

abashed or ashamed. He stood his ground like a man. After the first surprise at seeing me there, he seemed flattered rather than otherwise by the curiosity that I was manifesting.

"And how did you come by all this rubbish?" I asked.

"By exchanges with correspondents, uncle," was the reply, in justification, "and also with my pocket money."

"You were at liberty, certainly, to spend it on this, as well as on any other harmless nonsense; still it is a pity to throw money into the street."

"I beg your pardon, uncle; it is not thrown away at all. I have made a good investment. My stamp album is worth twenty pounds, if it is worth a shilling."

"When you prove that it is worth a shilling, I will prove that it will fetch twenty pounds."

(To be continued.)

THE STAMPS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NEW SOUTH WALES was discovered in 1770 by Captain Cook. It originated in a penal colony, founded by the British Government. Captain Phillips, its first Governor, arrived in Botany Bay in H. M. S. *Sirius*, in January, 1788, with six transports and three store-ships. He remained there a short time and then proceeded to Port Jackson, which was found more suitable to found a Colony. He there landed the 750 persons under his charge, the British ensign was hoisted on the shores of Sydney Cove (the present site of the capital and seat of Government), and thus commenced the history of the second largest of the British Colonies. At that time New South Wales embraced what is now known as Victoria and Queensland.

The country has made great advance since then, and ere long will be, when united under one Government, with the other Colonies of Australia, one of the greatest nations of the earth.

The population is now about 1,000,000. The Colony has enjoyed Responsible Government for a number of years.

This country has produced stamps which have given rise, probably, to more discussion than any others, namely, the celebrated "Sydney Views." These were issued in 1850. The design is as follows: In a circle in the centre is what is supposed to be a family of emigrants just landing from their ship (which is in the background), and being received by what may be called a figure of Commerce; others say that it is the Genius of the land. Beneath the group is the Latin motto: "Sic fortio etruria crevit." To the left of the figure of Commerce is a hill, over the side of which shows a church and buildings. The whole of this is enclosed by a hollow circle, in which is the motto: "Sigillum nov Camb Aust." "Postage" above and value beneath, in two straight lines.

The values of this issue are:

1 penny, lake; 2 pence, blue; 3 pence, green.