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Are They Errors?

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Following is a short list of some stamps, which some philatelists declare to be errors, although Scott's catalogue does not so class them.

To begin with, there is Austria. In the 1858 issue, the 3 kr was printed in two colors, separately, green and black. It seems strange that this stamp was printed in two different colors, as one color was sufficient. Perhaps it was done through a mistake of the postal authorities, and when they discovered the error, they did not deem it necessary to rectify it, so an equal quantity of the 3 kr. was printed in each color.

The 1889 15c violet red of Paraguay is another doubtful stamp. The postage and official stamps each had different designs, and it does seem strange that one value of the official set, namely the 15c violet red, is unsurcharged condition, should have been used for postage, when there was no requirement for a 15c postage, nor has there been since. Used copies without the surcharge "Official" are rare, and very hard to obtain. My theory is, that this stamp was made at first for official use, but finding that there was no use for

it, since the 15c of the last issue was still in use, the post office authorities had this stamp surcharged with new values, to be used up for official use; and by an accident several sheets were not surcharged, and some copies were used postally. This, I think, is the reason why the 15c stamp has always been regarded as a postage stamp.

About Stamps

CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

The Omaha remainders have been returned to Washington for destruction.

The stamps to be issued for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo will range in value from 1c to 10c.

Comparatively few of the 1c value of the first issue of Chili were used postally the majority being used as revenue stamps.

Queensland has issued a new 1d stamp.

It is said that counterfeits of the 3d beaver stamps have come to light.

China will issue no stamps in blue as Chinese letter carriers deem blue very unlucky and will not deliver letters with blue stamps.