

Notes on Money Values.

By X. Y. Z. DENMARK.—The stamps of this country are a varied nomenclature, including rigsbank, kongsbank, and royal bank skilling, meaning the standard of value established by the national bank of the kingdom, was used on the stamps issued in 1851, and was worth 1/20th of a rix dollar. It was superseded in 1853 by the skilling, equal to about 58-100c, and 1/10th of which equalled the rix daler. This in turn made way in 1875 for the ore, valued at 1/100th of the rix dollar, not to be confounded with the old rix daler of 15c, but worth only 26 cents. It will be observed in examining the Scandinavian currency systems that the elements of local expediency caused a very different value to be assigned to similarly named standards of coinage. Thus we have Sweden the daler, equal to 40 cents; in Norway the specie, or 1/10th of a rix dollar, and in Denmark the 1/10th of a rix dollar above mentioned. Slightly confusing variations exist in the skilling. The fact that these names have been so tenaciously retained indicates very clearly their common origin, in the case of the dollar from the thal, or valley where the German thaler was first coined, and the skilling, skilling and shilling, from the Roman solidus in all probability, although some ascribe it to the schellen, or regular ringing sound of the coin, and to St. Killian, whose edifying was stamped on the Warendurg shilling.

DOMINION.—Uses the British system. DUTCH INDIES.—Uses the system of Holland.

Ecuador.—Uses reals and pesos. Twelve reals one peso, nominally valued at \$1.00; depreciated currency causes its actual value to lessen sometimes.

Egypt.—The values expressed on the stamps of this country are paras and piastres, as in Turkey, but the piastre of Egypt is worth almost exactly 5 cents, while that of Turkey is not quite equal to 43 cents. In each case the para is 1/40th of a piastre.

Why the money of a province should be worth more than that of the nation whose territory it is is a subject for conjecture. But he who argues that Egypt has been an unsuccessfully governed country, should remember that if there is one worse record it is that of Turkey.

FERNANDO PO.—Spanish colony and system.

THE ISLANDS.—Has used pence a la England, and American cents, with delightful freedom from any system, the penny values being found on mail matter in England, while those with the equivalent in cents surcharged were current. The only explanation apparent is a desire on the part of the obliging King Cakobau to please everybody.

FINLAND.—Here we find a nomenclature partly Russian, partly German, partly independent, including kopeck, penny and marka. The kopeck is equivalent to about 1/20th of a cent, the penny is almost the same as the French centime (i. e. 1/100th), and the mark equals 19 cents, being 100 of the penny above mentioned.

FRANCE.—Has stamps of centimes and francs only. Centimes are, as above stated, about 1/10th of a cent, being 1/100th of the franc, equal to 19 cents.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Identical with France.

GAMBIA.—Uses English values.

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