

SHANGHAI.—Four new locals are said to have been issued for Shanghai. The stamp is rather large, and nearly square. In the centre is the dragon, above, SHANGHAI, L. P. O. (Local Post Office, and below the value is designated. 2 candareens, black, 4c., yellow, 8c., green, and 16c., red. One authority says 18c., red, but we are inclined to think this an error.

GERMANY.—1kr. green envelope has just been issued by South Germany. It is, in design, similar to the 1kr. Wurtemberg.

GREECE.—A new set of stamps for unpaid letters have lately come out. Design—large figure in centre denoting value; inscription, ELL GRAMM, in Greek, at top, bottom, and sides. The colors are the same as the current set.

LUBECK.—½ schilling, lilac, adhesive and envelope. The former is much more beautiful than the latter. A correspondent mentions in his letter to us that there is also a 2½sch. lilac envelope and adhesive, newly issued. Whether he has erred in putting down 2½ instead of 1½, we are unable to say at present.

LUXEMBOURG.—1 centime is now brown, 10c., lilac, and 25c., blue.

Our Gibraltar correspondent writes us as follows:—

SPAIN.—The new issue of Spain has just appeared, at least the 20 cents has. They are very similar to the last issue; but above on each side of the circle containing the head are, on the left a castle, and on the right side a lion rampant in heraldic shields, crowned; above is "CORREOS," below, "20 CENTS DE ESCO," lilac, on white, perforated.

We are inclined to think that 'cuartos,' instead of 'cents,' is the correct value. We will, however, be better able to inform our readers on that point next month.

Postal Chit-Chat.

THE total amount of the Money Orders drawn at the Post Office, St. John, N. B., from November 1st, 1863, to October 31st, 1864, was \$12320.86; from November 1st, 1864, to October 31st, 1865, \$14141.58. Orders paid at St. John, N. B., from November 1st, 1863, to October 31st, 1864, \$93656.40; from November 1st, 1864, to October 31st, 1865, \$139679.39.

\$1304 worth of Postage Stamps were sold at the St. John Post Office during the month of December 1865.

A TALL, thin, square built gentleman—slightly affected with *Timbromanin* was seen to walk leisurely up Rocky Hill a few days ago, when all of a sudden he was observed to turn round.

A NEW Stamp paper for Egypt is spoken of. It is said that the first number was issued on the 15th ult.

ON DIT, that a new paper devoted to stamp collecting will shortly be started at New York.

SALE AT THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.—The curiosities of the mail service will be well shown by the annual auction of the dead letter office, which commenced last week. The schedule of articles to be disposed of comprises almost everything of personal wear or ornament, the latter, however, predominating, such as jewellery of every description, watches, chains, rings, lockets, etc., etc., etc., makes the bulk of the catalogue. There was even a gas-burner miscarried through the mails, any quantity of tobacco, and hair brushes, and patent medicines, have met a like fate. Nobody has any idea of the queer uses to which the mails are put until they glance over the revelations of the Dead Letter Office.—*Canada Paper*.

SOME days ago, at one of the Dumfries fairs a young woman, too obviously "from the country," was seen standing with a very perplexed air at the pillar letter box in Nitte place, in front of the Mechanics Institution. She was observed to knock several times, on the top of the iron pillar, but obtaining no response she passed round to the opposite side and raising the cover of the slit in which letters are placed, she applied her mouth to the aperture, and called out loud enough for the amazed bystanders to hear "can ye let me hae a postage stamp."

HOW NEWSPAPERS ARE ACCOMMODATED IN CHICAGO.—THE *Chicago Republican* in giving an account of the Post Office in that city says. Publishers of Newspapers are furnished with a programme of the hours when the mails close, and a list of the various Post Offices along the line of road over which every rail-road extends that leaves Chicago. These publishers bag their own papers, and it often happens when pressed for time, that they send their bags to the train, instead of passing them through the Post Office. The Post Office provides them with sacks, and such transits are at their own risk.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us as follows:— "Two years ago I did little or no business in Stamps. My attention was drawn to the fact that a trade was to be done by a person bringing to me a *carpet-bag full of Cape of Good Hope stamps*; about one quarter of them were composed of the old blocks, collected by some lady formerly a resident at the Cape. I bought them all for a trifle, and soon after sold to one firm in Liverpool £27 worth. Other dealers purchased small quantities of me." Who will now pretend to say that there is no profit in stamps.

THE *Coin and Stamp Journal* of Chicago for December is a capital number. All collectors should procure a copy. Mr. Mason ought to have an agent in St. John for his paper. See advertisement elsewhere.

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