

Newly Issued Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Our first illustration this month represents the 15 cent stamp of the United States of America; the value of which, (15c) by the way is entirely new. This stamp, as the engraving shows, has for its centre figure the bust of the late **PRESIDENT LINCOLN**, a man for whom the whole nation mourns, and whose sterling integrity earned for him the characteristic title of "honest Old Abe."

We are pleased to see this mark of respect towards Mr. Lincoln evinced by the P. O. Department of the U. S., and hope ere long to announce others bearing the same profile. The color is black on white rectangular, and perforated.

✓ A new 'local' from Westervelt's office New York, is to appear this month, blue 2 cents.

SHANGHAI. That "local"; another one yet, a 1 candareen blue just out.

SPAIN. Stamp collectors are greatly indebted to this country for many additions to their books. They will perhaps not feel surprised when we inform them that another new stamp has been issued, although strictly speaking the stamp in question is not a postage stamp, for it is used by the members of Parliament,—as we call them here, or as they are termed in Spain "Congress of Deputies" for franking their letters written in the house, yet we believe they will be admitted as stamps in albums. The design of this stamp is, in the centre of a long oval are the arms of Spain, and crown, around this, on the outside border are the words, *Congreso de los Diputados* at top, and "*Correo*" at bottom, black in colour.

TRINIDAD. Several minor changes in colour have taken place here, as well as in the **BAHAMAS** stamps.

NORTH GERMANY. Three new stamps (which completes the new set for the Northern States) have been issued. An engraving of the $\frac{1}{4}$ s gr black is annexed, the others are 5 s gr lilac, and 10 s gr vermillion.



BELGIUM. Our friend of the *S. C. Magazine* has been shown a new essay for this country, which he says is very superior to the current issue, but retaining, the great imperfection of omission of country's name. It bears a good portrait of the present king in uniform, **POSTES** above, value 20 centimes, below.

GREAT BRITAIN. The 9d with large letters at angles, has been withdrawn.

PRUSSIA. Essays have been submitted, to the government which it is thought will be adopted. The first one we will describe is 10 s.gr, in

the centre of this label is a large figure 10 in an oval frame, around which enclosed in a band are the words **PREUSSEN** at top, and **SILB GR** at bottom. In the O are the words **POST MARKE** several Prussian eagles are also to be seen in the ground work, color rose. The other is 30 silb, gr., the frame is rectangular instead of oval, color blue, both are perforated, and it is supposed will be used for registered letters.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Our readers will observe that we bring before them a second time the cut of the essay of British Columbia, which appeared in our magazine for November last. Our object in doing so is this. The Stamp from which this was engraved was, the essay, and not the *bona fide* stamp as we at first supposed it was.

We now give the description of the *original* stamp, which it will be seen is far superior to the one proposed, **BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAGE** runs down the band at top, and the value is below, a double cross appears at the sides. The crown and V it will be seen in the cut invades the band, whereas in the stamp itself they occupy the centre, and the band is not broken, the angles are a little round.

It's a proverbial fact that we must go "abroad for home news"—even away off to England to find out that the twelve cents United States envelope is now brown, the 24 cents dull blue and the 40 cents rose—what is the matter with our U. S. correspondents? This item should have been communicated to us long before this.—The news is rather old seeing it had to make the journey to Great Britain, and back again.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A new 13c has just been issued.

URUGUAY.—We direct attention to the engraving of the 10c stamp of this country which appeared in our January number. We, it will be remembered, informed our readers that they, (the new issue,) would appear in January. This was we understand the intention, but somehow or other some one blundered and the real stamp is thus described by a contemporary:—"no inscription at sides, the whole being above; **MONTEVIDEO** as represented. Value in words, repeated on both figures. Background composed of the value, 10 centesimos, in minute characters." The other values are similar.

HOLLAND. New stamps will shortly be issued.

OUR EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT writing under date April 13th, says:—"A letter received from West Indies, this morning informs me of a new issue for Tobago; but gives no particulars."

HOLSTEIN. Our printers last month made us say $\frac{1}{4}$ sch instead of $1\frac{1}{4}$ schilling.