

NEW ISSUES Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

ANTIGUA.—A 1d. carmine of the new type, has made its appearance—water mark C. A. above the crown. A 1d. post card is also announced.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The surcharge "Official," in black, has been put upon the current series of 1c., 4c., 8c. and 12c. stamps.

AUSTRIA.—Two different sizes and colors exist of the new 5 kr. envelopes; viz.—white, 132 x 107, mm. and buff, 152 x 128, mm.

BAHAMAS.—We are informed that a 1d. stamp for these islands will shortly issue. A 5s. £1 stamp are in use.

BRASIL.—As anticipated in our January number, the three letter-cards have been changed in color to a very dark brown. The stamp, however, remains as before, except in the 50 reis, which has the "111 mo" in larger letters. A reply-card 80 x 80 reis, yellow on white, is also used. It is of the same die as the first issue of 80 reis cards.

BRITISH GUYANA.—The 1d. stamp bears a watermark of a crown, with "C. A." below it.

BRITISH GUYANA.—The sheets of the 1/2 anna, green, of this country are curious, in that they contain 32 stamps and afford no less than 20 varieties each.

BRITISH GUYANA.—This country has issued two new bands on buff paper. Values 1 c., green, and 2c. carmine. They bear the usual inscription and the stamps are similar to those of the current adhesives.

BULGARIA.—This country has a new reply-card 10 x 10 stotinka, carmine on white.

CHILE.—The long-promised cards have at last been issued, viz: Blue on buff, 2c., rose on lilac, 3c., lilac on rose, 3 x 3c. The first two named have the words "Union Postale Universel" in a curve, with "Chile" below at the head. The reply card has the legend "Tarjeta Postal" below the word "Chile." The stamps are similar to the current adhesives.

CUBA.—The 5c. and the 10c. adhesives have changed colors.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We inform our philatelic friends that the variety of surcharges in the stamps of this country makes a full collection a large and widely differing one. Besides the variation of the surcharges the stamps themselves differ, as we remarked in our January number, in that some have and others are without a network ground. The 10 centesimos on 2 centavos are surcharged in two distinct sets of type. The 50 centesimos on 10 centavos vary in the same way. The 1 franco on 20 centavos varies in three distinct styles of type. One has a capital "F"; the others have lower case "fs," but while one of the latter is in a small, condensed type, the other has a broader face, without a period at the end of the word. A new stamp has been added to this series: a 50 centavos, yellow, surcharged "2 francos 50 centesimos." Philatelists have doubtless noticed that in these surcharges in part of the series the "f" is sometimes accented and sometimes not, thus adding a variety to the lot.

EGYPT.—The current 5 piastre stamp has been provisionally surcharged 20 paras in large type, and in some instances the surcharge is inverted.

ECUADOR.—A 2c. card of a design similar to that described in our April number is in circulation.

FIJI.—A provisional has been added to the series of this colony. It is a 4d. surcharged in black on the 2d. mauve.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new series announced in our January number, comprising a set of 15, has appeared. Also, some compound envelopes, viz:—1d. x 1d., 4d. x 1d., 6d. x 1d., and 1s. x 1d. This is an adaptation of the Mexican style of compound envelopes. The whole series is, to say the least, no improvement on past issues.

GUADALOUPE.—We have received specimens of two provisionals of this colony. They are the old unperforated type of stamps of 30 and 35 centimes, respectively surcharged 20 and 25 immediately over the old values. The new figures are surmounted by a line, and above that are the letters

"G. P. E." and the whole is enclosed in a rectangular frame.

GERMAN EMPYRE.—The current stamps of the German Empire have been surcharged for service in Turkey, as follows:—

6 pfennig with 10 paras.	
10 "	20 "
20 "	1 piastre.
25 "	14 "
50 "	21 "

HONG KONG.—The color of the current 10c. stamp has been changed to green.

INDIA.—Has issued two new reply cards: 1 x 1/2 anna, brown, and 1 x 1/2 anna blue, both on buff paper.

MACAU.—The long spoken of series, of the appearance of which some authorities have doubted, have been put in circulation at last. They are of the usual type of the Portuguese colonies. A crown in the centre, surrounded by a double circle of Grecian design, with the name of the colony in the upper portion, the word "Correio" above and the value below in straight lines. The values are as follows:

5 reis.....black.	
10 ".....yellow.	
20 ".....brown.	
25 ".....rose.	
40 ".....blue.	
50 ".....green.	
100 ".....mauve.	

The post office obliteration is a double circle with a crown, "Macau" below it, and those before us bear the date of mailing "March 14th, 1884."

MEXICO.—Has issued a post card for interior service only. The inscription is printed in a scroll band, red on buff, and in the usual place is impressed a green 5 cent stamp of the same type as the current adhesive. As the entire stock of cards for exterior service is exhausted, a plain white card with a 5c. adhesive put upon it has been used, and we have one now before us, bearing the mailing date of "May 13th." Seeing that some of our philatelic exchanges are in doubt whether the series mentioned in our last issue are official or not, we have made enquiries into the matter, and have ascertained that the green stamps are not official. The official stamps, of which we have received specimens, are vermilion, on a white ground. They bear the portrait of the President in the centre, encircled by an oval band outside of which is a set work, oval, with the words around the upper half, "Servicio Postal Mexico," preceded and followed by a star. The lower half of the oval has the words, "Correspondencia Oficial." The whole stamp is rectangular, and is roughly perforated. It is quite a neat affair. A registration stamp, much resembling those of the U. S. of Columbia, blue on white, octagonal in shape, has been issued. In the centre is a large "R" surrounded by a wide oval band, bearing the inscription, "U. P. U." In the upper section and "Republique Mexicaine" in the lower. Across the upper field is "Mexico—D. F." and below is a label for the number.

MONTENEGRO.—A 1d. stamp of the usual die and bearing the watermark C. A. and a crown has issued.

NEVIS.—The current 1d. green, has been changed to carmine.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The provisional 5c. on 75c. carmine, noted in our last, has the surcharge inverted. There are three varieties of this.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—Has a very neat 1d. post card—orange on stout, white card board. It bears the coat of arms of the State in the centre, with the ordinary inscription and the adhesive in the usual place, and the whole is surrounded by a fancy border. A 2d. mauve, stamp of the current design has also issued.

PARU.—There has been a change in the surcharge of the cards of this nation. They now bear at the top a representation of the sun with "Peru" above and "Correo" below. The surcharges are in different colors for the various values: blue for the 4 x 4c., violet for the 5c., red for the 4c., and green for the 3c.

The 10c. green is now issued without a surcharge. The following new surcharges have been made, the surcharged word being in a black triangle:—

5c., blue-red oval, "Lima."
50c., green, "Peru."

10c., rose, "Peru,"

1c., unpaired, blue oval, "Lima."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The color of the current 10c. de peso, has been changed to a very light mauve. The 2c. de p. carmine has been surcharged in green, "Habilitado Pa. Correos 8 cmos" in a circle. We have the same twice impressed, and also in reverse. The 2 1/2-8 has been surcharged in like manner in black, "Dos Rles." We have before us the 5c. de p. blue, surcharged in green, in the same way, "Un Real." This surcharge occurs both upright and inverted. The current 8c. de p. appears in very dark brown.

Puerto Rico.—The 3c. de p. has changed from yellow to bistre, and the 80c. de p. to blue.

SPAIN.—This kingdom has six new cards. They are:

5 cents.....green.	
10 ".....carmine.	
15 ".....bistre.	
5 x 5 ".....green (reply).	
10 x 10 ".....carmine (reply).	
15 x 15 ".....bistre (reply).	

They all have the current adhesive on the upper right-hand corner with the attention at the top of "Comunicaciones."

SAINT LUCIA.—The one shilling stamp has been surcharged "One Shilling" in black on orange.

SAINT VINCENT.—Two cards for this colony have appeared: 1d. carmine and 1/2d. brown. The cards are large, and the stamps on the upper right corner very much resemble those of Gambia.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—This kingdom issued about the 10th of June, a new series of envelopes on white paper, viz: 1c. green, 2c. pink, 4c. vermilion, 5c. blue and 10c. black. The design of the adhesive is a view of Honolulu, in a frame measuring 52x28 mm, and surmounted by a crown. The 1 cent envelope bears the legend "1 keneta, 1884." 1 cent, at the top, "Honolulu, Hawaii" at the bottom and at each side a large figure of value. The others are similar, only varying in the figures of the different values. There are two sizes—the 1c., 2c., and 5c., measure 136x76 mm, and the 4c., 5c. and 10c. are 150x85 mm. The 2c. have three dotted pink lines for address.

STELLAND.—A new stamp has been issued by this republic. It may be described as follows:—A shield surmounted by a five-pointed star and having a scroll below is enclosed in a rectangular frame. This frame bears the inscription "Republic," on the left, "Stellaland," on the right, "Een Penny" above and "Post Zege" below. The color is vermilion on white paper, and it is unperforated.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The obsolete 12c. stamp, blue, is being utilized by surcharging it with the figure 8, and the words "cents" in small roman capitals below.

SURINAM.—One of our philatelic exchanges notes the appearance of a 2c. orange, and a 12c. blue. We cannot vouch for them as we have not seen them.

TOLIMA.—The 5c. and 10c. appear on blue paper.

TRINIDAD.—This island enjoys the possession of a series of six cards. The values and colors are:—

1d.....brown on white.
1d.....carmine on buff.
1d.....brown on "
2d.....blue on "
1 x 1d.....carmine on " [reply].
1 1/2 x 1d.....brown on "

The 1 shilling stamp, brown, has issued.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—An entire new set is in preparation for this country.

URUGUAY.—For a full and accurate description of the new stamps of this country, which have, at last, been put in use, see reading matter on another page.

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