

swindler, Van Dyck, palmed off on many dealers and collectors, the reprints of New South Wales." — *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*. The publishers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST sold a large number of these Bolivian Journal Stamps, and they will be pleased to have any customers who may have purchased these stamps from us send them back, with a note as to the price paid, and we will immediately return that amount.

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#### Mexico Reprints.

The market is becoming drugged with reprints of Mexico issues, 1856-61-62, fraudulently surcharged and cancelled. In reference to these stamps we quote the following from *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*: "It would be well for collectors to be on the look-out for Mexican reprints of the 1856-61-62 issues, as large quantities of them are being offered for sale. Heretofore it was not unusual to see reprints of the 4r. and 8r. of the above issues, unused and uncanceled; now, however, these stamps are fraudulently surcharged and cancelled, and their being treated in this way the unwary are apt to be misled. The colors of the ink in which they are printed are lighter, and in some cases different shades than the original. Most all of the varieties are sent out with the fraudulent gothic surcharges to fill the wants of those who require the 1867 issue. Coming as they do from Mexico they are very dangerous frauds. Parties in the post office, who were able to get hold of the plates, are the ones who are profiting by the deception. The Official Exhibit of Mexico, at Chicago, even contains several of the bogus stamps, which of itself shows how rare the used originals are getting to be."

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#### South African Republic.

Our correspondent, Mr. S. A. Klagsburn, of Johannesburg, S. A. R., has kindly forwarded us specimens of the new half-penny Provisional, recently issued from that place. It is surcharged in both red and black, (the black surcharge being already obsolete), on the 2d. olive of the current issue, the word "half-penny" is surcharged in two lines, between two bars.

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