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## GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

A new bogie has been nipped in the bud—as Sir Boyle Roche would have said. According to our contemporary, the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* Messrs. Schulke and Mayr entered into a contract with the German Government by which they were to conduct the postal service on or about the lakes within the confines of German East Africa. The stamps bear the name of the firm at the top, numeral, and view of a lake in a circle inscribed “Afrikanische-Seecn-Post,” perf. 11½. 5 cents, rose; 10 cents, orange; 25 cents, blue; 50 cents, green; 1 dollar, brown. A firm having made inquiries of the Colonial Administration received the following reply:

IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

DURESSALAM, 30th Sept., 1893.

“Gentlemen,—In reply to your request for information, dated 25th August of this year, I have to inform you that the Imperial Government made a contract with the firm of Schulke and Mayr with reference to postal communication with the Victoria Nyanza. At the expiration of a year the contract was not renewed. The firm also requested of the Post Office Department of the Empire permission to introduce stamps, but the request was refused.

Consequently, according to the information which I now give you, the stamps which accompany your letter, and others similar to them, were never in use.

“(Signed) VON SCHELE.  
“Imperial Governor.”

These stamps may therefore be consigned to the limbo where “Sedang” and others of the same class have preceded them.—*Stamp News*.

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