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The figures in parenthesis after the names of the countries refer to the number of this paper containing the last previous notice. Colors in italics represent the colors of the surcharges. All envelopes unless otherwise stated are on white wove paper. All post cards unless otherwise stated are on buff cardboard.

ADHESIVES.

ANGRA.—Another new value of the same type as the rest of the set has been issued. 30 reis, yellow green.

BELGIUM.—In November last we published an item taken from the *Homiletic Review* which announced the fact that special stamps were to be provided for the purpose of designating letters which the senders did not desire to have delivered on the Sabbath day. Since that time numerous items have appeared in the papers concerning these stamps and it now seems that the authorities have had prepared two values, the 10 and 25 centimes of the current series, bearing below the stamp a small perforated label inscribed in two lines in French and Flemish, "Ne pas livrer le dimanche - Niet bestellen op Zondag." "Not to be delivered on Sunday" is the translation of the above. Whether these stamps have yet been put into actual use we cannot state.

BENIN.—The French colonies are getting tired of waiting for those special stamps which were promised so long ago and are surcharging the current colonial stamps. This latest addition to our albums has overprinted four values with "BENIN" in large block letters, and then has manufactured three provisionals by adding a new numeral of value on the 15 cent. 5 centimes, green, *black*; 10 centimes, violet, *black*; 15 centimes, blue, *black*; 25 centimes, rose, *black*; 40 on 15 c. blue, *black* and red, (1500); 75 on 15 c. blue, *black* and red, (600); 75 on 15 c. blue, *black*, (100). The numeral on the first two provisionals is in red, while the last has it in black. We are unable at present to give a detailed account of this colony but will do so later. It is situated in Upper Guinea to the east of Dahomey.

BRAZIL, U. S. OF.—Another new value of the Southern Cross series was issued August 1. 500 reis, olive green. Some of our exchanges have chronicled the 200 reis with the surcharge "Rep. Transandina" which they say were issued for use in the state of Matto Grosso. The report is or was that this state had seceded from the republic and set up a separate government but we are inclined to doubt the issue of the stamps. This state is the second in size in the republic and has a population of about 30,000, mostly Indians. The area is about twice that of Texas. There was a rumor of trouble there some months since but it was soon quieted we believe.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—The *London Philatelist* has information that the 5 cent stamp has been surcharged "1 cent" in red.

BULGARIA.—The *American Journal of Philately* has the current 15 stotinki perforate 11 ½ instead of 13.