

centisimos as follows: 5c. lilac, 10c. blue, 20c. green, 40c. rose, with their date 1866. They are unperforated.

VICTORIA.—The English journals have been for a length of time crying out for a new 6d. stamp for this colony, and now that they have got it we hope they are satisfied. The great prayed-for is of the same type as the new 10d., and is printed in blue on white paper. We do not know what effect the displacement of the 'hideous' superseded will make on the English Stock Exchange, but we might state for the benefit of our trans-Atlantic brethren that the current of affairs among the afternoon gatherers at Chubb's corner is unruffled by this mighty event, and it is hoped that it will make no special difference in the great Confederation scheme.

BERMUDA claims the credit of a new 2d. blue stamp.

BRAZIL.—The P. O. authorities of this Empire are going to have new postals, essays for that purpose having been printed by some of the N. Y. Bank companies. The arms of the country and the head of the Emperor are represented—so says the S. C. Record.

“The height of meanness” is exemplified by certain persons who have sent to us for Stamps on approval and returned them to us unpaid—leaving us the disagreeable alternatives of losing our stamps or paying postage on them. The man who would do such a thing would suck the eggs from under a setting hen. Such a man reminds us of the miserly character who would not allow persons to sit down on his stone steps for fear they would wear them out—also, of the individual who used to save his toe-nail pairings and boil them for oil. If a certain gentleman living in Chicago does not take the above very delicate hint and send us what it cost us to take his letter out of the Office we will unhesitatingly print his name next month. The person of whom we speak had the audacity besides to send us a letter to give to a person whom he

dare not offend—absolutely making us foot up other peoples postage. The sum involved is small but the impudence is unbearable.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Feb. 20th, 1866.

Editor Postman's Knock :

Some months since the Stamp Collectors Magazine published a cut of a so called Sandwich Island 13 cent stamp and stating that the owner had received it from the British Consul at Honolulu.

I do not wish to doubt this assertion or the truth of it, yet am compelled to make the following statement:

A gentleman who has for many years been postmaster at Honolulu, and well versed in postal matters assured me, while in this city recently on being shown the cut of the above Stamp, that no such stamp was ever in existence or used by that government. He did not think that it was an essay either, as there was no occasion for any change in the postal department. Besides this I have written to parties in the Islands who, one and all, assure me that no such stamp ever existed. Regretting to detract from the value of the possessors stamp,

I am, yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

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United States local stamps we consider a complete and unmitigated humbug from beginning to end. The prolific manner in which they are increasing will lead to their entire exclusion from all respectable albums before long.

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A few weekly papers who deemed us worthy of rank on their exchange lists—we especially are obliged to—as also to those serials who gave us notices.

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Read carefully all our advertisements.