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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

As we anticipated in our last number more new issues than ever are to be launched this year. Those already reported are rapidly coming into use, and are being purchased in enormous quantities for collections. A correspondent writing to *Even's Weekly Stamp News* from Frankfort states that 5000 of the new German post cards were placed on sale there Dec. 28th and in five minutes they were all sold. Besides our regular report of new issues this month we hear that complete new sets are now in preparation for Bosnia, Belgium and Crete. It is also rumored that France is to advertise its numerous small colonies by new issues of different designs for each, depicting scenery, history, native habits, resources, industries, etc., etc. Germany is now having a taste of how new issues *pay*, so the appetite once acquired, it would not be at all surprising to have similar German colonials in the near future. If this goes on the annual catalogues will soon be as large as a Family Bible. Old time Philatelists will kick and ignore all new issues, the younger generation will be in ecstasies of delight at the pretty pictures, shrewd dealers will reap a rich harvest from both, and in our estimation the true mission of stamp collecting,—that of an educator—will be greatly advanced.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — It is announced that the colors of the new 10c. and 30c. are to be changed on account of similarity of color with the 1c. and 5c.

AUSTRIA. — The new stamps are announced, with value expressed in the new currency. In design, they are practically the same as the former issue, with the exception that the word "heller," appears



above and below the Emperor's head in place of "Kreuzer," and on the higher values, "Kronen" is substituted for "Gulden." There are several new values in the set, which consists of the following:

1 heller, violet	30 heller, red violet
2 " grey	40 " light green
3 " brown	50 " blue
5 " green	60 " brown
6 " orange	1 krone, rose red
10 " rose red	2 " grey violet
20 " red brown	4 " light green
25 " dark blue.	

Unpaid letter stamps, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 40, 100 heller, all in dark brown.

News-paper Stamps:

2 heller dark blue,	10 heller brown
6 " orange	20 " red

The 5, 10, 25 and 50 heller, and 1, 2 and 4 krone will be surcharged with their equivalent value in Turkish money, for the Austrian post offices in the Levant.

The value on all stamps on envelopes, post cards, letter cards, wrappers, telegram, and telephone cards, will also be changed to the new currency, and will be in the same colors as the corresponding values of adhesive stamps.

The design of the unpaid letter stamps remains unchanged, with the exception of the word "heller" instead of "kreuzer." The news-paper stamps however, bear the head of Mercury with figures of value in the four corners, they are of square shape.

The 1, 3, 5, 6 and 25 hellers are already in use. The other values will appear as soon as the old stock has been reduced.

The old stamps, will be accepted for postage, or may be exchanged for the new issue up to December 31st 1900.

BAVARIA. — The German papers announce new stamps of the values 2, 30, 40 and 60 pf. of the same design as the current set. It seems the Bavarian authorities have declined to place their pos-