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Newly Issued Stamps.



SANDWICH ISLANDS.—We are now enabled to present our readers with engravings of the new set of stamps in use in these Islands.



UNITED STATES. *New York*.—The list of locals for our own country, have lately received an addition to their number, of the annexed design. The stamp is issued by the old established house of O. H. Crosby, doing business at 19 William Street; it pays

postage on letters and circulars delivered in the city. The stamps were designed and engraved by J. W. Scott & Co. They are printed in sheets of twenty-five, are unperforated; the color is bright carmine

RUSSIA. *Tver*.—Our next illustration represents the local for this town, described last month: it should be remembered, however, that the figure of value, and the inside line is printed in blue, the balance being as represented.



BAHAMAS.—We have lately seen copies of the four penny stamps perforated 14x10, instead of 15x11.

TURKEY.—The stamps of this country are now very poorly printed, the values being scarcely distinguishable; some are only perforated 6x5, which is quite insufficient to tear them apart evenly.

PORTUGAL.—The 20 and 100 reis of the new series have now made their appearance; same colors as same values of last series.

GERMANY.—It is stated, will issue a new set of postals on the first of July.

ANTIOQUIA.—A one peso stamp of the annexed design has just been discovered; it evidently completes the first set, which it will be remembered lacked that value.



LIVONIA.—We are now enabled to give an engraving of the new issue for this State, that was described last October; the central oval should be green, but we do not con-

sider that such common looking stamps as this and the Russia local, pictured in another part of the number, warrant the great expense of printing them in two colors.

TASMANIA.—Two more values of the new design have been issued, the colors are: 3 pence brown, 5 shillings violet.

SPAIN.—The stamps of this country, bearing the portrait of King Amadeus, are expected next month, and are claimed to be the handsomest set yet used there.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—A new set, with the value in cents, are expected for this Island.

CANADA.—After all the talk we hear about the progressiveness of our own country, and the old fogyism of the New Dominion, don't it strike our Post Office Department that it is rather curious that they should have got out post cards ahead of us? but unfortunately for the people, such is the case. Philatelists, however, will be delighted with these cards, which are decidedly the most beautiful of any yet issued. The design of the stamp consist of the head of the Queen to the right, same as the current set, in ornamental frame of shaded lines, with the value, ONE CENT, below. The inscription on the card reads CANADA POST CARD, THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE, TO, with lines for writing the address. The engravers imprint, "British American Bank Note Co., Montreal and Ottawa," is impressed below in small type. The whole is surrounded with a beautiful border of lathe work—size $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 in., color pale blue.

DENMARK.—The postal cards for this country are very fine, and being printed on glazed white paper, show off the colors well.

The stamps in the corners are the same as the adhesive, but are printed in one color only; in the left hand corner is the arms, same as on the fiscal stamps of this country.

The colors and values are 2 sk. blue, 4 sk. carmine. There is also a set of official post cards, of the same design, but inscribed JENESTE-BREKORT, signifying official correspondence card. The official stamps for this country, figured in the April number, have now made their appearance. The colors and values are 2 sk. blue, 4 sk. carmine, 16 sk. green.—*The American Journal of Philately*

"HUMBUGS."

We have received a number of letters from our numerous friends, (who, knowing we were about to publish a small paper for their benefit,) expressing a desire that we should publish what we know about counterfeits, so to benefit collectors in general, as well as our friends and patrons. We shall publish monthly, an article exposing the swindling operations of certain dealers who sell nothing but miserable imitations of genuine stamps. We hope our friends will favor us with any counterfeits they may have in their possession, that we may compare them with the genuine, and so describe them—we have already received a few specimens which we will describe.—

ROUMANIA.

Newspaper band, $1\frac{1}{2}$, Barie, black on green.

Forged.

The paper on which the stamp is printed is very thin—the outside line surrounding the stamp is very coarse and heavy—there is also a considerable distance between the two lines at the top, and very little at the bottom.

Genuine.

The paper is of moderate thickness, the outside line is very finely done, the outer line is an even distance from the inner one all the way around.

DUTCH INDIES.

50 cent, carmine.

Forged.

In the word *ned* at top, the letter *d* touches the upper line, also the letter *e* in *Indie*, the beard on the face in the centre touches the dots on the inner part of the circle.

Genuine.

The letters at the top are clearly defined, there is considerable distance between the beard and inner part of circle.

PARAGUAY.

5 cents, green. Steamship in oval.

This stamp is a bogus one, it was issued about two years ago by a swindler in Boston, and for a time was considered genuine. It is still in their lists of cheap sets and *warranted genuine*. The Republic of Paraguay had never issued a stamp up to October, 1870, but in September, a *bona fide* issue appeared; the denominations were: 1 real, carmine, 2 real, blue, 3 real, black, unperforated.

We shall continue to publish this list monthly—specimens of counterfeits sent to us to be examined will be returned, if desired, to the contributors.

POSTAL NEWS.

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4 "	05	
5 "	08	
Brazil, 1866, 20 100		03
" " 200		03
Belgium, 1869, 1 centime,	02	
" " 2 "	03	
" " 5 "	05	
British Honduras, 1 penny,	06	
Brunswick $\frac{1}{3}$ 1 "	02	
Canada, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent,	02	
Ceylon, $\frac{1}{2}$ penny,	05	
Cape Good Hope, 1858, 4,	05	
Chili, 1867, 5 and 10 centavos,	05	
Confederate States, 5, 10, 20,	02	
Costa Rica, 2 reals,	05	
Denmark, 1871, 2 skillings,	05	
" " 3 "	08	
" " 4 "	10	
Dutch Indies, 1864, 10 cents,		10
" " 1870, 50 "		08
Egypt, 1867, 5 paras,	04	
" " 10 "	08	
" " 20 "	12	
Ecuador, 1 real		10
French Repub., 1870, 1 centime,	02	
" " 2 "	03	
" " 4, 5 "	05	
Guatemala, 1 centavos	06	
Honduras, 2 reals,		15
Hamburg $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	02	
Heligoland, $\frac{1}{2}$ c.	05	
Holland, 1870, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$,	04	
" 1871, $\frac{1}{2}$	02	
" " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	08	
Luxemburg, 1,	02	
Madeira, 5 reis,	05	
" 10 "	08	
Malta, $\frac{1}{2}$ penny,	05	
Newfoundland, 1 penny,	05	
New Granada, 10 cent,		05
" 25 "		10
Oldenburg, 1866, set of 5,	25	
Peru, 1 dinero,		05
Portugal, 1871, 5,	05	
Prussia, set of 6,	20	
Roumania, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bani,	04	
" 1871, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bani,	04	
Salvador, 1 real,		05
" 2 "		08
Sandwich Islands, 1871, 1 cent	05	
" " 6 "	20	
" " 18 "	50	
Schleswig Holstein, set of 5,	20	

	NEW.	USED.
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" 1869, 1 "	03	
Uruguay, 1 centavos,	05	
Virgin Isles, 1 penny,	08	

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