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Confederate Locals.

(Continued.)

ALVESTON, TEXAS .- In the December number of the Stamp Mercury for 1868, two stamps, 5 cents brown and 5 cents blue are noticed. We have never seen either of them, and they have never, to our knowledge, been mentioned anywhere else. They are almost undoubtedly humbugs, most likely got up by the writer of the article, who belonged to the celebrated Boston gang of swindlers.

GREENVILLE, ALA.—Three values for this Town have appeared, 2 cent, 5 cent, and 10



cent. The 2 cent is undoubtedly bogus. The 5 cent is undoubtedly genuine, and the GREENVILLE, ALA 10 cent is doubtful.



one specimen of the latter is known, and of the 5 cent, of which we give an illustration,

only two or three; in fact it is considered the scarcest Confederate provisional. The stamp, is printed on heavy glazed paper, the frame of the 5 cent being blue and the letters red. while in the 10 cent the frame is red and the letters blue. As the lettering is done by hand, it is probable that should any quantity of these atamps ever turn up, many varieties would be

discovered. One 5 cent was first noticed by the American Journal of Philately, in March, 1870, and the 10 cent by the same paper in 1871.

Four fancy corner ornaments joined at the top and bottom, but with a space in the middle for the inscription which consists of the words PAID and the value, and GREENVILLE, ALA. beneath. Col. imp. Rect.

5 cts. blue and red.

10 cts. red and blue.

Houston, Texas.-A 20 cent stamp has been issued for this place, but as it was printed in Boston, and as the engraver was S. A. Taylor, we are safe in saying it is undoubtedly bogus.

Kingston, Tenn.-The 5 cent stamp for this town has but recently come to light and is yet very scarce. It is, we think, genuine, but we cannot form a positive opinion respecting it.

Figure 5 in centre, with the words kingston, TENN. above, and CENTS below, in curved lines. Outer frame of pearls. Black imp., square;

5 cents, green.

KNOXVILLE, TENN .- Two different designs have been furnished by this town. The one said to be first issued is circular, and has an eagle for its principle feature. There are two values, 2 cent adhesive and 5 cent envelope; the adhesives are on thin white paper, and the en-