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## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Colonial expansion is well represented by this month's chapter of Philatelic history. Besides new issues for all German and French colonies and Foreign offices, two new British colonies are for the first time introduced to the stamp collector. Japan is also following up the lead of the European powers on similar lines. The long talked of Universal Penny post becomes an accomplished fact with the dawn of the new century, the progressive colony of New Zealand leading the way.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — (*Reported 15c stamp*). It is reported by *L'Essor Philatèlique*, that on account of a change of postal rate a 15 centavos stamp will shortly replace the current 12c.

AUSTRIA. — (*6 heller letter card*). A letter card of the value of 6 h. orange without any inscriptions, white inside and buff outside is announced.

BRITISH GUIANA. — (*48c color changed*). The 48c is reported as changed in color to dark grey and lilac brown instead of lilac and red.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. — (*Reported ½ d and 1d stamps*). Two stamps of the De la Rue type are reported for this group of islands. They are the ½d green and 1d rose and so far have only been seen in the official collections of the U.P.U. The islands consist of a group of three about 165 miles N. W. of Jamaica of which they have been a dependency. The population is only about 300, so it is possible that these two stamps will be sufficient for all postal requirements which cannot be great. Jamaica stamps have hitherto been used on correspondence from these islands. We are not aware whether any changes have been made in the admini-

stration of these colonies, such as a separate issue of stamps would seem to indicate, and shall be glad to hear from our Jamaica correspondents on the subject.

CEYLON. — (*Official 3c and 15c stamps*). The new 3c green and 15c ultramarine have been surcharged ON SERVICE in black ink.

CAMEROONS. — (*Set of new colonial type*). The stamps for the German colonies, announced a year ago, representing by means of an ocean steamer, the idea of "Germany at sea," have according to our European contemporaries, at least been issued. The designs and colors are the same for all the colonies, the lower values being of the ordinary size, while the values of 1 mark and over are of a size corresponding to the high values of the Fatherland. As we shall illustrate the types a further description is not necessary.

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| 2pf grey                      | 40pf black and rose              |
| 3pf brown                     | 50pf black and violet<br>on buff |
| 5pf green                     | 80pf black and rose              |
| 10pf carmine                  | 1 mark carmine                   |
| 20pf blue                     | 2 " blue                         |
| 25pf black and red on yellow  | 3 mark violet                    |
| 30pf black and orange on buff | 5 mark carmine and black         |

Post cards are also reported, but particulars are not yet to hand.

CAROLINE ISLANDS. — (*New set*). Same types and values as for Cameroons.

COREA. — (*15 cheun stamp*). The new series is being gradually completed, the latest arrival is the 15 cheun violet grey. It is reported that about the middle of next year this set will be replaced by one with the value expressed in "cents," to be engraved and printed in Europe on