyer advises the *Weekly Philatelic Era* of the 5 stot. inland postcard in green, on grey, reverse of card white, 90 × 140mm.

CHILE (155 S 158).—Another new issue in preparation! We take the following from the *Board of Trade Journal* of September 18th.—"The *Diario Oficial* of the 16th July last publishes a Presidential Decree inviting persons to submit designs for ten postal and six telegraphic stamps for the use of the Chilean Government. A prize of 300 pesos will be awarded for each design accepted, which will thereupon become the absolute property of the Chilean Government. The examination of the designs submitted will take place on 15th November next, in the offices of the Sub-Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior at Santiago, Chile. The copy of the *Diario Oficial* referred to, which contains further particulars of the stamps required, as well as the conditions of the competition, may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 50, Parliament Street, S.W., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m."

Statistics.—An interesting article on Chilean stamps of the late issue (1901) is published in the *Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile*. We extract the following summary:—

- First order to Waterlow & Sons, made in May, 1899. Stamps shaded over Head of Columbus.
- Second order, given 6.9.00. Re-engraved so as no longer to be shaded.
- Third order, given 25.1.01. Similar.

The stamps of the first order arrived between 1.3.00 and 13.8.00; those of the second between 1.1.01 and 31.7.01; and those of the third in two



lots on 28.6.01 and 31.7.01. The following total quantities were printed:—

	(a) shaded	(b) not shaded	(c) not shaded
1c.	2,000,000	4,000,000	..
2c.	4,000,000	4,000,000	..
5c.	5,000,000	8,000,000	..
10c.	2,000,000	1,000,000	..
20c.	500,000	..	..
30c.	..	..	1,000,000
50c.	500,000	..	..

The 20c. stamps were only issued on July 18th along with the new bi-coloured 30 and 50c.

*Adhesive.* Waterlow type (just obsolete); known locally as *Sellos cabezones*.

20c. grey.

Our contemporary makes no mention of a 20c. in the new *tipo Napoleon* so we presume the 20c. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 155 should be deleted. The date is given by our contemporary as July 18th, not 19th.

Referring to the figures given above, we are told that the following quantities were still in stock at Santiago on June 30th:—10c., 625,000; 20c., all; 30c., 770,000; 50c., 390,000. There were in addition the following quantities of the old issue:—15c., 500,000; 20c., 220,000; 25c., 515,000; 1 peso, 858,000.

**COLOMBIA** (155 K 158).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 155 we chronicled the new 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20 centavos and illustrated the three latter. We now illustrate the 2 and 4 centavos.



In addition to these five values, we are able to illustrate the two higher values of the set, 50 centavos and 1 peso, and the stamps for late fee (Retardo), Registration fee (R), and Acknowledgment of Receipt (AR). A description of these will be given next week.



We have also seen the pictorial 20c. violet, referred to under heading of Cartagena in our issue No. 155. It is described under heading Bolivar, as it seems to be for general use throughout that department, although inscribed simply "Republica de Colombia."

*Mekel's Weekly* has seen a post card apparently of a provisional order. "It is the 2c. black on buff, for interior use, with an imprint on the left lower corner, of an oval design, engine, turned, ground with a large figure 5 in the centre, and smaller 5s all around it. It is printed in yellow-brown, and was mailed at Bogota, July 30th."—(*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*).

**CUBAN REPUBLIC** (155 I 158).— "Optimist" writes as follows to *The Metropolitan Philatelist*—

"I learn at the Treasury that the Cuban Government will likely not call upon the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for its next supply of stamps, unless it should be simply an emergency call. An official of the Treasury says he had a talk with the Cuban Minister to this country, and the latter gave him to understand the supply of stamps at Havana would probably last until September 1st. The impression seems to exist at the Treasury that the Cuban government will give the contract for a new series to the American Bank Note Co., in New York; in fact it is very likely the A. B. N. Co. is now at work upon the series. At all events the Treasury has never had any reply to its memorandum giving the Cuban government quotations upon a new series and also upon the present current set.

**DENMARK** (156 D 158).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the new official stamps and some new stationery.

*Official Adhesives.* Perf. 12½.

1c. orange.

5c. green.

10c. carmine.

*Envelopes.*

5c. green on white.

10c. carmine on white.

The inside of the envelope is printed over in blue with alternating crowns, posthorns and wavy lines.

**DUTCH INDIES** (155 J 158).—*Correction.* Mr. J. B. Robert kindly points out that there must be a mistake about the surcharged postcard chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 155. No 3c. postcard has been issued and therefore there is none which could have been surcharged.

**GRENADA** (152 H 158).—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* states that the Queen's Head series was withdrawn from sale on July 24th. This would be just about one month after the first issue of the "King's Heads."

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (155 D 158).—As promised last week, we publish some interesting correspondence from the various islands where the surcharged stamps were issued. We also take this opportunity of thanking the very large number of collectors in Antigua, Dominica and St. Christopher who have written us on the subject, and of assuring them that their letters were very welcome. The continued silence of Montserrat and the Virgin Islands leads us to suppose no surcharged stamps were sent there. If this is so, it would appear that about 36,000 of each surcharge were made, or slightly more than the 30,000 each of Gold Coast 1d. on 2½d. and 1d. on 6d. now catalogued at 1/6 each, and than the 31,200 of Seychelles 3c. on 16c. catalogued at 2/-. (The *Philatelic Record* mentions that 2,700 surcharged stamps were sold in Montserrat).

After a perusal of all the correspondence which has reached us, we can summarize the history of the issue as follows. About 12,000 of each surcharge were placed on sale in each of the three Presidencies above named and sold out almost immediately, the dates of issue varying from August 11th to 18th. No information respecting the issue had reached philatelic circles in advance, and when the first specimens began to arrive in London and New York it was too late to order them from the Post Office. Holders in the islands naturally took the opportunity of getting a bit back from the dealers, and the price was at first fixed at 1/6 per set, and almost immediately advanced to 2/3 per set, which is now the ruling wholesale rate. Nevertheless, one unsophisticated purchaser in Antigua sent a thousand sets of the provisionals at or about face value (!) to a British dealer, and one or two residents in the islands sent supplies to friends in London, who were misguided enough to part with them for about 1/- per set, but we believe only small parcels have changed hands at this rate. A well-known American dealer cabled and secured 100 sets at 1/9 per set, but in addition he had, of course, to pay for his cablegrams. We are of opinion therefore that collectors will not go far wrong in paying 2/3 or 2/6 per set for the three stamps.

Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., have allowed us to publish the following report from their Antigua correspondent:—

"St. John's, Antigua, Sept. 10th, 1902.

"With reference to the issue of surcharged stamps, I find that a few sales were made to an American firm of 3000 stamps at 14 cents and about 2000 were sold in St. Kitts at about the same price. Those are the principal sales at the lower rate. A few of the principal holders are willing to part with what they have at 9d. The majority of the holders are however very unwilling to sell and negotiation involves a deal of tact. From a few collecting friends I have got as much as 3/6 in exchanges and have sold to a collector in Barbados three stamps of each value at 2/6 each."

A Dominica reader writes us as follows:—

"I have a few hundreds of the different kinds of surcharged Leeward Island stamps recently issued here, which I am offering at 9d. each, used or unused."

Another Dominica correspondent offers us a number at 10d. each, used or unused, and states that about £80 worth only (19,200) were issued in Dominica, and were at once brought up. The King's Head Leeward Islands stamps were issued in Dominica on September 1st.

A correspondent in Antigua, St. John's, also offers a large quantity at 9d. each, in fact, 9d. seems to be the standard price.

We have examined the Colonial Stamp Market's stock and find that quite a number of varieties occur in the stamps.

*Surcharged type I. "One Penny" in two lines.*

- Narrow O in "One." Nos. 1, 27, 29, 40.
- Narrow second "n" in "Penny." No. 40.
- Small first "n" in "Penny," generally defective. No. 49.
- Thin-lined "c" instead of "e" in "One." No. 55. (In the majority of sheets of 1d. on 4d. this was corrected).
- "c" instead of "e" in "Penny" (the tail of the c is broken off, but the head is perfect). No. 48.
- Small "e" in "One," apparently wrong fount, but not very clear. Nos. 9 and 14 on some sheets only.
- Small "e" in "Penny." Occasionally only.
- Peuny. Occasionally only.
- Ienny. Broken type.
- P ny. Due to foreign matter on paper.
- No bar. Type not properly inked.

*Surcharged type II. "One Penny" in one line, small.*

- Greek "e" in "One." No. 22.
- Second "n" of "Penny" raised. Nos. 54, 60.
- Peuny. Due to a combination of defective inking of type and smudgy printing.
- Surcharged generally out of alignment. Most stamps in two lowest rows.

The above is a list of all varieties we have met with and shall be interested to hear from readers possessing others. We must confess we do not attach much philatelic importance to some of them, but they are nevertheless interesting. Varieties a, b, c, d, e, of type I. and a of type II. should not be omitted from a specialist collector, and variety (a) is worth a place in any collection. The following is a revised description of the issue.

*Adhesives.* 4d., 6d., 7d., Queen's Head stamps, surcharged.

1d. on 4d., white gum, varieties a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k.

1d. on 6d., white gum (scarce), varieties a, b, c, e.

1d. on 6d., brown gum, varieties a, b, c, d, e, f, k.

1d. on 7d., white gum, varieties t, u, v, w.

1d. on 7d., brown gum, varieties t, u, v.

The stamps with brown gum are old printings from plate 1, whereas those with white gum are of later date and are believed to be from plate 2.

**NEWFOUNDLAND** (133 E 158).—In *E.W.S.N.* of April 12th, we chronicled the current 3c. stamp as having been found imperforate. We have now been shown a similar variety of the 2c.

*Adhesive.* Imperforate varieties.

2c. vermilion, current issue.

3c. orange, current issue.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (147, 157 S 158).—We take the following from the *Weekly Philatelic Era*:—

"Mr. Lohmeyer has received two new Postal Union cards from this Colony. The stamp now shows one solid circle around the figures of value '1½d.' and the inscriptions, while the general style has been retained, have been re-set. The same stamp now appears on the double card, replacing the old type of 1892. A radical change has been made in the inscription on this card. The top line 'UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE' occupies only 50 in place of 63mm.: the second line, 'POST CARD' has been replaced by 'POST CARD WITH REPLY PAID,' followed, in a third line by the French equivalent, in italics, 'Carte Postale avec Response payee.' The rest of the inscriptions remain unchanged, except as to lengths of the different lines, which vary slightly. The Coat of Arms measures 15×25 instead of 12×19. On the reply half the second line now reads 'REPLY POST CARD,' a third line 'Carte Postale Response' having been interjected."

*Post Cards:*

1½d. blue on cream, 89×139 mm.

1½ + 1½d. blue on cream, 83×130 mm.

**NEW ZEALAND** (153, 155 F 158).—As usual the San Francisco mail brings us a budget of correspondence from New Zealand and the Pacific. The adhesive postage stamps produce no novelties, but we notice the 1/- stamps all have the old shiny gum, so we presume there is still a stock of this on hand.

*Booklets.*—The new booklets have been issued and we are informed that the Colonial Stamp Market has received a supply. A description will be given next week.

*Watermarked Paper.*—We understand that the 3d. value is already printed on the watermarked paper and will be shortly placed on sale. When present stocks are exhausted, new printings of the 2d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/- and 5/- will also be made on watermarked paper. Later on, but not for some time yet, watermarked paper will be employed for the oblong stamps, 2½d., 9d. and 2/-. It will be interesting to see whether any of the values are printed on no wmk. paper, perf. 14, or watermarked paper, perf. 11. It seems not unlikely the three latter values may be so at any rate.

*Postage Dues.*—The ½d. value is still the only one in the new type. The old type is now unobtainable at headquarters.

*Miscellaneous.*—A well-known firm of dealers in Christchurch, New Zealand, are taking the Colonial Stamp Market to task for selling New Zealand stamps too cheap. They write:—"We were rather surprised to see you offering ½d. green, no wmk., at 11d. per dozen in your *Stamp News* of April 12th. We consider this and the 1d., no wmk., the rarest of the Universals. Send us a sheet of 240 if you still have them. We regret having sold you the 2/6 "Counterpart" errors as we are now getting 19/- each for them and have only about a dozen left. Only 5,000 of these were sold and most of them were very badly centred; nearly all were used for telegraph purposes.

Another New Zealand dealer is irate on the same subject:—"You are making a big mistake over no wmk. locals ½d. and 1d. The writer was in Wellington last week, and the head officials of

the New Zealand Philatelic Society assured him they had all been "left" over the no wmk. issue. Double face and even treble face was being offered there for them and no sellers. We only secured 11 sheets 1d. and 8 of ½d. ourselves."

**NIUE** (153 K 158).—We are now able to describe the rare first issue from sight.

*Adhesive.*—1d. Universal of New Zealand overprinted at foot "NIUE." in tall thin sans-serif capitals with a rubber stamp in green. 1d. carmine, (wa) Waterlow paper, perf. 11, dull gum. The surcharge measures 2½mm. high by 8mm. in length, including the stop. The stamps are very evenly surcharged and there appear to be no errors. The surcharge "runs" if the stamps are placed in water.

The name Niue, by the way, should have long é, and is pronounced with the accent on the last syllable, Ne-oo-ee. The adjective is Niuean.

A correspondent writes us as follows from Niue under date July 17th (his letter took 11 weeks coming over):—"The stamps on issue at the Niue Post Office are the 2½d., 1d., and ½d. New Zealand, overprinted "Niue" with the value in the Niuean language. The first stamps issued were the ordinary New Zealand 1d. stamp overprinted with rubber stamp. These were issued on the Island on the 4th January, 1902. There were no stamps on the Island before then. These first stamps were cancelled by writing date across them. There were issued 1200, of which 300 were purchased and retained on the Island whilst the rest were used up in the ordinary course. The present stamps arrived there 1st April, 1902. There is only one Post Office on Niue."

From the above it appears that the rubber-stamp surcharge lasted from January to April of this year. Copies are, however, known post-marked as late as April 9th, as witness the following letter (dated August 25th) from our Auckland correspondent:—"So far I have only seen the 1d. Niue postmarked. For your information I forward dates on the specimens I possess. The block of six I referred to in my previous letter bears the rubber-stamp surcharge. On each stamp the postmaster, having then no obliterating stamp, wrote the word Niue and the date 6/1/02 in manuscript. Subsequently it would seem as if a rubber-stamp was made for post-marking as I have a pair of the same stamp (rubber-stamped surcharge) bearing a similar postmark with date April 9th, 1902 in pink. I also have a pair of the second issue similarly postmarked June 20th, but have not yet seen the ½d. or 2½d. or any Penhryn stamps postmarked."

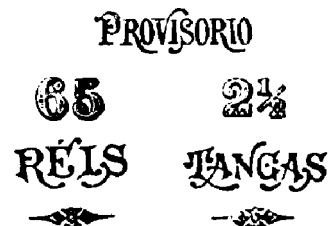
The Colonial Stamp Market have shown us the envelope which covered their last consignment of stamps from Niue and we note that it is stamped with all three values of the second issue. The rubber-stamped postmark consists of a double lined circle, diameter 27mm. Round the inside at top is "NIUE" and at bottom "NEW ZEALAND." The date is across the centre "14 JUL 1902." The letter in question is also postmarked Auckland, August 22nd and London, September 29th, so that it evidently takes quite five months to get a reply from Niue, and if the connection at Auckland is missed, a month or more longer.

**PARAGUAY** (148 O 158).—We are indebted to a South American correspondent for sight of a new provisional.

*Adhesive.* Surcharged in four lines in red, "Habilitado—en—24—CENTAVOS." 24c. dark blue (S.G., No. 61).

It was issued on August 26th and is formed by overprinting the lower halves of sheets of 100 of the 24c. engraved of 1900. It is believed that the top halves of the sheets are being reserved for another provisional.

**PORTUGUESE COLONIES** (117 D 158).—We now illustrate the types on the surcharged stamps described in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 144.



**QUEENSLAND** (144 H 158).—Our Brisbane correspondent writes that the new "Commonwealth" Postage due stamps were placed on sale there on August 1st. They are not sold to the public unused.

The sheets of 2d. postage stamps now show a flaw; the head is split vertically on the 5th stamp in the 5th row.

*Unpaid Letter Stamp.* Design of New South Wales, with "N.S.W." removed. Chalky paper, perf. 11 x 11½. 1d. emerald green. Other values?

### Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. W. Allder Ridley writes:—*

"Herewith I enclose for your inspection two pairs of the 1/- green octagonal English stamps; one pair was posted in London, March 1st, 1850, and the other pair May 1st, 1850. On the former pair I cannot see any trace of the engravers' initials nor the die No., whilst on the latter pair both the W.W. and 1. stand out very clearly. Do you think that like the 10d. of this issue, the 1/- also was first issued without the initials and No.? I do not think they have disappeared from the above-named stamps by pressure as I cannot even with a strong glass find a trace to show they originally existed."

[It is difficult to say; the earlier pair certainly show no trace of a die number, but this is by no means a rare occurrence in the 1/- green. The 1/- octagonal was first issued in 1847 so that 1850 is rather a late date of use.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

*Mr. C. Wilfred Cummings writes:—*

"Is the enclosed postmark an accident or the regular cancellation? It looks very much like a donkey."

[The cancellation on the United States stamps certainly looks like a donkey rampant, and is no doubt intended for such, in which case it is probably a private speculation on the part of someone in the post office. It is rather remarkable that it should be permitted.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

*Mr. H. H. Manghirmalani writes:—*

"I am sending herewith for the "New Issue" columns of your Journal, an unchronicled Indian reply post-card, you would notice the "To" on address side of one but not on the other. I have looked at thousands of such cards (single and reply) but they are all without "To." The card was used in 1898, as is shown from the postmark."

The card sent by Mr. Manghirmalani is post-marked Calcutta, 19.12.98, and is inscribed as usual with "The Annexed Card is intended for the answer," but has "To" printed below. We are unable to say whether it is a known variety or not.

*The Rev. A. Ogle writes:—*

"Stamped envelopes, commercial size. These, as is of course well known, are issued in two qualities of paper, those on thinner paper being sold at 1/9 per packet of 20, and those in a better quality of paper at 2/2 per packet of 24. It may be of interest to record that the cheaper quality is to be withdrawn, and for the future only those on thick paper will be supplied in packets of 24."

*Mr. C. Stanley writes:—*

"I have a 4 cents Mauritius, type No. 19 in Gibbons' Catalogue, used, colour lilac-rose. The stamp has no surcharge. I do not recollect seeing it referred to in *E.W.S.N.* or elsewhere, and should be glad of information."

[Perhaps one of our readers who is an advanced specialist in Gibbons' No. 111, will reply. The stamp might possibly be discoloured.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

*Mr. H. G. Watson writes:—*

"Could you or any reader of your paper inform me of the meaning of a five (?) pointed star punched out of Transvaal stamps of the '87 and '95 issues. I was last week shown the 2d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £5 so treated, each stamp being postmarked Johannesburg, mostly of 1897, date. I wondered if it was the way in which the Johannesburg "Star" newspaper perforated its stamps."

*Mr. A. H. Stamford writes:—*

"Have you seen noted in the British Honduras issue surcharged Revenue, a variety with small N. I have one amongst my stamps, and have not seen any reference in any of the Journals or Catalogues?"

*Mr. N. J. Hadden enquires:—*

"I have a 10c. stamp of Morocco Agencies overprinted with the London surcharge, but having the top of the G in "Agencies" rising above the rest of the letters in the word, as in the local overprint. Can you tell me if this is a variety?"

*The Rev. G. H. Raynor writes:—*

"Stanley Gibbons' New Catalogue. Your readers are much indebted to you for your very able and interesting review of the 1903 Catalogue. May I be allowed to call the attention of Australian specialists to two very interesting stamps? One is Tasmania No. 113, 1d., small type (wmk. TAS, old style), vermilion, which was not priced either in the 1900 or 1901 edition, but is now

valued at 70/-, used. The shade of this very rare stamp is so definite (I might even say 'startling') that if once seen it will never be forgotten. The other stamp I want to mention is W.A. 6d. lilac, C.A. 12, used. In 1900 it was priced at 7/6, in 1902 it was unpriced, now it is valued at 40/-. Among the thousands of Australian stamps I have seen of late years, copies of this stamp have been very few and far between. It is undoubtedly a stamp not by any means likely to deteriorate in value."

### Answers to Correspondents.

**C.F.D.M.**—We have not yet seen the £1 King's Head stamp in a sheet. We believe there were never any lines or blocks on the Queen's Head issue of this value.

**F.C.S.**—The act of the Post Office is not at all ridiculous, as you suggest. Whilst the Orange River and Transvaal Colonies were in military occupation, British postage stamps were naturally used at the Military Post Offices and were generally passed by courtesy at the civil post offices. Now, however, that the Colonies are under civil administration, there can be no possible reason for expecting the authorities there to honour a British stamp and the letter was rightly taxed.

### The Zoology of Philately.

By A. J. H. S.

From the *Philatelic Journal of India.*

I GIVE below a list of the various animals which figure on stamps, and the countries issuing them. I have not included any animals, real or imaginary, which are found on coats-of-arms, e.g., the lion and stag of Wurtemberg, the former of which would only be seen in a zoo or travelling menagerie in that country. No classical grouping has been aimed at; the list is merely alphabetical.

Argus Pheasant	..	Labuan, North Borneo.
Bear, Honey	..	" " "
Beaver	..	Canada.
Bison	..	United States, Uruguay.
Camel	..	Soudan, Obock, Djibouti.
Cattle	..	United States, Cuba.
Codfish	..	Newfoundland.
Crocodile	..	Labuan, North Borneo.
Dog	..	Newfoundland, U.S.A., Ireland Dog Tax.
Dragon (!)	..	China, Shanghai, Tasmania, Crete.
Dromedary	..	Nyassa.
Eagle	..	Bolivia, Colombia, Hungary, U.S.A.
Elephant	..	Sirmoor, Straits Settlements, Congo, Liberia, Uganda.
Emu	..	New South Wales.
Frigate Bird	..	Cook Isles.
Giraffe	..	Nyassa.
Goose	..	China.
Hippopotamus	..	Liberia.
Horse	..	Barbados, Brazil, Crete, Germany, Tasmania, Greece, U.S.A., New Zealand, etc.
Huia	..	New Zealand.
Kaka	..	" " "
Kangaroo	..	New South Wales, S. Australia.
Leopard	..	Congo.
Lion	..	Uganda, B.E. Africa.
Llama	..	Bolivia, Peru.
Lyre Bird	..	New South Wales.
Mule	..	Mexico, U.S.A.
Orang-outang	..	Labuan, N. Borneo.
Osprey	..	Japan (45 sen, 1875).
Parrot (of sorts)	..	Tonga.
Pheasant	..	Japan.
Pigeon	..	Liberia.
Platypus	..	Tasmania.
Pony	..	U.S.A.
Ptarmigan	..	Newfoundland.
Quetzal	..	Guatemala.
Seal	..	Newfoundland.
Sheep	..	Cape of Good Hope.
Stag	..	Labuan, North Borneo.
Swan	..	W. Australia.
Tiger	..	Bussahir, Afghanistan, Straits, etc.

The botany of philately scarcely calls for a special list, the palm being the only conspicuous example. It is also awarded to our pursuit.

### Auction.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

### GREAT BRITAIN:—

**Official Stamps (157 W 159).**—Several correspondents inform us the 1/- green and red King's Head, with I.R. Official surcharge has been issued. The earliest dates of use are September 29th and 30th.

**ALEXANDRIA (A 159).**—*L'Essor Philatélique* has seen the 25c. black on rose with overprint "Alexandrie" inverted.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (158 F 159).**—The *Australian Philatelist* learns that the Postage Due stamps referred to last week are also on sale in Tasmania. The lower values simply have the "N.S.W." removed, leaving an unsightly white blotch whilst the higher values are of the same design but the frame has been continued so that the blank space is filled in.

Type I. ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d.  
,, II. 5d., 1/-, 2/-.

The stamps are all printed at Sydney on N.S.W. watermarked paper. It is stated that they are only temporary and that as regards Queensland at least, a local issue will shortly see the light.

**CHILE (158 T 159).**—The proposed new set is to contain 10 values of postage stamps, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. and 1 peso. The 5, 10 and 20c. must have bust of Columbus, but the central design of the other values may be either portraits, monuments, public buildings, etc.

**CHINA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (123 India—B 159).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of sheets of the C.E.F. surcharged Indian stamps, amongst which we note evidence of several distinct printings. The defects are as follows:—

- No. 2. Broken stop after C (in ½a.; not in 4a.)
- No. 84. Small F in C.E.F. (seen in ½a.)
- No. 96. Large stop after F. (seen in ½, ½, 2, 4as., 1r.)
- Nos. 51, 201, 211, 213, 220, 223, 226, 227, 228, 231, 234, 235, 240. Broken C like a G from which the lower serif has been removed (values ½, 1, 2½, 4, 8, 12as.; not in ½, 2, 3as.)
- No. 5. Error O.E.F. in heavy printings (seen on the ½ and 4 annas only; not in ½a. or 1r.)

From the above, it appears that slight alterations were made from time to time in printing the stamps.

**ECUADOR (136 J 159).**—The stamps at present in use now arrive with the surcharge illustrated below, which is apparently struck with a hand stamp. Can any reader make out what the word in the surcharge is? It looks like a signature.

The following are mentioned by the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* as having been seen post-marked Guayaquil, August 21st.

- Adhesives.** Surcharge as above.  
In violet on 1c. red and black.  
In blue-black on 10c. blue and black.  
" " 20c. grey and black.

**HAYTI (155 E 159).**—Messrs. Thumin Frères note the 1c. and 3c. with the Provisional Govt. May surcharge inverted. The same firm report having actually received the June surcharge on their correspondence, but give no particulars.

**HONG KONG (156 J 159).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of varieties in the current 20c., 50c. and \$1. These stamps

should normally have a Chinese surcharge at the left side (this adornment is added in Hong Kong, the stamps as sent out by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., of London, being unsurcharged) but as this is applied by hand to each stamp separately, a very tedious process, it occasionally happens that the overprint is struck twice on some stamps and not at all on others. The errors would appear to be picked out by someone who has access to the Post Office stock, as they are mostly offered in singles and pairs, we have never seen a block of four. On the other hand, the sheets of these values issued to the Colonial Stamp Market are never mutilated and never show any errors. There is something of a mystery here which it would be of interest to solve. The variety without surcharge is always torn out by itself and is not obtainable in a pair with the normal surcharged variety, but there is no doubt that the examples now offered by Hong Kong dealers are taken from partly surcharged sheets, as they are all in the latest shade. We have a pair of the \$1 black unsurcharged and with marginal consignment number Voo22. Consignment V was only printed this year and is the latest supply of stamps which has been yet issued in Hong Kong. Consignments T and U were also issued this year so that V is of quite a recent date. The following is a complete list of the minor varieties we have noted.

- 20c. on 30c. dark green.
  - (a). Surcharge at each side.
  - (b). " twice at left side, one below the other. (We have a and b in a pair).
- 50c. on 48c. lilac.
  - (a). At each side.
  - (b). Twice at left, side by side. (We have a and b in a pair).
  - (c). Twice at left, side by side, one inverted.
  - (d). Twice at left side, one below the other.
  - (e). Once at left side, inverted. (Cross at top, bars below).
  - (f). At left side inverted, at right side, normal.
- \$1 on 96c. black.
  - (a). At each side.
  - (b). At each side, right one inverted.
  - (c). Twice at left side.
  - (d). Twice at left, once inverted.
  - (e). Twice at left side and once at right.

In some of the double surcharges, one of them is rather faint, which accounts for the presence of a second and clearer one. We notice in their latest published addenda, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have advanced the price of the just obsolete \$2 stamp to 7/6.

**NATAL (153 J 159).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us all the values of the King's Head set which were chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 149, but the 2d., 2½d., 4d., 9d., 4/-, 9/-, £1 and higher values are we believe, not yet printed.

The ½d., 1d., 1½d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 1/-, 2/- and 2/6 stamps are in sheets of 240 plate-number 1 at each corner. The sheets are divided in the usual way into four panes, each with 10 rows of 6 stamps. Round each pane are one or two continuous lines, one in each of the colours of the stamp. The 5/- and 10/- stamps are of larger type and are printed on Crown and CC. paper in sheets of 60, 5 rows of 12, with plate-number 1 at each corner and two continuous lines round each sheet.

**NEWFOUNDLAND (158 F 159).**—With reference to the imperforate 2c. adhesive chronicled last week, a correspondent in St. John's informs us that only one sheet of 100 was issued, and that the small post office at Manuels had the good fortune to receive it. Unfortunately, no one understood philately, so the stamps were issued in the ordinary course. Thirty were cut into strips of ten and the remainder into singles and used, before a philatelist appeared on the scene. The latter are of course of little value as it would be difficult to prove they were not specimens which had had the perforation cut off. The thirty specimens in strips have now been further cut up into pairs and strips of three, and some of them used. A strip of three has come under notice and is on the entire envelope postmarked Manuels, Sept. 1902.

**NIUE (158 L 159).**—As has already been stated in E.W.S.N., the stamps of Niue and Penrhyn Island were placed on sale at Auckland, New Zealand, as well as in the islands. A correspondent, writing to *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* under

date of August 7th, states that the supply at Auckland was then exhausted.

It seems that the bulk of the 1,200 copies of the first issue were damaged. *Alfred Smith and Son's Monthly Circular* reports that in some specimens seen by it, "the overprint is nothing more than a faint stain of colour, the explanation being that the first issue was received at Niue in the rainy season, which caused the ink to run." Are we to infer that the roof of the Post Office leaked?

**NEW ZEALAND (158 G 159).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of new shades and varieties of the no wmk., perf. 11, locally-printed issue. It will be remembered that the 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/-, with "dull gum," were chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 149. The following new printings with dull gum have now appeared:—

- Adhesives.** No wmk., perf. 11, dull gum.
  - 3d. yellow-brown, much paler than before.
  - 8d. deep blue, not so dull as before. Each stamp on the sheet measures 18½ mm. wide instead of 18¼ mm.
  - 1/- dark red or vermillion (colour of 5/-) instead of orange-red.

Other values besides the 8d. vary in measurement, but we have not been able to examine the matter very closely, having no specimens of the earlier printings at hand. The 1/- with dull gum seem to be narrower than those with shiny gum, whilst the reverse is the case with the 8d. Are the differences due to shrinkage of the paper? All the 8d. dull blue with shiny gum which we have been able to examine measure 18¼ mm. in width only and are apparently from a worn plate, whilst the first printing with dull gum, although similar in shade and measurement, shows no sign of wear and it might almost be supposed is from a new plate. The 8d. with dull gum just to hand are also clear impressions in a distinct shade of deep blue and measure ¼ mm. more in width. The narrow 8d. and the 1/- orange-red are very scarce with the dull gum.

**Low Values.**—In E.W.S.N. we gave a list of some control numbers we had met with on New Zealand ½d. and 1d. stamps, single-line watermark, the highest sheet number being 84711 (1d.) We have now seen sheets Nos. 92770 (1d.) and 118619 (½d.) issued August 27th.

**Booklets.**—A further supply of the booklets has come to hand.

- 1d., perf. 11 (2a), torn from ordinary sheets. Two blocks of six to each book; Imprint, 1,150/5/1901—4038A.
- 1d., perf. 14 (2d), printed from special plate. Five panes to each book; imprint, 5569—1902.
- 1d., perf. 14 (2d), ditto. Two panes to a book, 5569A—1902.

The newer booklets are of special interest as each "page" is a pane of stamps in itself. Our diagram will perhaps make the matter clear. Each pane consists of six stamps, A to F, of which A, C, E have a

wide imperforate margin to left; B, D, F ditto to right; E, F ditto below and A, B ditto above. Either above A B or below E F is a very wide margin leaving sufficient room to bind the panes into a small book. The new plate probably prints two rows of panes at a time, one row above the other, the top one having wide margin at top and the bottom one wide margin at bottom. The ordinary single-line watermarked paper is used, so the margins are as much watermarked as the stamps and the "NZ and Star" occurs in almost any position on a stamp. The impressions are very finely made in rather a darker shade than the ordinary 1d. stamps.

**Stamp Duty Stamps.**—The 2/- and 5/- values are not now obtainable, their places in the set being taken by the pictorial 2/- and 5/-. The stamps of this set are printed on the old single-line NZ and Star watermarked paper, formerly used for the Queen's Head postage stamps and still for the Postage Due set. The highest sheet-number we had previously seen was 400510 on a sheet of 1d. rose, Queen's Head. We now note the following:

- 48766\* 2/6 brown, "Counterpart" error.
- 489290 " ordinary.
- 488320 4/- dull rose.

The 2/6 and 4/- Stamp Duty, as also the 6/-, have a rather thick brown gum, which we have



not noticed as yet on any of the ordinary postage stamps. The 7/- value has shiny gum, indicating that no new printing of this value has taken place lately. The 3/- has the new dull white gum.

**Postage Due.**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us some sheets of the new ¼d. stamp. Each sheet contains 240 stamps, divided into 4 panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6. The paper is unwatermarked and unnumbered, and the stamps have the brown gum which we note above is found on the 2/6, 4/- and 6/- Stamp Duty. The last of the old type ¼d. were sold in August. On some sheets just to hand we note the following control-numbers.

1d.	Type IIb.	305203,306137.
4d.	" IIb.	312160.
6d.	" Id.	315094,315189.
8d.	" Id.	315307.
10d.	" Id.	315986.
1/-	" I.	316023,316208.
2/-	" I.	316312.
¼d.	" Id.	37647*.

From the above it appears that a second printing was made of the ¼d., and this is confirmed by the fact that our sheets do not show the "no stop after D" variety. As all the other values we have ever seen were numbered between 300,000 and 320,000, we assume that no further printing of such has been made since 1900, and that types I. and II. and the small and large D do not represent distinct printings. The first supply of Postage Due Stamps (December 1899) was not sold to the public and the further large printing made early in 1900 was probably the last.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (157 U 159).**—Messrs. N. Yaar and Co. inform us that the following new provisional has appeared.



**Adhesive.** "One Shilling" in red in two lines on 5/- V.R.I. Star over old value. (a) Variety, thick V.

We expect to be able next week to give some further information on the subject of this stamp.

Mr. C. J. Daun informs the *London Philatelist* that he possesses a block of six Orange River Colony 2½d., surcharged V.R.I., containing two thick V's, one of which is on the variety with "Roman 1" and "antique 2," all stops, of course, raised.

**PARAGUAY (158 P 159).**—We learn from the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* that Paraguay is to have an entirely new set of 23 stamps shortly, values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 20, 24, 28, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 centavos, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 pesos. As a peso is only about 8d. there are actually eight stamps of the value of less than a penny and 12 of 2d. or less!

**ROUMANIA (149 H 159).**—The *Moniteur du Collectionneur* states that the 10 bani green postage due stamp was issued at the end of June on thin unwatermarked paper. The other values will be shortly issued on the same paper.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a consignment of stamps just received from Bucarest and we note the following novelties:—

- Postage Adhesives.**
- No wmk., perf. 11 x 13½. 25 bani, pale blue.
- Postage Due (Taxa de Plata).**
- Wmk. P.R., perf. 13½ x 11½. 50 bani, green.
- " " " 11½. 2 5 bani, green.
- No wmk., thin paper, perf. 11½. 30 bani, green.
- " " " 11 x 13½. 10 bani, green.

The 60 bani is the only value of the postage due set which arrived in a catalogued state. Of the ordinary postage stamps, the 1½ bani is still No. 342 in the catalogue and the 5 bani is perf. 11 x 13½, chronicled but not catalogued. The other values are all perf. 11½.

**RUSSIA (154 H 159).**—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* mentions the 7 kopek with vertically-lined watermark.

**Adhesive.** Wmk vertical lines. 7 kop. blue.

The 10 kop. was chronicled in *E.H.S.N.*, No. 154.

**SERVIA (157 J 159).**—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* learns that the 10 para in black on 20 para rose exists in a third type (two having been chronicled already), the figures 10 being further apart. In type I. the space measures ½mm., in type II. 1mm., and in type III. 1½mm. The two first types are found either perf. 13 x 13½ or 11½, but the latter comes 11½ only.

**Postage Due.**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 5 paras in the large perforation.

5 paras. green, perf. 11½.

Only the 20 paras with this perforation is catalogued.

**Postcards.**—A variety of the 5 para postcard with stamp of 1901 type and border occurs with the Servian inscription "Postcard" only 40mm. instead of 48mm.

**SEYCHELLES (157 M 159).**—More surcharges! but this time it is only post cards which have been operated on. We chronicle on the authority of the *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*:—

**Post Cards.**

- "Local—3 Cents—Seychelles" in black on 4c. rose.
- " " " " on 4c.+4c. rose.
- " " " " on 8c. + 8c. brown.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA (156 N 159).**—Mr. L. S. Charlick informs the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* that the 9d. value is now obsolete. It is only twenty-seven weeks since we first chronicled this stamp on Crown S.A. paper, so it should prove to be a rarity.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reports the 1d. reply card in a new colour.

**Postcard.**

1d. + 1d. rose on buff.

**SPANISH MOROCCO (A 159).**—We are indebted to Mr. W. T. Roycroft for the following cutting from *The Globe* of September 26th.

"The Spanish stamp factory is about to begin work on the new issues for use in Spanish post offices in Morocco. The *Heraldo*, of Madrid, states that they will be the same as those in use in Spain, except that they will be inscribed with the word 'Morocco.' They will be on sale at Tangier, Rabat and Mazagan, though collectors will be interested to learn that they may possibly be purchased in Madrid."

Mr. C. Cervigon sends us the original notice in the *Heraldo de Madrid* of September 20th. It is to the same effect, except that the surcharge will be "MARRUECOS" and not the English translation.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (156 F 159).**—We have already recorded the actual issue of the King Edward 1, 3, 5, 8, 25 and 30c. Under date of September 3rd, our Singapore correspondent now sends us the 4, 10, 50c. and \$1, \$2. The colours are as described in *E.H.S.N.* No. 150. All the values have marginal plate number 2 and are printed in sheets of 240 (four panes of 60). The 3c. value is issued in sheets of 240, but all the others, including the 1c., appear to be cut into half-sheets of 120 before issue.

**SWITZERLAND (136 D 159).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 25c. adhesive in a much darker shade of blue than usual, perf. 11½ x 11.

*L'Essor Philatélique* is informed that the 1 franc will in future be printed in red.

**TRANSVAAL (155 Z 159).**—In *E.H.S.N.* No. 154, we illustrated the design of the stamp on the new ¼d. envelope. We now reproduce that on the 1d. envelope.



**UNITED STATES (157 C 159).**—*Revenues.*—The Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* says the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is shortly to make a bonfire of the sheets of documentary stamps which were on hand July 1st, and which had never been issued to revenue officers. The denominations and quantity are given as follows: 1c., 248,000; 2c., 172,000; 3c., 60,000; 10c., 209,200; 25c., 100,000; 50c., 209,200; \$1, 182,272; \$2, 35,200; \$5, 49,536; \$10, 16,896.

The same authority says that the 10c. special delivery stamp will be the next in the new series now in preparation to be drawn by the Bureau artists, in fact that they are now at work upon the design.

The work on the "Series 1902" stamps is progressing apace. We clip the following from the *Westminster Gazette*:—

"New Postage Stamps for America. We learn from the *New York Evening Post* that a new American stamp is about to be issued. Its denomination is 13c.; Benjamin Harrison occupies the centre of the field. This will be the first 13c. stamp ever issued by the United States; up to 1879 a stamp of the value 7c. had been in use ten years, but was discontinued when the rate of foreign postage was reduced to 5c. Experts who have examined the drawing for the new issue say that it will be one of the finest specimens of a postage stamp ever produced, not excepting the famous Columbian series and the Pan-American set. In all probability the entire new series will be on sale before the end of this year. They will appear one at a time as the dies are approved and the plates made. As a general rule a series of postage stamps is changed every eight or ten years, but the present set has been in use for twelve years. When the 13c. stamp is issued there will be only three eligible ex-Presidents who

have not been honoured with a place in the postal gallery of the nation during the last forty years—Johnson, Hayes, and Arthur. No living ex-President is, of course, eligible. President McKinley's portrait now appears on the new postal cards. It is understood that later a change will be made, and that his likeness will be placed on one of the principal denominations of postage stamps."

It is rather remarkable that whilst the United States should be thus bringing out a 13c. stamp to prepay single-weight foreign registered letters (5c. plus 8c. fee), Great Britain should be abandoning the 4½d. stamp, which is required for precisely the same purpose. The former nation says it is required "by the enormous increase in foreign registered letters and will satisfy a long felt want," whilst the latter "there is not sufficient demand to pay the cost of printing." Certainly a curious contrast.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA (156 C 159).**—The *Australian Philatelist* describes a new envelope prepared for this State by the Victorian Post Office. The design is that of the current Victorian 2d. stamp with "Western Australia" instead of "Victoria" at top; the colour is yellow and value 2d.

**Natal Telegraph Stamps.**

**THE 1902 PROVISIONAL STAMPS.**

*From Morley's Philatelic Journal.*

**The 3d. on 4d. Revenue, lilac.** The top right quarter pane of 60 stamps which we have before us shows the following setting up. There is a black bar through the value on lower label and the word "REVENUE" on upper, while the word "TELEGRAPH" is overprinted underneath the upper label in small black fancy caps. The new value falls above the lower label and the surcharge varies in the type of this portion of the overprint. The first 16 stamps are surcharged in thin sans serif caps, "THREE PENCE" with stop, the next 8 in tall thin sans serif caps, "THREE PENCE" without stop and the next 6 in Clarendon type "Three Pence" without stop, while the last of these six stamps (which is the last stamp of the 5th row of the sheet) has a wrong fount "e" in the word "Three" this "e" being a fancy letter with the cross piece forming the loop being diagonal instead of horizontal thus "c." This arrangement is repeated on the lower 30 stamps of the block before us so that apparently five rows of stamps were surcharged at a time. If this disposition holds good for the whole sheet of 240 stamps, which we have every reason to suppose to be the case, there would be

128 stamps of Type 1	" THREE PENCE "
64 " "	" 2 " THREE PENCE "
40 " "	" 3 " Three Pence "
8 " "	" 3 with wrong fount " e " on the sheet.

**The 6d. on 9d. Revenue, lilac.** The surcharge is similar to the 3d., the value being in small block letters "SIX PENCE". There appears to be no varieties of the surcharge on the stamp, except a broken "E" on the 12th stamp of the block of 60 (a top left quarter pane?) before us. This broken "E" is not however reproduced in a corresponding position on the lower 30 stamps, so that it may be merely due to a bit of dirt on the surcharging plate.

**The 1/- on £1 10s. Revenue, lilac and blue.** On this stamp the surcharge is again similar to the 3d., but there are three distinct varieties of the value "One shilling." We have the lower right quarter pane of 60 stamps before us, with plate No. "2" below the fifth stamp on the bottom row from the corner of the sheet. The first 24 stamps have "ONE SHILLING", in thin black sans serif caps, with stop, and the next five a smaller surcharge but with slightly larger "LL" in the word "SHILLING". The last stamp on this row has "ONE SHILLING" in tall thin sans serif caps, without stop. This arrangement is repeated on the five lower rows of the block of 60 stamps, so that this surcharge like the 3d. has evidently been put on in five rows at a time. Assuming the same disposition over the whole sheet, there would be

192 stamps of Type 1	" ONE SHILLING. "
44 " "	" 2 " ONE SHILLING. "
4 " "	" 3 " ONE SHILLING. "

This 1/- provisional was apparently the first issued, but the supply seems to have been quickly exhausted, as the two other varieties,

- 1/- on 9/- Revenue, lilac and vermilion,
- 1/- on £1 " green,

arrived soon after. The setting of the surcharge on these two latter ones is the same, the same three types being found. We might add for the purpose of merely recording the fact that the bar through the word "REVENUE" on all these provisionals varies somewhat in length, from being barely as long as the word "REVENUE" to a length covering from the letter "L" of "NATAL" to the end of the word "REVENUE."

REST OF THE WORLD.

Independent Countries of Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and last, but not least, United States and Colonies.

GROUP XIX.—AFRICA.

321 Abyssinia, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4gu. ..	..	5	—	—
322 Congo Free State, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50c. ..	..	6	1/3	—
323 Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	..	7	1/11	2/3
324 Liberia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c. ..	..	9	—	—
325 Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	..	10	1/10	2/3

GROUP XX.—ASIA.

331 Afghanistan (not stocked) ..	..	—	—	—
332 China, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ..	..	9	2/5	2/11
333 Japan, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 sen ..	..	13	—	—
334 Persia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16ch. ..	..	9	—	—
335 Siam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 24 atts ..	..	8	—	—
336 Corea, 2re., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25ch. ..	..	10	—	—
337 Japanese China, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—
338 " Corea, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—

GROUP XXI.—SOUTH AMERICA.

341 Argentine Rep., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c. ..	..	12	—	—
341a " Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c. ..	..	4	—	0/6
342 Bolivia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
343 Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000r. ..	..	9	—	—

344 Chili, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. ..	..	9	—	—
355 Colombia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
346 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
347 Paraguay, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 20, 28, 40 ..	..	11	—	—
348 Peru, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 22, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
349 Uruguay, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	8	—	—
350 Venezuela, 5, 10, 25, 50c. ..	..	4	—	—

GROUP XXII.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 50c. ..	..	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c. ..	..	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

361 Costa Rica, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
362 Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	7	—	—
363 Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
364 Mexico, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	8	—	—
365 Nicaragua, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
366 Salvador, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 24, 26, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
368 Dominican Rep., 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
369 Hayti, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	..	10	—	—

GROUP XXIV.—UNITED STATES & COLONIES.

371* United States, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c. ..	..	9	2/3	2/8
372* Philippines, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15c. ..	..	7	1/6	1/9
373* Porto Rico, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. ..	..	5	1/1	1/4
374 Cuban Republic, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. ..	..	5	0/10 1/2	1/1

FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Denmark, new values.  
1 öre, orange, 1d.; block, 2d.; per dozen, 3d.  
15 öre, violet, 3d.; block, 11d.; per dozen, 2/7.  
Denmark, Service, new values.  
1, 5, 10 öre, set of three, 3d.; blocks, 11d.  
European sets. Almost all are now in stock.  
Roumania. Unpaid Letter stamps.  
2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60 bani, set of six, 1/8. Five are unchronicled varieties.  
Servia, sets and high values are now in stock.  
Roumania, 25 bani, Taxa de Factagin, 3d.  
Colombia, 20c. violet, Pie de la Popa, 3d.  
Danish West Indies.  
Set of six, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 cents. (Nos. 33, 30, 10a, 34, 32 and 15), priced 5/3 in latest Catalogue, Nett 3/- the set.  
Set of two, 1 and 3 cents, cat. 2/8, nett 1/-.  
Holland. The 2 1/2 and 5 guildens are now in stock.  
Paraguay, lithographed.  
1c. green, 1d.  
10c. carmine, 1 1/2d.  
Argentine Republic, official stamps.  
1, 2, 5, 10 centavos, set of 4, 6d.  
1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c., set of 6, 2/11.  
Greece, new issue.  
Sets, 1/4 per set.  
1, 2, 3, 5 drachmai, set of four, 7/6.  
Iceland, 4 aur, per dozen, 1/6.  
Italy.  
New Issue, 2, 5c. Set of two, 1d.  
Old 2c., per dozen, 3d.  
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Argentine, current 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. rose ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 15c. slate ..	..	0	2
" " 30c. vermilion ..	..	0	3
Bolivia, 1899, 2c. red (cat. 2d.) ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. red... ..	..	0	3
" " 10c. yellow (cat. 4d.) ..	..	0	2
" " 20c. rose (cat. 4d.) ..	..	0	2
" " 50c. brown (cat. 2/6) ..	..	1	3
" 1901, 1c. claret ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. lilac and black ..	..	0	3
Chili, 1881, 10c. orange ..	..	0	1
" " 15c. green ..	..	0	2
" " 20c. black ..	..	0	1
" " 1 peso black and brown ..	..	0	8
" 1900, 10c. violet ..	..	0	1
" " 50c. brown ..	..	0	6
" " re-engraved 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. violet ..	..	0	1
" 1902, new type, 5c. blue... ..	..	0	1
Colombia, 1898, 5c. brown on brown ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown on rose ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. brown on violet ..	..	0	5
Panama, 1892, 10c. orange ..	..	0	1
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black (cat. 5d.) ..	..	0	2
" " 20c. lake and black ..	..	0	4
Dominican Rep., 1900, 5c. brown ..	..	0	3
" " 1902, 10c. orange and black ..	..	0	6
Ecuador, 1899-01, 2c. green and black ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. lilac and black ..	..	0	2
" " 10c. lilac & blk. (cat. 6d.) ..	..	0	2
" " 10c. blue and black ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. grey and black ..	..	0	4
" " 50c. blue and black ..	..	1	0
" 1898, 5c. on 50c. official, black surch. ..	..	0	9
Guatemala, 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. red ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. green ..	..	0	3
Hayti, 1898, 5c. blue ..	..	0	2
" " 10c. orange ..	..	0	3
" " 20c. black ..	..	0	6
Mexico, 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. red ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. lilac and orange ..	..	0	1
" " 15c. grey and lilac ..	..	0	3
" " 20c. carmine and blue ..	..	0	3
" " 50c. black and lilac ..	..	1	0
France, 1902, 10c., 20c., 30c., set of 3 ..	..	0	2
Germany, 1900, 25c., Reichspost ..	..	0	4
Denmark, 1902, 15c. lilac ..	..	0	2
United States, 8c. Columbus ..	..	0	2
Nicaragua, 5c. blue, lithographed ..	..	0	1
Peru, 1896-1900, 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. red ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 20c. orange ..	..	0	1
" " 22c. green and black ..	..	—	—
" " 22c. green ..	..	0	2
" " 50c. carmine ..	..	0	4
" " rs. orange ..	..	1	0
Uruguay, 5c. blue ..	..	0	2
" " 10c. lilac ..	..	0	3
" " 25c. brown ..	..	—	—

Venezuela, 1899, 25c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 1900, "Castro," 10c. red ..	..	0	3
" " " 25c. blue ..	..	0	3
" " " 5c. green ..	..	0	3
" " "Surch. 1900," 50c. orange ..	..	0	4
" " " 1bol. black ..	..	0	9
Cuba, 1899, 2c. rose ..	..	0	1
" " 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown ..	..	0	2
Philippines on U.S.A., 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ..	..	0	1
" " 3c. violet ..	..	—	—
" " 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 10c. brown ..	..	0	3
Puerto Rico on U.S.A., 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ..	..	—	—
Porto Rico on U.S.A. 1c. green ..	..	0	1
" " 2c. rose ..	..	—	—
" " 5c. blue ..	..	0	1
" " 8c. purple ..	..	—	—
" " 10c. brown ..	..	0	6
French China, 25c. carmine and brown ..	..	0	1
" " 50c. black and carmine, type A ..	..	0	3
" " 50c. black and carmine, type B ..	..	0	3
Indo China, 25c. carmine and brown ..	..	0	1
" " 50c. carmine and blue ..	..	0	4
German China, 3p. brown, old ..	..	—	—
" " 5p. green, old ..	..	0	2
" " 10p. rose, old ..	..	0	3
" " 10p. rose, new ..	..	0	3
" " 20p. blue, old ..	..	0	3
" " 20p. blue, new ..	..	0	2
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" " 1900, 10c. violet, cat. 2d. ea. ..	8d.	2/6
" " 1902, 5c. blue (new type) ..	8d.	—
Costa Rica, 1901, 10c. bistre and black, cat. 5d. ..	2/0	—
Ecuador, 1899, 10c. violet and black, cat. 6d. ..	2/6	—
" " 1901, 5c. purple and black... ..	1/3	4/6
" " 10c. blue and black ..	1/9	6/6
" " 20c. slate and black ..	3/3	—
Mexico, 1899, 1c. green, cat. 1d. ..	5d.	—
" " 5c. blue, cat. 1d. ..	4d.	1/4
" " 10c. lilac and brown, cat. 2d. ..	6d.	2/0
" " 20c. vermilion and blue, cat. 6d. ..	1/10	—
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—King Edward Stamps (150 H 160).—We now illustrate the new £1 stamps for the benefit of foreign and colonial readers. For descriptions see E.W.S.N. No. 150.



Perforated Officials (A160).—Mr. J. Steele Higgins, jun., has been good enough to respond to our enquiry respecting perforated official stamps and has shown us the following:—

Crown B.T. ( Board of Trade).  
Queen, ½d. vermilion.  
" 1d. lilac.  
" 5d. lilac and blue.  
" 6d. lilac on red.

Can any of our readers add to the list ?

**ALBANIA** (157 C 160).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new stamps, surcharged "Albania" on Italian. Each sheet contains 400 stamps divided by margins into 4 panes, each of 100. At each corner of the sheet is a plate-number. We note the following:—

ALBANIA  
10 Parà 10

10 Parà on 5c. Plate 4296.  
35 " on 20c. " 4339.  
40 " on 25c. " 4214.

There appear to be no errors or varieties of type in the surcharge.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (159 G 160).—We are indebted to Messrs. J. H. Smyth and Co. for the following cutting from the Sydney Sunday Times of September 7th:—

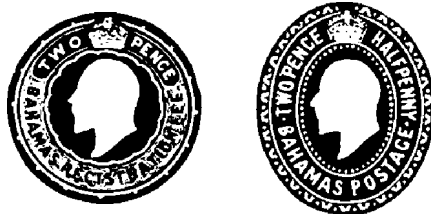
"Melbourne, September 6th.

"The Postal Rates Bill having become law, Mr. Drake announces his intention of bringing it into operation on November 1, that date being fixed in order to give as much time as can reasonably be given to the States, taking into consideration the interest of the general public. 'Under the altered conditions,' says Mr. Drake, 'arrangements will have to be made for paying postage on letters and telegrams, by the various departments, while in three of the States where postage has hitherto been free, some time will be necessary to enable proprietors to make arrangements for the carriage of papers in bulk.'

"The franking system on departmental letters will be entirely abolished under the Bill, the only free carriage of correspondence being that pertaining to blind people, while Mr. Wragge's weather telegrams are also to be free. The franking system, Mr. Drake remarks, has been terribly abused in the past, and although States will have to pay for all their postage, the money will, under the book-keeping system, be handed back again, thus equalising matters. The fact that Government officials will have to provide for postage of official documents on the same scale as the general public will have a modifying effect upon the undue use of the Postal Department, and practically result in economy to all concerned. Furthermore, the abolition of the frank system will put things upon a business basis, and enable the States to know exactly what their postage costs. The same remark applies to telegrams, the free system in this respect having also, in the opinion of Mr. Drake, been very much abused."

It will be interesting to see whether the abolition of the franking privileges leads to a general issue of official stamps in all the States.

**BAHAMAS** (137 O 160).—We illustrate the new stamps for the registration envelopes and ordinary 2½d. envelopes. Only specimen copies have so far been seen.



The new adhesive stamps are not expected for some months yet.

**BERMUDA** (153 D 160).—We are informed that the 1d. stamp in the new type has not yet been issued and that the date of issue, although not yet fixed, is likely to be a month or two hence. The new stamps are probably being kept back till the Queen's Head issue is exhausted. Next year there may be other values in the new type.

**BOLIVAR** (158 C 160).—We are now able to illustrate the new 20c. with view *Piè de la Popa* described a fortnight ago.



**BRITISH HONDURAS** (126 F 160).—We illustrate the type of the new stamps and will give a description in an early issue. Only specimen copies have so far been seen.



**BRITISH LEVANT** (157 F 160).—We illustrate the surcharged stamp on the registration envelopes, chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 154.



**BRITISH NEW GUINEA** (147 L 160).—The following is taken from the Sydney Daily Telegraph of Sept. 9th.—"The bill providing for the new constitution which the Commonwealth is to give British New Guinea has been drafted. An effort has been made to show that British New Guinea must come into the Commonwealth as a State, with freedom of trade and intercourse. The Commonwealth Constitution, however, shows that when an outside territory is attached by the Crown to the Commonwealth, the Federal Parliament can order its government how it pleases. Parliament can forbid the admission of British New Guinea into the States, and can tax the products of the territory on entering the Australian market."

**BULGARIA** (158 P 160).—We now illustrate the Shipka Pass celebration issue.



There are three values.

Commemorative Issue, adhesives.  
5 stot. carmine.  
10 " green.  
15 " blue.

**BUSSAHIR** (148 E 160).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us some more of the "posthumous" varieties. All the stamps re-

ceived by this mail are overprinted "PS" and except for the ¾a. this surcharge appears to have been applied to remainders of the old stamps.

Old types, overprinted with monogram "P.S." in violet.

- ¾a. brown (1902 type), imperf., brownish wove paper, no wmk. (Sheets of 24, no inscription).
- ¾a. brown, ditto, sewing-machine roulette.
- ½a. grey-blue, sewing-machine roulette. (Sheets of 24).
- 2a. orange, imperf. (Sheets of 50).
- 4a. grey, imperf. (Sheets of 28).
- 8a. brown, imperf. Already overprinted "RNS" in green; re-surcharged "PS" in violet. (Sheets of 24).
- 12a. green, imperf. Already overprinted "RNS" in rose; re-surcharged "PS" in violet. (Sheets of 24).
- 1 rupee, pale blue, imperf. (Sheets of 24).

There appears to be still a stock of remainders on hand of all values except ¼ anna, but the 8 and 12 annas are already surcharged with the old "RNS" hand stamp. The 1 rupee is the only value printed on gummed paper.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (149 H 160).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. King Edward stamp.

Adhesive.—Head of King Edward; CA. 14.  
½d. green.

Our earliest dated copy is "Grand Cayman, Sept. 15th." Each sheet contains 120 stamps in two panes of 60, and has plate No. 1 at each corner.

**COOK ISLANDS** (153 N 160).—A correspondent at Karotonga has been good enough to inform us that the following quantities of stamps were on hand in the Cook Islands G.P.O. on July 10th.

½d. green	57,158	2½d. blue	28,373
1d. rose	63,117	5d. olive	33,364
1½d. lilac	15,739	6d. violet	24,777
2d. brown	16,106	10d. green	26,150
2½d. rose	3,065	1/- carmine	10,781
		1d. blue, Postcards	6353

Between that date and July 25th, the whole of the 2½d. rose were sold out and the 2½d. blue had come into public issue. The stocks of the values under 2½d. and of the 1/- seem very low. We should think that the £119 worth of ½d. stamps will last a very short time so that new printings may be expected.

Our correspondent writes:—"With regard to the remark in your 'News' that the head of Queen Makea seems an anomaly on the stamps since the annexation I may tell you that the Resident Commissioner expresses the opinion that until the death of Makea should take place and while the Cook Islands have their own stamps the Head of Makea will remain. As she was instrumental in obtaining the annexation of the Islands it would not therefore be advisable to hurt her feelings by changing the design of the stamps which were in use under the Protectorate. The 2½d. stamp has now been changed to blue instead of rose as formerly. None of the rose colours are available at the Post Office as the remaining 3,000 were bought up locally. The price asked by the holders is 5/- per dozen."

**GRENADA** (158 I 160).—A fortnight ago we stated that the Queen's Head issue had been withdrawn from sale. A correspondent at St. George's, writing under date September 26th, learns that all the remainders have now been burnt. "Queen's Head" sets of Grenada stamps should therefore become a highly desirable property, and we shall not be surprised if time places them considerably above the 1883-87 issue (except the 1/-).

**HONG KONG** (159 K 160).—Last week we gave a list of errors found on current 20c., 50c. and \$1 stamps. We are now able to supplement our list with a still more curious variety.

Adhesive.

20c. on 30c. green, surcharged in Chinese "50c." twice, and "20c." once at left, and "20c." once at right.

We should imagine that the stamper impressed one of the 50c. surcharges first, as the lower one at the left side is somewhat faint. A second impression was then made just above it, and this shows very clearly and probably discovered to the operator that he was applying the wrong



overprint. He accordingly surcharged "20c." just by the side of the two "50c.," but the single Chinese character "20c." did not distinguish itself very clearly from the double impression of the "three bars and a cross" and a second impression of the small 20c. character was then made by itself at the right side.

The surcharge varieties do not, after all, appear to be removed in the Post Office, but probably from the stamps bought for someone in Hong Kong who has a large correspondence. We note that on a sheet of the 50c. on 48c. received by the Colonial Stamp Market by last mail, the 5th and 6th stamps in the 5th row were the varieties without surcharge. The sheet is numbered V0078 and is consequently of the latest printing.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 5c. yellow with consignment letter V (T and U previously recorded) and the 2c. green with letter U (T and V previously recorded). The list of consignment letters known now stands as follows.

<i>Old colours.</i>	<i>New colours.</i>
2c. pink, R.	2c. green, T, U, V.
4c. grey, G, Q.	4c. grey, T, U, V.
5c. blue, P.	5c. yellow, T, U, V.
12c. pale blue, (CA.), Q.	10c. blue, S, T, V.
20c. on 30c. green, F, U.	30c. brown, T.
30c. green, N.	50c. on 48c. T, V.
50c. green, L.	50c. on 96c. T, V.

We shall be glad to hear from any reader possessing any other letters.

The \$1 Hong Kong may be found with two types of the figure "1" in the London printed surcharge. One of the stamps in the sixth row has a figure 1 with a thick and almost horizontal serif. We have seen this variety with Chinese surcharge at each side as well as in the normal state.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (157, 158 F 160).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following new stamps.



- Adhesives.* Head of King Edward; CA. 14.  
 3d. lilac and green.  
 1d. lilac and carmine.  
 2 1/2d. lilac and blue.  
 6d. lilac and brown.  
 1/- green and carmine.  
 5/- green and blue.

Other values are to be issued, probably 2d., 3d., 2/-. The stamps are printed in sheets of 120, with plate number 1, as in the case of St. Vincent. (see below).

We learn on good authority that the exact quantity of each value of the surcharged 1d. on 4d., 1d. on 6d. and 1d. on 7d. issued was 37,200.

**MADAGASCAR** (155 H 160).—Mr. R. B. Martin has shown us another new provisional.

- Adhesive.*—Surcharged figures of value, with bar beneath.  
 0.05 in black on 30c. bistre and blue.

The copy is postmarked "Tamatave—3 Sept. 02.—Madagascar." Others are issued (particulars next week.)

**NEW ZEALAND** (159 H 160).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 3d. value on the new watermarked paper. It was issued the day after the San Francisco mail left (about August 28th), and was consequently just too late to come over with other consignments.

- Adhesive.*—Wmk. single-line NZ and star sideways.  
 3d. yellow-brown, perf. 11, shiny white gum.  
 (a) Variety, no wmk.

We were under the impression new paper had been sent out with watermarks arranged to fit the plates of the higher values, which print 120 stamps to the sheet, but we notice the 3d. stamps now sent over are apparently on the thin watermarked Cowan paper employed for the 3d. and 1d. stamps. Each sheet of this paper is watermarked "NZ and Star" (single-lined) 240 times in 10 rows of 24, with "New Zealand Postage" along each of the horizontal margins and "New Zealand" on each of the vertical or side margins. In the case of the 3d. these sheets have been divided into two, each half being printed on sideways. Although apparently the "1d." paper, we should not like to so describe it for certain as we cannot trace the watermark number (1, 2, 3 or 4, see *E.W.S.N.* No. 149) nor do any of the sheets so far seen by us bear control numbers.

As the 3d. stamps are slightly larger than the 1d. ones, it is rather a tight fit to print 240 3d. stamps on a sheet intended for only 240 of the 1d. The consequence is that the margins watermarked "New Zealand Postage" and "New Zealand" are encroached upon, and 3 of the outer rows of each sheet are either "No wmk." or watermarked with one or other of the letters of the above inscription. Only 90 stamps on each sheet of 120 show the single-line NZ and Star wmk., and about 4 or 5 on each sheet the

"No wmk." variety. The latter only occurs on one or two of the corner stamps and occasionally between "New" and "Zealand" and "Postage." It is quite distinct from the old 3d. no wmk. as Waterlow paper was thick whilst the present Cowan paper is thin and tough. We have described the vagaries of this new stamp at length, as collectors who have not entire sheets at hand to examine, might be at a loss to account for them.

*Gum.*—Collectors who intend to specialise the stamps of New Zealand cannot afford to disregard the subject of gum. In order to properly classify the different printings, it is necessary to take note of every peculiarity of a stamp. In the locally-printed 1d. stamps, for instance, the order of issue of a number of specimens can be fairly accurately determined by noting the differences in shade, paper, perforation and gum. The old "shiny gum" does not appear to have been used after 1901, and was superseded by the "dull gum" from some time in 1901 till about July, 1902. A "white gum" is now being used, and first made its appearance on the 1/2d. and 1d. stamps about that month, and is now found on the new 3d. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 149 we gave a list of the 1/2d. and 1d. stamps we had seen with sheet-numbers, the highest number being 84711. All these had dull gum and we think it probable that this represents 20,000 sheets of 1/2d. and 70,000 of the 1d. as the total issue with single-line watermark and dull gum. So far, with the white gum there have been 20,000 sheets of 1d. (90001 to 110000) and 10,000 sheets of 1/2d. (110000 to 120000). Part of these latter two lots were surcharged for Niue and Penrhyn Island. None of the dull gum issue appear to have been surcharged. The current 1/2d. and 1d. stamps are appearing in a great variety of shades, the 1d. being in quite a distinct shade, commencing with sheet No. 90001.

**RUSSIA** (159 I 160).—A St. Petersburg correspondent informs us that the 2 kop. of the current set has also appeared on the vertically-lined paper. He learns that 100,000 sheets of vertically-laid paper were made by mistake. The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* adds the 1 rouble to the list of values known on this paper.

- Adhesives.*—Vertically laid paper.  
 2 kop. green.  
 1 rouble brown and orange.

All the 2 kopeks are reported to have been sent to Moscow.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS** (159 G 160).—We now illustrate the type of the new stamps. All values are issued up to \$2 inclusive.



**ST. VINCENT** (154 F 160).—We now illustrate the type of the new stamps.



The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the remaining value of the set, 5/-. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 148 we described the 1/2d., 1d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-, and in No. 154 mentioned that the 2d. and 2/- had also been issued.

- Adhesives.* Wmk. Crown, CA., perf. 14.  
 2d. lilac and black.  
 2/- green and violet (2/- on lined ground).  
 5/- green and blue.

Dates of issue are not mentioned by our correspondents.

All values are printed in sheets of 120, divided by a margin into 2 panes of 60, side by side, with plate number 1 at each corner of the sheet.

We understand that the King's Head stamps were requisitioned for in March of this year and were sent out by the mail leaving London on May 14th.

The 1d. stamps of the Queen's Head issue are already sold out at the Post Office.

**TRINIDAD** (157 O 160).—We illustrate the new Registration Envelope stamp. Only specimen copies have so far been seen.



ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.J.C.—Thanks for sending the two 1/2d. Jubilee Barbados. The value "Halfpenny" was printed in afterwards and sometimes was paler or darker than the rest of the stamps.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. A. H. L. Hughes writes:—

"In last week's *E.W.S.N.*, in connection with the two types of the 1d. Trinidad, you ask "Why does the new Gibbons ignore this variety?" A short time ago I sent Messrs. Gibbons some cuttings and specimens of these stamps in order that they might include them in their new catalogue. I had hardly done so when the new catalogue appeared, and I received the following reply: "We are much obliged by yours of the 18th Sept., it was very stupid of us to miss out the two types of the Trinidad stamps as we have seen some and found some in our stock, and refer to same in the Journal. We have made a note in our private catalogue so as to include them in next edition." Could you favour the readers of *E.W.S.N.* with the extract from the Journal?"

Mr. J. G. Gubbins writes:—

"I do not think that you have called attention in *E.W.S.N.* to the curious appearance of a lady in the face of King Edward in the new penny English stamp. She does not, I regret to say, seem properly clothed. Her face (the eye) seems to be looking upwards to the right, her arms, one formed by the white space between the line forming the nose and the shading to the left of the eye, the other arm being between the shading to the right of the eye and the shading of the cheek, are clasped behind her head. She is floating on a cloud, the King's moustache."

Mr. W. G. Williams writes:—

"Were there several distinct types of the India, 1/2 anna, blue, 1854? I have a copy in the blue shade, with 'India,' and 'half anna,' in thin letters, and the white rectangle surrounding the head, thin at the top and sides but slightly thicker at the bottom. Another, in the deep blue shade, has the letters distinctly thick, and the rectangle thick all round. The rosettes, in the top corners, have the centres clearly defined in the former whilst in the latter they are hardly visible."

The Botany of Philately.

By R. M. ANGUS.

In *E.W.S.N.* of Oct. 4th there is an article by "A.J.H.S." in which he remarks that "The Botany of Philately scarcely calls for a special list, the palm being the only conspicuous example." If I may be allowed to take exception to this, I would ask, "Where would Philately be without Botany?"

Surely it is correct to suppose that all the scrolls, trefoils, and corner ornaments are Botanical in origin. I take it that Botany must have played a more important part in lending grace to designs of any sort than any other natural science.

But quite apart from the corner ornaments and scroll-work, we have many plants, trees, and fruits represented on the world's postage stamps. We have several different kinds of palms represented in the countries of:—Fiji, N.Z., Liberia, Zanzibar, Uganda, etc., and certainly seven different plants or trees on the stamps of Tonga. New Zealand is rich in flora on the pictorial issue, and tree-ferns appear on some of our colonials. The following is a list of some of the more noteworthy examples:—

Aster:	Japan.
Bay:	Very common.
Corn:	Roumania.
Grapes:	Funchal.
Grass (jungle):	Perak, etc.
Laurel:	Very common.
Maple:	Canada.
Myrtle:	Common.
Oak:	Great Britain, Hungary, Germany, Belgium, etc.
Rose:	Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, B.S.A., and Great Britain (6d. 1887).
Shamrock:	Ditto.
Thistle:	Ditto.
Vine:	Cape of Good Hope.
Wheat:	Roumania.

This list by no means claims to be complete and might be considerably enlarged.

The difficulty of naming many of the plants is great, especially those of tropical countries where the "mere collector" cannot be expected to know their names.

I may remark in conclusion that out of the 23 possible watermarks of British Colonials no less than seven are Botanical.



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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Envelope Dies* (158 F 161).—We have seen the 3d. Registration Envelope stamp, die 3. Dies 1 and 2 only were previously chronicled; of these die 1 is already somewhat scarce. Our earliest dated copy of die 3 is postmarked "Plymouth, October 20th."

**BRITISH LEVANT** (160 G 161).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 4 piastres on 10d. King's Head.

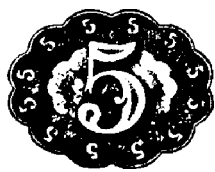
*Adhesive.* Surcharged in black.  
4 piastres on 10d. King Edward type.

Our earliest dated copy is postmarked "Constantinople, October 14th."

**CHILE** (159 U 161).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* records the issue of the 10c. value of the bi-coloured series.

*Adhesive.* Type of the 1c., 2c., 5c., 30c., 50c., 10c. scarlet and black (1,000,000 issued).

**COLOMBIA** (158 L 161).—The 2c. postcard has been overprinted with the "5" surcharge illustrated below.



Postcard. "5" in orange red on 2c. black on dark yellow.

It is not quite clear whether the overprint is intended to raise the value to 5c. or to 7c. as the "5" is printed in the lower left hand corner of the postcard.

**ECUADOR** (159 K 161).—We are indebted to a Southampton correspondent for an explanation of the surcharge recently applied to Ecuador stamps. We reproduce his letter below and append a revised list to date of all the varieties which have come under our notice.

*C. Benj. R.*

*Adhesives.* Current issue, surcharged as above.  
1c. red and black, surcharge violet.  
1c. " " " black.  
2c. green and black " light blue.  
5c. violet and black " " "  
10c. blue and black " blue-black.  
20c. grey and black " " "

The official stamps are not surcharged.

Our correspondent writes:—"I see by your issue of 11th inst. that you note a new surcharge on Ecuadorian stamps and ask for information in regard to same. The Consul for Ecuador at this port read me an extract from one of his Official Gazettes on the subject which may be of interest to yourself and readers of your 'Weekly.' He states that in the fire which nearly burnt down the City of Guayaquil a few months back, considerable quantities of stamps were stolen, so to protect the Postal Authorities, the Governor of the Province of Guayas, in which Guayaquil is situate, signs (probably by indiarubber facsimile stamp) all stamps before being issued by the Postal Authorities to the general public. The signature is 'C. Benj. R.,' and his name is Carlos Benjamin, Rosales—the latter name being, no doubt, his mother's name, which doubtless you know is often strung on to their own proper name."

**FIJI ISLANDS** (155 G 161).—We have had an opportunity of examining a large consignment of stamps just received by the Colonial Stamp Market from Suva. The stamps show the following paper and perforation varieties:—

Value.	Perforation.	Watermark of Paper.
½d.	11½ × 11.	New South Wales Government.
1d.	11½ × 11½, 12.	" "
2d.	11.	Ornament.
2½d.	11 × 11½.	Some, ornament; some, Sanderson.
4d.	11 × 11½.	Sanderson.
5d.	11 × 10.	No watermark.
6d.	11 × 11½.	Ornament.
1/-	11 × 12.	" "
5/-	10.	No watermark.

The two papers watermarked respectively with an ornament and "Sanderson" are possibly one and the same, but we have never seen a sheet of stamps showing both or part of both.

The 2d., 5d., 1/- and 5/- are still the old printings, notwithstanding that the 2d. and 1/- were reported in E.W.S.N. No. 150 (on the authority of another journal) to have been issued with the new perforation 11 × 11½.

The 2½d., 4d. and 6d. are in the new bright shades, perf. 11 × 11½, already chronicled by us in E.W.S.N., No. 133. In E.W.S.N., No. 142, we recorded the 1d. as being perf. 11½ × 11 and we now have the ½d. also. The 1d. stamps which have just come over appear to exhibit quite a new combination, 11½ × 11½, 12.

*Adhesives.*  
½d. greenish black, perf. 11½ × 11.  
1d. lilac-rose, perf. 11½ × 11½, 12.

All the Fijian stamps are perforated with single-line machines. The ornamental watermark referred to above is usually only found at the edge of the sheets of stamps and is consequently seldom to be seen entire. We have a block of 15 1/- stamps, in five rows of three, which just shows it entire. The watermark "Sanderson" usually occurs on one of the side margins of a sheet, reading up. "New South Wales Government" is to be found in two lines in large capitals right across one or other of the two panes forming a sheet, and sometimes partly on both panes.

**GUATEMALA** (157 L 161).—We are now able to illustrate the handsome new pictorial set chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 154.



**LABUAN COLONY** (132 E 161).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a very handsome new set of stamps just issued by the Colony of Labuan.



*Adhesives.* Perf. "Waterlow."  
2c. green and black.  
4c. lake and black.  
8c. orange and black.  
10c. slate and brown.  
12c. yellow and black.  
16c. brown and pale green.  
18c. yellow-brown and black.  
25c. pale greenish blue and slate.  
50c. grey lilac and violet.  
\$1 orange-red and lake.

The stamps are printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons and needless to say are very finely engraved and printed. The colours are exceedingly well chosen and compare very favourably with the gaudy combinations in the new Natal stamps, for instance. The 25c., 50c. and \$1 are perhaps the prettiest values in the set.

Each sheet consists of 100 stamps arranged in 10 rows of 10, and is numbered in the top right hand corner. The perforations vary, as is usual in the case of Messrs. Waterlow's stamps. We understand that there is to be no 1c. stamp in this set, and the values seem to have been chosen from the point of view of utility, as they correspond roughly to the British ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-. The 2c. and 4c. are partly in the Postal Union colours (green and carmine) but the 10c. is more slate-coloured than blue.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (158 E 161).—Although rather late, we illustrate the types of the "One Penny" surcharged stamps recently issued.

One Penny      One Penny

The large surcharge is that found on the 4d. and 6d. stamps and the small one that overprinted on the 7d. stamps. Although it was at one time thought that the 1/- stamps would also be surcharged, we now learn that there will be no more provisionals.

**MADAGASCAR** (160 I 161).—In addition to the 0.05 on 30c. provisional chronicled last week, we are informed that the following surcharged varieties have just been issued at Tamatave:—

0,01      0,01

*Adhesives.* Surcharged in black?  
0.01 on 2c. red-brown.  
0.05 on 30c. brown of Madagascar.  
0.05 on 30c. brown of Diego Suarez.  
0.10 on 50c. rose.  
0.15 on 75c. black-brown.  
0.15 on 1fr. (further printing of 15,000).

**MAURITIUS** (157 S 161).—We are informed that a further supply of 581,000 4c. stamps have been overprinted "Postage and Revenue," making a total of 1,121,000.

Postage & Revenue.

This value, unlike the others, is surcharged 60 stamps at a time and consequently it is possible to get an entire pane.

The 1c., 2c. and 3c. values are not likely to be surcharged, unless perhaps for the sake of uniformity. The lowest revenue stamps in use are those of 4c. and 5c. and revenues of lower values are not necessary.

The remainders of the 1c. lilac and blue, as also the stock on hand of the 1c. black, have been placed on sale and were just about sold out when our correspondent wrote on September 11th. The 1c. grey will be reprinted in the usual course, but is not likely to be obtainable again just yet.

Of the 12c. on 36c. provisional, which is now being made, there are to be 63,000, probably enough to go round.

The 3c. will shortly be issued in "yellow, green and red" [should not this be yellow and green on red?—Ed.], as the present one is too much like the 2c. The 6c. value will be changed to "red, purple and red" (red and purple on red?) as it is too much like the 15c.

Our correspondent learns that the 2r. 50c. on 5/- of which there is still a stock in Mauritius, is not likely to be surcharged "Postage and Revenue." Most of the plain 2r. 50c. which are surcharged are very much off centre. It is almost impossible to find them really nicely centred, as the small stock which remained of this value



appears to have been picked over to oblige dealers, and few, except the off-centre copies, demanded.

**MOROCCO AGENCIES** (126 B 161).—Mr. H. A. L. Hughes writes:—"In a February number of *E.W.S.N.* you mention the error AGENCIES (hyphen between n and c) of the surcharged Morocco as occurring on all sheets received by the Colonial Stamp Market. I cannot find any values mentioned. I have a used copy of the 25c. blue with such an error. You only advertise the 5c. green."

We have the 5c. and 10c., and note that Mr. Hughes has the 25c. Probably all the values exist with this variety. If any reader can add to our list we shall be glad to hear from him.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (158 T 161).—The new perforation  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$  referred to in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 140 and 143 has been identified with Gibbons  $12 \times 12$ , comb machine No. 2. The correct gauge is really  $12 \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ .

**PERSIA** (157 N 161).—We are now able to illustrate the type of the new issue.



The stamps of this design will very shortly supersede the provisional type-set series.

**QUEENSLAND** (158 I 161).—On the subject of the new Commonwealth Postage Due stamps Mr. A. A. Green writes from Brisbane:—"The new postage dues are to be cancelled with postman's initials or pen mark, so will not be gettable postmarked. Rumour says we are soon to have K.H. set but I cannot get any sort of information at head quarters, and the Federal Government is such an invertebrate body that one can never say what they will do next."

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (159 O 161).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a consignment of stamps just received from Adelaide and we note several new shades, notably in the 5/- which is now in more of a rose-red shade. As regards the high values, the 15/- is still perf. 10 with sideways watermark, and the 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 are perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  with watermark upright.

The 4d. to 6d. stamps are printed in sheets of 240, divided by margins into 4 panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6. The sheets of paper are watermarked so that the 240 "Crown & S.A.'s" correspond. Each group of 60 watermarks is enclosed in a thin-lined rectangle. Up the left and down the right margin of the sheet is watermarked in capitals "South Australia—Postage" and across the centre margin "South Australia." The paper varies greatly in texture, some of the sheets of 4d. and 2d. being very stout. At one corner of the sheet (sometimes at top and sometimes at bottom) is the consecutive sheet-number, there being a separate series of numbers for each value.

The 5d. stamps have a brownish and the others a white gum. Are the former an early printing?

The 9d. value is obsolete. This is no doubt a step towards the unification of the sets of stamps in the different States. If so, we may expect other States to drop their values between 6d. and 1/- (New South Wales 7½d., 8d., 9d., 10d.; Victoria, 9d.; Tasmania, 8d., 9d., 10d.).

We take this opportunity of summarizing the information which has come to hand during the past two years respecting sheet-numbers of South Australian stamps. We have seen or heard of the following (our authority is given in brackets).

<i>½d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet-numbers in blue.</i>	
½d. 024954 (7½mm.)	½d. G.P.O. ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112).		
½d. 030407 (7mm.)	" (Issued 9.02).		
<i>1d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet-numbers in red.</i>	
1d. 544449 (6mm.)	1d. rose ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112).		
1d. 595003	2/6, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 71).		
1d. 595026	£1 " "		
1d. 595062	3d. perf. 13 (L. L. R. Hausburg).		
1d. 625630 (7mm.)	1d. rose (Issued 9.02).		
<i>2d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet numbers in black.</i>	
2d. 645912	2d. violet (issued 8.00).		
2d. 651991 (8mm.)	2d. violet ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112).		
2d. 685490 (7mm.)	3d. perf. 13 (issued 9.02).		
2d. 725722 (7mm.)	2d. violet ( " " ).		
<i>2½d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet numbers in grey.</i>	
2½d. 008831 (7mm.)	2½d. perf. 13 ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112)		
<i>4d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet numbers in yellow.</i>	
4d. 003595	3d. perf. 10 (L. L. R. Hausburg.)		
4d. 003744	3d. perf. 10 (L. L. R. Hausburg.)		
4d. 007458 (8mm.)	4d. perf. 13 ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112.)		
4d. 008213 (8mm.)	6d. perf. 13 ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 112.)		
4d. 008266	" (L. L. R. Hausburg)		
<i>6d. paper.</i>		<i>Sheet numbers in ?</i>	
6d. 005764	4d. perf. 10 (L. L. R. Hausburg).		
<i>5/- paper.</i>		<i>Sheet numbers in rose.</i>	
5/- 000427.	5/- perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 71).		

The above series included numbers on the Crown S.A. paper only. The old star paper was however also numbered and we have heard of the following:—

<i>6d. Star paper. Sheet numbers in black.</i>	
6d. 10779	9d. old perfs. (L. L. R. Hausburg).
6d. 10964	1/- new perfs. ( " )
<i>2/- Star paper. Sheet numbers in black.</i>	
2/- 994	9d. old perfs. (L. L. R. Hausburg.)
2/- 1407	1/- new perfs. ( " )
2/- 1820	" " ( " )
2/- 1879	2/- carmine ( <i>E.W.S.N.</i> )

**SOUTHERN NIGERIA** (135 F 161).—We illustrate the type of the new stamps and hope to give a full description next week.



**SPAIN** (151 L 161).—We have received a number of additions to our list of plate-numbers and can now give the following revised table:—

Value.	Size of Plate.	Highest Sheet No.	Plate Numbers.
2c.	100	0.063,077.	1, 2, 3.
5c.	200	0.106,767.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6.
10c.	200	0.088,791.	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
15c.	200	0.871,815.	5, 14, 17, 19, 29, 30, 32 to 37
20c.	100	0.004,522.	1, 2.
25c.	100	0.079,524.	1, 2, 3, 4, 7.
30c.	100	0.011,369.	1, 2.
40c.	100	0.004,231.	2.
50c.	100	0.017,833.	1, 2.
1p.	100	0.019,513.	2.

Our correspondent writes that it is almost impossible now to get the peseta values with plate-numbers as there is little or no demand for them since the introduction of telegraph stamps. Of the 4 and 10 pesetas, the *estangueros* usually only get about five copies at a time and the numbers cannot be got unless a whole sheet of 100 is ordered. Even in a large town like Cadiz only about twenty-five stamps of 10 pesetas are sold in a year. Madrid and Barcelona are the only two towns where there is any considerable call for high value stamps.

**ST. LUCIA** (154 E 161).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 4d. and 1d. stamps, the type of which we illustrate. Each sheet contains 120 stamps divided by a margin into two panes of 60, 10 rows of 6. At the corner of each sheet is the plate number 1.



**TRINIDAD** (160 P 161).—Mr. H. A. L. Hughes writes:—"A friend has just sent me for inspection, an undoubted specimen of Type II. of the 1d. lilac and carmine Trinidad, post-marked *February 26th, 1901*. This now brings the list of postmarked copies chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* up as follows: January, February (specimen just reported) March, April and November."

**URUGUAY** (156 J 161).—We illustrate the type of the unpaid letter stamps described in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 154.



## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. G. Fox writes:—*

"I believe the U.S. stamps surcharged with a mule (not a donkey) were used by the transport department of the U.S. Army, but I cannot at the present moment give any authority."

*Mr. G. F. M. Camroux writes:—*

"I have set out below a few varieties which I hope may be of interest to collectors, and perchance of help to the historian. In the 1872 issue, the 1d. brown, wmk. star, is given by Gibbons, with three perfs., 10,  $10 \times 11$ , and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . A copy I have is perf. 10 on top, and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  on bottom and sides.

The No. 98 in Gibbons, 2d. vermilion, I have on the ordinary paper, but also on very thin tough paper, so thin in fact that the design shows almost as well on the back as front of stamp.

In the 1878 issue I have a specimen of the 2d. rose, perf.  $10 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$  on blue paper, the blueing being very deep in shade.

In the 1882-97 series, with its numerous perfs., I have a freak, used, the 4d. black, perf. 11 all round, with an extra vertical perf., also 11. 3mm. from the right hand edge of stamp.

In the Postage Due stamps, No. 410 in Gibbons, my copy has no stop after N in the N.Z. under the 15 dots. I have had numerous copies of this stamp through my hands, but have not succeeded in finding another like it, but have not had the opportunity of examining a whole sheet, perhaps some of Ewen's readers can say more about this variety.

Newspaper Stamps. I have two specimens of the 1d. lilac, perf. 10, but have not been able to find any other values with this perforation. I have several times been offered the 1d. on laid paper, so-called, but in each case only by the greatest stretch of imagination could the paper be called laid, therefore at present I am minus this variety. The stop after N. and Z. at the top of these stamps vary considerably, very often one or both are missing, but I have only found one specimen, the 2d. blue, perf. 11, with no stop after 'Railways.'

Official Stamps, type 82 in Gibbons, imperf. on thick diagonally laid paper, black on white. This variety is not catalogued, and No. 521, the perf. of which is left blank in Gibbons' catalogue, is in the specimen I have, perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , on thin wove paper.

An item for collectors: New Zealanders put a much greater value on their stamps than dealers do in London."

*Mr. A. F. Clarke writes:—*

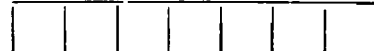
"Official notice is given of alteration in quality and increase in price of 1d. embossed envelopes (commercial size). The new envelopes will be sold in packets of 16 at 1/5 per packet."

*Mrs. Crawford enquires:—*

"Can you tell me how to identify the chalk-surfaced paper of New South Wales and other stamps without spoiling them? I saw something about trying it with a coin making a mark. Also what the apparent difference is between the perfs. by comb machine and otherwise—as both are given for some stamps—and I don't understand why the cat. gives ' $12 \times 12$ ' by comb machine and only ' $12$ ' for others."

[If the chalk-surfaced paper is scratched with a silver or gold coin a black mark will be left. If the scratch is colourless the paper is ordinary. If the operation is performed very lightly and across say one of the teeth of the perforation it will not affect the appearance of the stamp.

The perforating machines in general use are of two kinds. Those which perforated a single row of holes at a time are single-line machines, and those which perforate a row of stamps at a time are comb-machines. In the latter case, the machine perforates something after this style:—



Only three sides are perforated at a time, as the fourth side or bottom belongs to the next row of stamps which is to be operated on. New South Wales stamps are perforated with comb-machines, whilst Fiji Island stamps which are printed at the New South Wales Government printing offices are perforated with single-line machines. The current issue of New South Wales are perforated with the machine described by Gibbons, as comb-machines No. 2, the exact gauge of which is  $12 \times 11\frac{3}{4}$  or nearer  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ , than  $12 \times 12$ , but the catalogue compilers apparently did not consider it worth while distinguishing this gauge from that of the comb-machine No. 3 which is  $12 \times 12$ ; consequently, both perforations are given in the catalogues as  $12 \times 12$ . If you look at a block of New South Wales stamps you will easily see which kind of machine it is perforated by. Current British stamps are probably perforated by a large machine operating on a whole sheet at a time.]

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

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- Puerto Principe, Habilitados, FE 9. 02/109.
- Philippines, San Fernando, an elaborate swindle, AJP 8. 02/223.
- Ecuador, Notes on, O. V. Müller, PJI 8. 02/351.

REST OF THE WORLD.

Independent Countries of Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and last, but not least, United States and Colonies.

GROUP XIX.—AFRICA.

321 Abyssinia, 1/2, 1, 2, 4gu. ..	..	..	5	—	—
322 Congo Free State, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50c. ..	..	..	6	1/3	—
323 Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	..	..	7	1/11	2/3
324 Liberia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c. ..	..	..	9	—	—
325 Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	..	..	10	1/10	2/3

GROUP XX.—ASIA.

331 Afghanistan (not stocked) ..	..	..	—	—	—
332 China, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	9	2/5	2/11
333 Japan, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 sen ..	..	..	13	—	—
334 Persia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16ch. ..	..	..	9	—	—
335 Siam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 24 atts ..	..	..	8	—	—
336 Corea, 2re., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25ch. ..	..	..	10	—	—
337 Japanese China, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	..	13	—	—
338 " Corea, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	..	13	—	—

GROUP XXI.—SOUTH AMERICA.

341 Argentine Rep., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	12	—	—
341a " Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c. ..	..	..	4	—	0/6
342 Bolivia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
343 Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000r. ..	..	..	9	—	—

344 Chili, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	9	—	—
355 Colombia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
346 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
347 Paraguay, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 20, 28, 40 ..	..	..	11	—	—
348 Peru, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 22, 50c. ..	..	..	7	—	—
349 Uruguay, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	..	8	—	—
350 Venezuela, 5, 10, 25, 50c. ..	..	..	4	—	—

GROUP XXII.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 50c. ..	..	..	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c. ..	..	..	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

361 Costa Rica, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
362 Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	..	7	—	—
363 Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	7	—	—
364 Mexico, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	8	—	—
365 Nicaragua, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	10	—	—
366 Salvador, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 24, 26, 50c. ..	..	..	10	—	—
368 Dominican Rep., 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
369 Hayti, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	..	..	10	—	—

GROUP XXIV.—UNITED STATES & COLONIES.

371* United States, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c. ..	..	..	9	2/3	2/8
372* Philippines, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15c. ..	..	..	7	1/6	1/9
373* Porto Rico, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. ..	..	..	5	1/1	1/4
374 Cuban Republic, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. ..	..	..	5	0/10 1/2	1/1

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7026 " " broken V ..	2d.
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7028 " " block 12, showing 2 thick V ..	1/6
7030 " " entire pane of 60, margin on 3 sides, same as above and also has dotless R, inverted 1, etc., cat. 29/2 ..	14/6
7031 2d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 9d. ..	4d.
7032 " " pair, cat. 1/6 ..	8d.
7033 " " strip of 4, cat. 3/- ..	1/4
7034 " " block of 24, cat. 18/- ..	8/0
7035 " " strip of 3, cat. 2/3 ..	1/0
7036 " " block of 12, with plate number, cat. 9/- ..	4/0
7037 " " corner block of 6 with plate number 1, cat. 4/6 ..	2/0
7038 " " block of 4, cat. 3/- ..	1/4
7039 " " block of 36, cat. 27/- ..	12/0
7040 " " entire pane of 60, full margins, including varieties, no stop after V, comma after I, cat. 59/3 ..	27/0
7041 2d. V.R.I. raised stops, very faint printing ..	6d.
7042 " " thick and thin V pair, cat. 1/7 ..	1/0
7043 " " block 4, two with thick V, cat. 3/2 ..	2/0
7044 " " normal, pair ..	5d.
7045 3d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 8d. ..	5d.
7046 " " pair, cat. 1/4 ..	10d.
7047 " " block 4, cat. 2/8 ..	1/8

7048 3d. V.R.I. pair, level and raised stops, cat. 15/- ..	7/6
7049 " " " mixed and raised stops, cat. 3/6 ..	2/0
7050 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 11/6 ..	6/9
7051 3d. V.R.I. block of 12, including pair with raised and level stops (S.G. No. 166) and three with mixed stops, cat. 29/3 ..	16/6
7052 3d. V.R.I., raised stops, entire pane of 60, full margins, including pair with raised and level stops, and three with mixed stops, cat. 61/6 ..	25/9
7053 3d. V.R.I., entire pane of 60, margins on two sides, with six thick V's. cat. 39/- ..	19/6
7054 4d. V.R.I. raised stops, block 6, three with mixed stops, cat. 62/6 ..	35/0
7055 4d. V.R.I. block 12, three with mixed stops and pair with raised and level stops, cat. £6 6s. 6d. ..	70/0
7056 6d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 2/6, mint ..	11d.
7057 " " creased ..	6d.
7058 " " pair, mint, Cat. 5/- ..	1/10
7059 " " strip 3, with plate No. ..	2/9
7060 6d. V.R.I., pair raised and level stops, cat. 12/6, 6/3 ..	
7061 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 29/8 ..	14/6
7062 1/- V.R.I. level stops, cat. 1/9 ..	1/3
7063 " " pair, cat. 3/6 ..	2/6
7064 " " strip of 3 ..	3/9
7065 " " strip of 4 ..	5/0
7066 " " block of 4 ..	5/0
7067 " " block of 18, including one with raised stop after S, cat. 47/9 ..	23/6
7068 1/- V.R.I. level stops, block of 12 ..	14/0
7069 " " block of 6 ..	7/0
7070 " " thick stop after 1s. in pair with normal ..	2/9
7071 1/- V.R.I. pair, raised and level stops, cat. 19/3 ..	6/6
7072 1/- red-brown TF, mint block of 60, (face 60/-) ..	48/6
7073 O.R.C. on Cape 1/2d. green, corner block of 6, one without stop ..	1/6
7074 Ditto, entire pane ..	2/9
7075 Ditto, entire pane with dotless variety ..	3/9
7076 O.R.C. on Cape 1d. rose, entire pane of 60, one with dotless variety ..	9/6
7077 O.R.C. on Cape 2 1/2d., block of 6, one with dotless variety ..	7/6

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7078 Envelope franked with 13 1/2d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7079 " " with 6 1d. V.R.I. (one thick V and one dotless I) and 1 1/2d. V.R.I. ..	4/0
7080 Envelope with 5 1/2d. V.R.I. and 4 1d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7081 " " with 1/2d. green, 1d. V.R.I. and 3 2d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7082 Envelope with 3 1/2d. and 2 2 1/2d. O.R.C. on Cape, Bloemfontein, 3.12.00 ..	1/3
7083 Envelope with 6d. V.R.I. and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/3
7084 " " 6d. thick V and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/6
7085 Envelope with 1d., 2d., 3d., V.R.I. and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/3
7086 Envelope with 5 1d. V.R.I. cancelled Rouxville, Nov., 1900 ..	1/6
7087 Envelope with 5 1d. V.R.I. cancelled Smithfield, Oct. 26, 1900 ..	1/6
7088 Envelope with 6d. V.R.I., Rouxville ..	1/3
7089 " " Smithfield ..	1/3
7090 Envelope with 5 1/2d. and one 2 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/0
7091 " " 3 2 1/2d. O.R.C. (1 torn) ..	1/0
7092 Miscellaneous lot of 13 envelopes, all with V.R.I. and O.R.C. stamps ..	15/0
7093 Envelope with 4 1/2d. V.R.I. and 3 1d. V.R.I., Rouxville, Nov. 1900 ..	1/6

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7094 1/2d. carmine, V.R.I. square stops ..	3d.
7095 1d. orange, V.R.I. " " ..	4d.
7096 1/2d. + 1/2d. green, V.R.I. " " ..	5d.
7097 1d. + 1d. brown, V.R.I. " " ..	6d.
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (161 G 162).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. King Edward, die 24. The list therefore now stands:—

½d. green. Dies 7 to 24, except 13, 21.  
1d. carmine. Dies 7 to 24, except 19.

The King Edward ½d. die has not been in evidence much lately, as a large batch of 1½d. and 4½d. (3d.+1½d.) envelopes were stamped at Somerset House last week with the Queen's Head dies.

**Perforated Official Stamps** (160 B 162).—The Rev. R. B. Earée reminds us that he edited a list of these varieties in the *Philatelists' Supplement to the Bazaar* newspaper of Feb. 14th, 1900.

**Board of Trade.** Perforated "B.T. and Crown."  
1880? 2d. blue, plate 15.  
1884. ½d. slate, 2½d. (sideways).  
1887. ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 10d., 1/-.

Our correspondent adds that he was informed by the Board of Trade that they obtain ordinary stamps from the Inland Revenue Department and perforate them with a machine in the Board of Trade office. The sheets are folded so that several stamps can be perforated at once; consequently a certain number of stamps will naturally be found with reversed perforation.

**Postal Orders.**—Postal orders for all values in sixpences between one shilling and a pound will probably be issued at the beginning of next year. At present many of the postal orders are for even shillings only, and when it is desired to make up an odd amount there is the alternative of purchasing more than one order or enclosing stamps to make up the required sum. Under the new system the process will be much simpler. The growth of the postal order system has been enormous. Postal orders were first brought into use in 1881. In the year 1881-1882 the number issued was 4,462,920 and their value £2,006,918. Last year the number issued was 90,687,404, with a value of £32,724,681.—*The Daily Mail*.

**Railway Parcel Stamps.**—Mr. J. B. T. Low has shown us some new parcel stamps just issued on the Caledonian Railway. They are somewhat similar to those of the L. & N.W.R. but square in shape. So far the only values seen are 1d. and 5d.

**ANGOLA** (143 F 162).—The following series of provisionals has now been issued.



### i. Adhesives of 1886 issue, surcharged as above.

65r. in black on 40r. chocolate.  
65r. " 300r. orange.  
115r. " 10r. green.  
115r. " 200r. grey-violet.  
130r. " 50r. blue.  
130r. " 100r. brown.  
400r. " 20r. blue.  
400r. " 25r. violet.  
400r. in red on 5r. black.

### ii. Adhesives of 1894 issue, surcharged as above.

65r. in black on 5r. yellow.  
65r. " 10r. red-violet.  
65r. " 20r. lavender.  
65r. " 25r. green.  
115r. " 80r. light green.  
115r. " 100r. brown on buff.  
115r. " 150r. carmine on rose.  
130r. " 15r. chocolate.  
130r. " 75r. rose.  
130r. " 300r. dark blue on salmon.  
400r. " 50r. light blue.  
400r. " 20r. dark blue.

iii. Newspaper adhesives of 1893, surcharged.  
400r. in black on 2½r. brown.

## PROVISORIO

iv. Issue of 1898, surcharged as above.

" Provisorio " in black on 15r. brown.  
" " 25r. blue green.

**ANTIGUA** (A 162).—The *American Journal of Philately* learns that the only value in the new set to have Head of King Edward will be the 5/-. The others will have "some view of the island taken from the seal of the Presidency." There are no signs of any of the stamps appearing yet.

**BECHUANALAND** (149 J 162).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a large consignment of Bechuanaland stamps just received and we note that the 4d. and 6d. values, overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" are again current. They were reported out of stock in E.W.S.N. No. 132. The sheets show the following watermark letters:—½d. green, F; 2d., B; 3d., some A, some C; 1/- green, A. The ½d. green received previously, had letter E. The ½d. naturally still have control letter R. The 1/- green are still overprinted "British Bechuanaland." The high values current are 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1 and £5, all printed from the Queen's Head unappropriated plates on "VR" or Orb watermarked paper.

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA** (154 D 162).—A correspondent enquires of the *Philatelic Journal of India*.—"Do you know anything of the following stamp? Surcharged on current 1a. ½ British East Africa. It was obtained from Aden in October, 1901, and bears a postmark dated 1899."

**BRITISH HONDURAS** (160 G 162).—The 5c. stamp in the King Edward type has now been issued. We are informed on good authority that it will shortly be followed by the 2c., but our correspondent makes no mention of other values.



**Adhesive.** Head of King Edward; CA. 14.  
5c. black on blue.

Date of issue not stated.

**BRITISH LEVANT** (161 H 162).—The 40 paras on 3d. Registration Envelope chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 154 is issued in sizes F, H, H2, and K as well as G.

**COOK ISLANDS** (160 O 162).—A fortnight ago we expressed the opinion that a further new printing of the low values might be expected shortly and we have now to chronicle same, even sooner than we had anticipated. The latest supply of ½d., 1d. and 2½d. is printed on Cowan & Co's paper, wmk. single-lined "NZ Star" close together and in distinct shades from preceding supplies. The following is a revised list to date of the ½d., 1d. and 2½d. stamps in Postal Union Colours.

i.—Feb. (?) 1902. Cowan paper, no wmk., perf. 11, dull gum.

½d. emerald green, pale to deep.  
1d. rose, pale and dark.

ii.—June (?) 1902. Soft, no wmk. surfaced paper, perf. 11, dull gum.

½d. yellow-green.  
1d. lake.  
2½d. dark blue.

iii.—September (?) 1902. Cowan paper, N Z star, perf. 11, white gum.

½d. yellow-green, dark to pale.  
½d. very deep yellow-green.  
½d. very light yellow-green.  
½d. dull bluish or grey-green.  
1d. bright rose-pink, slight shades.  
2½d. dark blue, slight shades.

We should not be surprised to find that the three supplementary shades of the 3rd. printing ½d. were sample sheets struck off before the exact shade of green was decided. The Colonial Stamp Market found just one sheet of 60 of each amongst a large supply. All the rest were just ordinary pale to dark yellow green.

Most sheets of the latest ½d. have one or two stamps at one corner without watermark, and both the 1d. and 2½d. may probably be found so also. Most of the sheets of the 1d. we have examined show one stamp at the corner which has just the tip of the star showing.

The 1d. and 2½d. stamps have watermark sideways and the ½d. upright, either normal or inverted. The consecutive numbers which are printed on Cowan's paper fortunately show on a number of the sheets. We note the following amongst others:—

½d. 187512, 187535, 187561, 187599, 187657  
1d. 18772\*, 18780\*, 18786\*  
2½d. 187918, 187928, 187970

The highest number hitherto seen by us was 118,619 on a sheet of ½d. N.Z. stamps, so there is a large gap of 70,000 sheets. What have they been used for?

**COLOMBIA** (161 M 162).—The 50c. blue on lilac of 1899 is reported by the *American Journal of Philately* in a pair, imperforate between.

Mr. M. D. Senior reports that in some of the sheets of Cartagena 20c. claret, one stamp is placed tête-bêche.

Mr. Albert Calman has found a horizontal pair of Bolivar 20c. rose of 1882 and a vertical pair of Santander 5c. yellow-green of 1896, both imperforate between.

**COREA** (157 F 162).—The *American Journal of Philately* reports the current 2 cheun, blue, in a pair, imperforate between.

**CRETE** (155 K 162).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* has been offered some imperforate varieties of the current issue by Mr. D. A. Bolanachi. The face values are the 1, 5, 25 lepta and 1 drachma and the owner estimates the philatelic value respectively at 10d., 4/-, 8/- and 16/-. In the 25c. blue there is a variety of the Prosorinon surcharge with dropped P which is valued at 22/-.

**CUBAN REPUBLIC** (158 J 162).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has been shown the following provisional by Mr. C. A. Maroin.

**Adhesive.**

"Habilitado—Un—Centavo—1—Octubre, 1902," in carmine on 3c. purple.

**CYPRUS** (152 F 162).—*Der Philatelist* reports having seen 'specimen' copies of the following new stationery:—

**Post Cards.** Head of King Edward.

½ piastre, green, yellow card, 122 x 75 mm.  
1 " " carmine " 140 x 90 mm.

**Newspaper.** Head of King Edward.

½ piastre, green, yellow paper, 125 x 300 mm.  
10 paras, carmine " 95 x 275 mm.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (155 L 162).—In E.W.S.N. No. 139 we recorded the 1c. with inverted centre. The *American Journal of Philately* now notes similar errors of the 2c. and 5c. of the Commemorative issue.

**GREECE** (138 N 162).—Mr. Mertzanoff informs the *Philatelic Record* that the 25 lepta of the current issue being exhausted, the Government has ordered a further supply in London, as also of the 5 and 20 lepta of which few are left, the requisition calling for a total of 1,700,000 stamps. An order for 334,000 dr. worth of letter cards has also been placed. A correspondent mentions that when in April last the unpaid set was distributed, information was given that they would be in use till October 14th (O.S.), 1904.

**GUATEMALA** (161 M 162).—*Der Philatelist* puts the number issued of the new 20c. and 25c. as 10,000 each. We append a description of the new pictorial set, as the forecast published in E.W.S.N., No. 154, is slightly incorrect. The colours are given on the authority of the *Philatelic Record*.

**Adhesives.** Perf. 13½, plain white paper.

1c. green and violet (Arms, with Quezal).  
2c. dull red and black (Monument J. Rufino Barrios.)  
5c. ultramarine and black (Museum).  
6c. ochre and green (Temple of Minerva).  
10c. yellow and ultramarine (Amatitlan Lake).  
20c. violet and black (Cathedral).  
50c. red-brown and blue (Columbus Theatre).  
1p. yellow-brown and black (Columbus).  
2p. orange and black (Indian Schools).

The stamps are all dated "U.P.U., 1902." There is also to be a 75c. value, but it was not ready when the mail left on September 18th.



**GRENADA** (160 J 162).—The 10/- value has been sold out in the island, but it is being reprinted and is expected to be on sale again at the Post Office about November or December. Grenada's initial issue of "high values" is apparently a success.

**HAYTI** (159 F 162).—The New England Stamp Co. have shown the *Weekly Philatelic Era* the 5c. brown with provisional surcharge. The 5c. blue is the common one.

The following varieties occur in the present surcharged issue and are given on the authority of the *American Journal of Philately*:



*Postage adhesives.*

Inverted surcharge, 1c.  
Double surcharge, 1c., 2c., 7c., 8c., 10c.

*Postage Due adhesives.*

Inverted surcharge, 2c.  
Double surcharge, 2c.

**HOI-HAO** (122 B 162).—Mr. William Thorne has shown the *American Journal of Philately* the 15c. blue, surcharged "Hoi-hao" in red. Only one sheet was made, the bulk of the 15c. stamps being in the new colour, grey.

**HONDURAS** (A 162).—A new issue was expected to be made here about the end of September.

**ICELAND** (142 D 162).—We take the following description of the new stamps from the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*.

*Adhesives.* Portrait of King Christian IX. Perf. 12½.

- 3 aur, orange.
- 4 .. rose and grey.
- 5 .. green.
- 6 .. grey brown.
- 10 .. red.
- 16 .. red brown.
- 20 .. blue.
- 25 .. green and brown.
- 40 .. lilac.
- 50 .. steel blue and grey.
- 1 krona, brown and blue.

The inscription round the four sides of the stamps reads "Island—3 aur—Frimerki—Chr. IX., R.D."

**INDIA** (156 N 162).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports the current 2 anna in a "rich purple" shade instead of the usual rather pale lilac. The specimen under notice is postmarked Waltair, 18th July.

**KASHMIR** (A 162).—We take the following from the *Philatelic Journal of India*:—

"The following suave cutting, bearing clear hints of its origin, is from the *Civil and Military Gazette* of Lahore.

KASHMIR.

August 26th.

The Rev. C. B. Simons, Missionary in Kashmir, has purchased from the Durbar all the obsolete Kashmir stamps, which were found by Mr. C. R. Kiernander, late Accountant-General, in 1894, when the Post-offices were taken over by the British. The reverend gentleman who has made a study of the stamps of Jammu and Kashmir, is going to present to the "Pratap Singh Museum" at Srinagar a collection of the above stamps, which will be scientifically and attractively arranged. All stamps, which in his opinion are of a doubtful character as regards their genuineness, will be burned publicly in presence of the Accountant-General and himself.

"Intending purchasers will note that it is Father Simons, now proprietor of the stocks, who is to decide what portions are to be burnt, and collectors who are invited to purchase, might benefit by the proverbial advice—Don't."

Apropos the above, we take the following from the *Pall Mall Gazette* of October 16th.

"The Pope is an enthusiastic stamp collector and the Roman Catholic priests of Cashmere are getting together a collection of the obsolete stamps of Jammu and Cashmere, to be presented to his Holiness on the occasion of his Silver Papal Jubilee.

Father Simons is evidently a good hand at advertising but collectors are advised not to let themselves be cajoled into buying his rubbish.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (160, 161 H 162).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new stamps and we note that although all consist of 120 stamps in two panes of 60, the 1d. and 1/- were printed in sheets of 240. As explained in these columns once before, Messrs. De la Rue and Co. have two "head" plates of the general "Postage and Revenue" type. The first, plate 1, prints 120 stamps, whilst the second, plate 2, prints 240. The following plate-numbers are consequently known at present:—

- Plate 1 (2 panes to a sheet). ½d., 1d., 2½d. 6d., 5/-
- Plate 2 (4 panes to a sheet). 1d., 1/-

In plate 1 there are two marginal plate-numbers to each pane, and in plate 2 only one.

*Provisional Issue.*—The following report is published in the *Leeward Islands Gazette* of Sept. 11th.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
9th September, 1902.

The following table showing the number of Surcharged Stamps issued by the Government of the Leeward Island is published for general information.

	7d. Surcharged 1d.	6d. Surcharged 1d.	4d. Surcharged 1d.
Antigua	16,800	16,800	16,800
St. Kitts—			
Nevis	12,000	12,000	12,000
Dominica	6,000	6,000	6,000
Montserrat	1,800	1,800	1,800
Virgin Islands, 600		600	600
Total	37,200	37,200	37,200

E. ALEXANDER FOSTER,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

**MADAGASCAR** (161 J 162).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes the text of the decree, dated Tananarive, August 9th, authorising the recent issue of provisionals. The quantities issued are as follows:—

0.01 on 2c.	75,000.
0.05 on 30c.	100,000.
0.10 on 50c.	100,000.
0.15 on 75c.	100,000.
0.15 on 1fr.	50,000.

M. Theodore Champion informs us that one sheet of 150 of the 10c. on 50c. was the Diego Suarez issue instead of Madagascar. One stamp in each sheet of the 1c. and 5c. stamps was overprinted 00,1 and 00,5 respectively instead of 0,01 and 0,05.

**MAURITIUS** (161 T 162).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 12c. on 36c. provisional. Their correspondent writes under date of Sept. 24th that 60,000 were then on sale at the Post Office and that they were being rapidly sold.

*Adhesive.* Black surcharge similar to that of 15c. on 36c.

"12 CENTS" in 2 lines, with horizontal bar below, on 36c. Diamond Jubilee.

(a) Variety, serif of figure 1 only 1½mm. instead of 2mm. long.

(b) Variety, two thin lines placed close together instead of one thick bar, under "CENTS."

The 36c. Diamond Jubilee stamps were printed in sheets of 60, 10 rows of 6. Before surcharging them the side margins were torn off and the sheets divided into two halves, each 10 rows of 3. The surcharged stamps are consequently only obtainable in blocks of 30 with top and bottom margins. The position of the marginal plate-number shows whether the block represents the left or right half of a sheet, but it is immaterial to know this, as the surcharge was obviously applied to the blocks and not to the undivided sheets, and consequently both halves are identically the same. In every block we have met with, the C of cents is broken at top on stamp No. 30 and faintly broken at foot on No. 25. The surcharge is otherwise exceedingly well printed.

The variety (a) occurs on the first stamp in the 8th row and is almost too trivial to deserve mention, but we follow our usual policy of chronicling everything (or of endeavouring to do so) and our readers can decide for themselves whether they want it or not.

Variety (b) occurs on no stamps in the first vertical row, but is found on Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (counting from the top) in the second vertical row and Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 in the third or right-hand vertical row. There was obviously a shortage of thick bars in the printing office.

**NABHA** (148 B 162).—Mr. D. P. Nasson is reported by the *Philatelic Journal of India* to have found a copy of the 2 rupees (S.G. No. 24) with overprint measuring exactly 10mm. instead of 10½mm. There is no space between the H and the final A.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (158 T 162).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 6d. in a much deeper shade of orange-yellow.

**NEW ZEALAND** (160 I 162).—In addition to the new shades chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 159, we note that the 5/-, like the 1/-, has been changed from an orange-red to a dark red shade.

*Adhesive.* No wmk., perf. 11, dull gum, 5/- dark red or vermilion.

We are indebted to Messrs. Greville, Sanderson and Wilcox Smith for specimens of a new printing of the 6d. rose. The paper is somewhat similar to Cowan & Co.'s first paper and is unwatermarked except for the words "Lisbon—Superfine" in two lines, which occur once and a bit on each sheet of stamps. The letters are large double-lined capitals, 14mm. tall and the two words are 14mm. apart (one above the other). The whole watermark covers, roughly, two or three rows of five or six stamps each.

*Adhesive.* New printing on paper watermarked "Lisbon Superfine."

6d. rose, perf. 11, white gum.

No doubt the catalogue will not distinguish this paper from Cowan & Co.'s no wmk. issue, but specialists cannot afford to ignore it.

*Postage Due Stamps.*—When we chronicled the ½d. postage due stamps in the new type, we mentioned that it had "dull gum." Amongst a



large number of sheets just received by the Colonial Stamp Market, we notice that many have a thick brown gum, obviously applied by hand. They do not appear to be a distinct printing from the others, both the shades of green and red being similar. It is noticeable however that the red centre "½d." varies greatly from dark to pale vermilion on the same sheet, and the two shades are mixed up all over the sheet, extremes being often on neighbouring stamps.

*Varieties of ½d. and 1d.*—We are now able to publish a revised list of the varieties which are actually known to exist in the ½d. and 1d. stamps issued during the past twelve months.

Group I.—Principal printings.

½d. wa, wb, wc, wd, xd, yd, zd.  
1d. wa, wd, xb, xc, xd, yd, zd.

Group II.—Other varieties issued in sheets.

½d. xb, zb, zc.  
1d. yc, zc.

Group III.—Parasites and cross-breed varieties.

½d. xa and the freak varieties.  
1d. xa, za and the freak varieties.

Group IV.—Varieties still unauthenticated.

½d. xc, ya, yb, yc, za.  
1d. wb, wc, ya, yb, zb.

In the case of most stamps in group II only one sheet of each is known. The varieties on Waterlow paper are numbered at one corner of each sheet and we have seen the following numbers:—

499949. ½d. wa.  
507252, 507370, 507406. ½d. wc.  
513247 to 513250. ½d. wd.

This would lead one to suppose a batch of sheets were perforated at first with the old machine and finished off with the new one.

*Letter-cards.*—We do not appear to have chronicled the varieties of the 1d. on 1½d. letter-card. The following have come under notice:—

i. Surcharged "ONE PENNY" in two lines; no stop after "PENNY"; "one" measures 7 mm. in length.

1d. on 1½d. violet.

ii. Surcharge similar, but with stop after "PENNY"; "One" is spaced and measures 9½ mm.

1d. on 1½d. violet.

Our earliest copy of the latter is postmarked "Auckland, August 30th 1902."

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (159 V 162).—In *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 143 and 147 we mentioned the 1d., 3d., 4d. on 6d. and 6d. V.R.I. in the setting with inverted 1 for letter I. We have now seen the 2d. V.R.I. with this variety.

The following stationery has been seen by *Der Philatelist* with 'specimen' overprint and will no doubt shortly be issued.

*Postcards.* Head of King Edward.

½d. green, white card, 122 x 74mm.  
½d. + ½d. green, thicker white card, 122 x 74 mm., linen joint.  
1d. carmine, buff card, 140 x 90mm.  
1d. + 1d. carmine, buff card, 140 x 90mm. perf. 5.

*Wrapper.* Head of King Edward.

½d. green, buff paper, 125 x 300mm., 5-line instructions.  
1d. carmine, buff paper, etc., as ½d.

*Registration Envelopes.* (Illustrated in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 152.)

4d. blue size F (135 x 83mm.)

**PARAGUAY** (159 Q 162).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. inform the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* that one stamp on each sheet of the 20c. on 24c. provisional recently chronicled has an error "Hab litado," the "i" being missing.

**PERAK** (116 B 162).—A correspondent in this State has shown us some unchronicled varieties of the 1000 provisionals.

3c. on 8c. double surcharge, both being legibly printed.

" no stop after "cent."

" wrong fount "e" in "cent."

3c. on 50c.

3c. on 5/-

" " " "

" " " "

The wrong fount e variety occurs on the stamp immediately before that without stop.



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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*King Edward Stamps* (160 I 163).—The Rev. A. Ogle writes:—  
"Re £1 King Edward. It will, I think, be of interest to add to your description of this stamp, that the sheet as formerly consists of two panes, each of 40 stamps, though these panes are separated before the stamps are issued. A Jubilee line now runs round each pane, as also across the end of the margin between them. This margin is no longer blank, but as in the case of the ½d. and other values is filled in with perpendicular blocks of horizontal lines. In the £1 stamp, however, these coloured blocks are a little further apart, and the number of blocks in the whole length of the margin is therefore less, viz., 44 as compared with 48 in the lower values."

*Envelope Dies* (162 H 163).—We have lately had an opportunity of examining a large number of postmarked copies of ½d. vermilion envelope stamps (Queen's Head type) used between 1892 and 1897 and are able to add to the information already published on the subject. In the *Standard Catalogue of Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom* (published in 1898) we record only having met with dies 6, 8, 18 to 26, 28 and 29. Amongst those we have just had an opportunity of examining, we find dies 6, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18 to 26 and 28, but there are very few of dies 8, 15, 16, 18 and 20 and not many of die 17. The common numbers are 6, 19, 21 to 26. A large proportion of the stamps have the initials "S.H." (Somerset House) instead of a die-number and an examination shows that such may be grouped into six classes, each exhibiting different marks of wear. Are they dies 9, 19, 11, 12, 13, 14? The following are the earliest dates we met with, the S.H. dies being designated A, B, C, D, E, F but we do not of course know in which order they were numbered or used.

Die	Earliest Postmark.	Marks of Wear.
6	9.12.92	(a) dot N.W. of A of Halfpenny; (b) two dots under right ornament; (c) dot near chin; (d) dots under LF; (e) two dots under N of Halfpenny; (f) dot over G of Postage, etc., etc.
8	3.1.94	(a) dot at back of neck, over E of "Postage." In both dies 6 and 8, the curl is almost detached.
A	31.7.93	(a) dot opposite forehead; dot over AG; dot at N.W. corner of Postage; (d) dot over A of Postage; (e) dots in front of neck, etc.
B	12.1.94	(a) dot between P & E of Halfpenny; (b) dot between A & G of Postage; (c) dot between ornament and nose; (d) dot SW. of left ornament, etc.
C	18.1.94	(a) dot at back of neck; (b) dot under H of Halfpenny; (c) dot between E of Postage and hair, etc.
D	22.2.94	(a) dot under right foot of halfpenny. The Thibaudeau Envelopes, ½d. + ½d. are stamped with die 'D' plus another in early state unidentified.
E	11.4.94	(a) dot or scratch near top of curl and opposite top of right hand ornament; (b) two dots under first N of Halfpenny; (c) dot at back of neck, etc.
F	18.4.94	(First state.)—(a) two or three dots, in form of triangle, to left of right ornament; (b) dot in front of nose; (c) one or two dots under chin; (d) dot near throat; (e) two dots in front of chin; (f) dot in front of eye; (f) dot halfway between chin and left ornament, etc.
FF	7.5.91	(Second state.)—(a) dot near eye; (b) four dots, one below the other, round left side of right ornament; (c) two dots under FP of Halfpenny; (d) dot over G of Postage, etc.
15	7.7.94	Usually no marks. Late impressions (a) dot at foot between O and S of Postage; (b) dot at back of neck; (c) two dots between curl and ornament; (d) dot NNW of A of Postage; (e) two dots opposite E of Postage; (f) faint dots between A and G of "Postage"

16	6.11.94	(a) dot under right ornament.
17	3.8.94	(a) two dots in front of throat; (b) dots over G and E of Postage.
18	23.7.94	(a) dot opposite eyebrow.
19	9.11.94	Several states.
20	21.1.95	(a) dot at back of neck.
21	12.1.95	Numerous marks.
22	16.2.95	Several states.

The above except dies 19, 20, 21 and 22, were not we believe used after 1894, but commencing with No. 21, the dies appear to have had a much longer life. Die 22 is common during 1897, although in a very worn state.

**ALWUR** (113 B 163).—The *Philatelic Record* learns that the Post Office of this State has been taken over by the Imperial Post Office and consequently the local issues of stamps will be superseded by ordinary Indian stamps.

**BAHAMAS** (160 P 163).—The following is a description of the new stationery illustrated in E.W.S.N. No. 160.

*Envelope.* Head of King Edward.  
2½d. blue on white laid paper, 151 × 88mm.  
*Registration Envelope.*  
2d. red, inscriptions in blue on white, 151 × 95mm.

**BAMRA** (A 163).—We take the following note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"BAMRA.—In a small lot of the stamps of this State recently purchased by our publishers we found some hitherto uncatalogued varieties of the scarce first issue. The ½a. and ¼a. with 'postage' (letter 'g' inverted). This error was known in the 1a., in which it occurs on the left-hand stamp in the fifth horizontal row; the specimens now shown us are evidently from the same sheets of which have never reached Europe. The ½a. with the character for '3,' which resembles a letter 'n,' inverted; and the same value with this character replaced by one resembling the third character of the native inscription. All these are undoubtedly original impressions, and appear to have come from a collection whose owner may have had access to entire sheets. It is a pity he did not keep them entire! In the same lot of stamps was a supposed essay of the first issue, consisting of an impression of a ¼a., in violet on white paper, with the inscription and scroll enclosed in a single-line rectangular frame."

**BOLIVIA** (129 E 163).—M. Th. Lemaire has shown *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* a block of four of the 10c. of 1894, surcharged "E.F.—1899" (No. 81 in the Catalogue), the surcharge on the two lower stamps being right way up and that on the two upper inverted.

In E.W.S.N. Nos. 115 and 129 we chronicled the new adhesives of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. and 1 boliviano. The *Monthly Journal* now adds the following.

*Adhesive.*  
2 bol., brown (Arms).

**BHOPAL** (158 D 163).—We learn from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the ½ anna stamp of the new type is issued in sheets of 16, whilst the ¼, 1, 2, 4 and 8 annas are in sheets of 8, in two vertical rows, and probably also the 1 rupee.

**BRITISH LEVANT** (162 I 163).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sizes F and G of the new registration envelopes and we note that the stamps are die 2. Do envelopes exist with stamp of die 1 surcharged?

Mr. E. Heron Allen informs us that he posted the first 4 piastres on 10d. King Edward stamp from Constantinople on the 4th of October. There are no varieties in the overprint of this stamp.

**BUNDI** (A 163).—The *Philatelic Record* learns that the post offices of this State have been taken over by the Imperial Post Office, so the local issues of stamps may possibly be discontinued. We say "possibly" as the Colonial Stamp Market quite recently received a supply. Fortunately there were no new varieties amongst them.

**BUSSAHIR** (160 F 163).—Mr. Peckitt has shown *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* some more unchronicled varieties of this prolific posthumous-stamp-issuing State.

*Adhesives.* Types 11, 12, 13, with large monogram type 10, imperf.

¼a. violet; rose surcharge.  
" blue-green surcharge.  
½a. blue; mauve surcharge.  
1a. dull olive; rose surcharge.

Mr. J. N. Luff has also sent the ¼a, type 5, with the large surcharge in rose, and perforated as No. 40 in the Catalogue, and tells us that he possesses the 12a, type 7, with the same surcharge and perforation. We only knew the latter imperf. No. 38.

4a., violet; large surcharge in rose; perf.  
12a., green; " " " "

**CHINA** (132 D 163).—In E.W.S.N. 96, we published a "warning against Chinese Railway Letter stamps." As it is only fair to give both sides of a question, we reproduce the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

A correspondent in India has kindly sent us a letter written by Colonel Macdonald, who was in charge of the railway between Tientsin and Peking in 1901, and who introduced the stamps surcharged "B. R. A.", about which there has been so much discussion. He relates the history of their issue and the reasons for it as follows:—

"In the early spring of 1901 the state of our locomotives and rolling stock was such that we could only run ordinarily one train a day between Tientsin and Peking. The mail train arrived at Peking late in the afternoon and started back to Tientsin very early next morning. The regular Post Office arrangements did not admit of letters being posted in the morning in time to catch the train, the offices mostly closing the night before.

"The Chief of the Staff, British Contingent, accordingly asked me to make arrangements by which the Railway would carry letters posted at the station up to the time the train started, and authorised the Railway having a stamp for such late letters. As this late letter service had, like the railway, to be international, we could not arrange the service through any of the regular Continental Post Offices. The Superintendent of the British Field Post Office said it was out of the question for the Railway to surcharge 'C. E. F.' stamps, so the Railway arranged with the Imperial Chinese Post for permission to surcharge Chinese stamps. After this arrangement had been made, the Postmaster-General in India telegraphed that the Railway might surcharge 'C. E. F.' stamps, but it was then too late to alter the arrangements.

"At first we tried a black surcharge on Chinese stamps, but this did not show up well, so green was adopted. The issue with green printing was not ready by the day we had notified as the opening day of the late letter service, so, I think for two days, we had to use black.

"After a short time the various Post Offices altered their closing hours to suit our train service, and as this did away with the necessity for the Railway Post, I obtained sanction to discontinue it."

"We think it only right to point out that this which is sent to us as coming from the best possible source is an entirely different account from that which we received from various sources previously, and that according to the above letter the stamps should only have been used in Peking."

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** (160 I 163).—A correspondent at Grand Cayman informs us that on the 1st of October there was still £180 worth of 1d. Queen's Head stamps left in stock at the Post Office, so that little more than half of the issue of about 100,000 stamps has been sold. The prospect of an early printing of a 1d. with Head of King Edward is not therefore very bright. Of the ½d. there was only £6 worth left in stock with Head of Queen Victoria, the rest of the stock being the new issue.

**FINLAND** (127 B 163).—Messrs. Carl Willadt & Co., Ltd., announce having purchased from the Government of Finland all the remainders of the issue of Finland, 1885 [1883?]. Among the lot there were "a few over 200 each" of the very scarce 5 and 10 mark values [catalogued 30/- and 50/-], of which only 5,000 each are said to have been printed. The firm are offering 100 of each at the following rates:—

1 mark, rose and grey	2/9
5 " rose and pale green	20/0
5 " rose and moss green	18/0
10 " rose and yellow-brown	36/0
10 " rose and dark brown	40/0

After 100 sets are sold, price will be advanced. Will there be remainders of the other sets? We believe the 1889 set was still current at the



beginning of this year, but it cannot now be had at the G.P.O., Helsingfors.

**GUATEMALA** (162 N 163).—We now illustrate the type of the surcharge on the 6c. provisional, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 153.

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**HAYTI** (159 F 163).—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* declares that the specimens reported with *Juin* and *Juillet* overprint must be spurious, as none such have been issued. On the other hand (*vide E.W.S.N.* 159) a well-known Parisian firm positively reported having received "Juin" surcharged stamps on their letters. We are inclined to give credence to the former of these two conflicting statements.

The same journal chronicles a provisional fiscal stamp, presumably 2c. on 20c. olive, and not available for postage.

**HYDERABAD** (A 163).—We take the following note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—"Hyderabad.—Mr. B. Shavakshah kindly sends us a sheet of the new 4 a. stamps, which supersede the surcharged provisionals that have done duty for the last two years. The general design is the same as that of the current series, but the stamp is larger, measuring 20½ × 25 mm., instead of 19 × 21 mm. The sheets contain ninety-six stamps, in sixteen horizontal rows of six, with no marginal inscription. The date upon this value is 1317, the year which began on May 12, 1899, and ended April 30, 1900. Possibly the new plate was ordered before the latter date, but no 4 a. stamps were issued till the autumn of 1900, and these new stamps were first issued on September 24th, 1902. The same correspondent tells us that the 4 a. is now issued in green, and the 12 a., in slate, the 4 a., slate, and 12 a., blue, being no longer on sale at the post offices; he shows us specimens of both values, the 4 a. in shades of green, which may cause some confusion between that value and the 2 a., while by gaslight these 4 a. stamps appear to be grey or slate, and might be mistaken for the new 12 a.!"

**Adhesives.** The 4 and 12 as. in new colours.  
4a. blue.  
4a. deep green.  
12a. slate-green.

**ICELAND** (162 E 163).—We are informed by Mr. Olafur Sveinsson that the new ordinary stamps chronicled last week have been issued, and the old ones withdrawn. New official stamps were also expected to be issued this month (November) and the old ones will then also be withdrawn.

The stamps and post cards just withdrawn are to be re-issued till the end of 1903—a period of 14 months—with surcharge I GILDI '02-'03

The following is a translation of the official notice relating to the change:

### NOTICE.

With reference to a letter from the Minister of Iceland dated 24th ult., new Icelandic stamps and post cards have been issued as follows:—

Common stamps, 3 aur.	Common stamps, 100 aur.
4 "	Postcards single, 3 "
5 "	" " " 5 "
6 "	" " " 8 "
10 "	" " " 10 "
16 "	Postcards double, 3 "
20 "	" " " 5 "
25 "	" " " 8 "
40 "	" " " 10 "
50 "	" " " " "

All older stamps and post cards have been annulled, but up to the 31st of December of this year they can be exchanged at the Post Offices for stamps and post cards of the new issue.

The older stamps and postcards will bear the following imprint:—I GILDI '02-'03 and with this addition will remain in force till the end of the year 1903, after which time only the new stamps and post cards shall be used.

Reykjavik, 9th October, 1902.

The Governor of Iceland.

Magnús Stephensen.

Jón Magnússon.

This is a true translation of the original in Icelandic produced to me.

Reykjavik, 22 October, 1902.

Jón Thorvaldsson.

(Acting British Consul).

What is the meaning of the overprint? Perhaps some reader conversant with Icelandic will inform us. We notice that in the original of the official notice *i gildi* occurs three times:—

1. Ganga nú thegar i gildi	1. Have been issued
2. Eru úr gildi numin	2. Have been annulled
3. Eftir thann tíma skulu	3. After which time . . .
. . . vera i gildi	shall be used.

I think we may take it that *i gildi* and *úr gildi* mean "in use" and "out of use" or "issue." *Gild* in Norwegian means "valid" and the corresponding verb signifies "to admit, allow of." The German *gültig* means "valid, current, authentic." The Icelandic surcharge therefore serves the same purpose as the Spanish *habilitado*.

The *American Journal of Philately* notes the late 3 aur adhesive in a new shade and printed from a new plate in which the numerals are as large as those upon the other values.

#### Adhesive.

3 aur, buff. Large figure of value. Perf. 12½.

**NEGRI SEMBILAN** (116 B 163).—Messrs. C. A. Ribeiro & Co. have shown *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* an unused block of four of the 1c. on 15c. provisionals, one copy showing the variety with raised stop. This is one of the stamps in the bottom row, and has a register mark in the margin underneath. It will be remembered that this provisional, although issued in 1899, was only discovered to collectors in 1901 (*E.W.S.N.* No. 116).

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (162 U 163).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 137 we chronicled the 6d. Postage Due on chalk-surfaced paper; it was described by a contemporary as perf. 10. We now record the following on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.** Chalk surfaced paper.

2d. pale green; perf. 11. cd. w. 11½.

4d. pale green; perf. 11.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (162 W 163).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the 1/- on 5/- provisional. We note that the stamp is issued in panes of 60 and each pane shows the following varieties:—



**Adhesive.** "One Shilling" in yellow in two lines on 5/- V.R.I. Star over old value.

(a) Thick V, Nos. 5, 17, 23, 39, 42, 48.

(b) Short bar to figure 5, No. 2.

The surcharge appears to be in yellow or pale orange and not in red as stated in *E.W.S.N.* No. 159. There are no varieties in the "One Shilling" overprint.

The 4d. on 6d. vermilion overprint is still current, but none of the sheets now issued appear to show the "no stop after R" variety, although on many stamps No. 29 has an exceedingly faint stop.

**PERU** (142 K 163).—Mr. W. H. Peckitt has shown the *Philatelic Record* two unpaid letter stamps:—

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

"DEFICIT-UN-CENTAVO" in three lines in black on 20c. blue.

"DEFICIT-CINCO CENTAVOS" in two lines in black on 20c. blue.

The first surcharge is printed horizontally and the second vertically. In the latter "Cinco Centavos" is in thinner type than "Deficit."

**PORTUGUESE INDIA** (144 D 163).—The following series of surcharged stamps has now been issued:—

i.—**Adhesives of 1885 issue, surcharged in similar type to the stamps of Cape Verde.**

1 real, in black, on 2t., perf. 13½.

2 reis " " 4½r., perf. 12½.

2½ " " " 6r. " "

3 " " " 11. " "

2½ tangas, in red, on 1½r., perf. 12½.

2½ " " black, on 4t. " "

5 " " " 8t., perf. 13½.

ii.—**Adhesives of 1895 issue, similarly overprinted.**

1 real, in black, on 6r., perf. 12½.

2 reis " " 8t. " "

2½ " " " 9r. " "

3 " " " 4½r. " "

3 " " " 11. " "

2½ tangas, in red, on 1½t., perf. 13½.

5 " " black, on 2t., perf. 11½.

5 " " " 4t. " "

iii.—**Adhesives of 1898 surcharged "Provisorio."**

6 reis chocolate, perf. 11½.

1 tanga blue-green " "

The following letter from a correspondent at Bombay to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, shows that the usual scramble took place at Goa:—

"The Portuguese Government, unable to effect a sale by auction of their vast hoard of remainders, shipped to Goa (Portuguese India) a large lot of them overprinted with the surcharges 1 real, 1½ (?), 2½, 3, 6 reis; 1, 2½ and 5 tangas. The Government Decree putting them in circulation appeared in the *Boletim Official* of the 12th September, 1902.

"Hardly any of the surcharged issues have been able to pass through the post. All classes of people have been buying them up in the

Panjim Post Office. Every lot that is received from the Treasury is secured by the officials and their friends. You can imagine the fever of speculation when the *Ultramar*, a paper published at Margao, about twelve miles from Panjim, complains in its issue of the 27th September that none of the surcharged stamps have been supplied to Margao and other suburban offices, although indents for them were sent to the Head Office, Panjim.

"*Era Nova*, a paper published in Panjim, in its issue of the 22nd September, referring to the surcharged stamps and the unprecedented demand for them, concludes thus: 'His Excellency the Governor-General, who is reckoned among our most noted Philatelists, has already secured more than 75,000 of these surcharges, representing a face value of over 750 rupees.'"

**SERVIA** (159 K 163).—*Errata*.—For "5p. green" Postage Due chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 159, read "5p. magenta."

**SIERRA LEONE** (156 H 163).—The following circular letter has been shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market:—

"G. P. OFFICE, FREETOWN,

"SIERRA LEONE,

"24/9/02.

"SIR,—I have to inform you that the plates and dies of all the Victorian postage stamps, envelopes, post cards, and newspaper wrappers of this Colony have been destroyed.

"A complete issue of all the values of postage stamps, envelopes, post cards, and newspaper wrappers of His Majesty King Edward VII. has been ordered, and will probably be in circulation early during the year 1903.

"I am etc.,"

(Signature illegible),

"Colonial Postmaster-General."

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (161 P 163).—The 9d. value is not after all obsolete, although the old type of it is. Mr. G. Blockey has been good enough to send us the new issue of this value, in the type of the current Postage and Revenue series (2/6 and higher values) but inscribed "Postage."

**Adhesive.** Head of Queen Victoria.

9d. venetian red, wmk. Crown SA upright, perf. 11½.

The claims of the 2d. Gold Coast and 10c. British Honduras to be the last Queen Victoria stamps are not in it with that of this 9d. South Australia. Our correspondent reports the 3d. value of the Postage series as being obsolete.

**SOUTHERN NIGERIA** (161 G 163).—We understand that the following set with Head of King Edward is printed, but is not likely to be issued before 1903:—½d. light green and black; 1d. carmine and black; 2d. red-brown and grey; 4d. olive-green and black; 6d. purple and black; 1/- black and green; 2/6 brown and black; 5/- orange and black; 10/- red-brown and black on yellow; and £1 violet and green.

**TRINIDAD** (160 P 161).—"Specimen" copies of the current 2½d. in a new colour—lilac on blue, with value in ultramarine—have been distributed by the Postal Union. The following new stationery has been similarly circulated:—

**Postcards.** Stamps with King's Head.

½d. green on white, 121 × 74mm.

1d. carmine on cream, 140 × 89mm.

**Registration Envelope.** Type illustrated in *E.W.S.N.* No. 160.

2d. blue, inscriptions in blue, on white, 134 × 83mm.

**Newspaper.** Stamp with King's Head.

½d. green, 5 line inscription, on buff 126 × 300mm.

**UNITED STATES** (159 D 163).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the colour of the new 13c. will be slate, and that the issue will be ready for shipment by the first week in November.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (159 D 163).—In addition to the new 2d. envelope recently chronicled, the *Australian Journal of Philately* describes two letter cards shown them by Messrs. Hamilton Macrae, Limited.

**Letter Cards.**

2d. lake, stamp in type of 2d. Victoria.

1d. lake, stamp of current type; letter card inscribed "For use within Western Australia."

It is suggested that the 1d. letter card is an error as the postal authorities say it does service for 1½d. and charge the same for it.

Mr. G. F. M. Camroux informs us that a 5/- stamp has been issued here.

**Adhesive.** Head of Queen Victoria; Die of 2½d.

Victoria adapted.

5/- green.

Our correspondent writes:—"The stamp appears to have been prepared in a hurry, as the Victoria 2½d. die has been altered to suit, type 47 in Gibbons. It seems a pity to go away from the Swan type, but it is probably only a provisional. I saw a copy about the middle of October so it must have been issued at least early in September."

REST OF THE WORLD.

Independent Countries of Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and last, but not least, United States and Colonies.

GROUP XIX.—AFRICA.

321 Abyssinia, 1/2, 1, 2, 4gu. ..	..	5	—	—
322 Congo Free State, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50c. ..	..	6	1/3	—
323 Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	..	7	1/11	2/3
324 Liberia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c. ..	..	9	—	—
325 Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	..	10	1/10	2/3

GROUP XX.—ASIA.

331 Afghanistan (not stocked) ..	..	—	—	—
332 China, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ..	..	9	2/5	2/11
333 Japan, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 sen ..	..	13	—	—
334 Persia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16ch. ..	..	9	—	—
335 Siam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 24 atts ..	..	8	—	—
336 Corea, 2re., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25ch. ..	..	10	—	—
337 Japanese China, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—
338 " Corea, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	13	—	—

GROUP XXI.—SOUTH AMERICA.

341 Argentine Rep., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c. ..	..	12	3/2	3/9
341a " " Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c. ..	..	4	—	0/6
342 Bolivia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
343 Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000r. ..	..	9	—	—

344 Chili, 1, 2, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. ..	..	8	3/0	3/6
355 Colombia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
346 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
347 Paraguay, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 20, 28, 40 ..	..	11	—	—
348 Peru, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 22, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
349 Uruguay, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	8	—	—
350 Venezuela, 5, 10, 25, 50c. ..	..	4	—	—

GROUP XXII.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 50c. ..	..	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c. ..	..	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.

361 Costa Rica, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
362 Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	7	—	—
363 Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	7	—	—
364 Mexico, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	8	—	—
365 Nicaragua, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
366 Salvador, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 24, 26, 50c. ..	..	10	—	—
368 Dominican Rep., 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	6	—	—
369 Hayti, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	..	10	—	—

GROUP XXIV.—UNITED STATES & COLONIES.

371* United States, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c. ..	..	9	2/3	2/8
372* Philippines, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15c. ..	..	7	1/6	1/9
373* Porto Rico, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. ..	..	5	1/1	1/4
374 Cuban Republic, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. ..	..	5	0/10 1/2	1/1

FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

Albania, 10 para on 5c. Italy, 2d.  
35 para on 20c. Italy, 3d.  
40 para on 25c. Italy, 3d.  
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2c. black on rose, 1d.  
5c. black on green, 1d.  
10c. black on pale rose, 2d.  
20c. brown on buff, 4d.  
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15 öre, violet, 3d.  
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1 öre, orange, 1d.  
5 öre, green, 1d.  
10 öre, carmine, 2d.  
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10c. on 50c., nett 1/-  
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2c. on 1c. red and blue, 2d.; block of 4, 6d.  
Paraguay.  
20c. on 24c. blue, nett 3d.; block, 10d.  
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8004 Ditto, 1/2d. green (sg), No. 150, sheet of 120, cat. 30/-, nett 18/6.	
8005 Ditto, 1d. orange red (sg), No. 161, Crown and Q faintly impressed, sheet of 120, cat. 40/-, nett 24/-	
8006 Ditto, 2d. blue, block of 60, No. 146, cat. 30/-, nett 17/6.	
8007 Turks Islands, 2 1/2d. blue, entire pane of 60, full margins, cat. £2, nett 19/6.	
8008 Turks Islands, 1d. red, entire sheet of 30, cat. 10/-, nett 4/6.	
8009 Ditto, 60, yellow brown, sheet of 30, cat. 30/-, nett 20/-	
8010 Ditto, 1/- brown, sheet of 30, cat. 75/-, nett 40/-	

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

7001 1/2d. V.R.I. level stops, pair, cat. 3/- ..	1/11
7002 " " " block of 6, cat. 9/- ..	5/6
7003 1/2d. V.R.I. mixed stops, in pair with normal, cat. 2/2 ..	1/1
7005 1/2d. V.R.I., no stop after V (No. 172), cat. 6/- ..	2/9
7006 Ditto, in pair with normal, cat. 6/2 ..	3/3
7007 1/2d. V.R.I., thick V, cat. 6d. ..	2d.
7009 1/2d. V.R.I. normal, cat. 2d. ..	1d.
7011 " " block of 8, three with thick V, cat. 2/4 ..	11d.
7014 Ditto pane but the small 1/2 is corrected ..	10/0
7015 Ditto pane with small 1/2 but dotless V is corrected, cat. 24/- ..	10/0
7016 1/2d. V.R.I. block of 40, with 6 thick V's ..	3/10
7019 1d. V.R.I. thick stop after I ..	2d.
7020 " " ditto, in pair with normal ..	4d.
7022 " " thick V, cat. 6d. ..	2d.
7023 " " in pair with normal ..	4d.
7024 " " block 4, two with thick V's, cat. 1/4 ..	8d.
7025 " " block 8, three with thick V's, cat. 2/4 ..	1/2
7026 " " broken V ..	2d.
7027 " " thick V, normal V, bent V, strip ..	6d.
7028 " " block 12, showing 2 thick V ..	1/6
7030 " " entire pane of 60, margin on 3 sides, same as above and also has dotless R, inverted 1, etc., cat. 29/2 ..	14/6
7031 2d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 9d. ..	4d.
7032 " " pair, cat. 1/6 ..	8d.
7033 " " strip of 4, cat. 3/- ..	1/4
7034 " " block of 24, cat. 18/- ..	8/0
7035 " " strip of 3, cat. 2/3 ..	1/0
7036 " " block of 12, with plate number, cat. 9/- ..	4/0
7037 " " corner block of 6 with plate number 1, cat. 4/6 ..	2/0
7038 " " block of 4, cat. 3/- ..	1/4
7039 " " block of 36, cat. 27/- ..	12/0
7040 " " entire pane of 60, full margins, including varieties, no stop after V, comma after 1, cat. 59/3 ..	27/6
7041 2d. V.R.I. raised stops, very faint printing ..	6d.
7042 " " thick and thin V pair, cat. 1/7 ..	1/0
7043 " " block 4, two with thick V, cat. 3/2 ..	2/0
7045 3d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 8d. ..	5d.
7046 " " pair, cat. 1/4 ..	10d.
7047 " " block 4, cat. 2/8 ..	1/8

7048 3d. V.R.I. pair, level and raised stops, cat. 15/- ..	7/6
cat. 3/6 ..	2/0
7050 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 11/6 ..	6/9
7051 3d. V.R.I. block of 12, including pair with raised and level stops (S.G. No. 166) and three with mixed stops, cat. 29/3 ..	16/6
7053 3d. V.R.I., entire pane of 60, margins on two sides, with six thick V's. cat. 39/- ..	19/6
7054 4d. V.R.I. raised stops, block 6, three with mixed stops, cat. 62/6 ..	35/0
7055 4d. V.R.I. block 12, three with mixed stops and pair with raised and level stops, cat. £6 6s. 6d. ..	70/0
7056 6d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 2/6, mint ..	11d.
7057 " " creased ..	6d.
7060 6d. V.R.I., pair raised and level stops, cat. 12/6, 6/3 ..	
7061 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 29/8 ..	14/6
7062 1/- V.R.I. level stops, cat. 1/9 ..	1/3
7063 " " pair, cat. 3/6 ..	2/6
7064 " " strip of 3 ..	3/9
7065 " " strip of 4 ..	5/0
7066 " " block of 4 ..	5/0
7067 " " block of 18, including one with raised stop after S, cat. 47/9 ..	23/6
7068 1/- V.R.I. level stops, block of 12 ..	14/0
9069 " " block of 6 ..	7/0
7070 " " thick stop after 1s. in pair with normal ..	2/9
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7073 O.R.C. on Cape 1/2d. green, corner block of 6, one without stop ..	1/6
7074 Ditto, entire pane ..	2/9
7075 Ditto, entire pane with dotless variety ..	3/9
7076 O.R.C. on Cape 1d. rose, entire pane of 60, one with dotless variety ..	9/6
7077 O.R.C. on Cape 2 1/2d., block of 6, one with dotless variety ..	7/6
Used stamps on original envelopes, with postmarks of various towns in Orange River Colony, and censor marks, etc.	
7078 Envelope franked with 13 1/2d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7079 " " with 6 1d. V.R.I. (one thick V and one dotless I) and 1 1/2d. V.R.I. ..	4/0
7080 Envelope with 5 1/2d. V.R.I. and 4 1d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7081 " " with 1/2d. green, 1d. V.R.I. and 3 2d. V.R.I. ..	1/6
7082 Envelope with 3 1/2d. and 2 2 1/2d. O.R.C. on Cape, Bloemfontein, 3.12.00 ..	1/3
7083 Envelope with 6d. V.R.I. and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/3
7084 " " 6d. thick V and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/6
7085 Envelope with 1d., 2d., 3d., V.R.I. and 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/3
7086 Envelope with 5 1d. V.R.I. cancelled Rouxville, Nov. 1900 ..	1/6
7087 Envelope with 5 1d. V.R.I. cancelled Smithfield, Oct. 26, 1900 ..	1/6
7088 Envelope with 6d. V.R.I., Rouxville ..	1/3
7089 " " Smithfield ..	1/3
7090 Envelope with 5 1/2d. and one 2 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	1/0
7091 " " 3 2 1/2d. O.R.C. (1 torn) ..	1/0
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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Envelope Dies (163 I 164).—Mr. F. C. Hyland has shown us the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. King Edward envelope, die 21, so that the list now stands:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green. Dies 7 to 24, except 13.  
1d. carmine. Dies 7 to 24, except 19.

**Early Dates.**—(157 R 164).—Capt. Hancock has shown us the following new early date record:—

1d. red, plate 106. Used 27.4.68.

Mr. C. F. Gwynn has shown us the following:

1d. red, plate 108. Ramsgate, 25.6.68.

**Official Stamps** (159 X 164).—Messrs. S. H. Toole & Co., have shown us a block of 4 of the 6d. Queen's Head Army Official stamps, in the second stamp of which "Official" appears to be spelt with an inverted V instead of an A. A close examination shows that the inside of each stroke of the A is slightly indented, leading one to suppose the cross bar has been broken out. The first stamp in the block appears to be watermarked at the top with a short line and if so is probably the second stamp in the top row of a sheet, in which case the variety would be the third.

**Railway Letter Stamps** (144 Q 164).—We have lately had an opportunity of examining a number of specimens of the rare first printing of the Great North of Scotland Railway, of which a block of four stamps was illustrated in *The History of Railway Letter Stamps*. The most interesting point brought to light is that this first issue was made in sheets of 24, 6 rows of 4, and not in sheets of 12, as had hitherto been supposed. It is also evident that the stamps were lithographed in sheets of 48, which were divided vertically before delivery. Amongst the specimens examined, we find a block of nine from the N.W. corner of the sheet (Nos. 1 to 3, 5 to 7, 9 to

11), a block of twelve from the N.E. corner (Nos. 25 to 36), and a block of six from the S.E. corner (Nos. 29, 40, 43, 44, 47, 48). The printed sheets had wide side margins and fairly wide top and bottom margins, but the 4th and 5th vertical rows were no further apart than the others, so that when divided into panes, each pane had one narrow margin. The types mostly show minor defects, which render plating fairly easy. We note the following:—

- No. 1. Line in S.W. triangle broken opposite FO of For.
- No. 2. Apex of N.E. triangle broken off.
- No. 3. White dot on body of figure 2.
- No. 5. Line in S.W. triangle broken near R of For; line in N.E. triangle broken under O of Of.
- No. 6. Line under AI of Railway (Circular) broken; cross-bar of H of North indented.
- No. 7. Left stroke of H of North indented at top.
- No. 9. 5th bar in right pillar broken.
- No. 10. Line broken over O of Of; lower angle of N.W. triangle plain.
- No. 11. White dot under shield and Y of "Railway."
- No. 25. Blot on line to right of top bar in right pillar.
- No. 26. Faint dot under 5th bar of right pillar.
- No. 27. No marks of importance.
- No. 28. Two blots on S.E. triangle opposite Y of By.
- No. 29. Tip of right stroke of W of Railway (Circular) broken; line over F of Of broken.
- No. 30. Lines under L of Letters and H of North broken.
- No. 31. Blot near upper tip of S.W. triangle.
- No. 32. Blot in centre of S.W. triangle.
- No. 33. Centre line between 2nd and 3rd bars in right pillar broken.
- No. 34. Blot on line opposite foot of top bar in right pillar.
- No. 35. Faint white dot at top of "2" under N of Single.
- No. 36. Second line under LW of Railway broken.

No. 39. Faint smudge on S.W. triangle opposite For.  
No. 40. Line broken near base of N.W. triangle and second N of Conveyance.

No. 43. Dot between R and S of Letters.

No. 44. Second bar in right pillar broken.

No. 47. Blot on S.W. triangle, near base and opposite OR of For.

No. 48. Figure "2" indented at foot; blot on edge of ground under IN of Single.

The London, Brighton and South Coast and London and South Western Railways have had new printings.

L.B. & S.C., 20th printing, 2d. pale yellow-green, perf. 10.

L. & S.W., 36th (?) printing, 2d. dull yellow-green, perf. 10.

Specimens of the 35th printing of the L. & S.W.R. have not yet been seen by us. In E.W.S.N. No. 144 we gave a list of recent printings down to the 34th (17.3.02), and mentioned that a 35th supply had been obtained on 12.6.02. That now under notice is probably a 36th, as the life of a printing is rarely more than 3 or 4 months. The new stamps of both Companies are from the usual transfers.

**ALEXANDRIA** (159 B 164).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following new stamps. They are similar in design to the current French stamps but a space is cut into the design and inscribed "Alexandrie."

**Adhesives.** New Design, perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

1c. grey.	40c. red and blue.
2c. claret.	50c. brown and grey.
3c. orange-red.	1fr. lake & yellow-green.
4c. brown.	2fr. slate and yellow.
5c. green.	5fr. blue and buff.

Mr. A. H. Harris informs us that he has a specimen of the 5c. postmarked Alexandria, 22.10.02. The advance description given by us of these stamps in E.W.S.N., No. 132, is not quite correct.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (160 H 164).—In addition to the Postage Due stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 159, the *Australian Philatelist* adds the 10d. and 5/- . The list therefore stands as follows at present:—

**Postage Due Adhesives.**

Type I.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 5/-  
" II. 5d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-

When we have seen specimens we will give a description of the papers and perforations. Some are on chalky paper, perf. 12 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and should any reader meet with specimens which do not tally with this description, we should be glad to have details of same.

**BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA** (112 C 164).—By the mail which left British Central Africa on September 18th, and which was delivered in London on November 8th, the Colonial Stamp Market received a further supply of all values and we note that the 1d., 2/6 and 4/- values are new printings. Unfortunately we have no old specimens of the latter at hand to compare, but if our memory serves correctly the shades are not quite so bright as heretofore. The 1d. are in quite a distinct shade, carmine rather than pink.

**Adhesive.**

1d. carmine and violet, new shade.

Each sheet of 60 British Central Africa stamps has a consignment letter and control number printed at the top right hand corner in black. In the case of the 2/6 and 4/- values, the consignment letter is H and in that of the 1d., it is I. The highest letter we had previously seen was G. The following is a list of the consignment letter varieties we have met with:—

B 1d., 2d.	G 1d., 4d.,* 6d.*
C 4d., 6d.	H 2/6,* 4/-.*
D 2d.,* 1/-.	I 1d.*
E 1d., 1/-,* 10/-.	

Those marked with an asterisk are the current ones. The B, C, D and E consignments consisted solely of stamps with black centres, and the G consignment is the first in which the violet-centred stamps appear.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** (143 H 164).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of 6d. stamps recently received and we note three distinct shades of violet. The darker one might almost be taken to be Gibbons No. 68a, catalogued 5/-.

**CAPE VERDE** (143 E 164).—The following series of surcharged stamps has now been issued:—

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i. **Adhesives of 1886 issue, surcharged as above.**

65r. in red on 5r. black.	
65r. in black on 200r. grey lilac.	
65r. " 300r. orange.	
115r. " 10r. green.	
115r. " 20r. rose.	
130r. " 50r. blue.	
130r. " 100r. brown.	
400r. " 25r. violet.	
400r. " 40r. chocolate.	

ii. **Adhesives of 1894 issue, surcharged as above.**

65r. in black on 10r. red violet.	
65r. " 20r. lavender.	
65r. " 100r. brown on buff.	
115r. " 5r. orange.	
115r. " 25r. blue, green.	
115r. " 150r. carmine on rose.	
130r. " 75r. carmine.	
130r. " 80r. yellow green.	
130r. " 200r. dark blue on blue.	
400r. " 50r. light blue.	
400r. " 300r. dark blue on salmon.	

iii. **Newspaper adhesive of 1893, surcharged.**

400r. in black on 24r. brown.

PROVISORIO

iv. **Adhesives of 1898, surcharged as above.**

" Provisorio " on 15r. brown.  
" " 25r. blue green.

**CAVALLE** (A 164).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following new stamps:

**Adhesives.** Current types of France, but inscribed "Cavalle—Poste Française." Overprints in black, in two lines.

5c. green (not surcharged).  
" 2 PIASTRES " on 50c. brown and grey.  
" 4 " " on 1fr. lake & yellow-green.  
" 8 " " on 2fr. slate and yellow.

**DEDEAGH** (132 B 164).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelties:—

**Adhesives.** Current types of France, but inscription altered to "Dédéagh—Poste Française." Perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

5c. green.  
" 2 PIASTRES " in black on 50c. brn. & grey.  
" 4 " " " on 1fr. lake & green.  
" 8 " " " on 2fr. slate & yel.

**FRENCH CHINA** (123 D 164).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following new stamps:—

**Adhesives.** Current types of France, but inscribed "Chine—Poste Française." Perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$

5c. green. 1fr. lake and green.  
40c. red and blue. 2fr. slate and yellow.  
50c. brn. and grey. 5fr. blue and buff.

*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns that the special issues of Canton and Hoi-hao are obsolete and these two post offices as well as those at Mong-tsé, Thonghing and Packhoi have been furnished with the following new stamps:—

**Adhesives.** Surcharged "CHINE" on Indo-Chine, together with values in Chinese characters.

1c. black on blue.	25c. black on rose.
2c. brown on buff.	30c. brown.
4c. violet-brown.	40c. orange.
5c. yellow-green.	50c. rose.
10c. carmine.	75c. violet on orange.
15c. grey.	1fr. olive.
20c. brown on green.	5fr. violet.

**FRANCE** (150 N 164).—The following report is going the rounds of the public press:—

"A new series of postage stamps are about to be put into circulation in France. The present stamps were, from their first issue three years ago, condemned as being unartistic. The new stamps, which will probably make their appearance towards the new year, will bear the well-known figure of the Sower, designed for the French coins by the engraver Roty. France, in



this figure, is depicted by the Sower, who, with her Phrygian bonnet and naked arms, is engaged in throwing the future harvests in the furrows. The stamps will bear the words *République Française Postes*, and in the left hand lower corner there will be designed a shield upon which will be indicated the value."

**FRENCH P.O., CRETE (A 164).**—The French Post Offices in Crete are now being supplied with special stamps. The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

*Adhesives.* Current types of France, but inscribed "Crète—Poste Française." Perf. 14 × 13½.

1c. grey.	40c. red and blue.
2c. claret.	50c. brown and grey.
3c. orange-red.	1fr. lake and yellow-green.
4c. brown.	2fr. slate and yellow.
5c. green.	5fr. blue and buff.

A specimen of the 2fr. has a marginal inscription "E. 2107" indicating that it was printed on 21. 7. (02 ?).

**FRENCH MOROCCO (132 B 164).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelties:—

*Adhesives.* Types of France inscribed "Maroc—Poste Française," and surcharged with new value in local currency.

"5 centimos" in carmine on 5c. green.
"50 centimos" in black on 50c. brown and grey.
"1 peseta" " 1fr. lake and green.
"2 pesetas" " 2fr. slate and yellow.

**FRENCH P. O. LEVANT (144 C 164).**—We have been shown the following novelties by the Colonial Stamp Market.

*Adhesives.*—Current types of France, but inscribed "Levant—Poste Française," some with surcharge of value in local currency. Perf. 14 × 13½.

1c. grey.
2c. claret.
3c. orange-red.
4c. brown.
5c. green.
40c. red and blue.
"2 piastres" on 50c. brown and grey.
"4 piastres" on 1fr. lake and yellow-green.
"8 piastres" on 2fr. slate and yellow.
"20 piastres" on 5fr. blue and buff.

**FRENCH ZANZIBAR (132 B 164).**—The following novelties have been shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market:—

*Adhesives.*—Current types of France, but inscribed "Zanzibar—Poste Française," and surcharged with value in local currency.

"½ anna" in red on 5c. green.
"4 annas" in black on 40c. red and blue.
"5 annas" " 50c. brown and grey.
"10 annas" " 1fr. lake and green.
"20 annas" " 2fr. slate and yellow.
"50 annas" " 5fr. blue and buff.

**HONG KONG (160 L 164).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has secured some more of the surcharge varieties chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 159, but we only note two fresh variations.

50c. on 48c. lilac.
(g) Surcharge at right side only.
\$1 on 96c. black.
(f) Surcharge at right side only.

These varieties readily occur if the hand-stamp is struck a little too much to the left.

**ICELAND (163 F 164).**—We now illustrate the surcharge on the Icelandic stamps chronicled last week.

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**LORENZO MARQUES (143 C 164).**—Mr. E. Heath writes:—"Whilst arranging a number of used Lorenzo Marques stamps for the Bishop of Lebombo's Mission, I have come across several of 100 reis, perf. 13½, No. 36c. (the only value catalogued in this perforation). This is a variety not catalogued." The usual set, it may be recalled, is perf. 11½.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS (162 I 164).**—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 160, we chronicled the ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., 1/- and 5/- King Edward stamps and we are now shown the remaining values by the Colonial Stamp Market.



*Adhesives.* Head of King Edward. CA 14.  
2d. lilac and bistre.  
3d. lilac and black.  
2/6 green and black.

All three values are printed from plate 2, but we note that further supplies of all the other values which are now to hand are from plate 1, so the list of plate-numbers now stands as follows:—

Plate 1.—½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., 1/-, 5/-.
" 2.—1d., 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6.

All values are issued in sheets of 120 (2 panes) although as previously explained, the "head" portion of the latter group were printed from plate 2 in sheets of 240 which were no doubt cut in two before adding the name and value.

**MALTA (154 P 164).**—Mr. G. Miller sends us the following letter relating to the provisional issue:—

General Post Office, Malta,  
3rd October, 1902.

"Gentlemen,—In reply to your application of the 24th ultimo, I have to state that 3000 sheets of 2½d. postage stamps surcharged "One Penny" were issued to the public on the 4th of July last.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) Henry W. Eugerer,  
for the Postmaster-General.

Messrs. G. Pulis and others,  
Valletta."

**NEW SOUTH WALES (163 V 164).**—The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that the square 5d. stamps are now coming over in a much darker shade of green than usual, perf. 11½, 12 (No. 171 ?). At one edge of the sheet, the specimens are quite black-green. Previous consignments were perforated 11½, 12 × 11 (No. 243 ?).

The *Australian Philatelist* is informed on good authority that when the present stock of 7½d. and 12½d. stamps are exhausted no more will be issued. This will be the first step towards equalising all the various values of the states of the Commonwealth.

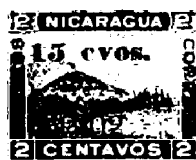
The 1d. card is now printed on buff as before. In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 147, we chronicled a provisional supply on thick white card. Our contemporary mentions that three varieties of white card were used, the first issue being on very thick, the second on medium, and the last on thin card-board.

**NEW ZEALAND (162 J 164).**—1½d. Stamps.—Miss E. J. Kerr writes:—"I noticed in your paper of May 24th that you said that no more of the New Zealand 1½d. stamps were to be printed, and you said that this was no doubt a result of the reduction in the letter rate from New Zealand to Australia from 1½d. to 1d. The postage to Australia from New Zealand was, as long as I can remember, 2d. on all letters under half ounce, and it is only within the last three months that penny postage between the two colonies has come into force, and the postage was never 1½d. I made inquiries, after reading your paper, at the Head Post-office in Dunedin, to see if it was true that there were no more 1½d. stamps to be printed, but I was told that there was no chance of them not being printed."

*Imperforate Varieties (155 B 164).*—Mr. L. Magnée writes:—"Re your note on N.Z. London print stamps, I have a pair of the 2d. imperforate vertically."

*Advertisements (151 Q 164).*—Major Lister sends us an early date for the 5d. olive-black with advertisement, 9.10.94. The list of dates of other values still stands as published in *E.W.S.N.* No. 151.

**NICARAGUA (155 M 164).**—We appear to have omitted to chronicle the two new provisionals received a few weeks ago.



*Adhesives.* Perf. 12.  
15c. in black on 2c. orange-red (No. 123).  
30c. " on 1c. lilac (No. 122).

We have not yet seen entire sheets so cannot say whether any minor varieties occur.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY (163 X 164).**—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 159 we recorded the new provisional as "1/- in red on 5/-" and in No. 163 we referred to it as "1/- in yellow on 5/-" The discrepancy appears to be explained by the following note from Mr. J. Paxton Clarkson:—"The 1/- Orange River provisional appears to be in two shades. I have one in a pale orange and one in a reddish orange shade, both sent from South Africa on different occasions." At the moment of writing the Colonial Stamp Market have only the yellow-surcharged variety so we are unable to compare the two side by side but we believe a further supply is expected.

**PORT SAID (132 B 164).** This French Post Office has been supplied with a new set of stamps similar to that of Alexandria.

*Adhesives.* Types of France, inscribed "Port Said—Post Française." Perf. 14 × 13½.

1c. grey.	40c. red and blue.
2c. claret.	50c. brown and grey.
3c. orange-red.	1fr. lake and yellow-green.
4c. brown.	2fr. slate and yellow.
5c. green.	5fr. blue and buff.

**QUEENSLAND (161 J 164).**—Mr. A. A. Green has shown us the current 3d. in quite a distinct shade of light brown, and informs us that 1,000 sheets were printed. Of these the postal authorities accepted 500 sheets, the balance at present being in abeyance. The ordinary ink for the 3d. is now again in stock so the light colour will not appear again.

**RUSSIA (160 J 164).**—Mr. A. H. Harris informs us that he has seen a very clear copy of the current 20 kop. stamp on the new paper.

*Adhesive.* Wmk. vertical lines.  
20 kop. blue and carmine.

The 2, 7 and 10 kop. and 1 rouble are the values already chronicled.

**SOMALI COAST (154 O 164).**—"Somali Coast" is a more correct title for this French Colony than "Djibouti" and we propose to chronicle under it in future. We now illustrate the type of the three new stamps recorded in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 154.



**SOUTHERN NIGERIA (163 H 164).**—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the current 1d. stamp, Queen's head design, in a much deeper shade of carmine than usual. Has a new printing been made? Perhaps these specimens are part of the new consignment referred to in *E.W.S.N.* No. 135.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA (163 P 164).**—We now illustrate the new 9d. stamp chronicled last week.



We congratulate the *Australian Philatelist* on its excellent description of this stamp, and note that it is on paper appropriated originally to the 1d. value, as our contemporary has seen a sheet numbered on the margin "1d. 619161." It will be remembered that in *E.W.S.N.* No. 161 we noted the highest sheet-number we had seen of the 1d. paper as 625630. The watermarks of the 1d. paper are arranged for two panes of 60 small stamps each, but the one pane of the 9d. covers the whole sheet, so that the centre row of the latter stamp is watermarked merely with the lines dividing the panes.

Our contemporary publishes a rumour to the effect that the 3d., 4d. and 6d. values are giving out, and presumes (on what grounds it is not stated) that they will be replaced by new dies. The various State Post Offices are now under the control of the Federal authorities and if these changes are being made in South Australia, we may reasonably expect all sorts of vagaries to occur in the other States. Collectors would do well therefore to complete their collections of current Australian stamps at once and to keep them up to date, as many of these varieties may prove to be short-lived.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (160 H 164).**—We take the following cutting from the *Daily Graphic*:—

"Gold currency for the Straits Settlements. Mr. Chamberlain has appointed a committee to consider and report to him on the expediency and practicability of establishing a gold standard of currency in the Straits Settlements and the neighbouring Malay States. The committee consists of Sir David Barbour, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G. (chairman), Mr. William Adamson, C.M.G. (the chairman of the Straits Settlements Association), Mr. G. W. Johnson, of the Colonial Office, and Mr. W. Blain, of the Treasury. Mr. A. E. Collins, of the Colonial Office, has been appointed secretary to the committee."

The importance to stamp collectors of this announcement lies in the fact that new values would probably be required in the sets of postage stamps. At one time only about 3 cents were equal to a penny, but during last year when the value of a dollar was about 2/- or 2/1 one could buy a 4c. stamp for a penny. This year the value of the dollar has fallen still further and on one day the exchange touched the record of 1/7½ or a fraction over 5 cents to a penny. The letter rate to England is 4c. and consequently there is a large demand for 4c. and 8c. stamps, but an alteration in the currency might cause the chief burden to fall on other values. In Ceylon and Mauritius for instance it takes a 6c. stamp now-a-days to do the duty formerly assigned to a 4c. stamp, and the fall in the value of silver has to be blamed for the issue of 6c. and 12c. stamps in these two Colonies.

**TONGA** (147 B 164).—The *Australian Philatelist* says that a new paper has been used in printing the fresh supplies required by this government. The paper is thinner than the previous and the watermark shows much more clearly on back. The following values are noted:— $\frac{1}{4}$ d. dark blue, 1d. red and black, 2d. bistre and black,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue and black. We cannot understand from the above that there is any tangible difference between the new and old printings, such as might cause a catalogued variety.

**VENEZUELA** (115 D 164).—The *American Journal of Philately* states that the following set of type-set provisional stamps has appeared.

*Adhesives.* Type-set, printed on coloured paper.  
5 centavos, purple on orange.  
10 „ black on orange.  
25 „ purple on green.  
50 „ blue on yellow.  
1 bolivar, blue on rose lilac.

They are of large size and the inscription reads:—“Correos de Venezuela—Carupano 1902—no hai estampillas—Provisorio—Vale B. 0.05,” in five lines. The 10c. is smaller than the other four values and is printed in tête-bêche pairs. The others are printed in a hand press in strips of ten.

We take the following further description of these curious stamps from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—“There are two distinct varieties, each consisting of almost the same inscriptions, but set in different type and with a different pattern of frame. The shape is oblong in both cases and the inscriptions are in five lines.

“1. Inscriptions thus—“Correos de VENEZUELA” (the “L” of this word is apparently a broken “F,” with the centre limb removed, turned upside down)—“Carupano 1902—No hai estampillas—PROVISORIO.—Vale B. 0.05” (or “0.25,” “0.50,” or “B. 1.00”). These are evidently printed from the same setting, the value only being changed.

“2. Inscriptions thus—“CORREOS DE VENEZUELA—Carupano: 1902—NO HAY ESTAMPILLAS—Sello provisorio.—Vale B 0, 10.”

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (163 E 164).—The following two novelties are noted by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, the former on the authority of Mr. B. W. H. Poole and the latter on that of Messrs. Hamilton Macrae, Ltd.

*Adhesives.* Wmk. V and Crown upright, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
1d. (Colour?).  
2/- (Colour?).

It will be interesting to see whether local printings of any of the other values are to be made. Hitherto the stamps of Western Australia have been printed in London by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. The 5/- stamp chronicled last week is also on V and Crown paper, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

In addition to the provisional 1d. and 2d. letter cards chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 163, the *Australian Philatelist* describes the following. The 2d. envelope was mentioned in *E.W.S.N.* No. 159.

*Envelopes.*

1d. (Design?).  
2d. Design as current Victoria 2d.

*Registration Envelope.*

3d. Design as current Victoria 3d.

*Wrappers.*

$\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d. Designs as current Westralian stamps.

*Postcards.*

1d. + 1d. (Design?).  
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. +  $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. Design as current Victoria  $1\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Our contemporary was prevented from giving a more detailed description, as its publisher's supply was stopped by the Federal customs authorities for 25% duty.

## Vagaries of the Federal Customs.

A GRUMBLE BY THE EDITOR OF THE *Australian Philatelist*.

FROM what has transpired very recently we have ungrudgingly joined the army of grumblers against some of the unjust and monstrous anomalies of the Federal tariff. When the list was published all cancelled and uncanceled stamps were on the free list. Our publisher now informs us that recently on applying for his usual lot of parcels he was informed by the Customs officials of Sydney that instructions had been received from the Federal Customs authorities that stamps had to pay 25 per cent. duty, and delivery of parcels from inter-States, New Zealand, and foreign countries addressed to stamp-dealing firms had been stopped. Inter-state stamps in cancelled state would only be admitted free if a guarantee was given that the stamps had been manufactured in the state they came from. The silliness of such a demand was soon impressed on the minds of the Melbourne authorities, for they gave up that idea, and decided to admit inter-state stamps free, but to charge the 25 per cent. duty on New Zealand and foreign stamps. The

Customs contend that stamps come under the heading of manufactured stationery, which carries the amount of duty mentioned. The Customs of Sydney even stopped a parcel of Western Australia stationery (postcards, &c.), addressed to our publisher, and claimed the same amount of duty, unless he could give a guarantee that it was manufactured in the State it came from. To show how much harder this absurd tax comes on the dealer than on the collector we submit the following: A parcel of interstate stamps is sent, containing often several thousands. Before delivery can be taken of it, it has to be sorted before the Customs officer, and any New Zealand or foreign stamps taken out for duty. This naturally entails hours of wasted time and unnecessary expense; and probably the duty to be paid would only amount to a few pence. The collector who gets interstate stamps through the letter post is not likely to be interfered with.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, “Ewen's Weekly Stamp News,” Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

*Mr. H. J. Twigg writes, under date Oct. 20th:*

“I note what Mr. J. G. Gubbins says in last week's *Stamp News*, regarding the curious appearance of a lady in the face of King Edward in the new penny English stamp. I would like to point out that it not only appears in the 1d. stamp, but in other values as well, and also in the Colonial issues with the King's Head. It may be seen clearly on the stamps with a dark background, such as the 1d. and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.”

*Mr. C. J. Hawkins writes:—*

“I have two wrappers of Natal ( $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and 1d.) surcharged ‘Zululand,’ the surcharge on the 1d. being rather larger than that on the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Are these genuine? None of the catalogues I have seen mention them.”

*Mr. H. Armstrong writes:—*

“I notice in a late issue of the *Weekly* you think it strange that Great Britain should drop the  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. value and the U.S. should specially make a 13c., both used for foreign postage and registration. The difference between the needs of the two countries are so plain to be seen from this side that I cannot help but reply. To illustrate, take this city (Boston) for instance. It contains about 12,000 people, of whom at least half are foreigners,—Swedes, Italians, Finns, Hungarians, &c.—and every month probably 400 to 500 of them send a little money over to friends in the old country. Practically all of them register their letters. This city is no exception as there are hundreds of other cities with as large a proportion of foreign people. This accounts for the need of a 13c. stamp here.”

*Mr. F. Bradley, jun., propounds a conundrum:—*

“Why do the printers of the Straits Settlements stamps always begin the name of the country with smaller letters than the rest of the words instead of larger?”

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Bosnia, 1900 issue, DBZ 10. 02/123.  
Greece, forgeries, PR 10. 02/200.  
Servia, bisected stamps, PR 10. 02/214.  
France, printer of first stamps, PR 10. 02/214.  
Great Britain, retouch (?) of 1d., 1841, PR 10. 02/215.  
Brunswick, 1st issue, PR 10. 02/215.  
Hong Kong, franks, PR 10. 02/218.  
Holland, retouch (?) of 10c., 3rd issue, PR 10. 02/219.  
Niger Coast,  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. on  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., PR 10. 02/220.  
Moldavia, reprints, SG 10. 02/61.  
Alsace and Lorraine, SG 10. 02/62.  
Chile, decree relating to new issue, RSFA 9. 02/119.

## Exhibition of African Stamps.

The *London Philatelist* announces the Exhibition of African stamps (other than those exhibited in November, 1901) will be held at the London Philatelic Society's rooms, Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, December 13th, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. All further information will be furnished by the Honorary Secretary to the Exhibition Committee, L. L. R. Hausburg, Rothsay, Weybridge.

## What Ought Stamp Collectors to Know?

BY RICHARD H. GEOGHEGAN.  
(From *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.)

A SHORT time ago in the *Weekly L., G. Dorpat* put the question that figures at the head of this article, and in the course of a thoughtful reply expressed the belief that one of the first items of knowledge worthy of acquisition by the incipient philatelist is “something of the language” of the countries where his stamps have been employed. Further on, in his eighteenth admonition, he advises us to find out “what is the meaning” of the legends on all the stamped paper we handle.

The advisability of at least an elementary acquaintance with the languages used on stamps was forcibly impressed on me a few days ago, when I received a letter from a gentleman, presumably a “specialist,” telling me that he was about to deliver a lecture before his society on the stamps of a certain Asiatic country, and asking, as he was “totally ignorant” of the significance of the inscriptions, that I should furnish him with translations.

Probably more than one-half of all the inscriptions found on stamps are written in the English language, and so require no lengthy comment, and most of us possess a more or less extensive smattering of one or two of the leading European languages, or can fall back on some linguistic friend conversant with French or Spanish. When we come, however, to review other pages of our collections, those, for example, dedicated to Asia, the majority of us are hopelessly adrift, and have little or no idea even whether or not it has its labels in “right way up,” while cuts of inverted Jammus and Faridkots are by no means “great rarities” in philatelic literature.

To help clear up, then, some small portion of this philatelic fog, I purpose to present from time to time brief notes on the various alphabets and languages. Method, that excellent commodity in every undertaking, is especially valuable in philately, and we may best begin by discovering *how many* different languages and alphabets are used on postage stamps; setting aside those countries that inscribe their labels wholly in English, a general survey of stamps result thus:

AMHARIC: On stamps of Abyssinia, Obock, Somali Coast.  
ARABIC: On stamps of Egypt, Obock, Somali Coast, Sudan, Zanzibar.  
BULGARIAN: Bulgaria, South Bulgaria (surcharge).  
CHINESE: China, Formosa, Japan, Johore, Korea, Labuan, Macao (surcharge), North Borneo, Timor (surcharge).  
DANISH: Denmark and her colonies.  
DUTCH: Netherlands and colonies, New Republic, Orange Free State, South African Republic, Stellaland.  
FINNISH: Finland.  
FLEMISH: Belgium.  
FRENCH: France and colonies, Belgium, Congo Free State, Egypt, Haiti, Luxembourg, Monaco, Persia, Roumelia, Switzerland, Tunis, Turkey.  
GERMAN: Germany and colonies, Austria, Bavaria, Heligoland, Livonia, Switzerland, Wurtemberg.  
GREEK: Greece, Crete, Ionian Islands, Roumelia.  
GUJARATI: Nowanuggur, Rajpeepala.  
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HINDUSTANI: Faridkot, Hyderabad, Jhalawar, Jhind, Lasbela, Poonch, Soruth, Bhopal, Bussahir.  
ICELANDIC: Iceland.  
ITALIAN: Italy and colonies, Austrian Levant, Egypt, Roman States, San Marino, Switzerland.  
JAPANESE: Japan (syllabic characters).  
KASHMIRI: Kashmir, Jammu.  
KOREAN: Korea.  
LATIN: British Guiana, New South Wales, Portugal and colonies.  
MAGYAR: Hungary.  
MALAY: Labuan, Johore, North Borneo.  
MALAYALAM: Kochin, Travancore.  
NIPALI: Nepal.  
NORWEGIAN: Norway.  
PANJABI: Bhoze, Faridkot.  
PASHTU: Afghanistan.  
PERSIAN: Persia.  
POLISH: Poland.  
PORTUGUESE: Portugal and colonies, Brazil.  
ROUMANIAN: Roumania.  
RUSSIAN: Russia, Finland, Poland, Roumelia.  
SERBIAN: Servia, Montenegro.  
SIAMESE: Siam.  
SPANISH: Spain and colonies, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Uruguay, Venezuela.

SWEDISH: Sweden, Finland.  
TONGAN: Tonga.  
TURKISH: Turkey, Roumelia.  
URIYA: Bamra.

For the rest of Mr. Geoghegan's interesting article, dealing more especially with the Devanagari alphabet, we must refer our readers to our American contemporary—whole No. 606, 9.8.02.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The 1d. Black (A 165). Mr. W. T. Wilson contributes an article to the *Philatelic Journal of India* (September) claiming to have discovered a retouched die or plate of the first 1d. adhesive. The difference is chiefly in the thickness of the curved lines of the network at each side, but we should hardly like to go so far as to endorse Mr. Wilson's explanation.

**Early Dates** (164 S 165).—The following new records have been shown us:—

1d. plate 113 (Mr. C. F. Gwynn) Hastings, 9.8.68.  
1d. " 117 ( " ) Tamworth, 21.8.68.  
1d. " 125 ( " ) London, 5.5.69.  
2d. " 15 (A. H. Thompson) London, 16.10.76.

**Double Letters in 1d.** 1841.—Mr. F. G. Warwick has shown us two interesting specimens of the 1d. 1841 in the early brown-red shade and with Maltese Cross postmark. The lettering in the right hand corner appears in each case to be D over O, an unchronicled variety of double lettering. Mr. Warwick writes:—

"Herewith I beg to send for your inspection two 1d. red imperf. English. If you will look at the lettering in the lower corners you will see they are apparently E D and F D. But if you examine them carefully you will observe that the letters in the right corners are either an O over L or L over O, thus making the letter into a D. How this occurred I am at a loss to find out. I can find no trace of this error of lettering in Messrs. Wright and Creeke's History of British Stamps. The only way I can suggest is that the vertical row on the plate was wrongly lettered O instead of D, and that to save having to remove the lettering from the plate L was struck over it so as to make it into a D. Both the stamps are evidently printed from the same plate and at the same time, in the shade of the ink, but whether they are from the same sheet I am unable to say. I had them both from the same source."

**Double Perforations.**—As is no doubt well known to most of our readers who have ever taken any interest in British stamps, specimens may occasionally be met with—chiefly "1d. reds" and almost invariably from the top row of a sheet—with double perforation at the sides, giving the stamp the appearance of being rouletted. Mr. C. F. Gwynn has made a special collection of these varieties and allows us to give the following description here:—

- (i) Double perforation at sides like a roulette.  
1d. s.c. I. 16; s.c. II. 14; l.c. 14.  
1d. plates Nos. 72, 73, 74, 82, 83, 85, 86, 97, 100, 111, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 146, 147, 150, 151, 158, 162, 167, 168, 171.
- (ii) Double perforation at top and bottom.  
½d. red plate 11.

The collection also contains specimens of later plate-numbers than 171, but these are only double perforated half way down each side. We also noted imperforate used specimens of plates 104 (postmark, Preston) and 164 (postmark, Huddersfield). In the *Standard Catalogue of British Stamps* the following plate-numbers are recorded as having been issued imperforate and as having been found used—90, 92, 100, 103, 107, 108, 114, 116, 120, 121, 136, 148, 158, 162. Of these plate 116 became famous as the "Cardiff Penny" as it happened to come under the notice of a stamp collector at the time of its issue, 1873. In reality it is no more important than the "Preston Penny" or "Huddersfield Penny" chronicled above for the first time. Plates 146 and 191 may be found with trial cancellation but are not known to have ever been issued.

**Envelope Dies** (164 J 165).—We have a surprise in store this week for collectors of Envelope dies. The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of ½d. and 1d. envelopes was stamped last week from dies 43 and 44! The highest die-number

previously recorded was in the case of each value 24. The list of King Edward dies, therefore, now stands as follows:—

½d. green, dies 7 to 24, except 13; 43.  
1d. carmine, dies 7 to 24, except 19; 44.  
1½d. yellow, die 1 (2 shades).  
2½d. blue, die 3.  
6d. violet, dies 1, 2, 3, 4.  
3d. brown (Postage and Registration). dies 1, 2, 3, 40 paras on 3d. brown, ditto, die 2.

Collectors need not be alarmed, as there are not likely to be 44 different die-numbers of the ½d. and 1d. to collect. The fact is, the authorities reckon in the dies supplied to Messrs. De la Rue & Co. for stamping Post Office stationery. Dies 1 to 6 each of the ½d. and 1d. were evidently "BR" dies, unnumbered, and it looks very much as if the numbers intervening between 24 and 43 represent another batch of unnumbered BR dies. It is, we think, evident that the first series of ½d. and 1d. dies ran from 7 to 24, and the first series of BR dies from 1 to 6. We might hazard a guess that, say, Nos. 25 to 36 are BR dies also, and say Nos. 37 to 46 numbered for public use. Later on we hope to get some official information on the subject. Anyway, time will show.

A batch of 9½d. envelopes were stamped at the same time with 6d. die 1 + 2½d. die 3 + 1d. die 23, the first instance of three King's Head dies being used together, which has come under notice. Some 7d. envelopes were stamped with Queen's Head dies, 4d. die 3 + 3d. die 8, and 4½d. envelopes with 3d. die 8 + 1½d. die 9, all with legible die numbers, the 4d. die 3 being a rarity in this state.

**Railway Letter Fee Stamps** (164 K 165).—We have seen some more new issues of Railway Letter Fee Stamps:—

Metropolitan, 14th issue, Nos. 12001 to 13200 (?), perf. 10. Apparently similar to preceding issue. Highest control number yet seen, 12886.

North Eastern.—

54th issue, Nos. 184001 to 187000.	} Not yet seen.
55th " Nos. 187001 to 190000.	
56th " Nos. 190001 to 193000.	
57th " Nos. 193001 to 196000.	
58th " Nos. 196001 to 199000.	Perf. 11; from new transfer (5th), printing P?; bright green, paler than in printing N and brighter than printing O.

South Eastern and Chatham, 10th printing (or 4th of amalgamated companies); rouletted; large control Nos. 30001 to 40000; colour, very similar to preceding printing; same transfer as before.

The most interesting of the three is the North Eastern 58th issue, which is from a new transfer. This 5th transfer is formed in the same manner as the 4th and each stamp shows the defects which appears to have originated on the matrix of the 4th transfer. The relative positions of the stamps of the 5th transfer differ from those of the 4th and indisputably prove the transfer to be a new one. The 54th, 55th, 56th and 57th issues have not yet come our way; the last we chronicled was No. 53 in November, 1901.

**Official Stamps** (164 Y 165).—A correspondent writes us as follows on the subject of the 6d. Queen's Head Army Official stamps, reference to a variety of which was made last week:—

"On page 1 of this week's *Stamp News*, under the heading of Great Britain, there is a remark about the 6d. Queen's Head Army Official. I have a complete double pane of 240, and I have looked carefully at each stamp, but fail to find a trace of a broken bar to an A. A very great number of letters are broken all over the pane, which have been undoubtedly caused by dust or other foreign matter on the paper or plate. For instance, the 3rd stamp on the 5th row has a broken O making it look like a C; but I can find no real varieties of type or errors in printing, and the letters are equi-distant in every case. The short bar watermark appears right across the top of the 1st stamp in the top row and a quarter way across the 2nd stamp. It also appears right across the 12th stamp on the top row and just touches the 11th stamp."

The *Observer* in its issue of November 16th states that "after April overprinted postage stamps will be issued to His Majesty's ships throughout the service." Does this refer to the already foreshadowed "Navy Officials"? The *Observer* says the stamps are to be surcharged "On H.M.S."

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (156 K 165).—*L'Annonce Timbrologique* is informed by Sr. Abel Fontaine that a new series of stationery in the altered Liberty type is to be issued. So far the following envelope has appeared.



Envelope. 5c. red-brown.

It was issued at Buenos Aires on October 1st. A description of the new 5c. adhesive, View of Rosario, will be given next week.

**BOLIVAR** (160 D 165).—Mr. Focke has shown *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* the 10c. stamp with view of the iron pier at Savanilla, a companion to the 20c. *Pie de la Popa* already chronicled.

Adhesive. Savanilla Pier.  
10c. carmine, imperf.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA** (128 H 165).—A correspondent writes from Umtali to the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* that the stamps of the 1891 issue, £1, £2, £5 and £10 are still in use there, and have heretofore been mainly used on licenses. A new regulation, however, provides that the license stamps shall be embossed, so that stamp collectors are likely to find their source of supply of fiscally used "high values" exhausted.

**BULGARIA** (160 Q 165).—With reference to the two new 5 stot. postcards, with surface tinted green or grey, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 153 and 158, the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* learns that 30,000 of each were printed and the change is caused by the card intended for letter-cards being used.

**CHILE** (161 V 165).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 158 we stated that the 20c. grey, rouletted (old type), was issued on July 18th to the general public. According to Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Jun., in the *American Journal of Philately* this stamp was placed on sale at Valparaiso for a few minutes only and the 1800 copies sold went practically to one man only. Was this a private sale previous to the general issue?

**COLOMBIA** (162 N 165).—In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 158, we illustrated the new 50c. and 1 peso and others, and promised to give a description "next week." This we unfortunately overlooked, but now give it.



Adhesives. Imperf.

50c. blue on rose.

1 peso violet on chamois.

Registration Adhesive (design illustrated in No. 158).  
20c. red-brown on blue.

"Too Late" Retardo Adhesive.  
5c. violet on rose

Acknowledgment of Receipt Adhesive.  
10c. blue on blue-green.

**COSTA RICA** (147 F 165).—Mr. Albert Calnan has shown the *American Journal of Philately* a strip of the 20c. yellow-green of 1883 imperforate vertically.

**CUBAN REPUBLIC** (162 K 165). Some further particulars of the 1c. on 3c. provisional are now furnished by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. It was issued on September 30th, owing to the stock of the 1c. green running short and a new supply being late in arrival; 200,000 stamps of 3c. were surcharged approximately as below:—

HABILITADO  
UN CENTAVO  
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A curiosity of this provisional issue is the fact that the bottom margin of each sheet has also received the surcharge, so that there is a variety similar in nature to some of the 1897 provisionals of Zanzibar.

*Adhesive.* Surcharged on margin.  
1c. carmine on plain white paper.

The provisionals were all sold out in two days and fortunately the further supply of 1c. green arrived just in time, on October 2nd, to prevent further surcharging. Local speculators are reported to be asking about 5d. each, far too much considering the large issue; just six times as large as that of each of the recent Leeward Islands provisionals.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** (162 M 165).—The *American Journal of Philately* records the 12c., 20c. and 25c. of the Commemorative set with inverted centres. The 1c., 2c. and 5c. have been already chronicled. This leaves only the 10c. and the official set to appear in this condition.

**ECUADOR** (161 L 165).—Mr. Focke has shown *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* the current 5c. surcharged in tall sans-serif capitals DE, in black. This may be a new control mark or it may not.

The *American Journal of Philately* learns that in Esmeralda the stamps are being surcharged with a mark somewhat like S. It is probably a fancy "S" with a line through it.

The "C. Benj. R." already illustrated in *E.W.S.N.* is used in Guayaquil and the province of Guayas. A decree has been issued by the President to the Governors of the various provinces, ordering them to surcharge their stocks of stamps, and as there are thirteen provinces, probably other marks occur. The fire at Guayaquil occurred on July 16th and 17th.

In addition to the varieties chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 161, we note the following:—

*Adhesives.* (ii.) Control mark of Esmeralda.

- 5c. violet and black, surcharge ?
- 10c. blue and black, surcharge ?
- 20c. grey and black, surcharge ?

(iii.) Control mark DE.

- 5c. violet and black, surcharge ?
- 10c. blue and black, " ?

Our contemporary is reticent on the subject of the colour of the surcharges.

**FRANCE** (164 Y 165).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns that some sheets of the current 50c. have been issued in one colour only, that is to say, without the light grey background.

**FRENCH GUINEA** (125 B 165).—M. Théodore Champion has shown us a new value in the current set.

*Adhesive.*

2fr. violet and carmine on rose.

**FRENCH P.O., ZANZIBAR** (164 C 165). The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us several of the new stamps chronicled last week, postmarked Zanzibar, October 23rd. We should be glad to hear of any earlier dates of use.

Mr. William Thorne writes to the *American Journal of Philately* that he has a block of four of the 20 annas on 2 francs, brown on blue, of the 1900 issue, one stamp of which has the error "Zanzibas."

**GERMANY** (148 R 165).—We take the following from the *Weekly Philatelic Era*:—

"The following regarding the new official stamps has been translated from the *Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger* of Sept. 24, and shown us by Mr. Edw. de Z. Kelley.

"Number stamps is what the new postage stamps are called, which are soon to be supplied to the different officers in Prussia. They will be used by all officials who send their official reports 'frei laut avers.' The public has the idea that all such mail matter is carried post free by the administration, but such is not the fact. Each piece of mail matter is not weighed, but a lump sum is granted by the Treasury Department. This lump sum was recently between 7,500,000 and 8,800,000 marks. The Postal Department thinks that this is too small. In order to find out they are going to reckon up how much mail matter is sent 'frei laut avers.' With this end in view they have asked the officials to estimate their probable need of stamps for a year. According to this estimate all officials will be supplied with stamps of 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pf. If more are needed they will be supplied. From the total amount of the stamps used, the correct lump sum will be known. The number stamps, which will be made in the Imperial printery, will resemble in form and colour the present postage stamps, but will be designated 'Jahlnar' (number stamps). The issue will take place during the entire year 1903, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. After Jan. 1, 1904, the lump sum, according to the new determination, will follow. The official letters will, therefore, according to this innovation, from the first of next January bear besides the official seal and the legend 'frei laut avers' an official stamp. These number stamps will be postmarked like the ordinary postage stamps.

"Counterfeits of the current 10pf. stamps have appeared at several places in Saxony. There are seven points of difference, of which

the most important are dark colour, differences in the shading on the neck of portrait and differences in the figures of value. The general appearance of the counterfeits is inferior to the genuine and not so bright and clear."

**GUATEMALA** (163 O 165).—The *Mitteldeutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung* chronicles two more new provisionals.

*Adhesives.*—Fiscals overprinted.

- 5c. in (?) on 50p. red.
- 25c. in (?) on 10p. green. (Probably same as that in *E.W.S.N.* No. 154).

The surcharge is said to be in two different kinds of type, the words being 8+13 and 12+14mm. in length. All this seems slightly vague and the colour of the surcharge is not stated.

**GWALIOR** (142 C 165).—Mr. J. H. Smith contributes some further notes on Gwalior varieties to the *Philatelic Journal of India*. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 142 we mentioned the "Long R" on the ½ and 3 annas. Mr. Smith has now seen it on the 3 pies, 2 and 4 annas. The 3 pies and 4 anna value have been seen with the Hindi surcharge appearing a little to the left, instead of directly beneath the English.

**HAYTI** (163 G 165).—With reference to the statement in No. 159 that Messieurs Thumin Frères had received the stamps overprinted "Juin" on letters, this firm now writes to the *Revue Philatèlique Française* contradicting the report. It is not unlikely that "Juin" surcharged stamps exist, but if they do, the overprints are entirely bogus.

**INDIA** (162 O 165).—Major Gilbert sends us a specimen of the ¼a. Queen's Head issue in a much deeper shade of yellow-green than heretofore. This is possibly a companion to the 2 annas described three weeks ago.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (164 J 165).—Mr. M. D. Senior has shown the *American Journal of Philately* the 2½d. of the Sexagenary set with double surcharge.

**MADAGASCAR** (161 J 165).—With reference to the note in *E.W.S.N.* No. 150 to the effect that one sheet of 150 each of the three provisionals had inverted surcharge, we note that *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* gives the number as 300 each.

**MALTA** (164 Q 165).—Mr. Giuseppe Miller has kindly sent us specimens of the new registration envelopes.

*Registration Envelopes.*—Circular stamp, with Head of King Edward.

2d. blue. Envelopes sizes G. and H.

They were issued on November 6th.

**MAURITIUS** (162 U 165).—The remaining six values of the new set foreshadowed in *E.W.S.N.* of May 31st have now been issued, specimens being shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market. The complete list is as follows:—

- Adhesives.* Small "Arms" type: CA. 14.
- 5c. lilac and violet on chamois (Oct. 8th ?).
  - 8c. grey-green and black on chamois (July 16th ?).
  - 12c. black and carmine on white (July 16th).
  - 25c. dark green and carmine on green (Oct. 8th ?).
  - 50c. grey-green and dark green on yellow (Oct. 8th ?).

Large "Arms" type, inscribed "Postage and Revenue" wmk. Crown CC., upright, perf. 14.

- 1r. black and carmine on white (Oct. 8th ?).

Similar, but wmk. Crown CA, sideways.

- 2r. 50c. green and black on blue (Oct. 8th ?).
- 5r. lilac and carmine on vermilion (Oct. 8th ?).

The values are in the second colours. We are not sure of the date of issue, as none of our correspondents say. Our earliest dated copy is postmarked October 13th, but Mr. C. A. Wilson informs us that he received specimens of the 5c., 25c. and 50c. by the mail which left Mauritius on the 8th. We understand that the 3c. in the new colour will also be issued shortly. Except the three rupee values, none of the new stamps are inscribed "Postage and Revenue" and it will be interesting to see whether they will be surcharged like the 4c., 6c. and 15c. and the now obsolete Queen's Head 25c., 50c. and 2r. 50c.

**MOROCCO AGENCIES** (161 C 165).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 161 we mentioned the 5, 10 and 25c. with the variety showing a hyphen between 'n' and 'c' of "Agen-cies." Capt. Nugent writes to inform us that he has seen all the values with this variety and himself possesses the 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c. and 2 peseta.

*Adhesives:* Minor variety, "Agen-cies."

- 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.

**MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY** (137 B 165).—A correspondent informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that he has found the 50 reis of the current issue perf. 11½ or 11½ × 12.

**NEW CALEDONIA** (150 F 165).—The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown by Mr. W. Thorne a copy of the 5c. on 2c. brown on buff provisional of 1901, with surcharge inverted.

**NEW HEBRIDES** (146 D 165).—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that collectors of stamps will be glad to learn that New Hebrides is about to provide an addition to their album. New stamps of ½d., 1½d., and 2½d. are to be provided for the

local postal service. As heretofore, correspondence for abroad will be franked with stamps of New Caledonia or New South Wales.

**SOMALI COAST** (164 P 165).—In addition to the 1, 2 and 5c. already chronicled in the new type, we are now informed by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the 10c. has been issued.



*Adhesive.* Design as above.  
10c. carmine and orange.

The 25c. on 25fr., and 50c. on 50fr. provisionals mentioned in *E.W.S.N.* No. 139 as 'rumoured,' have never materialized and may be struck out. On the other hand, we appear to have omitted to chronicle the 10c. on 50fr. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* states that it is issued in sheets or blocks of twelve (two horizontal rows of six), one stamp in each sheet having the error "01."

There is also an error of the "10-CENTIMES-DJIBOUTI" on 2fr. of Obock (*E.W.S.N.* 147, 152). The Colonial Stamp Market were fortunate enough to secure a pair, one stamp showing the variety with the third line of the overprint ("Djibouti") inverted. At the time, however, having none to compare, and seeing that the triangular stamps are arranged on the sheets in tête-bêche pairs, it was presumed to be a normal state of affairs and the error was sent out with the Colonial Market's new issue service at the ordinary price, to whom is unknown; perhaps the recipient is not yet aware of his good fortune.

**TRANSVAAL** (159 A 165).—A Potcheitroom correspondent sends us a novelty which comes quite as a surprise.

*Adhesive.* E.R.I. on 2/6 violet and green.

The copy is sent "because it does not seem to be shown" in our journal, from which we may assume it was issued some little while ago. If so, it seems strange nothing as yet has been heard of it. The *Philatelic Record* for September mentions the 2/6 surcharged "E.R.I. Pass Two Shillings" with original value barred out, presumably for fiscal use.

## NOTES.

At Messrs. Glendinning & Co.'s auction sale on November 14th, mint unused copies of the ½d. vermilion and 1d. lilac O.W. Official realized 24/- and 23/- respectively. The feature of the sale was the fine collection of Asiatic stamps, "the property of a well-known Straits Collector." The 96c. CC., perf. 12½, Straits Settlements, mint, brought 105/-. The Native States stamps were, of course, strongly represented and most fetched high prices. The following are of special interest:—

- Negri Sembilan, 4c. on 8c., double-surcharge, mint, cat. No. 19, 84/-.
- Pahang, 4c. black on plain paper, used, cat. No. 20, 46/-.
- Pahang, 5s green and blue, mint, 32/-.
- Perak, Service, 5c. blue, a fine unused copy, practically unobtainable in this condition, 115/-.
- Perak, \$1, 2, 3, mint, 20/-.
- Perak, \$5, mint, 23/-.
- Selangor, \$3, 5, mint, 22/-.
- Selangor, \$10 green and purple, mint, 50/-.
- Selangor, \$25 green and orange, mint, 72/6.
- Fed. Malay States on Perak \$5, mint, 32/-.
- British Central Africa, 1896, £1 blue, mint, 70/-.

M. Marimian, of Paris, has published a simplified catalogue on a new plan. No surcharged stamps are included!

In Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale yesterday, there were sold in two lots the just obsolete £5 stamp and the late 2/6, 5/-, 10/-. Next week we will report what they realized.

*Stanley Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue*, Part 11., is in the press and is expected to be ready early in December.

A mint block of 119 1d. black Great Britain—the lower half of a sheet minus one stamp, MA, but with full margins and plate number 1 at each lower corner—was sold by auction last week for £112.

*Sale of Postage Stamps.*—Messrs. Puttick and Simpson concluded last night the three days' sale of the very fine collection of British, foreign, and colonial postage stamps formed by Mr. F. W. Neild. The total of the sale amounted to £2,000; the first day's sale has already been reported in the *Times*, the more important lots of the second and third day's being as follows:—Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 1d. blue, error, very fine margin—£54; Sierra Leone, 1897, provisional, 2½d. on 2s., lilac, unused, in mint state, £11; Zululand, postal fiscals, 1891-94, £1 green, unused, £12; Canada, 1851, 12d. black, lightly cancelled, £75; New Brunswick, 1851, 1s. mauve, £14; British Guiana, 1850, 12c. blue, £14; and ditto, 1876, 4c. magenta, £11. (From the *Times*, Nov. 14th).

REST OF THE WORLD.

Independent Countries of Africa, Asia, South and Central America, and last, but not least, United States and Colonies.

GROUP XIX.—AFRICA.

321 Abyssinia, 1/2, 1, 2, 4gu. ..	..	..	5	—	—
322 Congo Free State, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50c. ..	..	..	6	1/3	—
323 Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	..	..	7	1/11	2/3
324 Liberia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c. ..	..	..	9	—	—
325 Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c. ..	..	..	10	1/10	2/3

GROUP XX.—ASIA.

331 Afghanistan (not stocked) ..	..	..	—	—	—
332 China, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	9	2/5	2/11
333 Japan, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 sen ..	..	..	13	—	—
334 Persia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16ch. ..	..	..	9	—	—
335 Siam, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 24 atts ..	..	..	8	—	—
336 Corea, 2re., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 20, 25ch. ..	..	..	10	—	—
337 Japanese China, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	..	13	—	—
338 " Corea, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50s. ..	..	..	13	—	—

GROUP XXI.—SOUTH AMERICA.

341 Argentine Rep., 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	12	3/2	3/9
341a " Official, 1, 2, 5, 10c. ..	..	..	4	—	0/6
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343 Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000r. ..	..	..	9	—	—

344 Chili, 1, 2, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c. ..	..	..	8	3/0	3/6
355 Colombia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
346 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
347 Paraguay, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 20, 28, 40 ..	..	..	11	—	—
348 Peru, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 22, 50c. ..	..	..	7	—	—
349 Uruguay, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25c. ..	..	..	8	—	—
350 Venezuela, 5, 10, 25, 50c. ..	..	..	4	—	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. ..	..	..	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c. ..	..	..	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c... ..	..	..	6	—	—

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7030 " " entire pane of 60, margin on 3 sides, same as above and also has dotless R, inverted 1, etc., cat. 29/2 ..	..	..	14/6	..	..
7031 2d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 9d. ..	..	..	4d.	..	..
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7035 " " strip of 3, cat. 2/3 ..	..	..	1/0	..	..
7036 " " block of 12, with plate number, cat. 9/- ..	..	..	1 0	..	..
7037 " " corner block of 6 with plate number 1, cat. 4/6 ..	..	..	2/0	..	..
7038 " " block of 4, cat. 3/- ..	..	..	1 4	..	..
7039 " " block of 36, cat. 27/- ..	..	..	12 0	..	..
7040 " " entire pane of 60, full margins, including varieties, no stop after V, comma after 1, cat. 59/3 ..	..	..	27 0	..	..
7041 2d. V.R.I. raised stops, very faint printing ..	..	..	6d.	..	..
7042 " " thick and thin V pair, cat. 1/7 ..	..	..	1/0	..	..
7043 " " block 4, two with thick V, cat. 3/2 ..	..	..	2 0	..	..
7045 3d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 8d. ..	..	..	5d.	..	..
7046 " " pair, cat. 1/4 ..	..	..	10d.	..	..
7047 " " block 4, cat. 2/8 ..	..	..	1/8	..	..

7048 3d. V.R.I. pair, level and raised stops, cat. 15/- cat. 3/6 ..	..	..	7/6	..	2/0
7050 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 11/6 ..	..	..	6/9	..	..
7051 3d. V.R.I. block of 12, including pair with raised and level stops (S.G. No. 166) and three with mixed stops, cat. 29/3 ..	..	..	16/6	..	..
7053 3d. V.R.I., entire pane of 60, margins on two sides, with six thick V's, cat. 39/- ..	..	..	19/6	..	..
7054 4d. V.R.I. raised stops, block 6, three with mixed stops, cat. 62/6 ..	..	..	35/0	..	..
7055 4d. V.R.I. block 12, three with mixed stops and pair with raised and level stops, cat. £6 6s. 6d. ..	..	..	70 0	..	..
7056 6d. V.R.I. level stops, cat. 2/6, mint ..	..	..	11d.	..	..
7057 " " creased ..	..	..	6d.	..	..
7060 6d. V.R.I., pair raised and level stops, cat. 12/6, 6, 3	..	..	..	..	..
7061 " " block of 8, three with mixed stops, cat. 29/8 ..	..	..	14/6	..	..
7062 1/- V.R.I. level stops, cat. 1/9 ..	..	..	1/3	..	..
7063 " " pair, cat. 3/6 ..	..	..	2/6	..	..
7064 " " strip of 3 ..	..	..	3/9	..	..
7065 " " strip of 4 ..	..	..	5/0	..	..
7066 " " block of 4 ..	..	..	5/0	..	..
7067 " " block of 18, including one with raised stop after S, cat. 47/9 ..	..	..	23/6	..	..
7068 1/- V.R.I. level stops, block of 12 ..	..	..	14/0	..	..
9069 " " block of 6 ..	..	..	7/0	..	..
7070 " " thick stop after 1s. in pair with normal ..	..	..	2/9	..	..
7071 1/- V.R.I. pair, raised and level stops, cat. 19/3	..	..	6/6	..	..
7073 O.R.C. on Cape 4d. green, corner block of 6, one without stop ..	..	..	1 6	..	..
7074 Ditto, entire pane ..	..	..	2/9	..	..
7075 Ditto, entire pane with dotless variety ..	..	..	3/9	..	..
7076 O.R.C. on Cape 1d. rose, entire pane of 60, one with dotless variety ..	..	..	9 6	..	..
7077 O.R.C. on Cape 2 1/2d., block of 6, one with dotless variety ..	..	..	7 6	..	..
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7080 Envelope with 5 1/2d. V.R.I. and 4 1d. V.R.I. ..	..	..	1 6	..	..
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7082 Envelope with 3 1/2d. and 2 2 1/2d. O.R.C. on Cape, Bloemfontein, 3.12.00 ..	..	..	1 3	..	..
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7088 Envelope with 6d. V.R.I., Rouxville ..	..	..	1 3	..	..
7089 " " Smithfield ..	..	..	1 3	..	..
7090 Envelope with 5 1/2d. and one 2 1/2d. O.R.C. ..	..	..	1 0	..	..
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**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Watermark Letters (156, 158 I 166).—Mr. J. W. Lawson has shown us the current 2d. with watermark letter E, so that our list for the King's Head issue now stands as follows:—

½d. D, E, F.	4d. F.
1d. D, E, F.	5d. E, F.
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2½d. D, E.	10d. E, F.
3d. E.	1/- Not yet seen.

**Perforated Official Stamps** (162 C 166).—Mr. E. Leader informs us that he has the 2d. of the perforated B.T. Official stamps.

**Early Dates** (165 T 166).—Mr. H. T. Jenner has shown us the following two new records:—

½d., plate 3.	Swansea, 1.12.70.
4d. sage, plate 15.	Swaffham,—5.77.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (165 L 166).—Just as we went to press last week, we received a new 5c. stamp of pictorial design. It is a remarkably handsome specimen of engraving and printing; probably the best that has ever emanated from the New World. We expect to illustrate it next week.

**Adhesive.**—Oblong in shape, view of Rosario Harbour. Wmk. Large Sun (6mm.), perf. 11½. 5c. blue.

**Official Card,** with copy of decrees on one side, and an impression of the stamp on the other. 5c. blue; inscriptions on card in brown.

The stamp is inscribed "Republica Argentina—Puerto del Rosario—26 de Octubre de 1902—5 cts." and has the imprint at bottom, "Cia. Sud Americana de Billetes de Banco, Buenos Aires."

The card measures about 9½ x 4mm. and is folded in the centre so that the decrees are inscribed in two columns on p. ii. and the impression of the stamp is opposite on p. iii. The outside is left blank. The inscriptions are to the effect that "it having been resolved that the opening of the new port of Rosario de Santa Fe should take place on October 26th and that this occurrence should be celebrated by the national and provincial authorities with various festivities, and as it is suitable and in accord with the wishes of the Postmaster-General, to have a special stamp printed for the occasion, the President of the Republic decrees and authorises the issue of a special stamp on Oct. 26th only." This decree, dated September 30th, is followed by a resolution of the Postmaster-General, dated October 10th, the text of which is also given. The first article provides "crear una estampilla postal conmemorativa de la inauguración de las obras del nuevo puerto del Rosario, la que tendrá circulación en el interior del país el día 26 del actual únicamente." Article 4 enjoins that "La Seccion de Correos adoptará las medidas necesarias a fin de evitar que se franquee con esta estampilla la correspondencia destinada al exterior del país" as we know to our cost, as a letter franked with three of these stamps was surcharged 5d. on arrival in London, as an unpaid letter. We strongly recommended every collector to get a copy of this stamp, even though "only a commemorative issue." It will add to the interest of the album in the eyes of unphilatelic friends.

**COLOMBIA** (165 O 166).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* reports that M. Maury has found the 10c. black on pink with sewing machine perforation.



**Adhesive.** Sewing machine perf. 10c. black on pink.

It was chronicled as imperforate in E.W.S.N. No. 155.

**FRENCH GUIANA** (125 B 166).—The new 2fr. stamp chronicled last week as from French Guinea should have been described as from French Guiana.

**FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.**—We illustrate below the types of the new stamps recently chronicled.

Alexandria (164 C 166).



Cavalle (164 B 166).



French China (164 E 166).



French P.O., Crete (164 B 166).



Dédéagh (164 C 166).



French P.O., Levant (164 D 166).



French Morocco (164 C 166).



Port Said (164 C 166).



**FRENCH P.O., ZANZIBAR** (165 D 166).

—A correspondent at Zanzibar writes us as follows, under date October 20th:—"Yesterday, the French Post Office here issued a new set of stamps. They run from ½ anna to 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 annas, but only the ½a. and the 5 higher values have yet been issued. Only 200 of the 4 annas have been sent out." We illustrate the two types herewith.



With reference to the above, we may confirm the statement made last week that the Colonial Market received a letter franked with the new stamps postmarked October 23rd. Perhaps, however, their correspondent obtained the stamps in advance by favour.

It is rather a curious anomaly that all stamps of the French Post Office can be bought 5% cheaper in Paris than in Zanzibar! Rupees 15

or £1 will buy only 240 1 anna stamps in Zanzibar, but in Paris the stamps are sold at their original value of 10 centimes each or 252 to the £1. Similarly the 5 annas on 50c. is sold at 5 annas in Zanzibar and 50c. in Paris; the 50 annas on 5fr. is sold respectively at 50 annas (4/2) and 5 francs (3/11½), and so on.

**GUATEMALA** (162 N 166).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 75c. value is now issued.

**Adhesive.** 75c. violet and black.

The rest of the set was chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 162.

**ICELAND** (163 F 166).—We are now able to illustrate the type of the new stamps.



**ITALY** (112 G 166).—We learn from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that a sheet of the 5c. has been printed by mistake in the colour of the 2c. red-brown. A specimen is shown by M. Rosati, of Florence.

**LAGOS** (114 B 166).—*Der Philatelist* chronicles some new stationery, presumably on the strength of "specimen" copies.

**Postcards.** Similar type to those of Grenada chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 150. Stamps with Head of King Edward.

1d. carmine on buff, 140 x 90mm.  
1d. 1/2 carmine on buff, 140 x 90mm., perf. 5.

**MALTA** (165 R 166).—The red tick referred to in E.W.S.N. No. 154 is no longer found on the 2½d. stamps sold at the post-office.

**PERSIA** (161 O 166).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles a new provisional stamp.

**Adhesive.** Type set series.

2c. red surcharged "P.L. Teheran" in black.

The "P.L." is set in type about ¼ of an inch in height. The *raison d'être* of this stamp does not transpire.

**RUSSIA** (164 K 166).—A correspondent writes:—"In this week's E.W.S.N. you chronicle the new stamps with wmk. vertical lines. I am wondering if your correspondent means the stamps on vertically laid paper. If so, I can add another value to those mentioned, namely the 14 kop. I heard from Russia this morning that these stamps on vertical laid paper are scarce, especially the 20 kop. value. My correspondent offers me five mint copies of the 2 and three of the 5 kopeks in exchange for one of the 20 kopeks."

**Adhesive.** Vertically laid paper.  
14 kop. rose and blue.

The 2, 7, 10 and 20 kopeks and 1 rouble have already been chronicled.

**SOMALI COAST** (165 Q 166).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* adds another value to the series in Mosque type.



**Adhesive.** Design as above.  
15c. brown, yellow and blue.

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

**UNITED STATES** (163 E 166).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* now informs us that at the last moment the colour of the new 13c. was changed. Instead of slate it will be found in mauve. Proofs were made in the former colour but were not considered very satisfactory. Up to Wednesday, October 29th, but very few sheets were printed and none gummed. The stamps will be printed as usual in sheets of 400, having eight plate-numbers to the sheet, two on each quarter. The first plate printed from was No. 1474.

The new special delivery stamp referred to in *E.W.S.N.* No. 157, will not have its colour changed, but will be blue like its predecessor according to our American contemporary. Various coloured proof impressions was taken and orange was objected to as it was not very conspicuous at night time. Further die proofs in carmine, green and blue were then submitted and blue chosen.

**TRINIDAD** (161, 163 R 166).—The 1d. King's Head wrapper is reported as already issued, by *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

**URUGUAY** (161 K 166).—The Holton Stamp Company have shown *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* "the lower values of the current issue printed on a soft paper," whatever that may be.

**VICTORIA** (156 Y 166).—We take the following from *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular*:—

"The die of the current 1d. Victoria stamp was retouched some time ago, the general effect being the lightening of the oval background. I think the change was made about September, 1901, but I am not sure of this. The points of difference I will describe. (i) Taking as a starting point the horizontal line which if produced would touch the top of the O of ONE, and counting upwards, there will be found in type I, between the 6th and 7th lines, a fragment or beginning of another line. This crowding of three lines where two should be comes out as a dark blotch in some heavy impressions. (ii) In type I., beneath the TO of VICTORIA, the lined oval is finished off with a curved line at the top, thus, . In type II. this has been cut through and forms a short line and a long line, thus, ."

## New Issues of British Colonies.

Grouped into classes according to their value to philately and to stamp collectors, investors and specialists.

### I.—KING EDWARD STAMPS.

"KING EDWARD" stamps are specially recommended to the collector who takes no interest in shades or varieties and who likes as little trouble as possible in filling his album. A great many collectors who are not yet reconciled to the new order of things have decided not to collect them for the present; possibly they think that they can be filled in at any time. Should any of these stamps become obsolete, there is no doubt that a great many procrastinators would "get left" in the rush which would ensue. Quite a number of collectors seem to hold the remarkable idea that these stamps will not become obsolete till the demise of the Sovereign, but many other causes are constantly at work. One of the present "King" Colonies, we hear, is desirous of abandoning the stereotyped De la Rue design and may have a new series at an early date; in another case, currency changes are likely to be philatelically fructiferous, and so on. Only the wealthiest collectors can afford to keep pace with the rate at which King Edward stamps are coming out and many are forced for financial reasons to collect only up to 1/- face value, where before they collected up to 5/- or £1. When the present pressure is removed, they will want to complete the sets, but any which have become obsolete in the meantime will be practically unobtainable. Dealers cannot possibly keep an adequate reserve stock for future buyers, as they are kept fully employed by present buyers, importing the issues due in the immediate future. The face value of King Edward stamps already issued is £7 15s. 6d. and to put by a single sheet of 120 stamps of each would cost nearly £1000, yet even this quantity would be far from an adequate provision, and should an issue become obsolete many collectors would find themselves left out in the cold. We recommend collectors to make an effort to buy at least one complete series of King Edward stamps, although they have to forego pairs, blocks of four, or dozens.

### II.—QUEEN'S HEAD STAMPS.

Queen's Head stamps are worth putting by as they must inevitably become obsolete soon, but it is as well to remember that nearly everybody is doing so and much larger quantities are being imported and stocked than of the "King Edward" stamps. A sentimental interest attaches to the last stamps with portrait of Queen Victoria which may possibly cause their inclusion in a great many collections which at present ignore "new issues" in general.

### III.—PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

Provisional stamps are the most popular of new issues. Everyone wants them, in blocks and sheets for preference. Both dealers and collectors stock them in hundreds and thousands and the miracle is where they all go to and why they are ever worth anything over face value. In theory provisional stamps ought to be the worst possible investment, but in practice they rarely cause their purchasers much loss, even though the first glowing prospects are not realized. Certainly the speculator who rushes madly in and buys the first few examples which come over generally "burns his fingers," but he seldom learns wisdom. One would have thought the speculation in Mafeking and other war provisionals would have taught a lesson but there was just the same impatience to get the recent Seychelles, Gold Coast and Leeward Island provisionals—the same old desire to buy before the price goes down, as it inevitably must do when local collectors who have bought up the issue have had time to place their acquisitions on the philatelic market. Speculation has not been carried to quite the same extent, perhaps, but that is probably because the general public do not join in as they did in the days of "Mafeking." Of course, there are provisionals and provisionals. The above remarks apply more particularly to the kinds which are made for the purpose of getting rid of surplus stock. If a Colonial Post Office has a large stock of a particular kind which has been rendered useless by a change in postal rates, as in the case of the Malta, 2½d., nothing is more natural than that such surplusage should be surcharged to a value for which there is a demand. Whether collectors buy up the issue or not does not affect the soundness of this policy, provided it does not cost more to surcharge the stamps than it would to have a fresh lot printed. These stamps, by the way, are not always strictly entitled to the term "provisional"; they become "provisionals" because speculators so often succeed in buying up the stock in a few days, but the 1d. on 1/- Bermuda and 15c. on 36c. Mauritius are cases to the contrary. A second class of surcharged stamps comprises most of those varieties which ultimately go to big prices in the catalogue. These are the *bona fide* provisional stamps intended to make good a shortage of a particular stamp for which there is a real postal necessity. Often their sale at the Post Office is hedged about with restrictions, and sometimes absolutely forbidden as in the case of the 40 paras on 1d. made by the British Post Office at Constantinople; dealers and speculators are not allowed to buy them in quantity and rarely at any period of their history are they to be bought under many hundreds per cent of their face value. By watching one's opportunity, they can sometimes be picked up cheaply, as in the case of the 1d. on 1d. Cook Islands, which is cheaper now than ever before. These provisionals usually occur in out of the way parts of the world, where delay occurs in printing further supplies of the ordinary stamps. The stamps of the Straits Settlements and Malay States are printed in London, whence it may take three or four months or even longer to get supplies. Should a former consignment be exhausted unexpectedly (and this may frequently occur through change of postal rates or damage to part of the stock) a surcharged stamp is the only alternative, and if there is no large reserve of any one particular kind on hand, the stocks of several different stamps have to be laid under contribution. Then there is a third class of provisionals, the unsurcharged ones, such as the 2d. Queen's Head, Gold Coast. They are usually only of a provisional nature by reason of circumstances which have arisen subsequent to their having been printed, and form a class which no collector can afford to ignore. Their history is usually of special interest, but they are nevertheless the least popular of provisional issues.

### IV.—PICTORIAL STAMPS.

Pictorial stamps form the most abused and misunderstood class of new issues. They play a most important part in the history of philately and do more than any other stamps to attract recruits to the pursuit, yet collectors vie with one another in showing them ingratitude. The pictorial stamps such as those of Labuan, Borneo, New Zealand, Tonga, etc., cost their respective governments hundreds and hundreds of pounds more to print than ordinary stamps would and collectors are naturally expected to make good this extra expense. Probably one of the cheapest of these pictorial issues to produce is the present Crown issue of Labuan, as the stamps are all of one design, yet the printers' bill probably took the best part of a thousand pounds to satisfy. The handsome series of twelve designs just superseded must have cost far more. It is the tremendous expense which prohibits the issue of these handsome stamps in the large Colonies where there is a large demand for stamps for business purposes. In Great Britain, for instance, the extra cost of having stamps like those of Labuan would cost the tax

payers tens of thousands of pounds extra for printing, apart from the cost of the original designs and dies. The few Colonies who are willing to print their stamps regardless of cost should receive encouragement from collectors rather than the reverse, as the more handsome the stamps exhibited by the stamp collector to his friends, the more likely the latter are to take interest in them and start collecting on their own account. The subtler pleasures of specializing may later on keep them interested but more often than not it is the pictorial stamps which attract their attention to the hobby in the first instance.

### V.—VARIETIES.

The pleasure of adding the stamps described above lies mainly in the actual collecting; once they are obtained and mounted in the album, attention is turned to some other desired specimen. Consequently, in this, the fifth and last class of new issues, we wish to advocate the claims of varieties in general. They add an interest to the actual possession of stamps, since new points are always being discovered. Besides, the stamps of which catalogue values advance the most are those which are distinguished by some variation of paper, watermark, perforation, gum or shade. They are to some extent unpopular because one must take a good deal of trouble to identify them and properly arrange them and many people dislike taking trouble, especially where a hobby is concerned. Anything for an easy life; consequently, varieties of watermark, perforations, etc., are ignored and most of the really profitable opportunities of making money which are afforded by philately are lost. The current 6d. Bermuda is catalogued 15/- in violet and 8d. in mauve. The collector who bought both shades when current makes 700% profit assuming that he sells now at "half-catalogue." The collector who ignores shades makes nothing, unless he happens by luck to have hit upon the rare shade. "Shades" are perhaps a bigger gamble than anything else, but a thoroughly-formed collection put together with some trouble is only a gamble in so far as the amount of profit which will accrue is uncertain; a loss is practically impossible. The better known the variety, the less chance there is of it yielding a big result. Watermarks are so well exploited now-a-days that there is not much opportunity of finding a "2d. vermilion, wmk. lozenges," but one may be less ambitious than this and yet make a handsome profit on a deal in watermarks. A collection without varieties is a bald affair that may and probably did give considerable pleasure in the formation, but the other pleasure of possessing, comparing and understanding one's specimens is never experienced by its owner.

In concluding these remarks, we would urge pleasure and profit out of both forming and possessing his collection, to see that it is compiled on thorough lines, to limit it as little as possible, every collector who wishes to get the maximum of and to give the preference always to new issues.

## Answers to Correspondents.

H.S.G. The defect in the current 1d. stamps, which you mention, has no philatelic interest at all if it occurred on only five or six sheets. It was probably due to the temporary lodgment on the plate of a speck of dirt.

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Liberia, notes, ET 10. 02/1073.  
Mexico, surcharges, RPF 11. 02/135.  
Hawaii, numerals (H. J. Crocker), AJP 10. 02/279;  
(J. N. Luff), AJP 10. 02/282.  
Niger Coast, provisionals, PJGB 10. 02/157.  
Great Britain, Ireland Marine Insurance, MPJ 10. 02/79.  
Italy, decree relating to postcards, etc., PR 9. 02 183.  
Albania, decree, PR 9. 02 184.  
Crete, stamps of (Theodor Haas), PR 9. 02/185.  
Greece, issues from 1900, PR 8. 02/163.  
Orange Free State, 3d. on 4d., PR 8. 02/176.  
U.S.A., Madison-Florida provisionals, 1861, MSC 10. 02/454.

The Secretary to the Exhibition Committee asks us to announce that Mauritius should have been included in the list of countries to be represented at the forthcoming London Exhibition.

We have to thank the Editor of the *Antigua Standard* for a concise list of the quantities and values of Leeward Islands surcharged stamps; in all, 111,600 stamps of the face value of £7,005 were reduced by surcharging to a value of £465.

# COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

## GROUP VII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

## GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204 " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
206 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

## GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

## GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

## GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

## GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.

251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

## GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

## GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenzo Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

## GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

## GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295 Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	4	0/8	0/10

## GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301 Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302 Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12ö.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

## GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

## PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenzo Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

## Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias	10d.	1/0
854* " 10 "	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11
858* China, \$1	2/0	2/4
859* " \$2	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5	10/0	11/8
861* Corea, 1 veun	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 "	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d.	1/0
864* " " 3 1/2fr.	2/10	3/4
865* " " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
866* " " 10fr.	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g.	1/8	2/0
868* " 1 1/2g.	2/6	2/11
869* " 2 1/2g.	4/2	4/11
870* Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g.	4/2	4/11
872 Eritrea, 1 lire	10d.	1/0
873 " 5 "	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5

875* Fernando Poo, 40c.	—	—
876* " 60c.	—	—
877* " 80c.	—	—
878* " 1 peso	—	—
879* " 2 pesos	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1 "	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c.	—	—
885 " \$1	—	—
886 " \$2	—	—
887 " \$5	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—
889 " 2 "	—	—
890 " 3 "	—	—
891 " 4 "	—	—
892 " 5 "	—	—
893 " 10 "	—	—
894 " 50 "	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0
897* " 1 1/2 "	2/6	2/11
898* " 2 1/2 "	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0
900* " 2 "	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8

## South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 "	—	—
913 " 10 "	—	—
914 " 20 "	—	—
955 " Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956 " " 50c.	1/0	1/3
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos	—	—
916 " 2 "	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivas	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso	—	—
923 " 2 "	—	—
924 " 5 "	—	—
925 " 10 "	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso	—	—
927 " 2 "	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre	—	—
929 " 5 "	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c.	—	—
931 " 1 gourde	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso	—	—
934 " 5 pesos	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso	—	—
936 " 2 pesos	—	—
937 " 5 "	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso	—	—
940 Perú, 1 sol	—	—
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942 " 5 "	—	—
943 " 10 "	—	—

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Official Stamp (165 Z 167).—Mr. A. B. Creeke, jr., informs the *London Philatelist* that the following has been issued.

O.W. Official 10d. King Edward.

Mr. J. H. Chittenden informs us that he has "an envelope postmarked Windsor, Nov. 2. '02. 7 p.m. R. H. Official." We wish our correspondent would be more explicit. Does he mean that he has an "R. H. Official" stamp post-marked, and if so which value?

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (166 M 167).—We now illustrate the handsome 5c. stamp chronicled last week.



*L'Annuaire Timbrologique* learns that 500,000 were issued.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (163 I 167).—The *London Philatelist* is informed by Messrs. Bright & Son that the first Commonwealth postal will be issued on November 1st, and will be a ½d. Newspaper stamp.

**BAVARIA** (158 G 165).—Mr. H. J. White kindly adds the following to our list of consignment numbers given in E.W.S.N. No. 158.

- (a) 1881, wmk. perpendicular wavy lines, perf. 11½. No. 14. 10, 20pf.
- (b) 1888, wmk. horizontal wavy lines, perf. 14½. No. 16. 5pf. mauve. 25pf. bistre-brown.
- (c) Wmk. horizontal wavy lines, perf. 11½. No. 16. 1 mark.

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA** (162 E 167).—With reference to the note in E.W.S.N., No. 154, we learn that the King Edward issue cannot possibly be ready before the end of March. It will be remembered that it was promised for December.

**CANTON** (155 H 167).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the following quantities of Indo-China stamps surcharged "Canton" were issued:—

1c.	119,700	25c.	43,550.
2c.	78,600	30c.	9,600.
4c.	36,000	40c.	9,600.
5c.	226,950	50c.	9,600.
10c.	78,600	75c.	9,600.
15c.	183,000	1fr.	9,150.
20c.	9,900	5fr.	7,200.

Of the 15c. one sheet of 150 was in blue.

**CUBA** (165 L 167).—Mr. D. T. Eaton reports to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that he has a pair of the recent 1c. on 3c. provisional used on cover, one of the stamps having inverted surcharge. He also has a specimen surcharged vertically and unused. It is reported that of the last named there are but 150 copies in existence.

Mr. J. M. Bartels has shown the *Weekly Philatelic Era* the current 2c. Cuban in a new shade, vermilion. This variety is to be found in the stamp booklets printed in Spanish.

**DUTCH INDIES** (158 K 167).—A new series is reported by the *Philatelic Journal of India*, but presumably only specimen copies have so far been seen. The design shows the head of the Queen to left in a narrow white circle. The values and colours are reported as follows:—10c. grey-black; 12½c. blue; 15c. brown; 20c. green-black; 25c. purple; 30c. brick-red; 50c. lake-red.

**ECUADOR** (165 M 167).—*L'Annuaire Timbrologique* says that *La Côte Rellie* has received on a letter "a fiscal" (no particulars given) used as postage stamp and surcharged in two lines "Chimborazo Riobamba." Further details would be welcome.

**FERNANDO POO** (135 D 167).—Mr. Thorne has shown the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the complete 1900 set in imperforate pairs.

**FRANCE** (165 Z 167).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* records the 40c. of the current issue without the light blue background.

The 15c. of the retouched series is reported by *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* to have been printed in dull rose to the extent of 500,000 sheets. Are they to be issued or burnt? The die for the new 15c. in Roty's ridiculous design, *La Semeuse* (busily engaged in sowing against the wind!) is expected to be engraved in December so that the issue is not to be expected before March. Our contemporary learns that a decree of October 16th orders all the values from 1c. to 30c. to be adorned with *La Semeuse*, so we may expect almost an entirely new set next year.

**FRENCH CHINA** (166 F 167).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* mentions the following millésimes of the recent issue surcharged "Chine" on Indo China.

Millésime 3. 4c., 20c., 10c., 50c., 75c.  
" 1. 1c., 5c.

This issue was made in September. The 5c. of the new issue of October, design of which was chronicled last week, has millésime 1. The higher values do not show any.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the following quantities of the September issue were printed:—

1c., 2c.	..	..	30,000 each.
4, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	..	..	15,000 ..
20c.	..	..	6,000 ..
30, 40, 50, 75c., 1, 5fr.	..	..	3,000 ..

As the surcharge is not very distinct, further printings, if made, may have it in clearer type.

**FRENCH P.O., CRETE** (166 C 167).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* records the new 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c. and 5c. with millésimes 2.

**FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.**

—The new sets chiefly have millésimes 1. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following: Alexandria (166 D 167). Mill. 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. Cavalle (166 C 167). .. 1 5c. Crete (166 C 167). .. 2 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. Dédéagh (166 D 167). .. 1 5c. Levant (166 E 167). .. 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. Port Said (166 D 167). .. 1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. Zanzibar (166 E 167). .. 1 5c.

**FRENCH GUIANA** (166 C 167).—The new 2fr. has millésime 2.

**FRENCH LEVANT** (166 E 167).—The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. of the new set have millésime 1. The imprint at foot of sheets of 3c. and 5c. reads "R 2509.10" and "R 2708.10" respectively, indicating, *inter alia*, that the dates of printing were September 25th and August 27th (1901).

**FRENCH P. O. MOROCCO** (166 D 167).

—M. le Receveur principal des Postes et Télégraphes français de Tangiers writes us that the new stamps of 50c., 1p. and 2p. chronicled last week are not yet on sale in Morocco; that is to say, they can only be had in Paris at present. They will be placed on sale as soon as the stock of the old ones is exhausted, which will be in about a fortnight from the date of our correspondent's letter (November 25th) as regards the 50c., and in 1 or 2 months' time in the case of the two higher values. Of the 1 piastre, old issue, there were still about 1000 in stock, and of the 2 piastres about 350.

**GREECE** (162 O 167).—A long while ago (*E.W.S.N.* Nos. 123, 135) we mentioned the current 1, 3, 5, 10, and 20 lepta on thin paper. *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* mentions the 2, 25 and 50 lepta also.

**HAYTI** (165 H 167).—The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. have shown us the following new varieties:—



Adhesives. Surcharged as above in black.

- 1c. blue.
- 2c. orange.
- 5c. brown.

Postage Due.—Surcharge in carmine instead of black.

- 2c. grey black.

The three postage stamps are remainders of old stock in the pre-Postal-Union colours.

**GUATEMALA** (166 O 167).—We illustrate the new 75c. chronicled last week.



**HOI-HAO** (162 C 167).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* learns from a correspondent in Haiphong that the General Post Office at Hanoi printed the following quantities of Indo China stamps overprinted "Hoi-hao."

1c.	45,000	25c.	15,000
2c.	30,000	30c.	3,900
4c.	30,000	10c.	3,900
5c.	24,900	50c.	3,900
10c.	15,000	75c.	2,400
15c.	45,000	1fr.	600
20c.	4,800	5fr.	600

**ICELAND** (166 G 167).—We are now able to record the actual issue of the following new stamps.

Adhesive.

"1 GILDI—02 03" in red on 6 aur, grey (old issue).



Head of King Christian IX.

- 3 aur, orange.
- 4 .. rose and grey.
- 5 .. green.
- 6 .. grey brown.
- 10 .. red.
- 16 .. red-brown.
- 20 .. blue.
- 25 .. green and brown.
- 40 .. lilac.
- 50 .. steel-blue and grey.
- 1kr. brown and blue.

We have not actually seen any of the above and our contemporaries do not mention perforations. The *London Philatelist* describes a copy of the 6 aur "1 Gildi" postmarked October 24th. The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* gives October 11th as the day of issue of the 20 aur King's Head.

**INDIA** (162 O 167).—In E.W.S.N., No. 156, we illustrated the King's Head envelope and post-card stamps. We are now able to reproduce the new 2 anna registration envelope stamp.



**Fiscals.**—The *Philatelic Journal of India* refers in its October number to the Indian postage stamps surcharged "Posta' Service" and "I.P.N." (in two lines) for Indian Postal Notes. The first of these series was "supplied to Post Offices to represent Customs dues on foreign inward parcels" according to the *Philatelic World* of March 1896. Are they still in use? The exact nature of the "I.P.N." series has still to be defined. The other adhesive fiscals of India may

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**LABUAN** (161 F 167).—The 6c. of 1897 is reported by Messrs. Bright & Son in a block of four, imperforate horizontally between the stamps.

**NATAL** (159 K 167).—*Der Philatelist* reports 'specimen' copies of a 2d. olive-green and carmine.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (164 W 167).—The *London Philatelist* reports, on the authority of Messrs. Bright & Son, the 4d. red-brown, O.S. of 1871, perf. 10×11.

*Railway Stamps.*—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* has seen some new railway stamps for use here.

(i.)—For Newspapers. Central design, a locomotive. Upright rectangle, 13×18mm.

1d. blue, 3d. purple, 6d. green, 1/- vermilion. Horizontal rectangle, 18×13mm.

2 6 yellow, 5/- bistre-brown.

(ii.) For parcels. Central design, figures and letter of value on a shield.

3d. blue, 6d. vermilion, 1/- purple.

The engraving of the 2- and 5/- newspaper stamps is said to be much superior to that of the lower values. The parcels stamps are more striking, and have the figure and letter of value in white upon a network shield, surrounded by a broad coloured circle with "Government Railway—New South Wales" in white block letters. In the corners is ornamental lathe work, with "Parcels" and "Stamp" in the two upper corners.

**NICARAGUA** (164 N 167).—This Republic is evidently hard put to it for stamps. Mr. Focke has shown *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* a cover mailed from Chicandega, October 7th, the face of which is adorned with cut-square envelope stamps of 5c. blue and 10c. red-violet. Other covers have been sent franked with 20c. brown or 30c. green envelope stamps similarly cut out and pasted on.

The *American Journal of Philately* has been shown the following varieties by Mr. Albert Calman:—1895, 50c. violet, vertical pair, imperf. between; and Official, 1893, 10c. slate, inverted surcharge.

**NYASSA** (135 C 167).—The 150r. black and orange of 1901 is reported by Mr. A. Calman to the *American Journal of Philately*, in a vertical pair, imperforate between.

**PERAK** (162 C 167).—The following may be added to our list of minor varieties chronicled a few weeks ago.

1c. on 2c., wrong fount "e" in "cent."  
1c. on 5c., similar variety.

**PERSIA** (161 O 167).—We take the liberty of reproducing from the *Adhesive* (of Rocky Hill, U.S.A.), the following interesting article on the current Persian type-set stamps, by Mr. Herbert I. Watts:—

"One of the keenest pleasures of stamp collecting has long been denied the collector who is blessed with no more than moderate means—that of plating stamps. The wealthy collector has found great delight in plating the 'missionary' stamps, the 'Sydney Views,' etc., but until the recent issue of type-set provisionals by the Persian Government there was no bona-fide issue suitable for plating by the less wealthy philatelists.

"The type set provisionals to which I refer were first issued during the past summer and at the date I write, September 21st, are presumably still in use. From a consignment just received from my Teheran correspondent I learn that the stamps were set in two vertical rows of six each. Two impressions of the "plate" were made on each sheet, thus giving us the stamps in sheets of twenty-four. This makes of course twelve possible types, and although it is evident that every effort was made to have the stamps uniform, the twelve types can be readily distinguished. The principal points of difference occur in the wavy rule (or line) between the outer border and the inner dotted rule. This is made from a regular printer's "fount of cut rule," and different length pieces of this rule are used in making up the twelve stamps. The only type difference of any importance occurs in the sheets of the three chahis in the first and third vertical rows (reckoning from the left) second stamp from the top. In this stamp the left "3" is not from the regular Roman fount, but is a heavier type, narrower and taller than the others used, the type of course occurs twice on each sheet.

"Each sheet of these stamps bears a number stamped at the top. This is stamped with a regular numbering machine, and the numbers run as follows, according to my information from a semi-official source:—

1 chahi, Nos. 1 to 10,000.  
2 chahis, Nos. 10,001 to 15,000.  
3 chahis, Nos. 15,001 to 20,000.

5 chahis, Nos. 25,000 to 30,000.  
10 chahis, Nos. 30,001 to 40,000.  
12 chahis, Nos. 40,001 to 45,000.

"Of course the above list does not mean that there are 10,000 sheets of the 1 chahi in existence. It means that these numbers have been assigned to these stamps. It is probable, however, that before the regular issue is again supplied most of these provisionals will have been issued to the numbers indicated. For instance, I have sheet 18,274 of the three chahis value. This would indicate that 3,272 sheets or over 78,000 stamps of this value had been issued. I have not obtained any information as yet concerning the numbers of the kran values.

"From the foregoing figures it will be seen that search for the twelve varieties composing each sheet of these stamps will be an interesting one, but not expensive. One can obtain a complete sheet of one value, say the 1 chahi, and use that as a guide to plating the higher and scarcer values. All the stamps are printed from the same type and each variety retains its place on the sheet regardless of the value of the stamp, only the figures of value, &c., being changed.

"There are two printings of most of these stamps. The first can be distinguished by the red overprint, which, in the first printing is very clear, while the second printing has this overprint very heavy and much blurred."

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** (133 F 167).—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* learns that owing to a shortage of the regular 1c. postage stamps, postage due stamps of that value were allowed to frank inland correspondence from September 5th to 16th. The following letters explain further:—

MANILA, P.I., October 3rd, 1902.

The Editor *Philatelic Era*:—

I have presumed that it would interest your readers to know that recently the one cent Philippine stamps became exhausted, and while the Post Office officials were awaiting the arrival of a new lot it became necessary to substitute one cent postage due stamps for use as postage.

These provisional stamps were only used from the 5th to the 16th of September, both dates inclusive, and were only available for postage on letters to places in the Philippine Islands. Every effort was made by the Post Office officials to limit the number as much as possible, and the stamp could only be secured by presenting letters at the stamp window for payment of postage.

Copies of my letter and a reply from the Director of Posts for the Philippine Islands are inclosed.

While this provisional is strictly a local, I think it worthy of a place in the catalogues, and considering the limited number used it is destined to become rare.

Very respectfully,

J. C. PERRY, M.D.

MANILA, P.I., September 19th, 1902.

THE POSTMASTER, Manila, P.I.

Dear Sir: Having noticed that local letters received by me from the 6th to the 16th inst. have been stamped with the one cent postage due stamp instead of the current one cent green stamp, I respectfully request to be informed relative to this matter. Was the use of the postage due stamp due to an exhaustion of the current one cent postage stamps, and, if so, how long and what number of postage due stamps were used in this manner?

I will also thank you for a copy of any order that may have been issued promulgating the change.

Very truly yours,

J. C. PERRY, M.D.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL,

C. M. COTTERMAN,

Director-General.

MANILA, P. I.,

September 19th, 1902.

DR. J. C. PERRY,

City.

Sir: Your letter of the 17th instant to the Postmaster at Manila relative to the use of postage due stamps for the payment of postage has been forwarded to this office. In reply, I beg to state that the supply of 1c. postage stamps ran very low about the 5th instant. Therefore, owing to the fact that a further supply would not be received until the arrival of the next transport, the Postmaster at Manila was directed to economise on one cent stamps as much as possible, by using the 1c. postage due stamp on matter for the Philippine Islands presented at the stamp window to be stamped. About four thousand 1c. postage due stamps were used for this purpose. No formal order on the subject was issued.

Very respectfully,

C. M. COTTERMAN,

Director.

**PORTUGUESE INDIA** (163 E 167).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* states that *Boletim Official* of March 26th, 1902, published a decree notifying an alteration in the postal rates, namely, 1 real for journals, 2 reis for other printed matter within the territory of Goa, and 2½ annas for letters beyond Indian limits. These rates should have come into force with the publication of the decree in the *Government Gazette*, but from April to September there were no stamps of any of these three values and the public had to go on franking their letters as before. On September 12th the decree authorising the issue of the surcharged stamps was published, but as these provisionals are not likely to last long there will probably soon be a renewal of the difficulty.

**RUSSIA** (166 L 167).—Mr. Ralsevitch informs *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* of the following:—

*Adhesives.* Vertically laid paper.

1k. orange.

5k. mauve.

The following are therefore now known on the new paper, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 20 kopek and 1 rouble.

**SIAM** (115 B 167).—A *Daily Mail* correspondent wiring from Bangkok on November 28th confirms the announcement that the Siamese mints have been closed to the free coinage of silver, as a preliminary step towards the establishment of a gold standard and eventually of a gold currency. The Siamese Government will sell in London drafts on the Bangkok Treasury at the rate of 17 ticals to the pound sterling. [Rate since reported to be 20 ticals to the £1.—Ed.] This was the approximate value of the tical a year ago, when the exchange was at 1/11½ per \$. The tical is equal to 64 atts or 60 cents of a Mexican dollar, three dollars being thus equal to five ticals. In consequence of the diminishing value of silver, the dollar has fallen during the last few years from 2/6 to 1/6½, and the tical from 1/6 to 1/11. The establishment of a gold currency would stop this depreciation and fix the tical permanently at about 1/3, in the same manner that the rupee has been fixed at 1/4. The importance to stamp collectors of these matters lies in the likelihood of new stamps being issued.

Mr. R. H. Geoghegan has an interesting article on the Siamese alphabet, together with a table of the characters, in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* of November 22nd.

**SEYCHELLES** (159 N 167).—The first of the King Edward series will be a 2c. violet and green, according to the *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

The 2c. on 4c. and 45c. on 2r. 25c. provisionals have been obsolete for some little time.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (164 Q 167).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* hints that all the high value stamps from 2/6 upwards are to have "Postage" substituted for "Postage and Revenue" and records the actual issue of the following.



*Adhesive.* Same type as above.  
2/6 pale lilac.

It is rumoured that the current 3d., 4d. and 6d. are likely to be superseded. Twelve or eighteen months ago it was reported that a stock of 4d. in a brown colour were ready for issue and if so, it may be intended to put these on sale. It is further rumoured that, once having secured uniformity in values, the Federal authorities purpose adopting uniformity in colours. The change is to be made gradually.

Just as we go to press, we are shown new 8d. and 5/- stamps in the above type, by the Colonial Stamp Market. Particulars will be given next week, when we may have other values in the new set to record.

**SUDAN** (144 F 167).—The 1 and 10 piastres are reported by the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* in new colours, but presumably only "specimen" copies have been seen so far. We also have a new printing of the 2 millièmes on paper with multiple watermark "Crescent and Star."

*Adhesives.* Wmk. Crescent and Star multiple.  
2 mill. brown and green.

1 pi. red and black (formerly brown and blue).  
10 pi. violet & brown ( " violet and grey).

The official stamps perforated "SG" are likely to be rare. *Der Philatelist* says that only 1000 of the 1 mill. carmine and brown were perforated and only 500 of the 5 mill. carmine and black, and that most of the latter were burnt.

**TASMANIA** (150 O 167).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the current 1d. stamp in a new shade.

*Adhesive.* Pictorial design; wmk., V and Crown, perf. 12½. Die retouched (chiefly in shading of hills.)  
1d. dull brick red.

**TRANSVAAL** (165 B 167).—Several values of the King Edward stamps are already obsolete, after a short life of only about seven months. Between September 1st and November 1st, the 2/6 and 10/- stamps of this issue were exhausted, the 2/6 being replaced by a 2/6 South African Republic overprinted E.R.I. This latter was chronicled by us in No. 165.

The 3d. and 4d. of the King's Head type are printed and 'specimen' copies have been circulated by the Postal Union. The 3d. will be sage-green and black, and the 4d. chocolate and black, that is to say, they will be printed in the same colours as the 1/- and 2/-. Consequently, the latter two are to appear in new colours, namely, red-brown and black for the 1/-, and yellow and black for the 2/-. 'Specimen' copies of the new 1/- and 2/- have also been printed so that they will no doubt be issued soon.

**TURKEY** (154 D 167).—With reference to the provisional envelope chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 154, Mr. J. B. Robert writes:—

The Turkish postmasters of the offices at Pera and the first postmaster at Galata have stated that no envelopes of the Turkish Empire have been ever surcharged, and no authorisation has been given to surcharge any envelope of that State, and that we were right to deny the existence of it in our number of October 10th. If any surcharged envelope has passed the office, it is therefore not official, but it must be one made for curiosity's sake—for a hoax or for a swindle. I may remark that the *Echo de la Timbrologie* reported it the first at least four weeks before the *I.B.F.*, and that no-one has given any type of the surcharge.

**UNITED STATES** (166 F 167).—Mr. M. H. Lombard kindly sends us the new 13c. stamp, and informs us it was issued on November 21st.

*Adhesive.* Series 1902, portrait of Harrison.

13c. dark brown-lilac, wmk. "USPS."

The sheet before us has plate number 1475. Last week we stated that the first plate printed from was No. 1474.

The drawing of the new 5c. stamp with portrait of Abraham Lincoln has been approved, whilst the dies of the 10c. Special Delivery and 4c. postage stamps are nearly finished. Work is being pushed on in the case of the 8c. and 2c. values. Drawings have been prepared of the new designs for the envelopes to be furnished by the Post Office Department during the next four years.

The following interesting communication is communicated to the *London Philatelist* by Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co. It relates to an accidental issue of 500 copies of the rejected die of the McKinley 1c. postcard. Unfortunately all had been printed on, both back and front, by the firm who bought them. Messrs. Bartels and Co. were fortunate in securing 150 unused cards, and what could be had of the used ones.



Postcard. From rejected die. Issued in error. 1c. (colour?).

October 28th, 1902.

*London Philatelist*, LONDON, ENGLAND.

"DEAR SIRS,—Enclosed we beg to hand you specimen of a United States postal card, which we feel sure will be new as far as the readers of your paper are concerned. The history of it is as follows:—

"Our Government decided, about a year ago, to get out a 1c. postal card with a likeness of President McKinley, and gave instructions to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare a die. This was done, and after it had been officially approved a small supply of the cards was printed at the factory. However, upon seeing specimens of the new card, it was decided that the likeness of McKinley was a very poor one, and the card should not be issued. A new drawing was made, and finally, last July, the new card was issued, showing a good profile of McKinley. The factory received strict instructions from headquarters to destroy the entire supply of the first printing. It has now transpired that erroneously a box of 500 of these cards was included in a consignment to New York City, and sold there in due course to the contractors for cleaning the streets of this city. These in turn had them printed for their use, as the enclosed card shows. Not until 350 of them had been used did a Philatelist of that city make the discovery. He at once secured the balance on hand of 150 cards, and this was all of the unused which was in existence. You will see, therefore, that this will be one of the rarest postal cards, and that it is entitled to full recognition, as it was sold and used in the regular way.

"Upon inquiry at the Department in Washington we received the following letter:—

"POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
"THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL,  
"WASHINGTON.  
"Office of Supt.  
"Postage Stamp Supplies and Postmaster's  
Accounts.

October 13th, 1902.

"Mr. J. M. BARTELS,  
"230, Washington St., Boston.

"SIR,—Your letter of October 11th is received. I am surprised to learn that any cards from the rejected "McKinley" die have been placed on sale anywhere, as the manufactory was directed to destroy all that were printed. If any have been issued it was by accident. I will take the matter up at once, and let you know what I find about it.

"Yours truly,  
"(Signed) J. H. REEVE,  
"Superintendent."

**UGANDA** (154 G 167).—We learn on good authority that there will be no new issue in the Protectorate. The King Edward issue for British East Africa will be jointly used in both Protectorates.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (161 F 167).—We are now able to give a supplementary description of the new 1d. and 2/- stamps, on the authority of the *Australian Journal of Philately*, Mr. B. W. H. Poole and Messrs. Hamilton Macrae & Co., Ltd.

*Adhesives.* Wmk. V and Crown, perf. 12½.

1d. carmine.

2/- red on yellow (Victoria die altered).

The earliest postmark mentioned for the 1d. is October 7th. Our Australian contemporary says that it is printed from a new plate, the die being a trifle larger than the stamp just superseded. This is quite likely as the plates have hitherto been kept in London and the above stamps are printed in Melbourne.

The following is a revised list of the stationery chronicled in No. 163 and 164.

*Envelopes.*

1d. carmine, Swan.

2d. yellow, type of Victoria, 2d.

*Registration Envelope.*

3d. claret, type of Victoria, 3d.

*Wrappers.*

½d. green, Swan.

1d. carmine, Swan.

*Post Card.*

1d. + 1d. ?

1½d. + 1½d. blue, type of Victoria, 1½d.

*Letter Card.*

1d. rose on pale blue, type of Victoria, 2d.

There is a rumour concerning a 2/6 adhesive having been issued as well as the 2/- and 5/-.

## Notes.

At a Chicago Auction held on November 6th, Queen's Head sets of Northern and Southern Nigeria, ½d. to 1/-, fetched respectively \$2.65 (11/-) and \$1.55 (6/-), face value 2/5 and 2/1½. The 2/6 Northern Nigeria realised \$2.05 (8/3). A used 10/- Trinidad sold for about 39/-.

The mint copy of Great Britain £5 orange offered at auction recently realised face value only. The Queen's Head 2/6, 5/- and 10/- did better, the bidding going to 22/-, 22/- and 22/- respectively. The 1887 set, ½d. to 1/- and £1 green, face 23/6, realised 27/-.

A set of Army Telegraphs on Orange River Colony, 1d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 5/-, 10/-, £1 and £2 mint, brought £20. Other lots may be mentioned as follows:—

Seychelles, 15 on 16c., inverted surcharge, £2.

Grenada, "Surcharge Postage" on 1d. on 8d., mint, £4.

Falkland Island, 1st issue frank, S.G. type 2 on laid paper and printed on both sides, 36/-.

A History of the recent Stamps of New Zealand is to be published by the New Zealand Government shortly. It has been compiled from official records by Mr. A. Hamilton, a well-known Philatelist.

One would have thought that most stamp collectors ought to have sufficient linguistic capabilities to translate the word 'postage-stamp' into various foreign languages, yet we believe that few can give more than seven translations. We offer a prize of a complete set of the new Crown Labuan from 1c. to 50c. to the subscriber who sends in the most translations on or before Monday, December 8th.

The Marseilles correspondent of the *Petit Journal* mentions an invention submitted to the Postal Congress there, that bids fair to supersede postage stamps. The apparatus, designed by a clerk, is enclosed in a pillar about the same size as an ordinary automatic distributor. A very simple but exact mechanism franks the letters and papers according to the amount of money inserted.

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. S. T. Farnsworth writes:—

"In looking through a packet of Russian stamps that I had just received I came across a 10k. blue, 1889-90, with a very different central background to the normal, with whole lines and dotted lines alternately instead of all whole lines. Does this show a re-printing with new dies, as I have seen no mention of any such thing in *E.W.S.N.*? I am enclosing a normal and a variety."

[The specimens are probably only heavy and faint printings from the same plates, but the difference is certainly very striking.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

Mr. W. Corfield writes:—

"I have the U.S. 6c. Columbus issue (Columbus welcomed at Barcelona) in blue the exact colour of the 4c. Can you inform me if this variety is at all common? I have never before met with it and it does not appear to be a discoloured stamp. I have a set of 5 stamps, 1 golden brown, 1-50 orange, 2 green, 3 blue and 5 rose. Top label, POSTBEWIJS; in circle, NEDERLANDSCHE POST-ERIJEN; bottom label, value in words; centre value in figure. Can you inform me as to the nature of these labels? I cannot find them in any catalogue of any kind. They are well-made stamps and postmarked in 1894."

Mr. W. A. Bois writes:—

"G.B. with drilled initials" "I have the ½d. vermilion and 1d. lilac drilled with L.S.B. and L.C.C., London School Board and County Council, but these are hardly, I presume, what one would call 'Officials.'"

Messrs. N. Yaar & Co. write:—

"We have just received some panes from Pretoria of the 3d. and 4d. Transvaal E.R.I., but could not find any new varieties in them such as we found in the panes we received some weeks ago from your firm, viz., green point between '4 pence.' It seems that they have corrected the plate.

We have also received a pane of the E.R.I., 6d., O.R.C., and found three different varieties in setting of the 6d., viz., 6 d, 6 d.6d.

If you look closely over your supply you will observe that this is so. We also bought a few days ago the 4d. V.R.I. on O.R.C. with faint double surcharge. In a pair, the lowest one was the d dropped down lower than the figure, thus: 4d. We thought to inform you of same as this is not catalogued or mentioned in Gibbons."

[We did not mention the variety of the 4d. E.R.I. as we considered it of no philatelic significance and most likely due to smudgy printing.—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*]

We have received the following somewhat vague communication from Mr. J. W. Gardner:—

"I don't know whether the enclosed may be of use, but I am enclosing specimens of some forgeries of which large numbers are at present being sold in small shops in this town. They would only deceive the novice, and are being bought by school-boy collectors chiefly. Besides the enclosed there are also forgeries of early Sirmoor and other Native Indian stamps and bogus stamps of Mozambique with surcharges, and of other countries. The Cook Islands, I know, were printed for a certain person by a respectable and well-known firm of engravers, and are the best imitations I believe. I should say the same person (whom I am sorry I don't know) had had all the rest done. If you can make any use of this and the enclosed, you are quite welcome."

[The forgeries referred to are Uganda 1 anna black and Cook Islands 1d. black, the latter gummed and perforated 12. (The originals are perf. 12½).—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*]

Mr. J. Muir writes:—

"Leeward Islands surcharges. In going over my copies of the 1d. on 4d. and 1d. on 6d. I find that there is a considerable difference in the length of the surcharge Penny, most of the extra space being between the P and c, those I got at first being about ½mm. longer over all than those I got lately from the Colonial Stamp Market. Can you or any reader say if there was two settings or printings?"

I have also one of the 1d. on 7d. with the tail of the y missing, making it Penny. Do you know if this is an accidental variety? or if it occurs in every pane or sheet of these."

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Travancore and Kochin, the Malayalam alphabet.

R. H. Geoghegan, MW 11. 02/431.

Corean alphabet, MW 11. 02/432.

Belgium, Railway stamps, AT 11. 02/1789.

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** (1167 J 168).—We have received a postmarked-to-order set of the new postage due stamps such as is now being sold to collectors at Adelaide. It consists only of the ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 5/- values, of which the 1d. is perf. 11 × 11½ and the others are perf. 12 × 11½, all being on chalk-surfaced paper.

**BERMUDA** (160 E 168).—The new bi-coloured 1d. in the "Dockyard" type was issued on November 17th and the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets.



Each sheet contains 120 stamps stamps divided by a vertical margin into two panes, side by side, each having 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6. Each pane has the usual "Jubilee" line round it, in carmine, but there is one remarkable innovation. Both above and below each pane there are two marginal plate-numbers, (No. 1, in brown), or no less than eight on a sheet of 120 stamps. It has hitherto been Messrs. De la Rue's invariable custom (for all colonies) to put only four plate-numbers (or control numbers) on a sheet, that is to say, one at each corner; consequently if a sheet has four panes, there is one plate-number to each pane (examples, current Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope), if a sheet contains two panes, there are necessarily two plate-numbers to each pane (examples, any of the West Indian King's Head issues except Leeward Islands); similar, if the sheet contains only one pane, that pane has all four plate-numbers to itself (examples, Sarawak, Johore).

The explanation of this seeming innovation is that the brown centres of the stamps are printed from a plate only the size of 60 stamps, whereas the "duty" portion, in carmine, is printed from a plate the size of 120 stamps. The plate-numbers in brown belong of course to the former plate and their number appears to be governed by the size of the plate and not of the sheet of printed stamps. There is a similar defect at the top of the circle round the plate-number under the 59th stamp of each pane, and this confirms our explanation.

**BAMRA** (163 B 168). Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* illustrates a minor variety of the ½ anna, 1st issue, in which the last character of the native inscription looks like a reversed figure "3" and a walking stick with a curved handle instead of a distorted "&."

**CHARKHARI** (107 B 168).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* reports the discovery of a specimen of the ½ anna, rose, postmarked 2.2.94, and apparently genuine. The stamps of Charkhari were only discovered by collectors in 1897 and catalogues give the date of the first issue as "1896-97."

**CRETE** (162 L 168).—M. Loumbounis informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that during a recent shortage of 1 lepton postage stamps, the Postmaster ordered fiscal stamps of this value to be employed, their provisional use lasting about a fortnight. The same correspondent affirms that that an error exists in the 25 lepta, large surcharge,—PRO ORINON ("S") omitted).

**DUTTIA** (A 168).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* chronicles the ½ anna in carmine. It is now printed in sheets of 16, like the other values.

**FRANCE** (167 A 168).—Madame Marnin has shown *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* the 10c. letter card in the new type, Mouchon retouched.

Letter Card. New type.  
10c. red on grey.

The perforation is 10½ and the date 24.

**HONG KONG** (164 M 168).—The Colonial Stamp Market has secured a further small lot of the Chinese surcharge varieties, but we find only one unchronicled variation.

20c. on 30c. green.  
(d). Surcharge twice at left, once at right.

We have also been shown some very interesting strips of the variety without Chinese surcharge. In E.W.S.N. we mentioned having seen part of a sheet of 50c. bearing consignment letter V (V 0078) and containing two of the unsurcharged varieties. We now have corner strips of three of each value entirely unsurcharged, numbered as follows:—\$1 T 0189, 50c. V 0080, 20c. V 0031. We also have corner strips of 50c. V 0078, and \$1 T 0175, and these are normal. As the T and V consignments are of quite recent date, the errors must be also.

The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us the current 2c. green with letter W, the highest letter hitherto seen being V (chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 135 for the first time). The following is a revised list of consignment letters we have seen:—

Old Colours.	New Colours.
2c. pink, H, R.	2c. green, T, U, V, W.
4c. grey, G, Q.	4c. carmine, T, U, V.
5c. blue, N, P.	5c. yellow, T, U, V.
10c. on 30c. green, small surcharge, E.	10c. blue, S, T, U, V.
12c. CA, pale blue, Q.	30c. brown, T.
20c. on 30c. grn, T, U, V.	50c. on 48c., T, V.
30c. green, N.	\$1 on 96c., T, V.
	\$10, perf. 14, L.

The 4c. grey, wmk. Crown CA, was first issued in 1896 so that if we assume that G was the first consignment which went out, we find that 16 consignments have followed in the last six years, and that A of the present series (were there others?) dates from about 1893 or 1894. If any reader can give us definite information on this point, we should be very glad to hear from him.

We understand that the King Edward set is not likely to appear for some time as there is a considerable stock on hand of Queen's Head stamps. The apparition of a new consignment letter, W, seems to confirm this.

**ITALY** (166 H 168).—A fortnight ago we mentioned that a sheet of the current 5c. had been printed by mistake in the colour of the 2c. M. le général Mirandole informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that it is merely an essay and that he also possesses six copies of the 5c. in the colours of the 10, 20, 40, 45 and 50c.

**INDIA** (107 P 168).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicles the King's Head 1 anna, overprinted "On H.M.S."

Official adhesive. Overprinted in black.  
1a. carmine, King's Head.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (165 K 168).—As long ago as January 4th, we gave a list of King Edward adhesives and stationery expected here. The former have already appeared and we are now able to record having seen the ½d. wrapper, postmarked "Antigua, Nov. 18, 1902." Perhaps one of our many readers in the Leeward Islands would send us samples of any other stationery issued so far.

Wrapper. Stamp with King's Head.  
½d. green on buff. 125 × 300mm.

**MALTA** (166 S 168).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* warns collectors against a rather dangerous forgery of the "Puney" error of Malta.

**MAURITIUS** (165 V 168).—"Specimen" copies of the following have been seen by *Die Post*. Their issue has been foreshadowed some time.

Adhesives. Arms type; CA, 14.  
3c. green on yellow, value in carmine.  
6c. black on orange-red, value in carmine.

**NORTH BORNEO** (156 P 168).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have found the following varieties in their stock of unpaid letter stamps.

2c. lilac and olive green, type 36; vertical surcharge, with stop after "Due."  
8c. brown and black, type 39; with horizontal surcharge.  
8c. ditto, but with stop after "Due."

**NEW ZEALAND** (164 K 168).—The 6d. on Lisbon Superfine paper chronicled six weeks ago is already obsolete and we now have this value on the Cowan watermarked paper. We are indebted to Messrs. L. A. Sanderson and Wilcox Smith & Co., for early specimens.



Adhesive. Wmk. single-line N.Z. and Star close together, perf. 11, white gum.  
6d. rose.

(a) variety, no wmk. (corner of sheet).

We hope to give a description of the sheet shortly. The specimens were despatched under date of October 15th (Dunedin) and October 24th (Wellington).

**PARAGUAY** (162 R 168).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of a new provisional:—

Adhesive. Overprinted "Habilitado — en — 5 cent." sideways, in black.  
5c. on 8c. brown, lithographed perf. 11½.  
(a) surcharge reading up.  
(b) ditto, error "Hab litado" (No. 35).  
(c) .. no stop after "cent" (No. 50).  
(d) surcharge reading down.  
(e) ditto, error "Hab litado" (No. 10).  
(f) .. no stop after "cent" No. 11.

The 8c. stamp is printed in sheets of 200, 10 rows of 20. These sheets are torn into four quarters, of which apparently only the N.W. and S.E. sections are used. Before printing, the latter were turned round so as to render them uniform in shape with the former (or vice-versa), no doubt with a view to assist the printer in centering the surcharge properly. As a result, of course, the N.W. sections of the sheets have the surcharge reading down and the S.E. sections have it reading up. The stereo from which the surcharging is done contains 50 surcharges in 10 horizontal rows of 5. Of these five, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 have a small stop after "Cent" and Nos. 4 and 5 a thick stop. Each row is the same except the lowest, in which No. 1 shows the variety without stop and No. 3 has a thick instead of a small stop. The 2nd. stamp in the 5th row shows the error "Hab litado," the "i" being missing. As the surcharge is applied sideways, the positions of the varieties on the sheet of stamps varies according to whether the surcharge reads up or down.

The 5c. on 8c. was issued on October 31st.

**PENRHYN ISLAND** (157 K 168).—We have just received a reply to a letter written on March 28th and note that our correspondent must have answered fairly promptly as the stamps on his letter are postmarked "Penrhyn Island—25 AUG., 1902—New Zealand" in a double-lined circle. The envelope is further postmarked "Cook Islands, 2 OC. 02," "Auckland, 30 OC. 02," and "London, 4 DE. 02," a journey of nearly 3½ months. Penrhyn Island can probably claim to be the most inaccessible stamp-issuing country in the world. Fortunately there is nothing new to chronicle.

**RUSSIA** (167 M 168).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 1 rouble does not exist on vertically laid paper. It was chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 160 on the authority of a contemporary.

## The Christmas Number Of "E.W.S.N."

Will be published on Friday, December 19th, and will contain twelve pages, as in previous years. It can be sent post free anywhere for 1½d. Orders may be given to Newsagents, or can be sent to EWEN'S COLONIAL STAMP MARKET, LTD.



**PERSIA** (167 P 168).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* mentions having seen sheets of the type-set provisionals with the following consecutive numbers:—

(i) *Printing on both sides* (one pane on each side of paper.)

1ch. 559; 2ch. 1713, 1753; 3ch. 3376; 5ch. 4245.

(ii) *Printing on one side* (both panes side by side.)

1ch. 6828; 2ch. 9956; 3ch. 15904, 15916, 15917.

Can any of our readers add to the list?

**PORTUGUESE GUINEA** (149 D 168).—The following is a list of the provisionals recently issued, the perforations being given on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.



i. — *Adhesives of 1886 issue, surcharged in black.*

65 reis on 10r. green, perf. 12½.

65 .. 20r. rosine ..

65 .. 25r. lilac-rose, perf. 12½.

115 .. 40r. brown, perf. 12½.

115 .. 50r. blue. ..

115 .. 300r. orange. ..

130 .. 80r. grey. ..

130 .. .. perf. 13½.

130 .. 100r. brown, perf. 12½.

400 .. 200r. lilac. ..

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** (167 R 168).—In addition to the new 9d. and 2/6 chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 163 and 167, we are now shown the following by the Colonial Stamp Market:—



*Adhesive.* Same type as above; wmk. Crown S.A. upright, perf. 11½.  
8d. ultramarine.  
5/- pale rose.

Our earliest specimens were issued on October 17th. The 3d. of the small type is obsolete, as also the handsome 2/- carmine. Apparently the Perkins-Bacon plate has now been abandoned and the impressions on Crown S.A. paper should become scarce. The whole of the long series inscribed "Postage and Revenue" is also obsolete and is being replaced by two distinct series, one inscribed "Postage" (values will only go up to £1) and the other "Revenue." The first stamp of the latter series is a hideous production with perhaps the worst portrait of King Edward which has yet appeared on any stamp.

By the same mail which brought us the new 5/- "Postage," we have a few specimens of the 5/- "Postage and Revenue" in an exceptionally deep shade, much darker than that of the new printing of this value noted in *E.W.S.N.* No. 161. The 1/- wmk Crown S.A. also came over in a distinct shade, so that we now have three variations on this paper, all perf. 11½, 12½ and compound. The first shades may be described as dark red-brown and red-brown, whilst the latest is what for want of a better name we term "rose-brown." The watermark shows pink on the back.

*Adhesives.* Old types, new shades.

5/- very deep rose, perf. 11½.

1/- rose-brown, perf. 11½, 12½, and compound

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 161 we gave a list of the marginal numbers we had heard of. We can now record the following additions to the list:

¾d. *paper.* Sheet numbers in blue.

¾d. 030953 (7mm.). ¾d. G.P.O. (issued 10.02).

1d. *paper.* Sheet numbers in vermilion

1d. 619261 (7mm.) 9d. new type (*Australian Philatelist*).

1d. 619185 (7mm.) .. .. (issued 10.02).

1d. 625630 (7mm.) 1d. rose (issued 9.02).

1d. 616534 (7mm.) 8d. new type (issued 10.02).

2½d. *paper.* Sheet number in grey.

2½d. 011745 (6mm.) 2½d., perf. 13 (issued 10.02).

5d. *paper.* Sheet number in olive.

5d. 002208 (8mm.) 5d., perf. 13 (issued 10.02).

We are informed on good authority that the Adelaide Post Office is selling "complete sets" of the provisional postage due series chronicled already under Australian Commonwealth. They are only obtainable postmarked to order (nevertheless face value is charged) and only in sets. Enquiry shows however that the so-called complete sets contain only the ¾d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 5/- values (see under Australian Commonwealth).

**SOUTHERN NIGERIA** (164 I 168).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a new consignment of stamps from this Colony and we note that the ¾d. as well as the 1d. are evidently a new printing, being in rather deeper shades. The difference is more striking in the 1d. than in the ¾d. The consecutive numbers on two sheets are as follows: ¾d., 1435; 1d., 1033. Mr. E. J.

Nankivell informs us that he has seen sheets of Southern Nigerian stamps with the following numbers—¾d. 0679, 0821, 0825; 1d. 0839, 0844,—but does not say whether they are new or old printings. If each consignment starts where the last left off, the numbers have a real value to the specialist.

**St. VINCENT** (160 G 168).—"Specimen" copies of a new registration envelope have been seen by *Die Post*.

*Registration Envelope.* Stamp with Head of King Edward.

2d. blue, 152 × 95mm.

**SWITZERLAND** (159 E 168).—We are indebted to M. Eugène Meyer for first sight of the new 1fr. red.

*Adhesive.* Perf. 11½ × 11.  
1fr. bright red.

Our correspondent gives no particulars as to date of issue.

**TRANSVAAL** (167 C 168).—The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that the 5/- value of the King Edward series is also obsolete, only the values up to 2/- being now current. The 2/6 E.R.I. was still current up to a month ago, and we received a block of it by last mail but have not yet seen an entire sheet.

**URUGUAY** (166 L 167).—Mr. C. L. Larssen has shown us a block of four of the 1901 5c. blue, without horizontal perforation between the top and lower pairs. His correspondent says that only two sheets were so found, and we presume, only one row on each sheet.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (167 G 168).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the new 1d. stamps printed at Melbourne. The plate is evidently made from a new die which is as close a copy of the original (held by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. in London) as the Colonial engraver could make it. The colonially printed stamp measures 23½ × 19½mm. as against 22½ × 18½mm., and there are 120 stamps to the sheet in one pane instead of 240 in four panes of 60. As the plate is nearly square, it was evidently considered immaterial which way the paper was served into the machine as some of the sheets under notice have watermark upright and others sideways.

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 163 we chronicled a new 5/- and in Nos. 164 and 167 a new 2/- Mr. G. Brumell now informs us of the following, but unfortunately omits to enclose specimens so we cannot chronicle them as having been seen.

*Adhesives.* Printed in Melbourne, wmk. V and Crown, perf. 12½.

2/6 blue on rose, type of Victoria 5d. "Postage."

10/- mauve on white, type of Victoria 1885 3d. but with "Postage."

£1 orange on white, type of Victoria 1886 ½d. but with "Postage."

Our correspondent gives the colours of the 2/- and 5/- as respectively "orange on yellow" (instead of "red on yellow.") and "emerald on white" (instead of "green.")

## Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Roumania, reprints of 1st and 2nd issues, M. P. Castle, LP 11. 02/256.

Cape Woodblock errors, LP 11. 02/261.

Nowanuggur, Gujarati alphabet, MW 11. 02 425.

Bamra, Uriya alphabet, MW 11. 02/425.

Punjab, Panjabi alphabet, MW 11. 02/425.

United States, Exploration Line Package Delivery stamps, MW 11. 02 413.

Transvaal, Telegraph stamps, E. Tamsen, MPJ 11. 02/81.

## Philatelic Exhibition.

A Private Exhibition of the stamps of the African Colonies other than those directly affected by the late war is being held to-day in the London Philatelic Society's Rooms at Effingham House. The stamps of the following countries will be represented and will be shown by the undermentioned Members of the Society.

British Central Africa—Eliot Levy.

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Gambia—Vernon Roberts.

Gold Coast—Vernon Roberts.

Lagos—Baron A. de Worms.

Madagascar—J. N. Marsden, Major E. B. Evans.

Mauritius—The Earl of Kintore, W. B. Avery.

Morocco Agencies—The Earl of Crawford.

Niger Coast—C. J. Daun.

Northern and Southern Nigeria—L. L. R. Hausburg.

St. Helena—The Earl of Crawford, W. Dornier Beckton.

Seychelles—R. Ehrenbach.

Sierra Leone—Baron A. de Worms, C. McNaughton

Sudan—L. L. R. Hausburg.

Uganda—E. Beveridge.

Zanzibar—C. J. Daun.

## "Postage Stamp" Competition.

LAST week we offered a prize of a complete new set of "Crown" Labuan stamps, &c. to 50c., to the reader of *E.W.S.N.* who sent the most translations of the word "postage-stamp." We have pleasure in awarding the prize to Sir William Laird Clowes, who sent 16 translations in 11 different languages. The following is his list:—

English	Postage stamp.
French	Timbre poste*.
German	Postmarke*.
	Briefmarke (letter stamp).
	Freimarke.
Spanish	Sello de Correo*.
	Sello de Franqueo.
Portuguese	Sello de Correio*.
	Sello postal.
	Postzegel*.
Dutch	
Danish and Norwegian)	Post Frimaerke*.
Swedish	Post Frimarke.
Italian	Bollo postale*.
	Francobollo postale.
Russian	Pochtovaya Marka*.
Roumanian	Marca Postala*.

\* The equivalents marked\* are literal and also have official authority. The others have official authority, but are not in all cases exactly equivalent literally to postage stamp.

The above list is just as sent us, except that we have taken the liberty of transcribing the Russian equivalent into English characters, as we think our printers might object to the original. The accents in the Roumanian translation cannot be reproduced for the same reason.

## Minor Varieties in some English Official Stamps.

ANY particulars relating to minor varieties of our English stamps, when such varieties are not microscopical, must surely prove interesting to English specialists, if not indeed to the general body of collectors of British Colonial stamps.

Let me point out a few in the later series of Army Official stamps: in the last lot of Queen's heads, and in the current set of King's.

Necessarily, these minor varieties occur in the type of the overprint, in the setting, spacing, arrangement, and printing of which, all work is carefully, not to say studiously, executed. Observe, if you have the opportunity, a sheet, block, or strip of any Army Official halfpennies or pennies before they have been "through the mill" of the Post Office. (Afterwards, you are fortunate if you see anything but the postmark). The type is of that direct, straight-forward character not always associated with officialdom, but which at once acquits the War Office of circumlocution and red-tapeism. The letters forming the words are equally spaced—any one space omitted would close the letters together, and make good varieties; the rows of "Army" and "Official" keep their distances like battleships at a naval review—so many millimetres apart: while the words themselves touch or rest upon well-marked lines in the design of the stamp, well-centred, allowing the head of the king, and the value, to be quite clear. The printing is always so accurately done, that any variation from the normal is good enough to rank as a "variety."\*

1.—Pair of stamps, mostly the sixth and seventh in certain horizontal rows, can be found with the words "Army" and "Official" 12½ and 11½ millimetres apart respectively. Curiously enough, though each sheet is undoubtedly printed at one operation, each pane of 120 stamps seems to be made up of two settings of 60 each, six by ten upright. Where the two settings are joined, the above variation appears.

2.—A "private mark" appears to exist on the stamps above the control-letter. It only occurs, so far as I have seen, on this one stamp. This is an F with an elongated top-stroke. Anyone with a slight acquaintance with printing-types would know that such a characteristic, or a letter exactly similar to its 479 fellows in every other respect, and certainly not belonging to another font of similar type, is not altogether accidental, but carries with its use some hidden significance. This is a matter I leave to others to solve; I merely note its occurrence on the late (second printing?)—it is not on some of the N's and R's sheets of the one penny X, and the halfpenny R, and its recurrence on the King's A similar values.

In conclusion, I should like to remark upon the general ineffectiveness of the new overprint on the King's sixpence. The type used is not that of the old 6d. and 2½d., and much heavier face of type, but similar to the ¾d. and 1d. I should not be surprised to find some alteration shortly, either in the type, or in the colour of the overprint. A bright red seems to be required.

K.W.

NOTE.—Many so-called "varieties" are made by the perforated discs of paper remaining on the stamps, and getting between the printing-types and the surface of the paper.

# LATEST ARRIVALS

## From Australia and Oceania.

THE stamps of Australasia—especially those of New Zealand and the Islands of Polynesia—form an ideal field for a specialist collection. No finer or more interesting stamps than those of New Zealand have ever been issued. The first issue is among the handsomest of the Perkins-Bacon designs and the current issue easily stands first amongst modern issues. The issues of Australia are equally interesting but have one great drawback—their rarity. It is literally impossible to make a good collection of them unused. It behoves collectors therefore to see that the issues now current are more readily obtainable in the future. To lay aside blocks of 4, 8 or 12 of the present sets is not only a duty owing to a future generation of collectors but to do so will certainly prove a profitable investment.

### NEW ZEALAND.

#### PAPER AND PERFORATION VARIETIES.

NOTE.—The following is a list of the different papers which have recently been used in the New Zealand Government Printing Office for the stamps of New Zealand, Niue, Penrhyn and Cook Islands.

- (u) Wmk. single-lined NZ and Star, far apart.
- (uu) Same, but paper cream-coloured.
- (v) No wmk., opaque (Waterlow). Chiefly used for pictorial NZ, values 2½d. and over.
- (w) Wmk. double-lined NZ and Star, paper thicker and opaque (Waterlow).
- (x) Same, but thinner paper and watermark more legible (Basted Mills).
- (y) No wmk., thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)
- (yy) Same, but centre of sheet watermarked "Lisbon Superfine" in double-lined capitals.
- (z) Wmk. single-line NZ and Star, close together, thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)

The issues of 1900-02 are found with four perforations:—(a) 11, (b) 11 × 14, (c) 14 × 11, (d) 14. We have a few of the following for sale, and all other varieties we are anxious to buy.

#### ¾d. green.

- ¾d. (wa) dull gum, 2d.; block, 8d.
- ¾d. (wd) single, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/3; 50 for 7/6.
- ¾d. (yd) single, 1d.
- ¾d. (zd-i) dull gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.
- ¾d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.

#### 1d. carmine, "Universal."

- 1d. (wa-i) shiny gum, 2d.
- 1d. (wa-ii) dull gum, 3d.
- 1d. (yc) rarity, 3/6.
- 1d. (zc) very scarce, 2/-.
- 1d. (zd-i) dull gum, 2d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.
- 1d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.

N.B.—Approval Books of the above and other varieties can be sent on approval.

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For description of papers, see under New Zealand.

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- 2d. za, 3d.; block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.
- 2½d. va, 9d.; block, 3/-.
- 2½d. za, 3d.
- 5d. u, perf. 12 × 11½, 10d.
- 5d. za, 6d.; block, 1/11.
- 6d. uua, 1/-; block, 4/-; dozen, 10/6.
- 6d. za, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.
- 10d. ua, 1/6.
- 10d. za, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.
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- ua, ¾d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-.
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- ya, ¾d., 1d.; also as errors, ¾d., 2d., 6d., 1/-.
- za, ¾d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-.

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- 1603 (xd) Penrhyn, ¾d., nett 4d.
- 1604 (xd) Penrhyn, 1d., nett 2d.; block, 8d.; dozen, 1/9; entire pane of 60, 7/6.

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- 1623 (zd) Penrhyn, ¾d., nett 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d. Entire pane of 60, 2/11.
- 1624 (zd) Penrhyn, 1d., nett 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2. Entire pane of 60 showing dotless variety, 8/6.

NOTE.—No. 1624 has blue surcharge, whilst No. 1604 has black.

#### v.—High values. No wmk., perf. 11.

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- 1630 (va) Penrhyn, 2½d., vermilion surcharge, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11. Block of 60 as issued, showing twelve wide space varieties, 17/6.

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- 1637 .. 1d., per 100, 9/-.
- 1636 .. 2½d., per 12, 2/11.
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- 1642 Niue, 1d. rose. (a) wide space between u and e, 8d. (b) no stop after "Peni" 1/2 (c) variety a and b on same stamp 2/8 (d) broken E like F 1/2
- 1645 Penrhyn, 1d. rose. (b) no stop after "Island" ... 2 S.
- 1646 Penrhyn, 2½d. blue. (a) wide space between 2½ and "Peni" 1/1

NOTE.—There are only eight varieties of surcharge in the Niue and Penrhyn Island stamps, the eighth being the Niue 2½d. without stop after "Peni," and only one such variety occurs in each sheet of 120. No. 1642c and 1645b only occur once each on sheets of 60.

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The Editor desires to thank Collectors for the support kindly given to "E.W.S.N." during 1902, and to wish them

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

## 1902—A Retrospect.

The most striking feature in the philatelic history of 1902 is perhaps the remarkable growth of interest taken in "new issues" of British Colonial stamps, and the desperate attempts of the old-fashioned collector to check their popularity. There can be doubt whatever that current unused colonial stamps, and new issues generally, are much the safest investment, now that they can be purchased at so slight a premium over face value. They are also the best speculation, as the possibility of loss is very restricted, whilst the profits may be practically unlimited. Many contemporary philatelic journals have done their best to disprove this, but fail to bring forward any but very unconvincing arguments. Despite the big headlines of these articles, the case against new issues is so weak that we have not hitherto thought it worth while to take any notice of it. In a retrospective view of 1902, it is, however, permissible to briefly refer to the subject. The chief argument brought forward is that new stamps are now being bought up for speculative purposes in thousands, where 10 or 20 years ago collectors were content with single specimens apiece, and that consequently stamps do not now stand the chance of becoming rare that they formerly did. This idea that collectors and speculators are hoarding up blocks and sheets of current stamps is held in many directions, and we take the opportunity of denying positively the truth of such an assertion. A certain number of collectors are certainly laying by sheets and blocks of certain stamps, chiefly low values, but probably all their stocks put together would not make a single collection complete in panes of 60. Perhaps the best answer to these attacks against the collection of current Colonials is an examination of any up-to-date catalogue. All along the line substantial advances are taking place in the values of stamps which only became obsolete during the last year or two. In many cases really startling advances have taken place. The Tasmanian £1 is now quoted at from £10 to £15, yet it was current up to close on two years ago. The Zululand £1 is becoming nearly as valuable.

Almost every colony has similar advances to show, although perhaps not so striking on account of the lower face values. Yet in spite of these much advanced quotations but few come forward to sell, and the demand is constantly greater than the supply. There is a big market for complete sets of recently obsolete stamps, yet our experience goes to show that there are no sellers on the market at all. In this connection, we understand Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market Ltd. are about to make some interesting experiments to ascertain beyond doubt the true facts of the case.

The year has seen the publication of quite an army of catalogues, those which call for special notice on the score of novel features being the work of Messrs. Yvert and Tellier, and Herr Paul Kohl.

E.W.S.N. has grown one year older, and now reaches the respectable age of 169—weeks. Including the 86 numbers of the *Weekly Circular*, the whole series now comprises 255 issues of the journal. Our principal endeavour during the year has been to provide an efficient chronicle of new issues in every variety and shade which has occurred, and we believe we may reckon on a fair measure of success. We hope our readers will continue to co-operate with us in making our records complete. The increased subscription list has enabled us to illustrate more liberally, and we hope subscribers will not grudge their weekly 1d. all the year round, even during the holiday season. Newsagents have to order the paper specially from London, and object to "on and off" orders. Most readers who find any delay or difficulty in getting the paper are themselves to blame for this very reason, for it still retains its record of never having been a day late.

## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Official Stamps (167 A 169).—Mr. V. H. Gregory informs us he has the R. H. Official, 1d., postmarked 22.7.02, which is so far the earliest recorded date of use.

Wrapper Stamps.—Mr. J. N. Marsden writes:—"I have never seen an early date given for the King's Head 1d. wrapper. I receive a London paper every day from W. H. Smith & Sons, and the date of the first paper covered by a 1d. wrapper—K. H.—was 4th Feb. The date on the wrapper could not be made out, but the date of the newspaper should be a guide."



**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC** (167 N 169).—A fortnight ago we reported that 500,000 of the new 5c. stamp were issued. On the other hand, the *Weekly Philatelic Era* says that the number to be issued was 1,000,000. Which is correct? The sheets received by the Colonial Stamp Market each contained 50 stamps in 10 rows of 5, and were numbered at the top right hand corner, "00001," "00002," and so on. As there are five figures, there were probably more than 10,000 sheets; the figures do not prove anything for certain however. The sheet "00001," by the way, was presumably the very first issued, and came to the editor of E.W.S.N.

**BAHAMAS** (163 Q 169).—In addition to the envelope and registration envelope recently chronicled, the following specimen postcards have been seen.

Postcards. Head of King Edward.  
1d. carmine on cream, 140 x 89mm.  
1d. + 1d. " " "

The type is the same as the Grenada card illustrated, but with the name altered.

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**BARBADOS** (145 I 169).—Mr. T. L. Briggs Watson writes:—"The present 2/6 Barbados (Government Seal, or Arms of Barbados) as soon as used up, will be discontinued, and a one shilling stamp will take its place, being more convenient for postal purposes, being 1/- (1lb to 3lbs) for parcels, and this obtains in the majority of cases. There is some talk of the present issue being discontinued, as soon as the stock on hand is used up, the stock being large there would be no chance until probably some time next year. The King's Head issue no doubt would take the place of present ones."

**BECHUANALAND** (162 K 169).—We notice that the 3d. lilac on yellow is coming over in two very distinct shades of light and dark lilac.

**BERMUDA** (168 F 169).—An unfortunate mistake occurred last week, the Argentine 5c. View of Harbour and Shipping being illustrated instead of the Bermuda Floating Dock. We now give the correct illustration.



**BRITISH HONDURAS** (162 H 169).—The following new value is about to be issued, according to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*.

Adhesive. CA 14.

2c. lilac on orange red, name and value in black.

**BOLIVAR** (165 E 169).—We now illustrate the 10c. stamp chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 165.



*Mekell's Weekly Stamp News* reports the 20c. in a new colour, and *Le Timbrophile Belge* records a new value.



Adhesives.

2c. pale greenish-blue, Rio Macualena, imperf.  
20c. dark blue imperf.  
" pin perf.  
" perf. 11½  
20c. violet imperf.  
" pin perf.  
" perf. 11½ (already chronicled).

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* states that the 2c. and 10c. are printed in sheets of 50, divided into two panes of 25.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA** (165 I 169).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 2½d. stamp.

Adhesive. Same type as current ½d., 1d., etc.  
2½d. light blue, perf. "Waterlow."

Each sheet contains 240 stamps, divided by wide margins into four panes of 60, each with six rows of 10 stamps. At the extreme S.E. corner of the sheet is a small consecutive number in black; in the case under notice, 19.

Mr. Ashley Rosevear has shown us the earliest dated copy. It is postmarked "Umtali, Nov 18th, 1902," and used on a letter with a ½d. and a 1d. stamp to make up the ¾d. letter rate to England. Mr. W. A. Bois informs us that the stamps were issued on November 18th, preparatory to the reduction of the letter postage to 2½d. per half-ounce, which takes effect on December 1st. Mr. Rosevear, by the way, understands that the issue took place "a few days" before his correspondent's letter left on the 18th.

Mr. C. J. Phillips records the following varieties which he has met with in looking through a fine specialized collection.

No. 42. Type 6. 1d. on 4s.; a pair, one stamp having the " " in "Penny" inverted.

No. 43. Type 7. 3d. on 5s.; a block of thirty stamps. Nos. 14 and 29 on the block have the "R" in "THREE" inverted.

No. 43. Type 7. 3d. on 5s.; a pair from the bottom row in the sheet. One stamp has the "T" in "THREE" inverted.

No. 48. Type 8. 4d. blue; a vertical pair with bottom margin of the sheet attached to the lower stamp. The upper stamp is normal, the lower has the word "COMPANY" omitted.

NOTE.—A single specimen of this variety was shown at the Philatelic Society's Exhibition last year.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** (164 I 169).—Mr. C. J. Phillips has seen an entire envelope, postmarked "Worcester" Dec. 12, 1860, franked with a triangular 1d. brick-red and half of a 6d., slate-lilac, used to make up the 4d. rate.

**CEYLON** (148 I 169).—The 75c. is now coming over in a much darker shade and is printed from plate 2 with a line round each pane, like the other values of the same type.



**COLOMBIA** (166 P 169).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* learns that the 2, 5 and 10c. chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 155 were issued at Bogotá on July 1st, and that the other values were to have been issued as required. Stamp collectors were however privileged to get them without delay.



**COOK ISLANDS** (162 P 169).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the remaining values on Cowan watermarked paper. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 162, we recorded the ½d., 1d. and 2½d., and we now chronicle the following:—

*Adhesives.* October 17th, 1902 (or before). Cowan paper, wmk. NZ and Star close together, perf. 11, white gum.



(a) wmk. upright.

- 2d. dark brown.
- (a) variety, no wmk.
- 6d. deep mauve.
- (a) variety, no wmk.
- 1/- bright rose.
- (a) variety, no wmk.

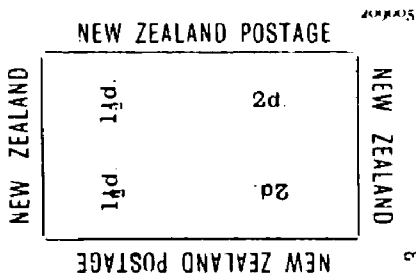


(b) wmk. sideways.

- 1½d. dark violet.
- 5d. grey, brown-grey, black.
- 10d. dark green.

Extremes of shade are found in the 5d. but the other values do not vary much. The stamps all differ in shade from the last issue, especially the 6d. The watermark is much clearer than in the old paper and the 'NZ' and Star are close together instead of wide apart (see description of Cowan's watermarked paper in *E.W.S.N.* No. 149, under New Zealand).

The 2d., 6d. and 1/- like the ½d. are issued in sheets of 60, 6 rows of 10 and the 1½d., 5d. and 10d. like the 1d. and 2½d. are issued in sheets of 120, divided by a vertical margin into two panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6. The former group appears to be printed only on the right hand halves of sheets of paper and the latter group on left hand halves, thus:—



The sheet of paper is an oblong with watermarks "NEW ZEALAND," etc. round the edges as shown. Within are 240 "N.Z. and Star" watermarks in 10 rows of 24. At the lower right hand corner is a watermarked figure 1, 2, 3 or 4, and at the upper right hand corner a consecutive number in black. These sheets of paper are apparently cut in half, the left halves being sufficient to print the two panes of 60 stamps each of the 1½d., etc., values. The two panes are printed sideways at one operation from one plate and are close together. The right hand halves are apparently printed at top first and then turned round and printed at bottom, the two panes being necessarily tête-à-tête and printed at different operations. They are not printed close together and they are also too much to the right, consequently the outside stamps fall on the marginal watermark.

Every sheet of the new 1½d., 5d. and 10d. stamps we have seen is on the left hand half of a sheet of paper and consequently shows no marginal numbers. Every sheet of the new 2d., 6d. and 1/- we have seen either has the watermark upright and a consecutive number or the watermark inverted and the watermark figure 3 at the extreme corner. The two stamps in the S.E. corner (9th and 10th in 6th row) of the latter panes are the only ones which manage to escape any watermark at all. These remarks do not apply to the ½d., 1d. and 2½d. values which are each found on both sides of a sheet of paper. The consecutive numbers we have met with are as follows:—

- 2d. 209005, 209007, 209042, 209057, 209117, 209146, 209153, 209157, 209158, 209161, 209173, 209176, 209200.
- 6d. 209202, 209214, 209216, 209288, 209293.
- 1/- 209321, 209328, 209329, 209344, 209345, 209350.

This would seem to represent 200 sheets of 120 of 2d., 100 sheets of 120 of 6d. and 50 of 1/-, but, of course, the evidence is by no means conclusive. The unnumbered halves of the sheets of paper should represent about the same quantities of the 1½d., 5d. and 10d.

**ECUADOR** (167 N 169).—Mr. E. Stanjer informs us that the stamps on most of the letters now coming over from Ecuador no longer show the surcharge.

**FINLAND** (163 C 169).—A correspondent informs *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* that of the issue catalogued under the date 1895 only the 5, 10, 20 and 25 pennia exist, and that the other values have never been issued perf. 14 × 13.

**GOLD COAST** (155 O 169).—Mr. F. W. Moorhouse writes us as follows:—

"I enclose for your inspection one of the 'one penny on 2½' Gold Coast provisionals, which differs from any other of that issue that has come under my notice, inasmuch as it bears in writing (ink) the initials 'F.H.C.H.' The stamp was cancelled at Half Assinie, 1st May last, and it will be observed that the index in the date stamp indicating the year was apparently inadvertently placed upside down, thus '02.' Possibly the stamp was initialled by the postmaster or clerk at the Post Office, upon the stamp being affixed to the letter, to indicate that it was really sold for postal purposes, and perhaps, if you consider the matter one of sufficient interest, some of your readers may be able to say what the real facts of the case are."

The stamp is initialled "F.H.C.H." up the left side in manuscript.—Ed. *E.W.S.N.*

**HONDURAS** (162 B 169).—The new issue reported for the end of September is now said by the *Philatelic West* to be due on January 1st. The adhesives will be 35 × 25mm. in size (the current British 1d. measures 20 × 24mm.) and will bear the portrait of General Santos Guardiola, ex-President of the Republic. Inscription at top and sides, "Correos de Honduras, U.P.U." The following is the list expected.

*Adhesives.* 1c. green, 2c. red, 3c. dark blue, 6c. violet, 10c. brown, 20c. light blue, 50c. vermilion, \$1 orange.

*Postcards.* 90 × 140mm., two varieties each for interior and exterior service. Reply cards, two varieties.

**INDIA** (167 P 169).—The following are chronicled on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*; only 'specimen' copies have yet been seen.

*Official Adhesive.*

On H.M.S. on ½a. green, King's Head.

*Registration Envelope.* Illustrated in *E.W.S.N.* No. 167.

2a. blue on white, 83 × 134mm.

**INDO-CHINA** (A 169).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* states that the 10 + 10c. reply card, surcharged "Indo-Chine" in red does not exist, despite that it has been chronicled in many philatelic journals.

**ITALY** (168 I 169).—Can any reader add to the following list of marginal plate-numbers?

- 1614 old 1c. Eritrea, type of 1863.
- 3244, 3257, 3822 old 2c., type of 1895.
- 3260 old 1c., 1895.
- 3822 2c. Eritrea, 1895.
- 3910 5c. 1895.
- 4197 Current 5c.
- 4199 " 2c.
- 4213 " 1c.
- 4214 " 25c., also 25c. Albania.
- 4290 " 50c.
- 4296 Albania, 5c.
- 4339 " 20c.
- 4370 Benadir, 2 besa.
- 4373 " 1 anna.
- 4376 " 5 "

**LAGOS** (166 C 169).—Mr. F. W. Sprague writes to the *Philatelic Era* that he has the current 6d. in lilac and carmine instead of lilac and mauve. Is it a discoloured specimen or has there been a new issue?

**LEEWARD ISLANDS** (168 L 169).—Last week we recorded the issue of a ½d. wrapper of the King Edward series, and we now note the following on the authority of *Le Timbrophile Belge*.

*Postcards.* Head of King Edward.

- ½d. green, cream card, 122 × 75mm.
- 1d. carmine " " 110 × 88mm.
- 1d. + 1d. " " " perf. 5.

There will not be a ½d. reply card, according to our contemporary, because there would be no use for it. But do not the ½d. cards circulate amongst the several islands?

**MACAO** (143 C 169).—The following is a list of the recently issued provisionals, the perforations being given on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

*Adhesives of 1894, surcharged in black.*

- 6 avos on 5r. orange-yellow, perf. 11½.
- " 10r. mauve, perf. 11½.
- " 15r. red-brown, perf. 11½.
- " 25r. green, perf. 11½.
- " 80r. pale green, perf. 11½.
- " 100r. brown on buff, perf. 13½.
- " 200r. blue on blue, perf. 11½.
- 18 avos on 2½r. brown, perf. 12½.
- " 20r. lilac, perf. 11½.
- " 50r. pale blue, perf. 11½.
- " 75r. rose, perf. 11½.
- " 150r. carmine on rose, perf. 11½.
- " 300r. blue on pale brown, perf. 11½.

The 100r. perf. 13½ is not known unsurcharged, although it was used in 1894 for the 16 avos provisional.

**MALAY STATES** (142 E 168).—The 1c. occurs in both pale and dark green, and the 10c. may be found in three distinct shades of violet. These variations may or may not denote fresh printings. In the latter case they are not of much philatelic importance.

**MALTA** (168 T 169).—With reference to the statement in *E.W.S.N.* No. 166 that Malta 2½d. stamps were no longer being issued with the "tick" in red, Mr. G. Miller writes us that as regards the stamps sold over the post office counter we are in error. They are all "ticked" as heretofore.

**MEXICO** (155 I 169).—Mr. W. T. Wilson writes as follows to *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*:—

*New and dangerous Reprints of the 1868 Issue.*—Access has evidently been had to the plate from which this issue was made, as I have had submitted to me for opinion very dangerous reprints of the 6c., 50c., 100c., black on brown, and 100c. brown on brown, both imperf. and saw-tooth perf.; also of the error 12c. black on brown. All I have seen had forged name, number and date, and so cunningly have these surcharges been applied that the correct numbers corresponding to the town names have been used. I consider it inadvisable to point out the differences between these and the originals, but I will examine any of these stamps free of charge if sent to me with stamped addressed envelope for their return. These reprints emanate from St. Louis, U.S.A., and are usually mixed with genuine 12c. and 25c. The reprint from altered die of the 3c. Eagle, 1864, usually accompanies the above.

*Mekeel's Stamp Collector* had very early information of the existence of these new frauds. In the issue of March 17th, we find the following list given:—

Cat. No.	THIS FIGURES.
49	50c. yellow, unperforated.
50	100c. brown, unperforated.
51	100c. brown on brown, unperforated.
55	50c. yellow, perforated.
56	100c. brown, perforated.
57	100c. brown on brown, perforated.
THICK FIGURES.	
60	12c. brown paper error, unperforated.
62	50c. yellow, unperforated.
64	100c. brown, unperforated.
67	12c. brown paper error, perforated.
69	50c. yellow, perforated.
70	100c. brown, perforated.

Also above varieties with "Anotado" added.

The catalogue numbers quoted above are those of "Scott's Standard Catalogue" for 1902.

**MOROCCO AGENCIES** (165 D 169).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* denies authoritatively the existence of the post cards 10c., 10 + 10c., carmine, and 15c., 15c. + 15c., brown, black surcharges. The 10c. is catalogued by Stanley Gibbons, but not the 15c.

**NEW SOUTH WALES** (167 X 169).—Mr. C. J. Phillips notes the discovery of the 2d. pale blue of 1863-68 with watermark double-lined 1, quite clear and distinct in the centre of the stamp.

We should be extremely obliged to any readers who would allow us to see strips of the current issue with consecutive numbers. We have only the following:—

Sheet No.	Machine No.	All on chalk-surfaced paper.
314662	11562	½d. green, perf. 12 × 11½.
350733	56733	2d. blue "
422616	**18	½d. green "
—	142**	1d. rose "
15815	—	½d. green "
29270	**61	" " "
48696	13901	1/- chocolate "
48942	6942	6d. deep orange "
—	838	8d. mauve "

The Editor is willing to purchase strips of 6 or 12 for his reference collection at a substantial premium.

**NEW ZEALAND** (168 L 169).—Mr. C. J. Phillips notes the following interesting varieties in *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*.

1856. No. 7. 2d. blue, on blue paper; lower tablet complete, but a defective impression without value.

1856. No. 25. 6d. dark brown; strip of six on letter; rouletted about seven top and bottom, and imperf. vertically between all the stamps.

1862. No. 80. 2d. pale blue; horizontal pair, perf. all round and imperf. between the stamps.

1862. No. 88. 6d. black-brown; horizontal pair, perf. all round and imperf. between the stamps.

1872. No. 95. 6d. blue; a vertical pair, perf. 10 top and bottom, perf. 12½ at sides, and imperf. between the stamps.

1874. No. 114. 1d. lilac; a vertical pair, used and imperf.

1875. No. 105. ½d. rose; horizontal pair and vertical pair, both perf. 12½ all round and imperf. between the stamps.

**NICARAGUA** (167 O 169).—*Postcards.*—*Le Timbrophile Belge* states that the four cards chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 155, do not exist.

The report of their issue no doubt arose through Nicaragua re-issuing the four cards of the 1899 set, with which the description as to colour, etc., exactly tallies.

NIUE (159 M 169).—We understand that the full set of New Zealand stamps, up to 5/-, will probably be surcharged for use here before long.

A correspondent writes as follows:—

"To the Editor *E.W.S.N.*

Niue, October 3rd, 1902.

"DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me to correct an inaccuracy which appeared in your issue No. 133, dated April 12th, 1902?

"In the paragraph headed 'Niue' it is stated on the authority of the *New Zealand Graphic* that... 'ordinary New Zealand postage stamps are at present in use, and as Niue does not possess an obliterating stamp the postmaster writes Niue and the date across each stamp in manuscript...'

"This is not altogether correct. The first and only stamps used in Niue were the ordinary 1d. New Zealand stamps, overprinted Niue in blue [green? Ed.] with a rubber stamp. They were obliterated in the manner described in your article, the first stamps bearing the date 4/1/1902.

"Only 1,200 of these stamps came to the island. No other New Zealand stamps have ever been used in Niue. The stamps now in use here, consisting of the 2½d. N.Z. overprinted 'Niue 2½ peni' in carmine, the 1d. New Zealand overprinted 'Niue Taha Peni' in blue, and the ½d. N.Z. overprinted 'Niue ½ Peni' in carmine, arrived here on 31st March, 1902, and were obliterated with a rubber stamp and pink ink. The obliterating stamp bears the date and Niue New Zealand on it. It was first used on the 31st March, 1902.

"As it is desirable that information regarding stamps should be reliable I venture to trouble you in this matter in the hope that the facts may be of service to philatelists.

"I would also say that it is very unlikely that the Rarotonga (Cook group) stamps will ever be used in Niue as this office is a sub-office of the Auckland N.Z. Post Office. Rarotonga had a Chief Post Office of its own before annexation to New Zealand, and its stamps are a separate issue bearing devices peculiar to that island."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (164 Y 169).—We were somewhat surprised last week to read in the *Financial Times* that the first King Edward stamps were issued at Bloemfontein on November 18th. Enquiry ascertained the fact that the information had been reproduced from a German source and we think it probable that it is some of the new stationery which is referred to. For description see *E.W.S.N.* No. 162.

We take the following from the *Birmingham Post*, of December 9th:—

"Stamp-collectors will be interested to learn that the copper-plates used by the Government of the late Orange Free State for printing the postage stamps of the State have been sent to the British Museum, to be there preserved with the other philatelic treasures which are gradually accumulating in the National Depository at Bloomsbury."

This is not strictly accurate, as the plates were used by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. in London, although they were employed on behalf of the Orange Free State Government.

PARAGUAY (168 S 169).—A correspondent of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* says there were printed 66,000 of the recent surcharged stamp, 20 on 24c.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA (168 E 169).—We continue the list of provisionals commenced last week.

## PROVISORIO

ii.—Adhesives of 1898, surcharged in black.

15 reis, chocolate, perf. 11½.

25 " blue-green, "

Two of the stamps—40r. brown and 80r. grey—have not yet been met with in an unsurcharged state.

PORTUGUESE INDIA (167 F 169).—The following addition to the list of recent provisionals chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 163 is noted in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

2½

## TANGAS

Adhesive of 1895, surcharged as above.

2½ tangas, in red, on 1½t.; perf. 11½.

It was previously chronicled as perf. 13½.

PORTUGAL (154 D 169).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the issue on Sept. 28th of a reply letter card, similar to that sold—in very small quantities, it is true—in France. The size is very small, 130×80mm. and for the reply, 109×70mm.

## Lettercard.

25 + 25 reis, green on chamois surfaced card, reverse white; perf. D.

Following the example set by Great Britain and followed by France and Germany, Portugal intends on January 1st, 1903, to introduce penny postage with all her Colonies. The letter rate will be reduced from 65 to 25 réis and all stamps of the latter value will be uniformly printed in rose.

RUSSIA (168 N 169).—A St. Petersburg correspondent of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* says that the rokop. of the 1875-79 issue exists, like the 20kop. (No. 50 in the catalogue) with a cross in place of the letter T in the inscription at foot.

RUSSIAN LEVANT (139 B 169).—For the following interesting note, we are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

"In April and May, 1896, we alluded to a curiosity, formed by overprinting the 1 kopek stamp, of the 1884 issue, with the value "40 PARAS," and we were then informed that no such provisional stamp had been put in circulation. After lying low for six years, till its original history had been forgotten, this interesting article has turned up again, and we have been shown a used specimen on the entire envelope, which it apparently franked, in February, 1896, from Constantinople to Ordou, a place in, we believe, Asiatic Turkey, where there was evidently another office of the Russian Levant Steamship Company. Mr. Breitfuss is fortunately able to tell us the story of the stamp in question, which is to the effect that it was an invention of one of the clerks in the Russian Post Office in Constantinople, who used to send these things on letters to a friend at Ordou, postmark them himself, and see that they passed free to their destination. Possibly one kopek was sufficient for the letter thus sent, and the surcharge was superfluous. However, the ingenious inventor lost his situation, and the incident was closed, for the time; now the crop sown six years ago seems to be maturing, but we trust that Philatelists will not assist in the reaping.

"A correspondent assures us that the stamps of 1865, Nos. 5 and 6 in the Catalogue, were printed in sheets of twenty-eight, four horizontal rows of seven, not in the sheets of sixty-three, and that there are thus only twenty-eight types to look for."

SALVADOR (150 H 169).—*Minor varieties*.—We note the following varieties on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

1. A variety of No. 302, without the date surcharged. It is possible that this is from the bottom row of a sheet on which the surcharge was printed too high, and the stamps above had the date below the value.

2. To be added to the list of Official stamps, 1899, surcharged with Type 203 only, without the Wheel:—  
13c., carmine; black surcharge.

3. Unpaid Letter stamps surcharged as Nos. 694 and 695, but with Type 201 in black, instead of violet.  
2c., orange; black surcharge.

3c. " " "  
4. Stamp of 1900 with inverted surcharge, Type 201, in black.

1c., pale green; inverted surcharge.

5. The same stamp with narrow shield, in violet, and Type 201, in black.

1c., pale green; violet and black surcharges.

6. The whole series of 1898, Type 73, surcharged with Type 201, in black.

7. The 20c. of the first issue of 1895, No. 121 in the catalogue, with the surcharged Arms upside down.

SIERRA LEONE (163 I 169).—The 1d. King's Head envelope referred to as 'expected' in *E.W.S.N.* No. 139 has now been issued, an example postmarked "Freetown, Nov. 28th, 1902," being shown us by Mr. G. F. M. Camrou.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (168 S 169).—We take the liberty of reproducing from the *Monthly Journal* the following interesting note concerning the discovery of a large portion of a sheet of the old 6d. blue.

"We have just received from South Australia a very large portion of a sheet of the 6d. dark blue, wmk. Broad-pointed Star, and perf. 10 compound with 11½ and 12½, which corresponds with No. 157 in the Catalogue. It consists of eight rows of twelve from the top of the sheet, being two rows short of a half sheet, with marginal frame and inscriptions. The chief interest centres in the perforation. There are twelve vertical lines all perf. 10, except one, the left margin being imperf.; but on the right side there is another vertical line at a distance of 14mm., but which has the quite unexpected gauge of 10½. Beyond this, again, at a distance of 6mm., there are traces of another line perf. 13. All the internal lines are 10, with the exception of the line dividing the seventh and eighth rows from the left, which is 12½. All the horizontal rows of perf are 12½. It will be noticed that there are two vertical lines of stamps in the sheet which have a triple perforation, namely, the seventh and eighth vertical rows, the former having 10 on the left and 12½ on the right, the latter the same reversed. The presence of the perforation 10½ on the outer right margin is the most remarkable fact about this sheet, for

such a perforation is quite unknown on stamps of this Colony, and in the present case cannot be said to belong to the stamps at all, being only remotely associated with them. The sheet has a control mark in black over the sixth and seventh stamps of "6D1724."

Mr. G. Blockey informs the *Philatelic Record* that the date of withdrawal of the 3d. Postage & Revenue was September 17th. There will very likely be a new 1½d. stamp; if so, other States will have to fall into line.

ST. THOMAS and PRINCE ISLANDS (144 D 169).—The following provisionals have been recently issued. The perforations are given on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

65  
REIS

Adhesives of 1887, surcharged in black, except 130 réis on 5 réis.

65 reis on 20r. rosine, perf. 13½.

" " 25r. purple "

115 reis on 10r. green "

" " 300r. orange "

130 reis on 5r. black, perf. 12½.

" " 200r. lilac, perf. 13½.

Adhesives of 1893-95, surcharged in black.

65 reis on 5r. orange, perf. 12½.

" " 10r. mauve "

" " 15r. red-brown, perf. 11½.

" " 20r. lilac "

115 reis on 25r. green, perf. 12½.

" " 150r. carmine, perf. 11½.

" " 200r. blue "

130 reis on 75r. rose "

" " 100r. brown "

" " 300r. blue "

400 reis on 2½r. brown "

" " 50r. blue, perf. 12½.

" " 80r. green "

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (164 I 169).—

Mr. Hadlow informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the \$5 of the King Edward set has been issued.

Adhesive. CA. 14.

\$5 green and brownish orange.

SUDAN (167 G 169).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 2 millimètres chronicled last week.



The stamps are of the ordinary current type, as shown above, and each sheet contains 120 of these somewhat large stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 12. Between the 5th and 6th rows there is a margin equal in size to a row of stamps and adorned with two long bars in green, thus dividing the sheet into two panes. Round each pane are green and brown lines varying in length. The paper is watermarked with "Crescents and Stars" all over, right to the edges, and the stamps are printed on the paper sideways.

TASMANIA (167 P 169).—The plate of the 1d. Mount Wellington which was chronicled a fortnight ago in a retouched state had evidently become very worn. As shown in our illustration, the mountain in many impressions having the appearance of being entirely covered with snow. In the London prints, the hill is gently shaded, but in the retouch the shading is very coarse. The following is a list of the varieties which have occurred to date:—



Adhesive. 1d. Mount Wellington, design as above.

(i) London print, perf. 14, wmk. "Tas" (multiple), hill lightly shaded.

1d. deep rose red.

1d. rose-red.

(ii) Melbourne print, perf. 12½, wmk. V and Crown upright, worn plate.

1d. pale rose-red, hill faintly shaded.

1d. " no trace of shading.

(iii) Melbourne print, perf. 12½, wmk. V and Crown sideways, die retouched.

1d. dull brick-red, hill coarsely shaded.

There is also reported to be a new printing of

the 2d. but we will wait for confirmation before chronicling definitely.

It is said that the new 2d. has watermark sideways, but so did the old one, the shape being different to that of the 1d. Perhaps merely a new printing in a slightly different shade has been made.

**UGANDA** (167 H 169). — The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the various values just received from Uganda (issued there on October 27th), but except in the case of the 1 anna there is no decided evidence of new printings. The 1 anna is in aniline pink as chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 154. As heretofore, the sheets contain 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6, and we notice that one or two sheets are so printed that the fourth vertical row is watermarked, in two lines, "Crown Agents For—The Colonies," the top stamp in the row having no watermark whatever. A similar variety has been noted in sheets of the 3 and 8 annas, but not as yet, we believe, in the 2 and 4 annas.

*Adhesive.* Minor variety, no wmk.

1 anna aniline pink.

3 annas grey.

8 " pale olive.

We note that the 1 and 3 rupees are in paler shades than formerly, but the difference is hardly sufficient to warrant the assumption that new printings have been made.

Further supplies of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  anna provisionals, surcharged "UGANDA" on adhesives of British East Africa, have been issued, and are presumably obsolete, as the Colonial Stamp Market inform us they only received less than a third of the quantities of  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna applied for. Unlike the second issue of these provisionals, made on July 20th (*E.W.S.N.* No. 154), the third or October issue shows marked differences in the method of overprinting, although the actual surcharge "UGANDA" is the same.

The first issue was surcharged in rows of six stamps at a time, ten impressions, one below the other, completing a sheet. The six surcharges in a row were all exactly in a straight line. In the new printings, the stamps are overprinted in vertical rows of five stamps a time, twelve instead of ten impressions being required to complete a sheet. Frequently one vertical row was struck higher or lower than its neighbour with the consequence that a horizontal row of six stamps seldom shows the surcharges in a straight row.

It has already been reported (*E.W.S.N.* No. 137) that a sheet of the first printing of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. was found, of which the lowest horizontal row had the surcharge inverted. The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that they have been fortunate enough to secure two sheets of the new printing of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna showing double-surchARGE varieties. Of course owing to the manner of overprinting, if there is one stamp with a double overprint, there must be four others, and we find that on one sheet, the top five stamps in the second vertical row show the variety and in the other, the top five stamps in the fourth vertical row show it.

Sheets of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna also show the "no wmk." variety described above as occurring in the 1, 3 and 8 annas, so that we get the following varieties.

*Adhesives.* Surcharged in black on stamps of British East Africa.

"UGANDA" on B.E.A.  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna.

(a) minor variety, no wmk.

(b) double surcharged "UGANDA."

(c) same as (b) "no wmk." (Only one copy found).

The double-surchARGE varieties undoubtedly occurred through the desire of the operator to make a light overprint more distinct, but both surcharges are quite legible. The  $2\frac{1}{2}$  annas may frequently be met with the U and the A of Uganda double-printed or partly so, but the double surcharge is not marked enough to count as a variety.

It may be remarked that in the first two issues the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna sheet had all the marginal paper removed; in the new supply the margin is left all round.

**UNITED STATES** (167 G 169). — We illustrate the new 13c. stamp chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 167.

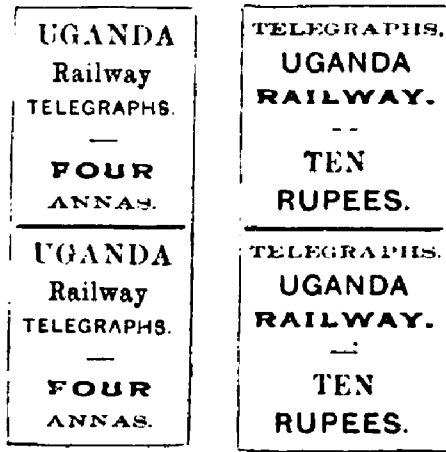


We take the following description of the forthcoming 1c. from the *Weekly Philatelic Era* :—

"From the same authority we learn that the design for the new 1c. stamp has just been approved. It is entirely different from the designs for other values thus far approved. Instead of the old profile portrait of Franklin, a new one appears photographed from the noted painting in the National Gallery of Portraits. This is considered the best portrait of Franklin in existence, and represents him with a serene

and contented countenance; his long hair falling in curls upon his shoulders, and his neck enveloped in a wealth of cravat. The words "Series of 1902" appear at the extreme top of the design in very small letters. "United States of" is below in a straight line, and "America" in a slight curve following the line of the oval. The face appears in an opening, oval above and square below. Emblematical figures upon either side, support the panel containing words above, while each holds aloft an electric light bulb, typical of Franklin's service to the world through the discovery of electricity. The figures are placed on two pedestals, upon the front of which appear the figures of value. The name of the philosopher and the dates of his birth and death appear immediately below the bust. Postage One Cent is seen in two straight lines at the bottom of the design."

**UGANDA RAILWAY** (A 169). — The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us an interesting set of telegraph stamps for use in British East Africa and Uganda. All the telegraph wires in these two protectorates belong, not to the Post Office, but to the Uganda Railway, consequently one set of stamps does for both protectorates. They were issued first at the Mombasa terminus, on June 1st, 1902, and are for use on public telegrams, although the stamps are not sold to the public unused. Nor are they obtainable entire even used as the stamps are cut in two, one half being attached to the telegram and the other to the sender's receipt. This is practically a Government issue of Telegraphs as the Uganda Railway is under the control of the Foreign Office. As the stamps are type-set, they are probably, like the 1896 set of postage stamps, only a provisional issue.



*Telegraphs.* Type-set printed in black on coloured paper. Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Two types, one for the annas and one for the rupee values, the former being slightly smaller.

2as.	black on blue-green.
4as.	" yellow.
6as.	" lake.
8as.	" pink.
12as.	" grey.
1r.	" white.
2r.	" yellow.
3r.	" blue-green.
4r.	" lake.
5r.	" pink.
10r.	" grey.

*Errors and Varieties.*

- (a) G of "Telegraphs" in lower half of stamp has a serif at top.  
2as., 4as., 6as., (8as., 12as., ?, not seen).  
(b) Error SIK for SIX in top half of stamp.  
6as.  
(c) Comma after "Telegraphs" in lower half of stamp, instead of a stop.  
2rs. (and possibly others?).

We have only seen sheets of the three lower values. In each case there are 56 stamps in four rows of 14, a curious arrangement; one would naturally expect 16 stamps in the row as 16 annas make a rupee. Seven stamps were set in ordinary type and eight stereos taken; consequently there are seven types of each value.

Variety (a) occurs on the 1st and 8th stamp in each horizontal row; variety (b) on the 7th and 14th stamps of each row. Of variety (c) we do not know the position, having only seen a single copy as yet, of each of the rupee values. Variety (a) sometimes shows an inverted A instead of A in "Telegraphs," but this is probably due to defective printing. In the centre of each of the four margins is an embossed seal of the Uganda Railway, it sometimes slightly overlaps on to the stamps.

#### New British & Colonial Fiscal Stamps.

(From *Morley's Philatelic Journal*).

- Cape of Good Hope, current design, new value.  
2/6 lilac and carmine.  
Great Britain, new design, King's Head.  
Bankruptcy, 1/- green and purple.  
Contract Note, 4/- and 10/- purple and black.  
Judicature Fees, 1/- green and purple.  
Ireland, Registration of Deeds Fee, new design.  
3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 8/-, 10/- in white on blue.

#### Foreign Extracts.

WE give below some extracts from our continental contemporaries and offer the following prizes to the two readers who point out the most grammatical mistakes or errors in spelling.

First prize. Complete set of the handsome new Labuan Colony stamps, 1c. to \$1.

Second prize. Set of same, 1c. to 50c.

Lists of mistakes should reach us not later than Monday, December 29th.

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*Deutsch-Südwestafrika.*—Zu unserer Notiz S. 45 berichtet Herr Fr. Wehner, dass Kapenoussen eine an der im Bau begriffenen Bahn Swapkomund-Windhoek errichtete Bahnstation ist, wo die Postwertzeichen mit dem S. 45 beschriebenen Poststempel mit handschriftlich eingefügtem Namen entwertet wurden. Eine gleichzeitig vorgelegte 10 Pfg.-Karte von Deutsch-Südwestafrika Adlertype II. Ausgabe musste Herr Wehner mit 10 Pfg. Strafporto bezahlen, weil am Ausgabestage, dem 24. 11. 01 die Adlertype ausser Kurs war. Durch die rege Arbeit der Spekulation sind fabrikmässig die S. 45 beschriebenen „Briefstücke“ mit Marken beider Ausgaben hergestellt worden. Die Adler-Ausgabe wäre soost wohl selten geworden, da die Station ungefähr Anfang Oktober 1901 eröffnet ist und die Adlertype am 1. November 1901 ausser Kurs kam. (*Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*).

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*La Semeuse.*—Nous n'avons pas besoin de dire combien nous applaudissons au choix judicieux que l'on vient de faire, en haut lieu, pour nos futurs timbres-poste de 1 à 30 centimes, de la sympathique "Semeuse" déjà popularisée par nos pièces de monnaie, et dont l'heureuse composition est due au maître médailliste O. Roty, lequel avec un désintéressement qu'on ne saurait trop admirer, s'est refusé à toute allocation par l'Etat, à titre de droit de reproduction de son œuvre.

Mais, si le motif principal a tout notre agrément, nous devons dire que, dans son appropriation, en tant que timbre, c'est-à-dire dans les inscriptions, nous n'avons pu rencontrer les mêmes motifs de satisfaction.

La position verticale du mot: *poste* n'est pas sans nous déplaire, mais nous reconnaissons qu'il serait difficile, si non impossible, de le situer plus favorablement.

Si nous n'avons rien à reprendre au chiffre-valeur, il n'en est pas de même pour ce qui est des mots: *République Française*, occupant la partie supérieure du timbre.

Nous trouvons, et tout le monde sera de notre avis, que la tête de la figurine est trop encastrée par ces deux mots qu'elle vient séparer, rendant, de ce fait, la figurine trop compacte et trop noire.

Il conviendrait, selon nous, de dégager celle-ci au moyen de l'abréviation, en inscrivant simplement, comme on l'a fait pour les timbres de 1849, 1853 et 1870: *Répub. Franç.* en lettres grises et rondes, ce qui indiquerait suffisamment la provenance, tout en rendant plus aérien le haut de la vignette.

On restituerait ainsi à la tête de la femme toute sa valeur, diminuée ici par une trop grande proximité avec les deux parties de la susdite inscription.

Nous soumettons cette très humble observation à M. L. Mouchon, chargé de la gravure de ce type, ne doutant pas qu'il se soit déjà lui-même aperçu de la défectuosité apportée dans l'arrangement général du timbre par l'inscription qui nous occupe, telle qu'elle est figurée sur les reproductions qu'on en a données.

(Pierre Mahé, dans la *Revue Philatelic Française*).

Certes, la *Semeuse* est extrêmement élégante et artistique, mais nous doutons fort que son utilisation pour l'impression des timbres donne les résultats qu'on en attend. Il semble qu'il serait plus logique de laisser cette vignette aux monnaies et d'en commander une autre à M. Roty pour les timbres, en lui laissant toute latitude pour le choix du sujet.

(*Revue Philatelic Française*).

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## The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

**ICELAND** (167 I 170).—Mr. T. H. Lamb has shown us the King Christian IX. 3 and 16 aur stamps, and informs us that he had the 20 aur as early as the middle of September. The four post cards are also issued.

**MALTA** (169 U 170).—After all, the information we gave as to the 2½d. stamps being no longer 'ticked' was quite correct, and it was Mr. G. Miller who was wrong. Mr. Miller now writes us "Je m'empresse de rectifier ce que je vous écrivais par ma lettre de hier au sujet du 'red tick' sur les '2½d. stamps.' La poste a vendu toute la quantité de timbres qu'elle avait ainsi marqué et cette quantité ayant été épuisée la poste vend maintenant ces timbres sans le 'red tick.'"

**NEW ZEALAND** (169 M 170).—Major Lister has shown us a copy of the 1/- Queen's Head issue, perf. 12½×10, and postmarked "Auckland, 16th June, 1893." This is a so-far uncatalogued variety.

**ORANGE RIVER COLONY** (169 Z 170).—We illustrate the new 1d. King Edward envelope.

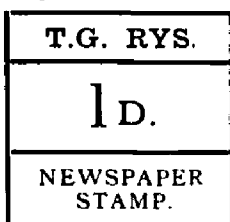


**PENRHYN ISLAND** (158 L 170).—Mr. H. L. Bevir writes us:—"With reference to your note in to-day's E.W.S.N., as to the time taken by letters coming from Penrhyn Island, it may interest you to know that by yesterday's mail I received a letter postmarked Penrhyn Island, 16 Oct., 1902, which had thus only taken less than two months in transit. It was further postmarked Auckland, 3rd Nov., '02, and Swindon Station, 11 DE '02, and was in answer to a letter written by me on 2nd May last. My correspondent, the island postmaster, in the course of his letter says 'We have now all values of stamps from ½d. to 5/-' What do you suppose this means?"

**QUEENSLAND** (164 K 170).—Mr. C. J. Phillips reports having met with the following long list of varieties when looking over a fine specialized collection:—

- 1860-61. No. 11. "Registered," olive-yellow; horizontal pair, imperf. vertically.
- September, 1861. No. 16. 3d. brown; horizontal pair, imperf. vertically.
- 1862-67. No. 21. 1d. orange-vermilion; horizontal pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- 1862-67. No. 24. 2d. pale blue; horizontal pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- 1862-67. No. 28. 1s. grey; horizontal pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- September, 1866. No. 40. 5s. pale rose; vertical pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- 1868-79. No. 61. 2d. pale blue; vertical pair, perf. 13 all round and imperf. between.
- 1868-79. No. 62. 2d. deep blue; vertical strip of three, perf. 13 all round and imperf. between.
- 1868-79. No. 69. 1d. vermilion; vertical pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- 1868-79. No. 82. 1s. violet; vertical pair, perf. all round and imperf. between.
- 1879-81. No. 91. 1d. brown-red; vertical pair, imperf. horizontally.
- 1879-81. No. 94. 2d. pale blue; vertical pair, imperf. horizontally.
- 1879-81. No. 96. 4d. orange-yellow; horizontal pair, imperf. vertically.
- 1879-81. No. 98. 6d. pale green; horizontal pair, imperf. vertically.

**TASMANIA** (169 Q 170).—Messrs. J. H. Smyth & Co. sends us some exceedingly interesting railway newspaper stamps. It has already been noted under the heading "Australian Commonwealth" that the Federal postal authorities will no longer allow newspapers to pass free through the post, and that a Commonwealth ½d. newspaper stamp was to be issued. Apparently the Government railway companies are following suit, the specimens now sent us being the issue for the Tasmanian Government Railways. The design is something like the following, which is as near as our printer's range of type will allow us to copy the original.



Government Railway Newspaper Adhesives.  
Design measuring 26 × 26mm., perf. 12.  
Type set on thin white wove paper.  
½d. black on white  
1d. "  
2d. "  
Other values (?)

The above are the only values our correspondents have seen. The specimens submitted us are cancelled with pen and ink, and again with a circular rubber stamp in pink, inscribed "Accountant's Office T.G.R."

**VICTORIA** (166 Z 170).—The following interesting varieties are noted in Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, on the authority of Mr. C. J. Phillips:—

- 1857-63. No. 48. 1d. yellow-green; printed clearly on both sides, both fine full colours; used on one side, unused on the other.
- 1857-63. No. 58. 1d. yellow-green; horizontal pair, rouletted all round and imperf. between.
- 1857-63. No. 60. 4d. rose; horizontal pair, rouletted all round and imperf. between.
- 1862. No. 73. 2d. brown-lilac; error of wmk., clearly reading 

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PENNY

 a letter and a half of "PENNY" being cut off by the margin of the stamp.
- 1862. No. 83. 4d. rose; another unchronicled error of wmk., also misplaced and reading 

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- 1877-97. No. 228. 2d., mauve; horizontal pair, imperf. and used.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (168 H 170).—The 1d. adhesive just superseded, wmk. "W. Crown A" may be found in three distinct shades of pale and dark.

*Minor Varieties.*—Mr. C. J. Phillips notes the following:—

- 1865. No. 59. 6d., violet. The whole impression a very decided double print; for example, the second print of the word "POSTAGE" is below and just clear of the first one.
- 1875. No. 67. 1d. on 2d.; a vertical pair, the lower stamp not showing any trace of a surcharge.
- 1875. No. 67. 1d. on 2d.; surcharge reading "NE PENNY."

## Answers to Correspondents.

A.A.A. sends an enquiry:—"I have a 1d. brick-red Cape of Good Hope (Anchor watermark) surcharged with both 'British Bechuanaland' and the 'G' for Griqualand. This variety is not in any catalogue I have yet seen. My copy is used." [This is bogus.—ED. E.W.S.N.]  
C.J.H.—We do not think Danish stamps are at all rare with inverted watermarks, but note you have the 4 skilling.  
Mr. James Coltman writes:—"Have you noticed in the new edition of Gibbons' catalogue, Vol. II, that several of the 'Types' of the 1867-68 issue of Holland are altered, namely—the '5,' '20' and '25' illustrations of type of figures. What was type I in the 1902 edition is type II in the 1903 edition, and vice versa, but the prices are the same practically in both editions."

## Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

The Rev. A. Ogle writes:—

"Referring to your paragraph as to the 'R.H. Official' stamps it may be of interest to mention that I have the 1d. stamp postmarked East Cowes, Sp. 26. 02.

"In reply to Mr. W. Corfield's query as to the U.S. Columbus 6c. in blue, the exact shade of the 4c., I may say that I have a similar copy, I believe however it is a merely chemical change due probably to the stamp having been exposed to the action of bright sunlight."

Mr. W. Hartree writes:—

"Victoria, recent issue inscribed postage. I have the 1½d. with watermark upright and sideways, and in the other values of the set inverted watermarks seem common, in fact, I have several specimens of the 2½d., but all have inverted watermark. It would be interesting to know the relative rarity of these minor varieties, especially in the case of the 1½d. stamp."

Mr. J. E. Heginbottom writes:—

"If not too late you might like to insert the following little piece of information, which although not strictly philatelic yet has to do with the Post Office hence with stamps. Perhaps you have not heard of it, if not here is the information.

To see if the postal work at Christmas time can be somewhat made easier, Rochdale is adopting a unique plan, with the sanction of the Postmaster-General, and the P.O. are watching the results with interest as if after Christmas the plan has been a success, they will probably adopt it in other towns. But my point is that I believe I am right in saying Rochdale alone has been chosen for this plan as a sort of test.

Between to-day and noon on Monday, all letters may be posted for actual delivery on Christmas Day, but must be posted at a Post Office and not in a pillar, and when so posted there must be a wish expressed that the letter or parcel so posted must not be delivered until Christmas Day, the officer in charge will then place a special obliteration used for this purpose in red upon the letter, or parcel. I am not sure whether upon the actual stamps or not, but the obliteration runs thus 'Posted in advance for delivery on Christmas Day, 1902.'

I see upon referring to the notice in our local papers that letters posted from to-day to noon on Monday next may be so posted. This is somewhat interesting you will admit."

## Correspondence.

"ARMY OFFICIAL" VARIETIES.

To the Editor of E.W.S.N.

DEAR SIR,—I read with much interest in your last issue the letter from your correspondent, "K.W.," with reference to the above, but it would appear that the most marked and interesting variety or error—I am inclined to term it—has been overlooked, viz., the short 1 from 1899 to September, 1901. Each sheet of ½ red, ½ green, and 1d. lilac contained our stamp only with a decidedly short typed 1—it is the 6th stamp in 3rd row of bottom pane counting from right to left. I noticed in the issues made in September, 1901, this was adjusted and a normal 1 substituted.

As this occurs on every stamp so placed it is evidently not due to faulty printing but to an absolute error in type. I think it might justly claim a place in both catalogues and collections. It is a scarce variety, and exceedingly so in a used condition during the three years quoted. I have carefully examined some hundreds of thousands and have only found about a dozen copies used.

I enclose for your inspection one pair of each three values, also two used copies of 1d.

Yours faithfully, A. R. B.



## Philatelic Exhibition.

(Report from the *Standard*).

THE members of the Philatelic Society of London on Saturday held a private exhibition of the stamps of the African Colonies, other than those directly affected by the late war, in their rooms, Effingham House, Arundel Street. There were 24 exhibitors, and their exhibits were insured for £20,000. As usual with the shows held by this Society, there were many stamps of great value, several being unique. Mr. E. Beveridge, in a collection from Uganda, offered to view the now obsolete missionary stamps, produced locally, and the first type-written ones. The letters V.R. are on the face, and the value ranged from 5 to 100 cowries. They are violet in colour, and printed upon copy-book paper. The Earl of Kintore, Mr. W. B. Avery and Mr. Duveen, sent specimens from the Mauritius, including the rare 1d. and 2d. Post Office stamps. They are the earliest Colonial stamps ever issued, and only 500 were printed; their scarcity arises from the fact that nearly the whole impression was used up on an invitation to a banquet or a ball. The 1d. are vermilion, and the 2d. blue. In the general collection were many choice specimens of the later issue of post paid. Mr. C. J. Daun exhibited the most complete collection ever seen of Niger Coast stamps, besides a great number of varieties, and the different types of surcharges, side by side. Among other varieties this collection contained a specimen of the surcharge of £1 on a shilling stamp. The series is violet, red and black—the black one being the only copy ever issued, and the red specimen, one of only two that were issued. In the Madagascar stamps shown by Mr. J. N. Marsden and Major E. B. Evans, were specimens bearing the Royal Arms, printed with the words "British Consular Mail." Mr. C. J. Daun also contributed a very fine series of Zanzibar stamps, including nearly the whole series of surcharges and the blunders made in spelling Zanzibar, in some cases "d" appearing for "b," in others the "r" is missing. The choicest consisted of three strips of two, three and five rupees showing the two varieties side by side, one with the missing "r" and another with the "r" inverted. In the St. Helena collections of the Earl of Crawford and Mr. W. Dornier Beckton was included a specimen of the rare error of a 6d. red with surcharge omitted, and two strips of the 1s. stamp showing the rare mistake of double surcharges and the surcharge omitted. There are only twelve such specimens in existence. Other collections related to the Soudan, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, British Central and East Africa, the Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos and Morocco.

Other notable exhibits at Effingham House were those of the Earl of Kintore and the Earl of Crawford, the former displaying a fine collection of Mauritius stamps, the latter of St. Helena ones. The Baron de Worms displayed stamps of Sierra Leone and Mauritius. The exhibit of one gentleman, Mr. C. J. Daun, was alone worth £5,000. The energetic secretary to the Exhibition Committee, Mr. L. L. Hansburg, showed a good series of Soudanese stamps.

(From the *Pall Mall Gazette*).

## Early Dates.

THE Editor is desirous of ascertaining when the following perforation varieties came into use, and would be glad to have for inspection any early dated copies. Every early date recorded will be credited to the owner, who will also receive several interesting new stamps as some return for his trouble. The specimens will be returned promptly after examination:—

N.Z. 1882.	perf. 12 x 11½, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
"	perf. 11, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
"	perf. 10, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.
"	perf. 10 x 11, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.
"	perf. 12½ x 10, 1d.
Fiji. 1879.	perf. 12½, 1d., 2d. on 3d., 2d., 6d.
"	perf. 10, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-.
"	perf. 10 x 12½, 1d., 2d., 6d.
"	perf. 10 x 12 or 12 x 10, ½d., 1d., 2d.
"	perf. 11 x 10, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.
"	perf. 11, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-.
"	perf. 12 x 11, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1/-.
"	perf. 12, ½d., 1d., 2d.
N.S.W. 1871.	perf. 11½, 12, 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 5/-.
"	perf. 12½, 13, 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-.
"	perf. 11, 1d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1/-, 5/-.
"	perf. 10, 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1/-, 5/-.
"	perf. 11½, 12 x 10, 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 5/-.
"	perf. 12½, 13 x 10, 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-.

## The New Era of Philately.

From the *Philatelic West and Camera News*.

DR. SZALAY, a Hungarian collector, in a sensational article formulates the programme of the new era of philately. I wish that I had the space to reproduce his entire article, as there is much of value in it. Some of his chief demands are the following:—

1. A central exchange bureau, through which dealers and collectors could do trading without risk, the bureau to be under the management of the great societies.
2. A reduction of the scope of general collections: no more watermark, perforation, paper, surcharge varieties.
3. All catalogues to be written for general collectors only; minor varieties to be left to the specialists.
4. Prices to be fixed accordingly; main types full prices, minor varieties nominal prices.
5. A revolt against the dictation of prices by the great dealers.
6. Stamp papers not controlled by dealers (we have one in the WEST.)
7. A philatelic Review of Reviews, giving extracts and reviews of all notable articles.
8. A cyclopaedia of philately, containing everything, especially quantities issued for each stamp.
9. A normal catalogue with real prices.
10. No more exchanging on the basis of catalogues, but strictly by market prices.
11. Strict definitions by the societies of the terms describing condition: perfect, good margins, lightly cancelled, on piece of letter, mint, off centre, damaged, etc.
12. More attention to be paid to the study of the oldtime cancellations and postmarks.
13. A central bureau for the sale of new issues at about 10 per cent. above face.

There is a platform for you! It must be conceded, though, that there is a good deal of reason for many of his demands, and that several of them are apt to be realized in the future.

### COMMENT.

By the Editor of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*.

1.—We fail to see how a central exchange bureau would do away with the risk for dealers. The idea is no doubt that the system would be worked on similar lines as that adopted in connection with the *Bazaar, Exchange and Mart*, but if, as in this case, the conditions are stringent enough to guarantee safety, they would effectually check much business being done. One would have thought, too, that the first work of a very large Exchange Club would be to decentralise the business as much as possible.

2. This is dictating with a vengeance. Why are some collectors so fond of sour grapes? They are not energetic enough to collect in by far the most instructive and interesting manner, and want to prevent anyone else doing so. Let everyone collect in the manner which pleases him most, without reference to what his neighbour is doing.

3. But surely Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. already publish this catalogue? We notice that a correspondent of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, Mr. W. B. Edwards, endorses Dr. Szalay's grumble: "I maintain that a catalogue is not got up for the specialist, but for the ordinary general collector, who is, after all, the mainstay of philately." Well, why not buy Messrs. Whitfield King's catalogue? But no, these "general collectors" will not be satisfied till everyone else is prevented from buying a specialist catalogue.

4. Why is Dr. Szalay so considerate for the specialist as to suggest low prices for the minor varieties? Is he anxious to specialize in spite of his pronounced views to the contrary?

5. The leading dealers render a great service to the whole philatelic world in keeping prices as stable as they are, and were this work handed over to a committee of collectors, there would be chaos indeed! Few collectors realise the enormous difficulties of maintaining prices, when hundreds and thousands of dealers and collectors are constantly underselling. Yet if the catalogue publisher brought his prices down to meet this competition, there would be an outcry about such an iniquitous (!) proceeding. The "dictation of prices by the great dealers" means that certain dealers are endeavouring to maintain prices at a reasonable level, whilst collectors are doing their best to cause a heavy fall. Collectors can decide for themselves which result would please them most.

6. In our opinion this would merely be out of the frying pan into the fire. Such a journal as is suggested could not accept money from a dealer for advertisements, or it would be found to expect that dealer's policy. If its opinions were absolutely free, it would require to subsist entirely on subscriptions. Collectors are notoriously close-fisted where subscriptions to philatelic journals are concerned, and we don't believe any journal could even pay its printer's bill, if it relied on

revenue from this source. We do not believe that a philatelic journal published by collectors for collectors, if it refused dealers' advertisements, could even succeed so far as to get 50 paid annual subscriptions!

7. This would not recommend itself to the other journals contributing the 'extracts' or supplying the material for the 'reviews.' The idea is no doubt to get the essence of all the philatelic journals at the subscription price of one, and is a characteristic suggestion from a collector.

8. We very much fear a Utopian idea of this sort will never be realized.

9. See 4.

10. But how are 'market prices' to be recorded except in a catalogue? The actual 'market prices' of stamps fluctuate from week to week, often as widely as 80%, and are the discounts allowed by dealers with small stocks who only buy and sell the particular stamps which are at the moment quoted low. A dealer who sets out to keep a stamp always in stock but put a price on it at which he is likely to be able to replenish his stock at any time of the year, without endangering his margin of profit. The lower catalogue prices go the less possible is it for a dealer to maintain an efficient stock.

11. Collectors are never likely to agree.

12. Why is attention only to be paid to the older postmarks? Or why at all? If it is to be decreed that collectors are to ignore perforations, watermarks, etc., why seek to introduce postmarks? It looks as if our friend were trying to hoist on collectors generally a specialist hobby of his own.

13.—The demand is already granted. The Colonial Stamp Market supplies practically all new issues at even less than 10%.

## Some Interesting Stamps of the late S.A. Republic.

SIR,—Should any of your readers have specimens of the stamps described below, some account of their origin might prove interesting. About July, 1900, while the Union Fusilier Brigade was in occupation of Krugersdorp, a Staff Officer took quantities of Transvaal and Orange Free State unused stamps to the Civil Post Office at Krugersdorp, and caused them to be surcharged "V.R.I." with a Yöst typewriter in use at the office. They were surcharged in different ways, many with the letters inverted, or with some letters on a higher level than the others. Every alternate stamp was postmarked with the Krugersdorp Civil Cancelling Stamp, in use at that time, which was the old Transvaal cancelling stamp, reading "Krugersdorp, Z.A.R."—different dates were inserted in this stamp. The Staff Officer gave some of the stamps to the military clerk in the post office, who did the actual surcharging, and he, using some of them on his own correspondence, they were noticed by the authorities, and an official came to Krugersdorp to make enquiries. The clerk was brought before the magistrate and told he must not do any more. Whether the Staff Officer had to attend before the magistrate or not, I do not know.

I have an envelope bearing the embossed penny (English) stamp with six of the halfpenny Transvaal stamps surcharged in this way, which has come through the Field Post Office to England; but I believe very few were actually used through the post. I also have the 1885 Transvaal halfpenny stamp, with this typewritten surcharge, postmarked with the Krugersdorp Civil Cancelling Stamp; but though this stamp, from its appearance (it is not on a cover), might have been used, it is more probable that it was cancelled at the time of surcharging.

I believe there were several values surcharged, but beyond the above two I have only seen the penny Transvaal and penny Orange Free State.

GEOFFREY NORRIS.

Grasmere, Rhyll.

[We have never seen any of the stamps in question, but of course our readers will understand that they cannot be considered an "issue" in any sense of the word. According to our correspondent's account, they were simply a speculation, promptly disowned and suppressed by the authorities. As to the English embossed 1d. envelope, bearing six of the labels in question, it is hardly necessary to point out that it was the English stamp and not the "provisionals" which franked the letter.—ED. From the *Bazaar, Exchange and Mart*.

A local dealer once received a peculiar letter from a party who had retained his sheets and did not seem over anxious to return them. After having sent this party a number of letters requesting the return of his stamps the dealer received the following reply:

"Dear Sir:—I never sent for your stamps. If I did you never sent them to me. If you sent them I never received them. If I received them I returned them, and if I didn't, I won't!"

**LATEST ARRIVALS****From Australia and Oceania.**

THE stamps of Australasia—especially those of New Zealand and the Islands of Polynesia—form an ideal field for a specialist collection. No finer or more interesting stamps than those of New Zealand have ever been issued. The first issue is among the handsomest of the Perkins-Bacon designs and the current issue easily stands first amongst modern issues. The issues of Australia are equally interesting but have one great drawback—their rarity. It is literally impossible to make a good collection of them unused. It behoves collectors therefore to see that the issues now current are more readily obtainable in the future. To lay aside blocks of 4, 8 or 12 of the present sets is not only a duty owing to a future generation of collectors but to do so will certainly prove a profitable investment.

**NEW ZEALAND.****PAPER AND PERFORATION VARIETIES.**

NOTE.—The following is a list of the different papers which have recently been used in the New Zealand Government Printing Office for the stamps of New Zealand, Niue, Penrhyn and Cook Islands.

- (u) Wmk. single-lined NZ and Star, far apart.  
 (uu) Same, but paper cream-coloured.  
 (v) No wmk., opaque (Waterlow). Chiefly used for pictorial NZ, values 2½d. and over.  
 (w) Wmk. double-lined NZ and Star, paper thicker and opaque (Waterlow).  
 (x) Same, but thinner paper and watermark more legible (Basted Mills).  
 (y) No wmk., thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)  
 (yy) Same, but centre of sheet watermarked "Lisbon Superfine" in double-lined capitals.  
 (z) Wmk. single-line NZ and Star, close together, thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)

The issues of 1900-02 are found with four perforations:—(a) 11, (b) 11 × 14, (c) 14 × 11, (d) 14. We have a few of the following for sale, and all other varieties we are anxious to buy.

**¼d. green.**

- ¼d. (wa) dull gum, 2d.; block, 8d.  
 ¼d. (wd) single, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/3; 50 for 7/6.  
 ¼d. (yd) single, 1d.  
 ¼d. (zd-i) dull gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.  
 ¼d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.

**1d. carmine, "Universal."**

- 1d. (wa-i) shiny gum, 2d.  
 1d. (wa-ii) dull gum, 3d.  
 1d. (yc) rarity, 3/6.  
 1d. (zc) very scarce, 2/-.  
 1d. (zd-i) dull gum, 2d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.  
 1d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.

N.B.—Approval Books of the above and other varieties can be sent on approval.

**Other values.**

- 3d. (za) single, 4d.; block, 1/2; dozen, 3/6.  
 6d. (za) expected shortly.

N.B.—The N.Z. stamps offered in our wholesale list are the following varieties, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 11d., 12d., 13d., 14d., 15d., 16d., 17d., 18d., 19d., 20d., 21d., 22d., 23d., 24d., 25d., 26d., 27d., 28d., 29d., 30d., 31d., 32d., 33d., 34d., 35d., 36d., 37d., 38d., 39d., 40d., 41d., 42d., 43d., 44d., 45d., 46d., 47d., 48d., 49d., 50d., 51d., 52d., 53d., 54d., 55d., 56d., 57d., 58d., 59d., 60d., 61d., 62d., 63d., 64d., 65d., 66d., 67d., 68d., 69d., 70d., 71d., 72d., 73d., 74d., 75d., 76d., 77d., 78d., 79d., 80d., 81d., 82d., 83d., 84d., 85d., 86d., 87d., 88d., 89d., 90d., 91d., 92d., 93d., 94d., 95d., 96d., 97d., 98d., 99d., 100d., 101d., 102d., 103d., 104d., 105d., 106d., 107d., 108d., 109d., 110d., 111d., 112d., 113d., 114d., 115d., 116d., 117d., 118d., 119d., 120d., 121d., 122d., 123d., 124d., 125d., 126d., 127d., 128d., 129d., 130d., 131d., 132d., 133d., 134d., 135d., 136d., 137d., 138d., 139d., 140d., 141d., 142d., 143d., 144d., 145d., 146d., 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**COOK ISLANDS.**

For description of papers, see under New Zealand.

- ¼d. ua (blue), 1d.; block, 4d.; dozen, 11d.  
 ¼d. ya (green), 2d.; block, 6d.; dozen, 1/4.  
 ¼d. va, expected.  
 ½d. za, 1d.; block, 4d.; dozen, 8d.; pane of 60, 3/3.  
 1d. ya, 2d.; block, 8d.; dozen, 2/-; pane, 7/6.  
 1d. va, expected.  
 1d. za, 2d.; block, 6d.; dozen, 1/4; pane of 60, 6/6.  
 1½d. ua, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/-; pane of 60, 10/-.  
 1½d. za, 2d.; block, 7d.; dozen, 1/9; pane of 60, 8/9.  
 2d. ua, 4d.  
 2d. za, 3d.; block, 10d.; dozen, 2/4.  
 2½d. va, 9d.; block, 3/-.  
 2½d. za, 3d.  
 5d. u, perf. 12 × 11½, 10d.  
 5d. za, 6d.; block, 1/11.  
 6d. uua, 1/-; block, 4/-; dozen, 10/6.  
 6d. za, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.  
 10d. ua, 1/6.  
 10d. za, 1/-; block, 3/11; dozen, 11/8.  
 1/- ua, sold out.  
 1/- za, 1/2; block, 4/8; dozen, 14/-; pane, 70/-.

NOTE.—The following is a list of the recent varieties which exist:—

- ua, ¼d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-.  
 va, ¼d., 1d., 2½d.  
 ya, ¼d., 1d.; also as errors, ½d., 2d., 6d., 1/-.  
 za, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-.

It is expected that these will be succeeded ultimately by a new issue, *ad*.

**NIUE AND PENRHYN ISLAND.****OFFERED AS FOLLOWS WHILST STOCK LASTS.****i.—First printing. Rubber surcharge in green.**

- 1600 (wa) Niue, 1d. A few copies left.  
 ii.—Second printings. Wmk. double-lined N.Z. and Star.  
 1601 (xd) Niue, ¼d., nett 4d.; block, 1/3.  
 (a) wide space, in pair, 2/-.  
 1602 (xb) Niue, 1d., nett 2d.; block, 8d.; dozen, 1/9.  
 (a) wide space, in pair, 2/-.  
 (b) no stop after "Peni," in pair, 5/6.  
 (c) a and b on one stamp, in pair, 5/6.  
 (d) broken E almost like F, 1/2.  
 1603 (xd) Penrhyn, ½d., nett 4d.  
 1604 (xd) Penrhyn, 1d., nett 2d.; block, 8d.; dozen, 1/9; entire pane of 60, 7/6.

NOTE.—We are open to buy at high prices Niue, perf. 14 (xd) and Penrhyn Island, 1d. perf. 11 and 11 by 14 (xa, xb), and any of the scarcer varieties. Stamps should be sent for inspection with price, as we cannot make offers. We pay return postage on any not bought.

**iii.—Third printings. Wmk. single-lined N.Z. and Star.**

- 1621 (zd) Niue, ¼d., nett 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d. Entire pane of 60 with varieties, 3/6.  
 1622 (zd) Niue, 1d., nett 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2. Entire pane of 60 with varieties, 9/6.  
 1623 (zd) Penrhyn, ¼d., nett 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d. Entire pane of 60, 2/11.  
 1624 (zd) Penrhyn, 1d., nett 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2. Entire pane of 60 showing dotless variety, 8/6.

NOTE.—No. 1624 has blue surcharge, whilst No. 1604 has black.

**iv.—High values. No wmk., perf. 11.**

- 1627 (va) Niue, 2½d., carmine surcharge, 4d.; block, 1/-; doz., 3/3.  
 1628 (va) Niue, 2½d., vermilion surcharge, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 3/3; entire sheet of 120 with dotless variety, 37/6.  
 1629 (va) Penrhyn, 2½d., carmine surcharge, 4d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 3/3. Block of 60 as issued, showing twelve wide-spaced varieties, 17/6.  
 1630 (va) Penrhyn, 2½d., vermilion surcharge, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/11. Block of 60 as issued, showing twelve wide space varieties, 17/6.

**WHOLESALE—SPECIAL OFFER.**

- 1631 Niue, ¼d., per 100, 4/6; per 1000, 48/-.  
 1632 .. 1d., per 100, 10/-.  
 1635 .. 2½d., per 12, 2/11.  
 1634 Penrhyn, ¼d., per 100, 4/6; per 1000, 46/-.  
 1637 .. 1d., per 100, 9/-.  
 1636 .. 2½d., per 12, 2/11.  
 1637 Sets of six, 50 for 38/-.

**VARIETIES OF SURCHARGE.**

The following varieties can also be supplied. Each is in a pair with the normal variety. It should be stated that all these varieties are of an absolutely bona-fide nature and are not in the least degree "made for collectors."

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|------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1641 | Niue, ¼d. green                      | Pairs. |
|      | (a) wide space between u and e       | 7d.    |
| 1642 | Niue, 1d. rose.                      |        |
|      | (a) wide space between u and e.      | 8d.    |
|      | (b) no stop after "Peni"             | 1/2    |
|      | (c) variety a and b on same stamp    | 2/8    |
|      | (d) broken E like F                  | 1/2    |
| 1645 | Penrhyn, 1d. rose.                   |        |
|      | (b) no stop after "Island" ...       | 2/8.   |
| 1646 | Penrhyn, 2½d. blue.                  |        |
|      | (a) wide space between 2½ and "Peni" | 1/1    |

NOTE.—There are only eight varieties of surcharge in the Niue and Penrhyn Island stamps, the eighth being the Niue 2½d. without stop after "Peni," and only one such variety occurs in each sheet of 120. No. 1642c and 1645b only occur once each on sheets of 60.

**APPROVAL DEPARTMENT.**

The following approval books are now ready and will be forwarded in rotation to responsible applicants. Clients unknown to us must furnish satisfactory references.

- A 4. Used and unused Great Britain surface printed stamps including Officials and Control letters.  
 A 5. Very fine lot of used line engraved Great Britain, arranged according to plate Nos., corner letters, &c.  
 A 6. Fine lot of used Great Britain surface printed plate Nos. and Official stamps.  
 A10. Superb Collection of unused 1d. red and 2d. blue plate Nos., including singles, pairs, blocks, etc., all in mint condition and priced at a great reduction off catalogue values.  
 A11. Really fine lot of early Great Britain line engraved stamps, the 1d. black are specially well represented and include a large number of the rare double-printed corner letters.  
 A10a. Fine assortment of Great Britain Envelope stamps, cut square and arranged according to die Nos. (King's heads only).  
 A11a. A similar lot but consisting of Queen's head stamps only.  
 B13. Book of Unused Colonial Stamps, mostly priced from 1d. to 2/-.  
 B14. Exceptionally fine lot of early colonials in mint condition, including pence Ceylons, 1st type New Zealand, Post Paid Mauritius, &c.  
 C 1. Used Colonials, including both obsolete and current varieties (Antigua to Newfoundland).  
 C 2. Similar lot (New South Wales to Zululand).  
 C 4. Fine lot of used Colonials, mostly current issues (New Zealand to Zanzibar).  
 C 5. Similar lot (Bahamas to New Zealand).

**NOTICE.****SUBSCRIPTION RATES to E.W.S.N.**

Postal Subscribers receive E.W.S.N. regularly every Saturday morning. The rates are as follows:—Per number, 1½d.; 1 month, 6d.; 3 months, 1/7½; 6 months, 3/3; 1 year, 6/6; three years at the price of two.

**SPECIAL OFFER.**

As a trial, we offer to post E.W.S.N. regularly every Friday for one year at the reduced rate of 4/4, the same price as charged by newsagents. This offer will only remain open a few weeks.

N.B.—Subscriptions can commence with any number.

**PACKETS****Of Foreign and Colonial Stamps.**

- No 1. Containing 500 varieties all different, including both used and unused, every stamp being in good condition. No cut cards, wrappers or envelopes are included. The stamps are neatly mounted in a small book and the whole forms a very desirable collection for a beginner. Price, 4/6. post free.  
 No. 2. Contains 1000 varieties, all different, similar to above but with the addition of many desirable stamps, such as are not usually met with in packets of this size. Price, only 15/-, post free.  
 No. 3. Contains 2000 varieties, all different, and in perfect condition. A large number of really rare and valuable stamps are contained in this collection, which is suitable for either collector or dealer. A bargain. Price, 67/6, post free.  
 No. 11. Contains 500 used and unused South Americans, including scarce obsolete issues, provisionals, new issues, high values, etc., and is offered at the exceptionally low price of 27/-, post free.

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