LONDON NOTES.

I rench postal authorities have issued an order prohibiting mourning envelopes passing through the post. They say they can easily be tampered with. What next?

A new journal is going to be published very shortly by Mr. Wilson, of Leeds, devoted entirely to post cards. May it be as successful as Mr. Lohmeyer's Postal Card Reporter.

The new issue of Argentine stamps is now out. There are only 15 values including some high values, such as 20 Pesc, about 16 S and 8 D. This looks very much like an unnecessary issue.

Illustrated post card collectors, or as the Germans call it, Ansichtkarten, is issuing huge proportions in Germany. The latest German card is a skit on the war in South Africa, Rhodes being pictured up in an apple tree stealing app'es, while the Queen with a large birch rod waiting till he descends. Writers name was advertised by a German Society as a member and within two weeks he received no less than 60 cards from Belgium, Germany, Roumania, Austria, Russia, France and Italy. Several of them were franked by very low value stamps which are not at all common in a used state. Some of the cards were r ally magnificently executed.

It is dangerous to talk of stamps being worth full catalogue price, especially the cheap ones, but surely the ½d, Id, 2½d Turks Island used which are obsolete, are worth more than Gibbon's catalogue price, which is 5d.

Stamps That Will Soon Lower in Price.

(BY JOHN PELTZ.)

I herewith give a short list of such stamps as I believe will soon fall lower in catalogue and present market prices. I would advise philatelists who have not yet bought them for their collection to refrain from doing so, as they will undoubtedly lower very much in price in a very short time.

The high values of the 1898 U.S. documentary revenues, namely \$3, \$5, \$10 and \$50 will still continue to fall lower in price, as the market is now being flooded with these stamps. Till next winter probably these four stamps can be purchased for less than a dollar together.

The U. S. 1860 9a. unused is priced in Scott's catalogue at \$2, but as this stamp can still be purchased at some post offices at face, and from dealers at \$1.50, the catalogue price should be lowered.

The 1888 89 imperf, brown, officially sealed stamp at \$2 is also catalogued too high. Scott's supplement to 58th

prices it at \$2 which price is too high considering that some dealers offer it at 10 cents.

The 1897 issue 1c black on blue of France, priced at \$2, used, seems to be quite plentiful; at least I have known of several dealers who could not get rid of them at half catalogue. One dealer says: "Have plenty of them in stock at present, so cannot use any from you." This seems to be another stamp priced too high.

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