FORMOSA.—The I. B. J. publishes notice of a new regulation and gives the following official letter in regard to it:

TAMSUI, May 14, 1888.

* * For information I enclose a copy of a new regulation just adopted by the government of Formosa. In consequence of this regulation the old method of sending letters gives way to a regular postal system for the public. The following are the principal articles:

1. The mail is to be carried by bearers.

2. The postal routes are divided into stages of 70 to 100 li (about 25 to 30 miles) in length.

3. Letters and packets are carried for 20 cash per tael (about 1½ oz.) with an extra charge for delivery to places not on the regular route.

4. The postage stamps are of two kinds, for official use and for the public. The first are supplied without charge to the public officers, to be used in sending official matter, and the last are sold to the public.

Concerning the use of the stamps, the system is embarrassing and subject to criticism, the sale not being made at the discretion of the public. For example, anyone wishing to send a letter from Mobei to Teckcham takes it to the office at Mobei, where he pays in advance 60 cash for the three stages. The postmaster gives him a receipt for the letter and affixes the stamps. The letter is then sent to Tapei, and from there to Tiongleck and to Teckcham, receiving at each stage an additional stamp, as proof, probably of responsibility of the officer affixing the stamps. * *

Adhesives—20 cash, rose.

20 cash, green.

FRENCH GUINEA.— There is a new surcharge for this colony.

Adhesive—10(centimes) black on 75c. rose.

GAMBIA.—The American Philatelist says that the 4 pence is now issued with the watermark C. A. and crown.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The instsnctions on the half penny band is now in four lines instead of five. The £1 stamp has now three crowns for watermark.

Newsband—½d, red-brown, instructions in four lines.

Adhesive—£1, watermark three globes.

INDIA.—Das P. says that a 1 rupee stamp, lithographed, and made in India, was in use from the 16th to the 31st July.

SIRMOOR.—The A. Ph. says ahe 3 pies is now yellow.

VENEZUELA.—Le T. P. publishes illustrations of the high-value Escuelas, made by the American Bank Note Co., 3 bolivars, violet, and 10 bolivars, brown.

The lithographed stamps ceased to be current Aug. 11th, and Das P. gives the following list of them:

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