

year, Besides stories, short articles and advertisements it contains a column devoted to stamps which will prove interesting to philatelists. This paper rises from the ashes of the defunct *S. C. Review* whose first number only appeared, and the subscribers thereto will receive the *Star* in lieu of the *Review*. We wish the new enterprise every success. Address F. H. King & Co., Box 2523, P. O. Boston, Mass.

The January number of the *Star Spangled Banner* issued by Hunter and Co., of Hinsdale N. H., is a capital one. It is enlarged from four to eight pages, is illustrated and the proprietors have secured the services of Josh Billings who will "put in" a "picce" once a month. Terms 50 cents a year.

**MONEY ORDERS.**—We learn that the amount of Money Orders drawn at the Post Office, St. John, was \$1880, during December 1866, corresponding period in 1865, \$1820.49. Amount paid in December, \$1653.16: same month in previous year, \$11301.01.

## THE AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

The first issue of Stamps for this Colony took place on the 27th of December 1849 and consisted of three values 1d. red 2d. blue and 3d. green. This was the famous "View of Sydney" series, in which so many marked differences are noticed. They appear to have been printed from several plates and in this particular are unlike the Stamps of other countries, which emanate from one plate only. They are very rare, and unused varieties being nearly unattainable, the used ones, which are badly obliterated, are the only specimens left us to examine, which in our opinion is no easy task. In a sort of oblong erect frame, within a circle, upon which is SIGILLUM NOV. CAMB. AUST., are several figures male and female; one is sitting down towards the left, and is supposed to represent Britannia, the others are convicts, just landed from the ship having two masts up to the right. On the left a church and some houses can be seen, and at the bottom of the engraving is SIC FORTIS ETRURIA CREVIT in two lines. POSTAGE at top value in words below, spandrils granulated. Some of the Stamps have clouds whilst others are devoid of them. The above description is of the 1d. Stamp; the 2d. and 3d. is much the same, except a slight variation occurs here and there. The following differences may be observed, at the top of the circle in the 2d. is a W; ship turned towards the left and has three masts and the colors are blue and violet; the 3d. is green.

4th issue 1851-1852. Laureated head of Queen Victoria to the left, POSTAGE in arched label at top, value below in words. Inscription NEW SOUTH WALES at top and sides on blue

and white paper. 1d. red, orange, carmine; 2d. blue, lilac; 3d. green; 6d. brown; 8d. yellow.

5th. REGISTRATION STAMP. Laureated head of Queen to the left in an oval border, NEW SOUTH WALES at top, REGISTERED at bottom. Colored impression on white paper, red and yellow, perforated and unperforated.

6th. 1852-1854. Profile of Queen, crowned, to the left in a circle, within a hexagonal frame, in a large square engine turned frame. Inscription NEW SOUTH WALES on scroll above value on scroll beneath, POSTAGE at top. Colored impression on white paper. 5d. green, 6d. olive, and purple brown.

7th. Similar Stamps but circle in octagonal frame. 8d. orange, one shilling rose, red, pale pink, red-brown; perforated and unperforated.

8th 1856. Head of Queen (crowned) to left in rectangular frame, POSTAGE in curve at top, value in words below, inscription NEW SOUTH WALES goes round the Stamp. Value in white letters 1d. red, orange, vermillion; 2d. blue.

9th. Va' in dark letters on white label 3d. green  
10th. Bust of Queen, crowned, to left: flowers on circular disk, NEW SOUTH WALES at top in small old English letters, value below in large '5 shillings, violet' perforated and non-perforated.

11th. 1862. Head of Queen, crowned to the left in rectangular frame, NEW SOUTH WALES in scroll at top, value below, in words. Postage at left side, TWO PENCE at right, colored impression on white paper perforated; 2d. blue, light and dark.

12th. 1864. Profile of Queen (crowned) to left in an oval border, leaves in four corners, usual inscription at top, value below, colored impression on white paper, perforated 1d. red.

13th. 1864. NEWSPAPER STAMP. Imbossed profile of Queen, crowned, to left, within an oval, stars on four sides. POSTAGE ONE PENNY at top, NEW SOUTH WALES below, 1d. red.

### Newly Issued Stamps.

We have to apologize to our readers this month for the non appearance of our usual illustrations: but really the fault is not our own it lies wholly with our engraver who somehow or other appears to have forgotten us. But perhaps we should not blame the *Gazette's* "Special Artist" to hastily; he may have forwarded our engravings at the usual time, and the bad state of the roads prevented their arriving as early as formerly. We would have delayed the publication of our paper until the cuts arrived, but desirous of being up to time we concluded to issue without them, asking the kind indulgence of our readers for so doing. We now prepare to make known to the timbrophilic world the newly issued Stamps which appeared last month.

SERBIA.—Five Stamps have been issued for Servia, 1 para green, 2p. brown, 10 p. yellow, 20p. rose, and 40p. blue, perforated and printed