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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Our usual introductory remarks are crowded out.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRIA.—(*Surcharged current set*).—The current issue has lately appeared with a peculiar surcharge of diagonal bars, printed in what appears to be a yellowish varnish. It is supposed that this is a device to prevent fraudulent washing of post-marked stamps. The values from 1 to 50 hellers have been seen with this surcharge.

BAHAMAS.—(*Pictorial 1d envelope*).—On the authority of a German paper *Ewen's Weekly* reports a 1d envelope with stamp in red similar in design to the new pictorial adhesive.

BOLIVAR.—(*Remainders of 1879 and 1882 issues*).—Sets of Bolivar unused, original gum, of 1879 and 1882 are being offered to dealers much below face value.

BOLIVIA.—(*1 centavo in new color*).—*Melcock's Weekly* reports receiving a 1c stamp in brown-violet but gives no details as to design. In our May number, we announced the probability of a set with a different design for each value, none of these have yet appeared, it may be that the 1c is the advance guard of this new issue. (*2c, 5c and 2b of new set*).—Since the above was in type we learn that our surmise is correct, and that the 2c green 5c red and 2 bolivianos brown have been issued, also a 5c envelope. Further details next month.

BOSNIA.—(*35 heller stamp*).—The current set has been increased by the issue of a set of 35 hellers, blue, with corner figures in black. We are informed that in future the figures of all values of 20 hellers and over are to be printed in black.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—(*10c Postage and Revenue*).—*Ewen's Weekly* lists the 10c lilac and green inscribed POSTAGE AND REVENUE replacing that value with POSTAGE on both sides.



BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—(*7s. 6d. stamp*).—Another high value of the current type has been issued 7s. 6d. black.—*Ewen's Weekly* also announces a 10s of the same type in pale bluish green.

CHILE.—(*The new set*).—In our August number, we reported the news of a new set contracted for by the American Bank Note Co. The stamps were to be ready in September, but they do not appear to have been issued till about a month later. We illustrate the 5c blue a copy of which was kindly sent, under date of Oct. 25th by Mr. Santiago

Scott, of Valparaiso. Our correspondent does not state whether the other values of the set have yet appeared.

COLOMBIA.—(*More provisionals*).—Mr. Senior sends us specimens of two more provisional 1c and 2c roughly drawn and printed, of somewhat similar design to those illustrated last month. The 1c is in pale blue and the 2c in brown; they are printed in sheets of 5 panes of 20 stamps each; rough pin perforation. They are surcharged in red by a hand stamp, with a string of chain links 98 M.M. long; one printing of this hand stamp extends over five stamps. (*Antioquia provisionals*.) Two type set provisionals are illustrated by the *Am. J. of Ph.* 1c. carmine on ordinary white paper, and a 2c lilac, the latter inscribed on each side **RETARDO**, which would indicate its use as a "Too-late" stamp.

COOK ISLANDS.—(*Id. reported surcharged*).—Mr. H. Bolitho, under date Nov. 9th writes: "You can list the 1d. brown Cook Islands, Queen's head, surcharged with a black crown. I have no particulars as yet, but some came through last mail so surcharged." Perhaps this may turn out to be a new post-mark.

CRETE.—(*The pretended unpaid 5 dr.*).—In our August number we reported a 5 drachma unpaid letter stamp with head of Mercury to right; it now turns out that this is a bogus stamp manufactured and put upon the market along with genuine unpaid letter stamps, by some swindler.

ECUADOR.—(*Demonetization of obsolete issues*).—The Ecuador Government an-