

NEW ISSUES

Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

Antioquia.—The 1 centavo of 1876, printed in lilac, and the 5 centavos of 1884, printed in yellow—both on white laid paper—and the 10 centavos of 1884, printed in blue, on bluish paper, have been received.

Antigua.—The 1d., carmine, is now of the new die.

Hermuda.—A 24d., blue, of a new design, has appeared, being a new value in the current series.

Brazil. We inform our philatelic friends that since our last number we have received six new letter cards of this empire. They are all light green externally and white inside. The colors of imprints and denominations of the first three are as follows:

- 50, carmine.
- 100, blue.
- 200, green.

They each bear the single inscription "Carta Bilhete," and the adhesive has a nearly full-length portrait of the Emperor, Dom Pedro. There are four lines of direction, the first of which has at the left hand "1111" in italics. The second three are of the same values and colors. The differences are that artistic scrolls appear extending from the left side and from the bottom of the adhesives, nearly to the margins of the cards. At the bottom of the adhesive on the 200 reis and at the side of it on the 100 reis is a dragon between the scroll work and the stamp of value. The 100 reis has in addition to the other inscriptions on this side, under the line "Carta Bilhete," a line "Carte Lettre." The obverse side of these latter three are also inscribed centrally as follows:

All have "Carta Bilhete" in an arc of a circle above. The 50 reis has beneath this a crown over "50 reis," and both are surrounded by fancy scroll-work, and have "Brasil" in a curved line below. The 100 reis has the Imperial coat of arms with scroll-work in the center and "100 reis" below. In the 200 reis card the center of the obverse is occupied by an irregular ellipse of scroll-work bearing "200" in the ground color of the card, and below it the word "Reis" in black capitals. Beneath this again is the word "Brasil" in thin italic capitals. The imprint on the 50 reis is in very light carmine. On the other two it is in green, a shade darker than the ground work of the surface.

Bulgaria.—Three unpaid letter stamps have been added to the series of this principality. Their values and colors are as follows:

- 5 statanka, orange.
- 25 " blue.
- 50 " carmine.

Canada.—There has been a recent change in the position of the imprinted stamp in the reply cards. It now appears on the upper left-hand corner instead of the upper right as usual. Otherwise the card is the same as the ordinary ones.

Chadworth.—The color of the 1 anna stamp has been changed to green. A new post card, rose on blue, 1 anna has appeared.

Chile.—A post card, 3c., gray on red, is in use.

Corea.—This kingdom has just come into line with other nations by adopting a series of stamps. Our attentive correspondent, E. O., has sent us specimens of two of these—a 5mn., rose, for interior, and a 10mn., blue, for exterior use. Both are of very similar designs, the center being occupied by four circles within each other. The space between the two outer circles is white. That between the second and third and between the third and fourth are one-half white and the other the color of the stamp, but the halves are transversed. In the stamp of 5mn, elliptical frames occupy each of the four sides except the corners, in which are circles. The four frames and the two upper circles bear Korean characters. The left-hand lower circle has a large figure 5, while that on the right-hand bears the letters Mx. In the 10mn. stamp a larger circle, outside the four above mentioned, leaves a light-blue space which is occupied by a Korean inscription in dark-blue letters. The four corners are occupied each by an octagon bearing Korean characters. Across the top is the word "Corean,"

at either side "Post," and across the bottom the legend "10 Mx."

- 5 mandarin, rose [interior use.]
- 10 " blue [exterior use.]

We are just informed that immediately after these stamps had been issued the recent riots occurred, when the rioters destroyed the post office with the stock of stamps and the plates for printing them so that the government has been obliged to order new plates, which will undoubtedly be of new designs. It is self-evident therefore that the few stamps that were saved of the first emission must become very valuable.

Eastern Borneo.—We are informed that the current series is to be shortly changed and will be as follows:

- 5 paras, violet.
- 10 " green.
- 20 " rose.
- 1 piastre, blue.
- 5 " brown.

Egypt.—A new series is announced to appear this month.

Fiji Islands. The 1d. stamp is now printed on ultra marine.

Finland (Helsingfors.) A 10 penny stamp green and brown, on white paper, is in use.

French Colonies.—Some of these colonies are using the current unperfected unpaid letter stamps. The values are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 centimes, black, and 1 and 2 francs.

Guatemala. A reply card, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2, is in use.

Germany. A new set of arms postage stamps was announced to appear at the beginning of the year. We will give details in our next issue.

Greece.—The 20 and 50 lepta stamps have been introduced to use. Our attentive correspondent in Athens informs us that a new series of a very beautiful design is being prepared in Belgium for this country, and will soon be put in circulation. This series will bear the effigy of Mercury and promise to be executed in the highest style of art.

Guadaloupe. The following are the colors and values of the new series of unpaid letter stamps:

- 5c., black on white.
- 10c., " blue.
- 15c., " violet.
- 20c., " rose.
- 30c., " yellow.
- 35c., " grey.
- 50c., " green.

Hague.—The 70c., fiscal is used for postage.

Hungary.—A 2 kr. post card, lilac, on buff, measuring 144 x 88 mm, is in use.

Italy.—The following stamps have been issued for parcel post service:

- 50c., dark green.
- 70c., green.
- 1 lire 25c., yellow.
- 1 lire 75c., brown.

Also two unpaid letter stamps, 50 lire, green, and 100 lire, red.

Iceland. Three reply cards are used in this colony.

- 5x5 ore, blue.
- 8x4 " mauve.
- 10x10 " carmine.

Japan. has issued two reply cards similar in design to the single cards. They are:

- 1x1 sen, for interior use.
- 1x1 sen, for exterior use.

The inscriptions on the former are entirely in Japanese characters. The latter has in the upper left-hand corner "Carte Postale" in a straight line with "Union Postal" above and "Universelle" below in arcs of a circle.

Malacca.—The 2c. Straits Settlements stamp has been surcharged in black with the name of this state for use there. An error occurs in some of these surcharges in that the final "e" is omitted.

Labuan. The 16c., blue is surcharged with 81, and the initials of the post master in red.

Levant.—A new series of stamps has been put in use. Values and colors are:

- 1k., orange.
- 2k., green.
- 3k., carmine.
- 5k., violet.
- 7k., blue.

M. Jara.—The 25 reis, drab, bears the name of the colony as a surcharge, but inverted.

Mexico. This republic has come to the front with a letter card. It is of a large size with the usual perforation on three sides. The inscription is in black, and the upper right-hand corner is occupied by the green 10c stamp of the current series.

Since our announcement in the July number this country has introduced several new styles of registration stamps.

The letter registration stamps are rectangular frames, with the two upper corners cut off. The upper two-thirds of the field thus made contains a circular white band. The legend "Servicio Postal Mexicano" is around the upper half and "Certificado" on the lower. A large "C" in white occupies the center of the circle formed by the band, the rest of the circle being traversed by fine wave lines. Beneath this is space resembling that on a bank check, with "No." and a field to be filled in. At the base of the stamp on white ground "(Mexico D. F.)." There are in two colors, bright vermilion and rose. The packet registration stamp is also in two colors the same as the above but is an oblong octagonal. The left-hand third of the stamp is parted off from the right-hand portion by a triple perpendicular line, and the portion thus separated is occupied by a large "C," shaded. The right hand of the stamp contains "PAQUETE" "DI CERTIFICADO," "No." [with field to place the number upon] and "Mexico" each in different lines. A veracruz has a packet and letter registration stamp of the same style as the packet stamp of the republic, except that it is printed in blue and is somewhat larger. The position occupied by the letter "C" in the above is filled by a shaded "L." The right-hand two-thirds of the stamp bears the lines "BUREAU D'EXPEDITION DE," "VERACRUZ," "Paquet de lettres recommandées," and, below these three lines, "No." with a field to place the number upon.

Monaco. A new series of stamps for this principality has been prepared in France, and was to be issued on the advent of the present year. They are to bear the effigy of His Serene Highness.

Montserrat.—A reply card, 1 1/2 x 1 1/2, has appeared. The 1d. stamp, green, and the 4d. mauve, both of the new die, are in use.

Norfolk. A reply card 1 1/2 x 1 1/2, is issued. The color of the current 4d. stamps has been changed to grey and the 6d. of the new die is in use.

New Zealand.—The current 1d. has been used provisionally as a 3d. stamp by surcharging it "Half."

Registration envelopes of three different sizes are in use. They are:

- 217x126 mm.
- 151x 98 "
- 133x 82 "

Nicaragua. has a reply card 3x3c., blue on yellow.

Norway. The following locals for Tronsberg are in use:

- 1 ore, blue on rose.
- 3 ore, green on green.
- 5 ore, rose on blue.
- 10 ore, carmine on white.

Ottoman Empire.—A new series of stamps has been introduced of the same die as the last, but the colors differ, and are as follows:

- 10 paras, green on pale green.
- 20 " rose on pink.
- 1 piastre, blue on pale blue.
- 2 " yellow on pale yellow.
- 5 " rose on light green.

The same stamps have also been surcharged in black Turkish characters with the equivalent of "Katcha," i. e. "contraband." Two new post cards, 20 paras, rose, and 20 x 20 paras, rose, have been issued.

Paraguay.—Two post cards have been issued bearing the new adhesives, 2c. red and 3c. blue.

Perak.—The 4c., rose, stamp of the Straits Settlements has been surcharged for use in this place, with two lines, "2 cents" and "Perak."

Peru.—We take pleasure in notifying our readers

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