

NEW ISSUES of Adhesives Post Cards and Envelopes.

Argentine Republic.—Our correspondent informs us that the 5 centavos stamps of the type of 1867 has been revived but it is not used at its original face value. It is perforated horizontally across the middle. Each half is used for ½ centavo. The numeral ½ is so encharged in the centre that the perforation divides it and near the lower edge appears the surcharge "Provisorio." A 12 centavo stamp is also announced as soon to appear. Also a news-band of ½c., a post-card of 2c and reply card of 2x2 centavos.

Azores.—The current Portuguese stamps of 25 reis, bistre-brown, is now used in the Azores surcharged with the name of the Colony.

Austria.—Postal cards and reply-cards, brown on buff, for 2 kr and 2x2 kr with Roumanian inscription are now current.

Barbadoes.—A ½ post-card for domestic use only, red-brown, has been issued.

Belgium.—A new card for domestic use, 5c violet, is issued. A new style of cards and reply-cards for each official department are in use.

Bhopa, India.—A new type of ½ anna, black is in circulation.

Brazil.—The new type now in use in the empire is as follows:—

50 reis.....blue
100 "bronze-green
200 "red

Also a very neatly-executed post card for domestic use only, 20 reis, brown and white. A Postal Union card 80 reis orange on white will shortly appear.

Bulgarian.—A new series—values in stotinkas—is now current.

Cabul.—The current series is of a new style. The stamps are circular and of the value of 5 and 10 annas and 1 rupee violet.

Canada.—A new 1 cent post-card will shortly issue. It will be a little larger than those hitherto in use and without marginal border. Design otherwise similar to those now in use. A news band of a new style has issued on pale yellow paper. The stamp is similar in design to the last issue and in a brighter blue than that was, but is more coarsely executed, being apparently a wood engraving. Philatelists will bear in mind that the late news-band was furnished in two shades of paper. A new issue of stamps is in contemplation but details are not as yet divulged. Our readers will have the first information.

Cape of Good Hope.—Our attentive correspondent at Capetown has sent us specimens of the new id wrapper now in use there. The stamp is oval, color brown, and is very plain in design.

Cape Verde Islands.—The colors of the current series are 10 reis, green, 40 reis, yellow; 50 reis, blue.

Dominican Republic.—The following envelopes have been issued and are now in use. 5c, blue; 10c, carmine; 15c, yellow; 20c, bistre-brown; 30c, magenta; 40c, brown; 45c violet; 60c, emerald. Also 2c, orange and 3c, black, newspaper wrappers.

Dutch India.—A set of unpaid-letter stamps of the same type as those in use in

Holland have been issued. They are of the values of 2½, 5, 20, 40 and 75cents.

Ecuador.—The stamps now current are of a new design. Their values are in centavos instead of in reals heretofore.

Egypt.—The color of the 10 paras stamp has been changed from its recent blue to the original gray.

France.—The new 30x300 reply card, rose on buff, is in circulation.

Great Britain.—A reply card is promised shortly.

Honduras.—A stamp of a new kind bearing the inscription "Postal Union," 2 centavos, orange, has been issued.

Hong Kong.—One dollar "Stamp Duty" now used for postage.

India.—A stamp of a new design—value one anna and 6 pires—has been issued. Also a 3 annas, orange.

Italy.—The new postal-union cards are out. The card is of the same design as the last but it is of emerald-green and the impression is brown. Halves to centesimi and 10x10c.

Jamaica. 1½d and 3d revenue stamps are used for postage.

Macao.—A new series will shortly be issued.

New Caledonia.—A surcharge of 25c on 35c is in circulation.

Norway.—The following reply cards have been issued:

5x6 ore.....blue on buff
10x10 "(Postal Union)....rose on white
Also a single card 5 ore blue on buff.

Paraguay.—The following new postal cards are in use:—2 centavos, lilac, and three centavos, blue, and replies 4x4 brown.

Persia.—A neatly-executed stamp of the new type black and chamois with orange border—50 centimes, is in use.

Peru.—The entire new series—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 centavos and 1 sole—make a fine appearance. They are all, however, surcharged with the Chilian coat of arms. The 5 and 50 cents and the 1 sole have in addition the surcharge enclosed in a horse-shoe-shaped impression the words "Union Postal Universal" and under that "Peru" across the stamp. The entire set of envelopes—2, 5, 10, 20, and 50—bear, besides the Peruvian stamp and at its left the Chilian coat of arms, impression in vermilion, and beneath it the legend "Caja Fiscal de Lima." Also on the lower left hand corner a circle enclosing the words "Lima" in the upper and "Principal" in the lower half. The date is stamped across the centre of the circle. The impression is in black.

Philippine Islands.—A stamp of the new value of 12 4-8 centride peso has appeared. The following new provisionals have also appeared:—2c yellow surcharge on 200 m deep green; 1 v black on 10 cuartos brown; 22 carmine on 2 reals blue. The color of the current 2 4-8 c de pesos is to be changed to blue.

Portuguese India.—The new series was issued in January and are, as far as we are informed, as follows:—1½ reis, black, 4½ do, brown, 6 do green, 1 tanga, rose, 2 do, blue, 4 do, lilac, 8 do, orange. The latest provisionals are 1 tanga, black surcharge on the 10c reis lilac and 2 tanga black surcharge on 300 reis brown.

Portugal.—A stamp, 25 reis red-brown of a new type for postal and telegraph service has been issued.

Queensland.—High and low value of Fiscal Stamps are now used for postage.

Russia.—Samples of the following new values are now in use:—1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 15, 35 and 70 kopecks. The new envelopes are of the values of 7 kopecks and are stamped in blue. It is announced that after January 1st proximo stamps of a large size for telegraph and postal service will be introduced. The values will be 3½ and 7 roubles. Also envelopes of 40k., postal cards 3k., and bands for printed matter, 1k., orange and 2k green.

Servia.—A new series of unpaid-letter stamps has issued.

South Australia.—The 1 penny (green) stamp is surcharged with the words "Half Penny" and a line is drawn through the original denomination "one penny."

Straits Settlement.—On the 15th, of January the new 5 and 10 cent stamps were issued.

Switzerland.—The long-promised new series of stamps for this country have been issued and make a very creditable appearance. They are of two types. The first are of the values of 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 and 15 centimes. They bear the word "Helvetia" forming the arc of a circle and the Geneva cross in the upper and the denomination in the lower half. The others are of the values of 20, 25, 40 and 50 centimes and 1 franc. The centre is an oval occupied by a figure of Helvetia bearing in her right hand a lance and supporting with her left a shield on which is emblazoned the Geneva cross. Over her head is the word "Helvetia" and the encircling oval is occupied by 27 stars. The denomination of the stamp is noted below the feet of the Goddess.

Uruguay.—It is announced that stamps conforming to the Postal Union rates will be shortly issued. Their values will be 5, 10 and 20 centavos.

Venezuela.—"Escuelas."—A new 5 bolivares, blue, is in use.

Wurtemberg.—A new stamp, value 1 mark has been added to the series of service stamps.

We invite all Correspondents to send us ON APPEARANCE, provisional issues or new issues to the amount of One Dollar or Five Francs in lowest values, for which we will remit promptly on receipt.

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FREE NEWSPAPERS.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads of the U.S. agree to report unfavorably on the bill providing that newspapers and periodicals be sent post free to members of the life-saving service, favorably on the bill to fix the compensation of postmasters of the fourth class, and favorably on the bill providing the rate of postage on second-class mail matter at letter-carrier offices be 2 cents per pound.