

Two U. S. Paragraphs.

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The present stamps in use in Cuba are the current United States surcharged as follows: 1c de peso, 2½c de peso, 3c de peso, 5c de peso and 10c de peso. The 2½c appears both on the 2c U. S. carmine and the 2c U. S. vermilion as does also the 5 on the 5c U. S. light and dark blue. These will continue in use until the new Cuban issue is printed the design of which is as follows:

- 1c de peso, Statue of Columbus.
- 2c " Allegorical statue of Cuba.
- 3c " Merchant Vessel.
- 5c " Agricultural Scene.

The color of the one, two and five cent will be made to conform with the recommendations of the Postal Union. The 3c has not yet been decided on. May we expect an error(?) in color and another printing? United States stamps are also sur-

charged in the same way for use in Porto Rico.

While collectors generally are pleased at the course adopted by the U. S. Government in selling the Periodical remainders at \$5 per set, yet there seems great dissatisfaction on account of the officials reprinting, at least, all the dollar values to complete these sets. It is to be regretted that such a strong country, financially, as the American Republic, should resort to a mean method like this to cajole a few dollars out of stamp collectors. Such a course is worthy the strongest condemnation of those "Speculative" scribes. However they are in great demand and it is expected that the entire lot of 50,000 sets will be bought up much sooner than anyone expected.

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