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Cheap postage, and with cheap postage, stamps, was adopted in England chiefly through the exertions of ROWLAND HILL.

The first stamps were issued on the sixth of May, 1840. The design, (the 1d black), was chosen from among several thousand, said designs being handed in under stimulus of a reward of \$2,500 offered for the best. For a long time it was undecided whether to take this, or a design bearing a profile bust of Prince Albert; but, probably because there was a slight prejudice to Albert, (he not being of royal blood) the former stamp prevailed.

About this time also, the famous Mulready Envelope made its appearance. This,

however, was short-lived and was withdrawn in about three months.

To England, therefore, belongs the credit of inaugurating the postage stamp.

JOTTINGS.

The 5sh Orange Free State begins to appear among dealers.

Persia has issued a 1 toman blue, type of '76. She is also using Russian Postal Cards surcharged with Persian stamp, to some extent.

It is rumored that a Spanish Colonies ½c. black, has been discovered. We fear it is the Bersford game again.

We have seen the new China stamp. It looks much like the first issue Shanghai.

The Little Spectator thinks that the so-called Samoa stamps never had the pleasure of being licked (no pun intended) by the noble native of that verdant isle.

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