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## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

We have received so many letters from new and old subscribers, congratulating us upon the plan we have adopted in conducting this journal, abounding with such expressions as "my ideal of a stamp journal," "a truly representative paper," "most interesting" "excellent," etc., etc., that it is a relief now and then to receive a criticism, or a letter of less adulatory tone. We publish one or two of the congratulatory letters this month, and we take this opportunity of thanking the writers one and all for their very kind and even flattering remarks, we shall endeavor to maintain the standard so much appreciated by our readers. One of our critics asks what is the use of a chronicle of new issues in a monthly when the weeklies are always first in the field with such news. Is it true that the weeklies are always or even often the first? By no means, the first news, almost invariably is published in the English, Belgian and French monthly journals, not only as regards European issues but also Colonial, South American, Asian, and African stamps, and in the majority of cases the news reported in the weeklies is a reproduction of the reports of these European papers. Another point is that the monthlies are easier to refer to, they are more often preserved on file for future reference than the weeklies, and hence their record is valuable. We try and make our reports of new issues, more readable and entertaining than the bare chronicle style adopted by several journals, and we endeavor to instruct in true Philatelic science at the same time. However the matter rests with those who pay for the paper, we are willing to give them what they desire, and would be glad to hear from our readers on this point. A post card from each subscriber stating whether for or against our monthly record of new issues is therefore requested. To every paid up subscriber sending us such a card, we will present an interesting newly issued stamp, and the result of this post card vote will be announced in due course.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRIA. — We illustrate the new type of newspaper stamps. We have received the 2 h. newspaper and 1 h. and 2 h. unpaid letter stamps both with and without perforation.



BOSNIA. — We have received the 2 hellers grey of the new set issued in consequence of the change of the currency of the Austrian Empire. In design the new stamps are of the same type as the old, except that the figures of value are removed from the upper to the lower corners. The European journals also report the appearance of the 1 heller, black and 3h ochre.



BRASIL. — The lowest and highest values of the commemorative set in use for two months, are herewith illustrated. They are cheap and poorly executed lithographs.



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. — We illustrate the new "Imperial penny post" stamp described last month.



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