

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The reprints of the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine have inverted network.

Luxemburg is to have an entire new issue to replace the one in use since 1895.

The 5-cent stamp of Antioquia, (Colombia,) is to be found with both plain and shaded letters.

This bids fair to be a good season for auction sales. A number have already been held, with good success.

The new 1-penny stamp of Queensland has been seen in this country. It has figures of value at all four corners.

Two more British colonies, Bermuda and Gambia, will soon have new issues printed in two colors, similar to those of the other colonies.

The 1850 issue of Austria has been found to exist on three varieties of paper—thick, thin and laid. All the stamps of the set have been found in this condition.

A Philadelphia collector, who kept close watch on his post-office, some time since was rewarded by securing one hundred and fifty three-cent stamps of the 1870 issue, at face. The stamps catalogue \$2.50 each.

A quarter of a century is a long time for any firm in any kind of business to remain constantly in business, but this is the fact as regards Senf Brothers, of Germany, who have been dealing in stamps for more than twenty-five years.

In their stall in the building in which the Philatelic Exhibition was held, in London, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Co. had on exhibition a little note book, such as sell for a penny, in which were mounted a few rare stamps worth in actual (not catalogue) value \$100,000. The book could have been carried in an ordinary vest pocket.

The New York "World" some time since received a letter which bore no stamp, but had instead a rude pen and ink drawing of George Washington's head, with the words "2 cents." The "World" says: "The stamp was properly cancelled at the post office, and being the only one of its issue, is the rarest stamp in existence." This, while true, and while it is also true that there are many who would like to own the letter in question as a curiosity, still, it is not philately, the stamp being passed by some stamping clerk through carelessness.