

the centre, and a forked tongue of the scarlet cloth protrudes from the mouth. The knot of the string on which the stamps are threaded is firmly fixed to the inside of one of the head-pieces before the two are sewn together, so that the stamps should come up to it quite closely, and the tongue is fixed in the same manner. A piece of scarlet worsted braid is sewn round the knot of the string at the tail to conceal it, and an end of about quarter of a yard left.—*The Stamp News*.

New Issues.

AZORES—The stamp on the 21 reis envelopes now has the small surcharge.

BOLIVAR—The entire series are now dated 1884.

BRAZIL—A new type of the letter cards has been issued.

BELGIUM—We hear that the color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

EGYPT—The colors of some of the present issue have been changed :

- 10 paras—green
- 20 paras—red
- 1 piastre—blue
- 5 piastres—gray

FRANCE—The color of the 20 centime stamps has been changed to red, and they are printed on green paper instead of white as heretofore.

NEW ZEALAND—Provisional half penny stamps have been made by surcharging penny stamps "Half" in black.

RUSSIA—Another of the new issue is out. 5 kopecks.

TAHITI—There are said to be three other surcharged stamps, viz: "25" on 35c, 40c and 75c.

TOLIMA—A new issue is shortly to be in use, composed of the following values: 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centavos; 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos.

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