

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan—The 1a., 2a., and 1r. come on white laid batonné paper.

Austria—The current 10kr. is printed on pale straw color paper.

Bahamas—There is a 1 1-2d. blue.

Brazil—We hear of an intended new issue, which will include unpaid letter stamps, envelopes of 100, 200, and 300 reis, newspaper wrappers of 20, 40, and 60 reis, post cards of 40 and 40 + 40 reis.

British Basutoland—The *I. B. J.* informs us that the Cape of Good Hope stamps are surcharged for us here.

British Bechuanaland—There have been chronicled two stamps of high value, £1 and £5—both purple.

Canada—The 1c red brown, and the 3c. red of 1867 issue are found on water-marked paper. The 15c. of the current issue is changed in color, resembling very much that in which it was first issued, only more of a bluish tinge.

China—We have seen the 1c. green on yellow, and the 5c. bright yellow.

Columbia—There is a 2c. red, of the map series.

Confederate States—The *A. J. of Ph.* illustrates an envelope "Raleigh, N. C." in curve with "Paid" below. It comes on white and buff.

Cuba—The *P. J. of A.* notes the 20c. lilac grey.

Ecuador—The stamps surcharged "Official" seem to be frauds.

Egypt—*Le T. P.* says that the 1pi. envelope is to be issued in a smaller size, also 2pi. envelopes, and newspaper bands.

Formosa—What this Chinese Botany Bay wants with special stamps we are unable to say, and we are equally ignorant whether they are for postage purposes; but we have just received some stamps $30 \times 31\frac{1}{2}$ mm, with a dragon in the upper part, and a horse running to the left in the lower, all on a horizontally-lined ground, enclosed in a frame, in the upper part of which is Formosa, and in the lower China, with inscriptions in Chinese on the side. In each angle is "20." They are typographed in sheets of 25 (5 rows of 5), and we have them both in red and green. They are manufactured by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co, whose names appear on the foot of the sheets. They are typographed on thin plain white paper, are gummed and perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$ by a guillotine machine. Probably by next month we may be able to learn more of their history, as also whether they are essays or stamps, and whether for postal or revenue purposes.—*Phil. Record.*

Great Britain—The 1 1-2d, of 1886 is surcharged "Govt.—Parcels."

Hungary—Mr. Rechert has shown us a new series of stamp, resembling the current issue. The 1kr. is black, the others have a groundwork