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## CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

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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.—Two more values have been added to the stamps of the new issue which has just come into use. 5 reis, orange; 10 reis, red violet.

ARGENTINE.—One of our contemporaries is informed that the new stamps are all ready for issue but will be witheld from circulation until the stock of current issue, which is quite large, is entirely disposed of.

AUSTRIA.—The Monthly Journal has seen the  $\frac{1}{2}$  kr. newspaper stamp perforated 7, 8, 9,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , 11,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . Also the (1 kr.) lilac with various compounds.

AUSTRIA LEVANT.—The 8 pa:as on 2 kr/ which was to have appeared June 1, was immediately withdrawn on account of that value not being recognised as a postage stamp by the Ottoman post office. An obliging speculator kindly relieved the authorities of the 15,000 which has been printed and they can be had for a consideration.

Barbados.—The current 4 penny stamps to the number of 120,000 have been defaced, —beg pardon—surcharged, with the words "Half Penny" just above the original value. ½ penny on 4 p., brown; black. As an experiment a quarter sheet of 60 stamps was surcharged in red ink but it was too indistinct and so was run through the press again with black ink, making a double surcharge. The London Philatelist is informed that four sheets (240 stamps) were thus treated. They were of course all bought up by collectors. "Rule Britannia; Britannia rules the waves; Britons never, never shall be slaves." The loyal Barbadians evidently believe in the above song for the new issue of stamps which went into use about the middle of July have Britannia in a shell chariot, drawn by a pair of sea horses ruling the waves with her trident in a most ro, al manner. The name of the colony appears in white letters at the top and the value at the bottom. Watermark Crown C.A., perforate 14. J. A. Wainwright has our thanks for the first news of these stamps. ½ penny, green; 1 penny, carmine; 2½ penny, ultramarine; 5 penny, gray bister; 6 penny, violet and red; 8 penny, orange and ultramarine; 10 penny, blue, green and carmine; 2 sh. 6p., black and orange.

BIKANIR.—The stamps which hail from this state have always been considered fiscals by most authorities but the editor of the *Monthly Journal* has received information which shows that the ½ anna at least has been used as a postage stamp for a dozen years or so. The lower value has the name of the state in a straight line at the top in Devanagari characters with "QUARTRANA" in rude letters below it. The lower half of the stamp also contains two lines of inscription, being the value "Paon anna" in Devanagari and