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May 3, 1899. The consignment of stamps for the Philippines, mentioned in last week's notes, left this city for its destination on Saturday, April 29th.

The new die for the 4c envelope is making progress. It was stated that it has been accepted by the department but this is not the case. The old head as previously mentioned, a die made some years ago but used will never be adopted as it is somewhat larger than the present bust, it may be found necessary to omit the first circle of notches in order to get it into the frame without looking crowded, The department has now on hand two indepartment has now on many the teresting essays of envelopes, both of which are size 5 printed on '99 watermark paper. One of them is a termark paper. One of them is a modified design of the present 4c but this has been rejected. The old head, above mentioned, is a much better likeabove mentioned, is a much better inconess of Lincoln. The balance of the design, in which the first proof of this head has been printed, is not accaptable. The figures are too crowded. This design is entirely different and the complete and the state of the complete and the complete of the com from anything ever issued, having a somewhat Greek appearance.

> The new 4c envelope will not be printed in the same color as the present but will conform in color to the new 4c stamps.

Reports have appeared that there are more than one variety of the sur-charged Cuban envelope. The department here stated that only size 5 was furnished to Havana and Mayor Rathbone writes that there was only one variety, white paper No. 5 sur-charged. Wonder where that amber No, 13 came from.

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833 1c, 837 5c.

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