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The stamps of Bolivia, which were sent by Mr. Pike, were passed around for the next meeting. Adjourned at 5.15.

A. K. POTTER, JR., Secy.

Library Catalogue.

No. 1. Postage and U. S. Revenue [illegible]. Sent at 1 Penny.

No. 2. [illegible] by A. Kline. 1870.

No. 3. The Boston. 1876.

No. 4. Philatelic Annuary Monthly.

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Mr. Burt then exhibited a table giving a summary of the British colonials.

The stamps of British America, with an essay by the Pres. was appointed for the next meeting. Adjourned at 5.15.

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SPRINGFIELD, JANUARY. 1880.

The Springfield Philatelic Association was formed November 21, 1879, its object being the study of postage stamps, both in their historic and scientific relations. And in order to preserve the results of its studies, the society has determined to issue the Philatelic News, which will contain the records of the association, papers of interest which have been read at the meetings, and the latest news concerning stamps. It is not to be devoted to the interests of any one dealer, but will aim to be of benefit to all philatelists to whom it comes.

Stamp dealers will confer a favor by sending their circulars to the secretary. All received will be preserved for the use of the members.

Persons receiving this paper are invited to act as agents for it. Our terms are as follows: single subscription, 10 cents: three copies 25 cents: seven copies, 50 cents: fifteen copies, $1.00.

The Collector's News for Dec. is as good a philatelic paper for its size as we ever saw. It is published by Geo. B. DeRevere, Jr., at Plainfield, N. J.

Any one who wishes to purchase a valuable collection of stamps, will do well to address Atherton Clark, Amherst, Mass.

We are indebted to Mr. George Rodenburg, of Cincinnati, for a file of the Ohio Philatelist.

Durbin's seventh edition has just been received. It is decidedly the best catalogue published this side of the Atlantic. A new feature is the enumeration in full of varieties of perforation, introduced for the first time in an American catalogue.

We notice that the recent issue of Cyprus is omitted; also the five cent fawn envelope of the present issue United States.

CANADA.

The first stamps of this country were issued June 1st, 1851 and consisted of three values as follows;

3 pence, vermilion, oblong.
6 " purple, rect.
12 " black, rect.

One year later the 12 p. went out of use and the set was completed by the issue of the following:

½ penny, rose, rect.
7½ pence, green, rect.
10 " blue, rect.

There are several color varieties of the 6 p. The 12 p., only 840 of which were issued, is undoubtedly the rarest American stamp. Up to 1857 the above stamps were unperforated. With one exception, the 12 p., they were then issued perforated. The set was prepared by the same firm which engraved the '47 United States, Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York.

On the adoption of decimal currency a new set was ordered from the American Bank Note Company, who appear to have used the dies of the old series for the new issue, as the designs exactly correspond. This set which appeared July 1st, 1859, is as follows:

1 cent, rose, rect.
5 cents, vermilion, oblong.
10 " lilac, rect.
12½ " green, rect.
17 " blue, rect.

The 2 c. rose, similar to the 1 c., came out in 1864. This set and both subsequent ones, are perforated.

[To be continued.]

NEW ISSUES.

AZORES.—The 10 reis has appeared in green, and the 50 in blue.

BELGIUM.—Postal Union card, 10 centimes carmine on blue.

BR. HONDURAS.—A 1 1-2 pence post card has been issued. Brown on buff. Also, a 4 pence lilac adh.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The 4 p. is surcharged "Three Pence."

CEYLON.—A 2 cent wrapper has been issued. Color, brown.

GUATEMALA.—Two very elegant stamps have just been emitted by this country. The design is a parrot perched on a column, within an oval band inscribed "Correos de Guatemala;" value on a scroll at the bottom; numerals of value in upper corners. The values and colors are 1-4 real, brown frame, and 1 real, black frame, the center of each being green.

U. S. A.—Through the kindness of the Holyoke postmaster we have received specimens of the Postal Union card, which our office has not yet received. The design is very pretty, and the card of better quality than the 1 cent, but the printing is poor. The color is blue on cream; size of card 76 by 130 milimeters; stamp, head Liberty in oval inscribed "U. S. Postal Card Two Cents;" inscription of card, "Universal Postal Union, (Union Postale Universelle). United States of America (Etats Unis d'Amerique). Write the address only on this side." A very neat border surrounds the whole.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. P. A.

DECEMBER 26, 1879.

Meeting called to order at 4. p. m. Letters were read from Geo. Rodenburg, H. J. Heuser, Geo. B. DeRevere and Atherton Clark.

Geo. Rodenburg was elected a corresponding member.

The following officers were elected for the first full term: President, W. C. Stone; Vice President, F. H. Burt; Secretary and Treasurer, A. K. Potter, Jr.

Copies of the Ohio Philatelist, Collector's News and Stamp Collector's Review were received.

Papers were read on "Perforations," and "British North American Stamp-issuing Countries."

The study of the British American stamps was begun but not finished. Adjourned at 5.25.

JANUARY 2, 1880.

Called to order at 8 p. m. The Secretary was instructed to subscribe for some philatelic paper.

Mr. Stone exhibited the new issue of Guatemala.

The discussion of the British American stamps was continued.

Adjourned at 4.15 to January 15.

JANUARY 15, 1880.

Meeting called to order at 3 p. m.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted, fixing the second Monday of each month as the time for regular meetings, and the meetings of March and September as the time for elections.

Howard S. Williams was elected a regular member.

The study of the British American stamps was concluded.

The subject of the stamps of France was appointed for February 9. Adjourned at 4.10.

A. K. Potter, Jr., Secretary.

CANADA.

[Continued.]

In 1861 two stamped envelopes were issued, being prepared by Nesbitt & Co., who made the U. S. envelopes until 1870.

5 cents, vermillion, small oval.
10 " brown, " "

Both are printed on white paper watermarked CA. P. O. D.

Collectors should beware of the so called proofs on buff paper, as they are mostly humbugs.

The formation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867 led to the issue,

[See next page.]

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Notes and Comments.

We have a stamp said to come from Corea, red on blue, oblong, 42 x 36 millimeters. The design is a mandarin's head in a circle composed of hieroglyphics in small octagons. Irregularly perforated like the teeth of a saw. Can any one give us the value?

We wish to warn our readers against F. M. Bixby of Brockton, Mass. One of our subscribers has been bitten by him, and desires us to expose him. His price list includes the following: set Brazilian envelopes, 10 c.! four Pacific Steam Nav. Co., 12 c.! set Ionian Isles, 10 c.! etc., etc.

Durbin's Postal Card Catalogue is now published by itself, making a very neat little book of 20 pages. It enumerates some 890 varieties, and is, without doubt, the most complete price catalogue out.

[Continued from page 1.]

April 1, 1868, of the well-known and finely executed series, printed by the British American Bank Note Company.

½ cent, black, small rect.
1 " red, large rect.
2 cents, green, " "
3 " red, " "
6 " brown, " "
12½ " blue, " "
15 " violet, " "

The color of the 1 c. was changed to orange in 1869.

The present issue came out as follows:

1870.— 1 cent, yellow, small rect.
3 cents, rose, " "
1872.— 2 " green, " "
6 " brown, " "
1874.—10 " primrose," "
1875.— 5 " citrine, large "
5 " " small "

A 12½ and a 15 cent stamp are reported to be in preparation.

The large 5 cent stamp was engraved in 1868, but, for some reason, was not then issued. On the formation of the Postal Union it was issued as a provisional, and went out of use as soon as the smaller one could be engraved.

In 1875 three stamps were issued for the payment of registered letters.

2 cents, orange, oblong.
5 " green, "
8 " blue, "

The newspaper wrapper issued the same year is 147 x 237 millimeters in size. Light buff paper, un-

watermarked.

1 cent, blue, large oval.

The envelopes issued in 1877 are very much like the previous issue in design, but the size is greater.

1 cent, blue, large oval.
3 cents, vermilion, " . "

Printed upon unwatermarked, white envelopes.

In concluding, let us express the hope that the next set of stamps from our neighboring country may bear the emblems of a free republic.

NEW ISSUES.

U. S. A. While examining some stamped envelopes lately, we happened to notice some small five-pointed stars between the rows of monograms composing the watermark. Not remembering to have seen them before, we thought that they might be the distinguishing mark of the 1879 issue, and are now fully convinced of the fact.

GT. BRITAIN. S., G. & Co. give the following: 1-2 penny, green, 1 p., 1 1-2 p., red, 2 p., pink, 2 1-2 p., blue.

TOBAGO. Two high values are in use in this island. Five shillings, grey-black, £1, mauve.

ST. CHRISTOPHER. Two more adhesives: 2½ pence, fawn, 4 pence, blue.

NEW ISSUES OF POSTAL CARDS.

BOSNIA. 2 kreuzers, brown on buff.

HONG KONG. 3 cents, black and yellow; 5 cents, black and violet. Red border on both.

ICELAND. 5 aur, blue.

LAGOS. 1½ pence brown on buff.

MAURITIUS. 2 c., brown on buff.

PHIL. ISLES. 2 centimos de peso, brown, red and black on buff.

ST. CHRISTOPHER. 1 1-2 pence, brown on buff.

SWEDEN. Green on buff, unstamped.

The New British Stamps.

From recent announcements we had been led to believe that the new English stamps would bear a likeness of the queen as she appears in her advanced age, instead of the old portrait which has been in use ever since the first issue of stamps in 1840. If the following newspaper clipping is true, however, philatelists will be much disappointed:

"The English public is exercised because the likeness of Queen Victoria on the new penny stamp recently issued represents her as she was when a smiling bride of twenty years, instead of the fat and frowning matron of sixty that she is."

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. P. A.

FEBRUARY 9, 1880.

The meeting was called to order at 7.50 p. m. by the President. The Secretary reported that he had received the following papers: American Philatelic Guide, Mound City Collector, the Index and the Curiosity Cabinet.

The Secretary was instructed to procure a suitable book for the preservation of newspaper items relating to philately.

The President then read an essay upon the subject of the stamps of France which was ordered printed.

The Spanish stamps. with a paper by the Vice President was appointed for the next meeting Adjourned at 9.15.

A. K. Potter, Jr., Sec'y.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The 1856 issue of stamps of this province was prepared in London, and consisted of four values, as follows:

1 penny, red, square.
3 pence, blue, diamond.
6 " green, "
1 shilling, violet, "

Printed upon bluish paper, unwatermarked and unperforated.

The 1 penny was issued for use in Halifax, and is of quite a unique design. The groundwork of the other values is retained, but in the center is inserted a full-face bust of Victoria in a diamond frame. Part of each of the four flowers in the groundwork is shown. At the top and bottom is "Nova Scotia," and at the sides "Postage" and inscription of value, both reading downward. Of this, the late Edw. L. Pemberton says: "This value is the diamond shape of the 3 pence utilized for a square stamp, and perpetrates the awkwardness of having the value along the left side. I do not remember another instance of this."

Upon the adoption of the decimal system in 1860 the American Bank Note Company prepared the following, which were issued during the same year:

1 cent, black, rect.
5 cents, blue, "
8½ " green, "
10 " vermilion, rect.
12½ " black, rect.

In 1863 a 2 cent stamp, lilac, was issued for local and county postage.

This set was superseded by the stamps of the Dominion, Apr. 1868.

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SPRINGFIELD, MARCH, 1880.

Notes and Comments.

We wish to state here, that our terms for advertisements are cash in advance, from parties who are unknown to us.

The following item from a Worcester, Mass., paper may interest some of our readers.

"A bill will be introduced into Congress at an early day by which the system of government stamps will be applied to the customs, as it is now to the postal service. By it, a lady living in any interior town will be enabled to obtain from the post office there, the requisite stamps for the customs duty on a dozen pairs of Parisian kid gloves, and by enclosing them, together with the price of the gloves, to a merchant in Paris, receive the gloves by return mail, and thus save the expense of the middleman, which is often more than that of the articles purchased. A gentleman can do the same with regard to his box of Havana cigars, or a package of the latest London publications."

Collectors would confer a great favor on the publishers by mentioning this paper when answering advertisements.

P. M. Gen. Key has decided not to issue return postal cards, since the designs which possess any real merit are patented and the owners demand a large royalty for their use. The return envelopes he does not consider of the least practical utility, and has taken no steps to introduce them.

The January and February numbers of the Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger are at hand and contain a great deal of interesting reading.

Has the contract for printing the U. S. stamps been changed? The 1 cent stamps now bear the imprint of the American Bank Note Company, while the 3 cent has that of the Continental.

We will be greatly obliged for any information concerning new issues of stamps, postal cards etc., etc. Also, any newspaper clippings relating to stamps or stamp collecting will be gratefully received and placed in our scrap book.

NEW ISSUES.

Cuba. The new issue for this island is the same as the 1878 Spain with "Cuba 1880," in place of "Communicaciones."

5 cent. de peseta, green,
10 " rose,
12½ " red-brown,
15 " red,
25 " blue,
50 " brown,
1 peseta, bistre.

Fernando Po. This colony has just issued three stamps of the same design as above, with "Fernando Poo" at the top.

5 cent. de peseta, green,
10 " bistre,
50 " blue.

Porto Rico. Similar to the above "Puerto Rico, 1880," above.

5 cent. de peseta, green,
10 " rose,
15 " green,
25 " blue,
40 " grey,
50 " brown,
1 peseta, lilac.

Phil. Isles. More stamps to add to the already much mixed up issues of this country! The new stamps are like the Cubans, with "Filipinas" above.

2 cent. de peso, rose,
2½ " brown,
3 " red,
8 " bistre.

Portugal. A new 25 reis stamp with head to left, with moustache. "Portugal Continente," in upper part of oval, value in lower. It has also been surcharged for use in Madeira. Color, grey-blue.

Bosnia. A 2 kr., orange, has been added to the set.

Antigua. 4 pence, blue.

Dominica. ½ penny, olive,
2½ " claret,
4 pence, blue.

Nevis. 2½ penny, claret.

Peru. Unpaid letter stamp, 1 centavo, brown.

Montserrat. 2½ penny, claret,
4 pence, blue.

Arg. Rep. 25 centavos, orange, 50 c., green, 1-peso, carmine.

Ecuador. 8 r., yellow-brown.

Hong Kong. 5 cents, on 18 c.

Japan. The colors of the 1 and 2 sen have been changed to brown, and purple.

Falkland Isles. 4 pence, brownish gray.

Great Britain. The newly issued 1 penny stamp is but very little, if any improvement on the one which it succeeds. The style of the forty years old type is reproduced, with a little more fancy work, but does not display the least taste or artistic skill.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. P. A.

MARCH 8, 1880.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8 p. m. The Secretary being absent, Mr. H. S. Williams was appointed temporary Secretary.

Letters were read from J. T. Handford, G. H. Fabian and Stanley, Gibbons & Co. Copies of the Philatelic Monthly, Welt-Post, Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger and Trifet's Monthly, were received for the library. A number of maps were presented by Mr. Stone, for which a vote of thanks was given.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing term: President, Frank H. Burt; Vice President, George M. Castle; Secretary and Treasurer, William C. Stone.

Mr. Burt then read a paper upon the stamps of Spain, which was ordered to be printed.

Specimens of the new English and Cuban stamps were exhibited by Mr. Stone.

Italy and the Italian states, was announced as the topic for the next meeting. Adjourned at 9.15.

H. S. Williams, Sec'y.

NEW ISSUES.

Antigua. A 2½ penny, claret, is reported by the Philatelic Monthly.

Cashmere. Stamps of 4 and 8 annas, red, have been issued.

Ceylon. A stamp of the denomination of 2½ rupees has been issued. The color is brown-violet.

Corrientes. A 3 centavos, black on white, is said to have been issued.

Gold Coast. The British colonies seem to have caught a fever lately for new denominations. Two new values have been issued for this place.

½ penny, olive-brown,
2 pence, green.

Great Britain. The 2½ pence of the new set is out. The design is the same as the old one, the color being changed to light blue.

The A. P. G. has information that stamps of the values of 5 and 7 pence are under consideration; the former, for postage to China, the latter, to Australia via Suez.

Venezuela. A new set is evidently being prepared by this republic, one value being already out. The design consists of a head of Gen. Simon Bolivar to left in solid oval,

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The American System.

Just now the talk among our exchanges is concerning the adoption of an American system of stamp collecting. An effort in this direction is a wise one, but it will be hard to accomplish much while so many collectors are governed entirely by their albums; and especially while our only American albums are so wretchedly arranged.

What we should favor as a perfect album would be one made on the "common-sense plan," which Scott always advocated, but never followed. Any experienced collector who has used his albums will endorse this opinion. Our method would be to notice only such shades as are very prominent; only such varieties of perforation as can be seen without a microscope; and any authenticated varieties of watermark. When an American album on this principle is published, we may look for a definite American school of collecting, worthy of the name, to be established.

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Philatelic Review.

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"The Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal," also published by the above, is instituting a society of British stamp dealers for mutual protection against swindlers, introducing trade rules, and publishing a monthly trade report. The idea is excellent, and something like it should be started in this country.

The Paper World, of Holyoke, for April contains a valuable article on the U. S. postal cards, their manufacture, history, and statistics.

Among our other exchanges, are the Vienna Welt-Post, American Philatelic Guide, etc., etc.

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VENEZUELA, in a curve above, CENTS, below, numerals of value in lower corners:

25 centavos, orange-yellow.

Newfoundland. Three values of the new set are out. The design is very similar to the old stamps except that the lettering is considerably enlarged.

1 cent, lilac,
2 cents, green,
3 " blue.

Peru. The 2c is now printed in red-brown, and is surcharged in blue, UNION POSTAL UNIVERSAL, so as to form an oval, with PLATA, in the center. The 5c is sucharged in red in the same manner.

Norway. The local post of Christiana has issued the following set bearing the proprietor's profile in the center:

1 öre, black and lilac,
2 " " " violet,
4 " " " red,
5 " " " yellow,
7 " " " green,
10 " " " mauve.

Turkey. It is said the 20 paras is to be issued in black and rose, and a new value, 1 piastre, (40 paras,) in black and blue.

Persia. The stamps of this country are now printed with the border in color:

1 shahi, vermilion border,
2 " yellow "
5 " green "
10 shahi, purple border.

Bhopal. Another stamp is said to have been issued by this state:

1 anna, brown.

POSTAL CARDS.

DOMINICA.
1½ pence, brown on buff.
NEVIS.
1½ pence, brown on buff.
GOLD COAST.
1½ pence, brown on buff.
MONTSERRAT.
1½ pence, brown on buff.
CHRISTIANA.
2 öre, red on white,
4 " blue "

CLIPPINGS.

"The Postmaster-General is by no means satisfied with the new penny stamps, and it is understood that a new one is under consideration at St. Martin's-le-Grand. The present issue is mearly experimental, only a limited number having been printed." [F. S. C. J.

France and Belgium are said to be negotiating concerning the issue of an international postage stamp.

Trifet's Monthly says that the stamps reported to have been issued for Cyprus turn out to be frauds.

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APRIL 12, 1880.

The meeting was called to order at 7.45 p. m. by the retiring President, Mr. Stone. The report of the Treasurer for the past term was read and accepted. After the reading of the correspondence the new officers entered upon their duties. The Secretary presented several numbers of Alfred Smith's valuable paper, and Messrs. Burt and Potter, copies of the "Paper World," containing an article on Postal Cards. Mr. Williams exhibited specimens of the new Venezuelan stamps. The discussion of the Italian stamps was postponed until next month. Adjourned at 8.05.

W. C. STONE, Sec'y.

NEW ISSUES.

Peru. It is said that the present stamps are now all surcharged as those mentioned last month. The color of the 1 centavo has been changed to green.

Bermuda. The Philatelic Record says that a 2½ penny stamp, color unknown, has been issued.

Danish West Indies. A 50 cent stamp of the same design as the other values, except that the entire stamp is printed in one color, mauve, instead of two.

Great Britain. Just as we went to press last month we received word that the color of the 2 shilling stamp had been changed to red-brown.

Macao. The Berlin Journal announces that a set of nine values has been issued for this Portuguese colony. A set was announced by the papers some two years ago but they turned out to be frauds. We hesitate, therefore, to pronounce these genuine, but hope a similar fate does not await them.

Venezuela. As we suspected, the 25 cents announced last month proved to be the forerunner of an entirely new set, as follows:

5 cents, blue.
10 " red,
25 " orange-yellow.
50 " brown.
1 bolivar, green.

French Colonies. The 25 centimes yellow, France, has appeared unperforated for use in the colonies. A new design is thought of.

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Humbugs.

Among a number of counterfeits before us is one which claims to come from Ecuador. It is of the same design as the 1865 issue, and is printed in green on light violet paper. The denomination is "dos (2) reales," a value which has never been emitted by the postal authorities.

Another common humbug is the red, ½ groschen, Hanover, crown over post-horn. The color of the genuine stamp is black, but copies of this red swindle are found in the albums of many young collectors.

We have also, a stamp which is supposed to come from Paraguay, but which bears no inscription of value. The design consists of a beaded oval, inscribed RE DEL PARAGUAY above, CORREO, below. Within the oval is a very solemn looking lion seated at the foot of a pole which has upon the top, an object which we suppose is intended to represent a liberty cap, but which certainly bears more resemblance to the shade of a gas lamp. A five-pointed star in a square in each corner completes the description of this "rara avis," of which we have one copy in green, and another in yellow. All the above mentioned are unperforated.

The above are by no means new discoveries, but in view of the constantly increasing number of collectors, we trust that they will be the means of putting some on their guard. Next month we shall give a description of a few counterfeit stamps.

An Item of Interest.

The collection in the museum of the Berlin Post Office contained on July 1, 1879, 4498 varieties of postage stamps. Of these, 2462 are from Europe, 1143 from America, 441 from Asia, 251 from Africa, and 201 from Australia.

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Egypt. The provisional 5 and 10 paras exist unperforated as well as perforated.

Bhopal. The ½ anna has again appeared in vermilion.

Ceylon. A Registration envelope of a similar design to that of the mother country, has been issued for this dependency.

12 cents, circular, rose.

Queensland. Another one of the new set has appeared.

6 pence, rect., yellow-green.

Persia. Two more values of the set with colored border have been issued.

1 kran, brown border,
5 " blue "

German Empire. The adhesives are apparently about to undergo the same change that the envelope did some time ago. Two values have so far appeared without the final e in pfennige.

5 pfennig, violet,
10 " red.

Philippine Isles. And still they come!

200 mills de peso, pink.

Turks Island. The 1 penny has come out in vermilion.

Bavaria. The 1 mark, violet, is now watermarked with wave lines like the rest of the set.

Turkey. The 10 paras, 1873, has appeared unperforated. The 1 pi. which we mentioned a short time ago is out, but for some strange reason the value is expressed in the plural.

1 piastres, blue and black.

Hong Kong. We have received from J. T. Handford the 12 cent, blue, surcharged "10 cents." It is probably a provisional.

POSTAL CARDS.

AZORES.

A double 15 reis card is in use.

BAVARIA.

The double 5 pf. has now the same size of shield as the single.

EAST ROUMELIA.

A card is reported to have been issued for this province.

(15 paras,) black.

GERMANY.

The 5 pf. card has undergone the same change as the adhesive.

HONG KONG.

Messrs. De La Rue have just issued two very pretty cards for this place.

1 cent, green on buff,
3 cents, brown "

MEXICO.

Unstamped, blue on buff,
" carmine on light [orange.

PERSIA.

A Postal Union card has been issued.

2½ shahi, carmine and black.

UNITED STATES.

It is said that an official card is to be issued.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. P. A.

MAY 10. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 7.35 by the Secretary. There being no quorum present an adjournment was taken for one week.

MAY 17, 1880.

Meeting called to order at 3.20. In consequence of the hot weather it was deemed advisable to adjourn until September.

W. C. STONE, Sec'y.

CHRISTIANSSUND.

Thanks to Durbin's Philatelic Monthly, we are able to correct an error which we have made in common with other papers.

"No local stamps are used in Christiana, the mail matter being delivered by the carriers of the government post office. Christianssund is a town of about 6000 inhabitants on the west coast of Norway."

NEW ISSUES.

Argentine Rep. A mate to the present newsband has been issued.

4 centavos, sq., blue on buff.

Azores. The new Portuguese 25 reis is now surcharged "Agores."

Bermuda. Two new values are in use.

½ penny, rect., bistre,
4 pence. " orange.

Germany. The 3 pf. newsband has also adopted the new spelling.

Heligoland. Mr. Durbin has the 5 pf. card with a stamp impressed in each upper corner.

Cashmere. Whitfield King & Co. announce a ½ anna, vermilion.

Cape of Good Hope. The 4 pence has been printed in violet-rose and surcharged THREE PENCE in black.

Hong Kong. Another postal card has made its appearance.

4 cents, slate on white.

France. It is said that the 25 c. is to be again issued in blue.

Mauritius. S., G. & Co. state that they will shortly have the new 4 and 8 cent postal cards.

New South Wales. A Registration envelope has been issued.

4 pence, carmine on white.

The 1 shilling has been surcharged O. S., in red for use as an official.

Straits Settlements. The 30 cents has been surcharged for use as a 10 cent stamp.

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Our Exchanges.

The Anglo-American Pamphlets for Stamp Collectors. H. A. Everett, Carlton Hill, Brighton, England. Price, 5 cents each.

Number one was issued in February, and contains a catalogue of the stamps issued during 1879.

Number two contains an interesting article by J. D. Hamlyn, on "Curious Collectors of Stamps." The above can be obtained in this country of H. C. Jones, Box 1317, New York.

The F. S. C. J. in its last issue, describes the arms of the various British West India islands, and expresses a regret, in which collectors will heartily join, that more of the novel and appropriate emblems have not been used on the postage stamps, instead of the queen's head.

The Philatelist's Gazette is now under the management of H. A. Everett.

The Philatelic Review for April severely criticizes the current English stamps and post cards, and says, that if the present contractors cannot do better work, the contract should be given to some firm who can at least keep pace with the well known trans-atlantic Bank Note Co.

A valuable feature of the American Philatelic Guide is the revenue department, in which is now being published a list of license stamps, the first ever attempted.

A new paper, the Philatelic Quarterly, is to be started in July, at Galveston, by F. P. Cravens.

R. R. Bogert informs us that he will issue the first number of the Philatelic World sometime in June.

The Yankee Clipper has introduced a stamp department.

We are indebted to E. A. Welch of Worcester, for a file of his illustrated philatelic magazine, the Collector.

We have also received copies of the Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger, Philatelic Monthly, Merkur and others.

VACATION.

In consequence of the society having taken a vacation during the summer months, it has been decided by the committee having the "News" in charge, to suspend its further publication until October, when it will be enlarged, and improved in many respects.

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Virgin Islands. A 2½ p. adhesive, and a 1½ p. card are in use.

Ceylon. Mauritius. In our last, we gave the color of the Ceylon Registration envelope as rose, instead of blue. Mauritius has just issued a 12c rose.

Iceland. The Philatelist's Gazette says that a double 5 äur card is in use.

Newfoundland. We have received a specimen of the new 5 cent stamp from Geo. W. Green. It is rather an improvement on the one which it succeeds.

Bahamas. These islands will join the Universal Postal Union the first of July, about which time a 2½ penny adhesive, and a 1½ penny post card of Messrs. De La Rue's stereotyped designs, may be expected.

Queensland. A 2 shilling stamp of the old type is announced by Alfred Smith's Circular. It is printed in blue on white paper, and is watermarked with a capital Q. The 1 shilling, old type, has been issued in violet on mauve. A ½ penny, bright red, will soon be issued.

Mauritius. A Postal Union card has been issued:

6 cents, green on buff.

Luxemburg. A new edition of these stamps is coming into use, being printed in the Netherlands. They are perforated, 12, instead of 13. Three values are out at present:

2 cents, black.
10 " violet,
25 " blue.

Two cards have also been issued for use in the Postal Union:

5 cents, violet on buff,
10 " ochre "

Hong Kong. We have received the following from J. T. Handford:

2 cents, rose,
10 " yellow, (on 16c.)

Russia. The 8 kopec envelope has been surcharged tn red for use as a 7 k.

Great Britain. The ½ penny newsband is now in brown on white.

Bolivar. The date on the last issue has been altered to 1880.

Auction Sale of Stamps.

We have received from Scott & Co. of New York, a catalogue of U. S. and Foreign stamps to be sold at auction, June 28, at Clinton Hall, New York. The attention of dealers is especially called to this sale, there being a large number of duqlicates catalogued.

Among the rarities catalogued, we notice a Mulready envelope, a 1 p. of the first issue, Mauritius, a set of Ionian Isles, a Newfoundland 6½ pence, scarlet, the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shillings, and the oblong 4 cent, ultramarine, British Guiana.

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On the night of the second of December, 1851, Louis Napoleon, the president of the republic, by the aid of the military and police, gained complete control over all departments of the government. The republic existed only in name. The head of the President Prince was substituted for that of Liberty upon the 10, and 25 cent. stamps, the latter being issued Aug. 12, and the former in Sept., 1852.

The portrait is considered to be an excellent one, being engraved by the same artist who did the former set, M. Barre.

In 1853 Louis Napoleon became emperor, under the title of Napoleon III. The word EMPIRE was substituted for REPUB. upon the stamps. The new issue came out as follows:

Aug., 1853.	10 c., cinnamon.
	1 f., carmine.
Sept. 8.	40 c., orange.
Nov. 3.	25 c., blue.
July 1 1854.	20 c., "
Oct.	80 c., carmine.
Nov 3.	5 c., green.
Nov. 1860.	1 c., olive-green.

Perforation, which had been in use in England for several years, was not adopted by the post office until 1862. In 1861, however, a Paris firm, Messrs. Susse freres, began perforating the stamps sold by them and several other houses. All the current values, 1, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 centimes, exist with their perforation. Specimens of them are, however, quite scarce. The 25c and 1f became obsolete before perforation was adopted.

The successes of the emperor in Mexico and Italy having given him the right to wear the laurel, a new set appeared of similar design to the old, the head laureated, and the inscription above, given in full.

Jan. 1, 1863.	2c red-brown.
Sept 12.	4c lavender.
1867.	10c cinnamon.
	20c blue.
	30c chocolate.
	40c orange.
	80c rose.
Nov. 1869.	5f mauve.
May 1870.	1c olive-green.

The three low values have a large numeral in each lower corner. The design of the 5f is shown by the above cut.

On the 15th of July, 1870, war was declared between France and Prussia. All Germany joined with Prussia, and under the command

of King William, invaded France. On the first of September the emperor surrendered to the Germans at Sedan with 83000 men. When the news reached Paris the empire was declared to be at an end and the republic proclaimed.

The Germans pressed on, and by the middle of September had invested Paris. The plates of the 1849 issue were made use of, and and the stamps issued perforated. Not being able to obtain a supply of these from Paris, the provisional government at Bordeaux issued the set of unperforated lithographs with which we are all familiar. After peace was concluded, a full set of the engraved series was issued, which remained in use until 1876, when the present set began to appear. These being of recent issue no description is necessary. Following, is a list of the republican stamps:

Lithographed. 1870.

1c olive, 2c brown, 4c grey, 5c green, 10c dull yellow, 20c blue, 30c brown, 40c orange, 80c carmine.

The first three of the above are of similar design to the same values of the last imperial set. The other values are like the 1849 issue.

Engraved. 1870-75.

1870. 10c bistre, 20c blue, 40c orange.
1871. 15c bistre, 25c blue.
1872. 1c olive. 2c brown, 4c grey, 5c green.
1873. 10c bistre on rose.

The following made their appearance with slightly enlarged numerals of value:

1872. 30c brown, 80c rose.
1874. 15c bistre.
1875. 10c brown on rose.

Numeral on Globe. 1876.

2c green, 4c green, 5c green, 10c green, 15c grey, 20c claret, 25c blue, 30c brown, 1f olive, 75c carmine.

1877. 1c green,
1c black on blue,
2c claret on buff,
4c brown on lavender,
10c black on lilac,
5f lilac on lavender.
1878. 3c yellow on straw,
15c blue on bluish,
25c black on red,
35c brown on yellow,
40c red on straw.
1879. 25c straw.
1880. 3c grey.

The unpaid letter stamps are, with the exception of the 25c, very little used. All being of the same design, and that well known, no description is necessary.

1859. 10c black.
1863. 15c "
1871. 25c "
40c blue,
60c dull yellow.
1878. 30c black.

1878. 60c blue.

The imperial journal stamps appeared in 1869, and are now obsolete. The design consists of an eagle on crowned shield within an octagonal frame. TIMBRE IMPERIAL above, JOURNAUX below, numerals of value in lower angles.

2c blue, rose, lilac.

The lilac stamp is not properly a postage stamp, it representing only the tax on the paper. The stamps were affixed to the paper before printing, being cancelled by the impression.

Stamped envelopes have never been adopted in France, although at one time, designs bearing the emperor's head were prepared.

Postal Statistics.

The number of letters sent by different countries during the year ending March 31, 1879, is given below:

Gt. Britain.	1,067,000,000
United States.	866,593,572
Germany.	504,067,781
France.	424,772,000
Austria.	170,003,500
Italy.	140,868,384
Russia.	94,256,059
Switzerland.	83,200,000
Spain.	78,841,275
Hungary.	64,454,066
Belgium.	54,201,254
Japan.	27,069,791

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FEW countries have given philatelists more trouble than Spain, which, though one of the latest in Europe to adopt postage stamps, has more than made up for tardiness by her regularity in bringing out an annual set. From 1850, when the first set of five values came out with the plain, not to say ugly, face of Isabella II., then scarcely twenty years of age, to the present time, but four years, 1858, '63, '71 and '77, have passed without the emission of either a set or scattering stamps, each, as a rule, poorer than that which preceded it. The highest engraving and printing talent of the nation has never been called into the service of the government, to prepare and execute an elegant or appropriate design. So poorly done have been the stamps, that counterfeits (for home circulation) have been brought forth in abundance; and the authorities, rather than pay a fair price for good work as would put an end to imitation, have let things run as they were, putting out a new set as soon as forgeries were discovered.

Before studying the stamps, an outline of the history of Spain will

be of use. The troubles which gave rise to the Carlist movements began in 1830, before the birth of Ex-Queen Isabella. At that time her father, Ferdinand VII was reigning, and having no children, his brother Carlos was heir-apparent. The Salic law, which had been in force for centuries, still excluded females from the succession. By the solicitations of his queen, Maria Christina, who strove to secure the crown to her prospective child, whether a son or daughter, Ferdinand was led to repeal this ancient law, by a decree of March 29, 1830. On the 10th of the following October, his oldest child, Maria Isabel Luisa, was born.

Don Carlos, seeing his chance for the throne thus vanish, at once set on foot intrigues to regain it. During the king's dangerous sickness in September, 1832, he wrested from him a restoration of the Salic law, making him again heir to the crown. But the king recovered; his brother's plans were exposed; and Maria Christina, by counterplots, put down the ambitios Carlos, and her daughter was again recognized as heiress-apparent. Ferdinand died September 29, 1833, and Isabella, hardly three years old, became queen, her mother acting as regent. The adherents of Carlos instantly broke out in rebellion, and the prince took the title of Carlos V. For six years the war was waged, ending finally with the pretender's defeat and banishment.

[Continued next month.]

RECENT ISSUES.

Cyprus. The following English stamps are surcharged CYPRUS in black:

½ penny, red,
1 " " (old type.)
2½ pence, claret,
4 " green,
6 " grey,
1 shilling, green.

The penny newsband is surcharged in brown, and the registration envelope in blue. Also the following post cards in black:

½ penny, red-brown,
1 " brown,
1½ pence. "

Hong Kong. The 48c is now issued in brown, and the 16c. in blue. The following provisionals have appeared:

5 cents, on 18c., lilac,
10 " on 24c., green,
10 " on 48c., rose.

French Colonies. The following are in use unperforated:

3 centimes yellow on buff,
20 " brown "
25 " black on red.

Sirmoor. This stamp is now blue.

France. The color of the 3c has been changed to grey.

Great Britain. The 4p is now issued in olive-brown.

Ceylon. The 4 cent stamp has been changed to deep rose. Two post cards have been issued:

6 cents, blue on buff,
8 " red-brown on buff.

Queensland. Two stamps of the old design are reported issued:

5 shillings, orange,
1 pound, pink.

Also the following, of the new design:

½ penny, on 1p orange,
4 pence, yellow,
1 shilling, mauve.

Gambia. The two values issued by this colony have come out perforated, together with three new denominations and a post card:

½ penny, orange,
1 " maroon,
2 pence, rose,
3 " blue,
4 " brown.
Card. 1½ " grey on buff.

Portuguese Indies. A. S. & Co's. circular gives two changes of color:

10 reis, green,
25 " dull mauve.

Guinea. One of the Cape Verde stamps has been seen with the surcharge GUINE.

50 reis, green.

Fiji. The London society's list gives a re-engraved type of these stamps, in which the letters C. R., have been replaced by V. R. Only two values have been seen as yet:

1 penny, blue,
2 pence, on 3 p., green.

Bolivar. The set dated 1880 is in use.

5 cents, blue,
10 " lilac,
20 " carmine,
40 " brown.

Tolima. The Philatelic World announces two new values, but does not give the colors:

50 cents, 1 peso.

Cashmere. The Philatelic Record says that a ¼ anna, blue, has been issued.

Bahamas. Five and ten shilling adhesives, and a 4 penny envelope are said to be in preparation.

Shanghai. The 80c has been surcharged "60c." in dark blue.

Cape of Good Hope. The 3 penny is now dull carmine.

Grenada. The 1 penny has been cut in two diagonally and used as a ½ penny.

Egypt. "Too Late" stamps have been manufactured by surcharging the current 5 paras and 1 piastre, DOPO LA PARTENZA, in black.

Portugal. The 150 reis has been changed to yellow. The 25 reis mentioned in our March number, has been replaced by one of similar design, but bearing an older

looking head of the king. A 5 reis black, has also appeared.

All the above have been surcharged for Azores and Madeira.

Germany. The 20 and 50pf have adopted the new spelling.

Nevis. Another stamp of the design of the 2½ penny is out:

1 penny, mauve.

Guadaloupe. Unpaid stamps are said to be in use.

15 centimes, black on blue,
30 " " white.

India. Two of the on H. M. S. set have been seen with blue surcharge:

½ anna, blue,
1 " brown.

An official card has also been issued.

¼ anna, grey-blue.

Turkey. Several of the current issue have been surcharged with a triangle containing a Turkish inscription. They are said to be for use at Mount Athos.

10 paras, lilac,
20 " green,
1 piastre, yellow,
2 piastres red,
5 " blue.

St. Vincent. The 6 penny stamp has been perforated through the center and each half surcharged for use as a 1p. A new 1p, sap green, has appeared. The 5 shilling, revenue, has been used for postal purposes.

Buenos Ayres. A stamp has appeared, of the same design as the old fiscals, which, it is stated, is for postal purposes.

1 peso, blue.

Mexico. A 4 cent, orange, was issued June 1. The design is the same as the 10c 1874. The 100c violet, Porte de Mar, has been seen.

New South Wales. Official stamps have been made by surcharging the general issue with the letters O. S

1 penny, red,
2 pence, blue,
3 " green,
4 " brown,
6 " violet,
1 shilling, black.

South Australia. The 8p is surcharged O. S.

Spain. The 1872 ¼c de p has been re-issued in dark green.

Nicaragua. We have the 10 cent rouletted. This completes the set.

Hungary. The 5k is now printed in carmine. A newsband bearing a 2k, mauve, stamp has appeared. The 5k envelope is issued on blue.

Trinidad. Registration envelopes are in use.

Venezuela. The following Escuelas stamps have appeared:

50 centimos yellow,
1 bolivar, blue.

Bosnia. The 1k was printed in violet for a short time. It is said that only 142 sheets, 14,200 stamps,

were prepared for use.

Roumania. A 15 bani stamp of a new design is out. The color is red-brown.

East Roumelia. The postal card issued a short time ago has been suppressed by the Turkish officials.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The Philatelic Monthly. Twenty five cents per year. L. W. Durbin, Cor. of Fifth and Library Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philatelic World. Sixty cents per year. R. R. Bogert, 98 Front St., New York.

The St. Louis Philatelist. E. F. Gambs, 621 South Fifth Street, St. Louis, Mo.

The Collector's Quarterly. Twenty cents per year. F. P. Cravens, Box 519, Galveston, Tex.

New Jersey Philatelist. Twenty-five cents per year. N. J. Philatelic Society, 11 Reservoir Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

The Philatelist's Gazette. One shilling and six-pence per year. H. A. Everett, Brighton, Eng.

Trifet's Monthly. Fifty cents per year. F. Trifet, 25 School St., Boston, Mass.

The Foreign-Stamp Collector's Journal. Thirty six cents per year. C. H. Nunn, Westgate St. Bury St. Edmund's, Eng.

Alfred Smith & Co's. Monthly Circular. One shilling per year. Alfred Smith & Co., Bath, Eng.

Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger. One mark, (25c) for three months. E. W. Grossmann, 8 Salzgasse, Dresden, Saxony.

The Stamp Collector's Review. Twenty-five cents per annum. J. C. Rasmussen, Davenport, Ia.

Coming Events.

Greece will shortly issue two new postal cards. The values will be 5 and 10 lepta.

The Liberian Secretary of State announces that a new set is being prepared.

A new set for Servia is soon to make its appearence.

It is reported that Switzerland will issue a new set about the first of January.

Tobago will make a slight alteration in the present set by inserting the word POSTAGE, in the circle around the head.

One of our exchanges says that the contract for printing the Canadian stamps has been awarded to the American Bank Note Company of New York, and that a new set may be expected at any time.

Brazil will shortly issue cards of 50 and 80 reis, the first being for use in the interior, the other being intended for foreign countries.

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THE STAMPS OF SPAIN.

BY F. H. BURT.
(Continued from October.)

SUCH was the beginning of Isabella's long and troubled reign, this being only one of many revolts that were to arise against her authority. She was declared of age at thirteen, and on her sixteenth birthday was married to her cousin Francisco, —a match forced upon her by Louis Philippe of France, and bringing no happiness to either husband or wife. Her life, from this time to the close of her reign, was a disgrace to herself and the Spanish nation.

The stamps issued under Isabella were so numerous that an attempt at description here would be useless. The design was in nearly every case the queen's head, the set of 1854 only having the arms, and two journal stamps of 1867 numerals of value. Two Madrid locals, issued in 1852-3, bore the eccentric device of a bear, (apparently intoxicated) in the act of "holding up" a tree. Official stamps, with the arms, and instead of value, indication of the weight which the stamp would carry, appeared in 1854-5.

A novelty among early philatelic relics is a frank stamp first issued for official letters by virtue of a decree of December 7, 1716. The design was the national arms in a large oval, and the stamp remained in use fully a century.

In 1868 the discontent with Isabella's government forced her to relinquish her crown and flee to France. A provisional government undertook to fill the vacancy, her family being excluded from the succession. The throne went begging for nearly three years, and the Cortes meanwhile regulated national affairs. To this period belong the stamps with Isabella's head, surcharged "Habilitrdo por la Junta Revolucionaria" and "Habilitardo por la Nacion," meaning respectively, "Qualified by the Revolutionary Council," and "Qualified by the Nation;" and the handsome set of 1870, with full-face bust of Spain.

The hunt for a king ended in November, 1870. Amadeus, duke of Aosta, and second son of the king of Italy was elected king by the Cortes on the 16th, receiving 191 votes out of 291, of which 62

were for a republic and the rest scattering. He reached Madrid January 2. 1871. In his two years reign were issued one set of stamps with his portrait, and three journal stamps with numeral.

[Concluded next month.]

NEW ISSUES.

Bhopal. The ¼ anna is now perforated.

Cape of Good Hope. A 3p rose, of the same design as the rest of the set, has appeared. On account of its being almost the same color as the 1p it has been surcharged with a large 3 to distinguish it.

Deccan. Le Timbre Poste says that another envelope has been issued:

5 annas, bistre.

Great Britain. We have received specimens of the new ½p and are as much disappointed with it as we were with the 1p. The 1½p is also out. The 1s is to be issued in yellow-brown.

Hungary. The Philatelic Monthly announces a 2 kr. rose

Mauritius. The 8c card is said to be surcharged "4 cents."

Queensland. Another stamp of the old design has been issued:

2 shillings 6 pence, red-brown.

Virgin Isles. A new 1p has been emitted. Color green, design same as 2½ p.

Tolima. The colors of the new stamps are as follows:

50 cents, green,

1 peso, red.

U. S. of Columbia. A 5 cent card is said to be in use.

Fiji. The 2 pence has been reengraved and printed in green.

Guinea. Two more Cape Verde stamps are reported with the surcharge GUINE:

10 reis, yellow,

25 " rose.

Cashmere. The present series of six values are printed in black and used as officials.

Roumelia. Arrangements are being made for issuing a special set of stamps for this province.

Straits Settlements. The current 8 cents yellow comes to hand surcharged with a block numeral 5 only.

Revenue Notes.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue will recommend the abolition of the stamp tax on matches, bank checks and proprietary medicines. In such recommendation it is reported that the Secretary of the Treasury will concur. The receipts from these different sources are about $6.500,000.

Victoria has issued a new set of thirteen values, each differing in design from the rest.

1 penny, green,
1 shilling, blue on blue,
1 s.. 6 p., pink,
2 shillings, blue on yellow.
3 " violet on blue,
4 " vermilion,
5 " red on yellow,
6 " pale green,
10 " brown on rose,
15 " mauve.
£1 orange on yellow,
30 shillings,
£5 bright rose.

The color of the 30s is not known to us.

Tasmania has likewise issued a new set, of quite an elegant design. The denominations etc. are as follows:

1 penny, blue,
3 pence, red-brown.
6 " lilac.
1 shilling, carmine.

Queensland has a new 1 penny, violet, receipt stamp.

Denmark has a new set of telegraph stamps.

1 öre. bistre.
2 " carmine,
3 " blue,
4 " green,
5 " red-brown,
10 " black, gold and lilac,
25 " " " " blue,
50 " " " " "

A new telegraph stamp has been issued by the Indian government.

1 anna, pale green.

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THE STAMPS OF SPAIN.

BY F. H. BURT.

(Continued from November.)

THE foreign prince failed to suit the Spaniards, and abdicated February 11, 1873. A republic was at once proclaimed, which in the next two years brought out the sets with figures of Liberty and Justice, and the single 10 c. brown with the arms, also the first war-tax stamps. The Carlist party had, at various times during and since Isabella's reign, started revolts under successively the son and grandson of Carlos the brother of Ferdinand. The grandson, with the title of Carlos VII., had at length gained a strong footing in the northern provinces, and stamps were issued in 1873-5 of various designs and with values in antiquated currencies. Their circulation was so limited that they are generally rare.

More intrigues and another revolution brought a sudden turn in Spanish affairs two years later. Alfonso Francisco de Assis Fernando, only surviving son of Isabella, and a boy of 17, in whose favor his mother had abdicated June 25, 1870, was recalled from exile and proclaimed king December 30, 1874. His reign has been marked by what is hoped to be the final suppression of the Carlists, and he appears to be popular with the people. The stamps issued so far have borne his head in various positions, the first and third sets having the profile to right, the second full face, and the fourth profile to left. The first and second sets show him with smooth face, and are much the best engraved. The sets of 1878-79 give his lately raised side whiskers. Several war-tax stamps have been issued. Senor Eugenio Julia is the engraver who has for some years furnished the stamps. Each set now issued is of ten values, so that a new emission means considerable to the collector.

Alfonso has been twice married, having lost his first wife (his cousin Mercedes) within six months. From all accounts he seems worthy of more happiness than has yet been his, and to be fully entitled to our sympathy, and a hope that he may yet have a successful and enjoyable reign upon the throne of his family.

NEW ISSUES.

Argentine Republic. The 8 cents has been issued perforated since the first of September.

Assab. The following Italian stamps have been surcharged with new value and ASSAB:

"Cent. 25." on 5 c.,
"Cent. 40." on 20 c.,
"Cent. 50." on 25 c.,
"Cent. 20." on 10 c. card.

We are a little surprised that each of the above is surcharged on a lower value, which fact makes us a little suspicious of them.

Deccan. Le Timbre Poste says that the 5 a. envelope is issued on five different colors, yellow, blue, green, rose and white.

Denmark. An express stamp 43 x 43 mm. has been issued:

10 öre, blue, rose and red.

Griqualand. A bill stamp of the denomination of £5. has been issued.

Hong Kong. And still the surcharges come. This time it is the 8 cents orange surcharged in black, "5 cents."

Jamaica. The 1s rose, telegraph stamp, is impressed on a green telegraph sheet and surcharged "Official" in black.

Liberia. We have received from our New York correspondent three values of the new issue. The design is the same as that of the old set, but the engraving is very poor and looks to us like a rough lithograph.

2 cents, dull rose.
6 " mauve,
24 " pink.

Livonia. The 2 kopecs stamps are now printed, arm green, oval red, border grey. [N. J. P.

Natal. A ½ penny, blue-green, has been emitted. The design is similar to the new English ½ p. The 1 s. is to be changed to brown

Porto Rico. Several new stamps are announced by our exchanges:

½ c. de p., rose,
2 " purple,
3 " orange,
4 " black.

Roumania. The Philatelist's Gazette has seen another stamp of the new design:

3 bani, green.

Straits Settlements. We have the 8 cents orange surcharged with a figure 5 and the word "cents" in small italics.

Uruguay. Two Postal Union cards have been issued:

2 centavos, red,
3 " green.

Venezuela. We have received from J. T. Handford three cards bearing the usual Postal Union inscriptions. The first two of these

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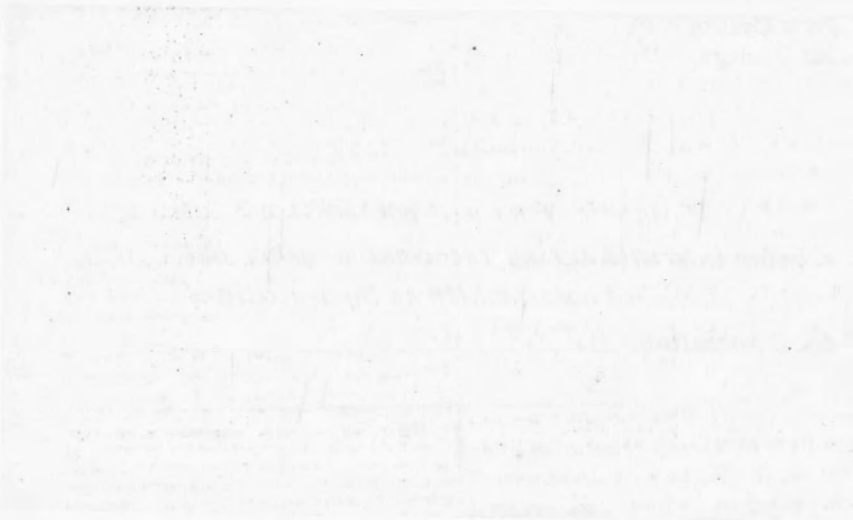

bear adhesive stamps of the latest issue, the other an "Escuelas" stamp:

10 cents, black and red,
10 " blue "
10 centimos, black and yellow.

Porto Rico. ½ c. de p., green.

San Domingo. J. T. Handford sends us the following stamps: 1c green, 2c red, 5c sky blue, 10c pink, 20c brown, 25c lilac, 50c buff, 75c ultramarine, 1p gilt. Arms in circle with name and date around, CORREOS above, value in words below, numerals in upper corners.

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