

## Newly Issued Stamps.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We take great pleasure



in placing before our numerous readers a representation of the new thirteen cent stamp for this colony. The color of it is yellow. The whole set has just been issued, and a full and reliable description will be given next month. It will be seen that as the decimal currency has been adopted in Newfoundland, the stamps now bear their respective value in *cents* instead of *pence* as formerly.

NEW ZEALAND.—A 4d., *rose*, same design as those now in use, has just been issued.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 1s. is now *red-brown*.

BELGIUM.—The 30c., *bistre*, and 1 franc, *lilac*, of this country were issued in November last. The other new ones are: 1 centime, *gray*, 2c., *blue*, 5c., *bistre*, (bearing the Royal arms), 10c., *gray*, 20c., *blue*, 30c., *white*, 40c., *carmine*, and 1 franc, *lilac*, (having the head of King Leo pold).

UNITED STATES.—Three new stamps for the carrying of newspapers outside the mails, have been issued: 5c. *blue*, 10c. *green*, and 25c. *red*.

BRUNSWICK.— $\frac{1}{2}$  groschen, *black*, 1 gr., *rose*, 3 gr., *blue*, and 3 gr., *bistre*, are the values of the new issue for this country.

SCHLESWIG.—The new issue numbers five varieties, the same as Holstein, also same colors and values. There is to be noticed a few slight changes in the colors of each of these sets, but they are of little or no consequence.

MONTEVIDEO.—We present our readers with



an engraving of one of the new stamps for Montevideo, that will make their first appearance on January 1st, 1866.—

There are four values: 5 cents *blue*, 10c. *green*, 15c. *amarant*, and 20c. *carmine*. Design:—

in the centre in large characters, figures indicating value, behind the rising sun, and in the centre of all the arms of the Republic. They are printed and engraved in England.

LUXEMBURG.—The 1 cent, *brown*, 10c., *lilac*, and 25c., *blue*, are now perforated.

EAST INDIA.—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna envelopes are now printed on sheets of paper, and will, we understand, be used as newspaper stamps. In our last we said that "the 2 annas, *yellow*, was changed to *rose lilac*." We are informed that such is not the case; the color of the stamp was chemically changed to *sell* collectors no doubt.

MCKLENBURG SCHWERIN.—The inscriptions on the envelopes are now printed nearly double the usual size.

## Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

NO. 3.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

THE first issue of stamps in this province consisted of a one penny, three-pence, six-pence, and one shilling. They were somewhat uncouth looking, and in design and finish shewed little artistic taste or skill. The one penny was printed in *chocolate* on *white* paper, and differed in almost every particular, except shape, from its *confreeres*. The centre figure of this stamp is a portrait of Queen Victoria in lozenge, with a half star on each side of the square. On the upper and lower edges are the words "NOVA SCOTIA," on the left hand side "ONE PENNY," and on the right, "POSTAGE," with a figure 1 at each angle.

The "three pence" was mostly printed in *light blue* on *white* paper, but a small issue was made in *dark blue*, samples of which are now very rare. The centre figure is the crown, surrounded by four stars. A flower rests on each, the rose (England), beneath the crown or opposite lower angle, the shamrock, (Ireland) above, with the thistle (Scotland) on the right hand side, and the May-flower on the left, this latter being emblematic of Nova Scotia as the thistle is of old Scotia.

The design of the "six-pence" and "one shilling" stamp is the same in every particular as the one just described, only the six-pence was printed in light and dark green, and the shilling violet. We have seen it stated that some of the above were printed on *blue tinted* paper, but this has been officially denied, and if any such exist, they must of course be forgeries. We have read in several catalogues that this issue was made in the year 1858, but that is not the case. They were first issued in 1852, and all at the same time. On taking up Dr. Gray's latest illustrated catalogue, we were somewhat surprised to find that this learned gentleman had fallen in to the same error as his predecessors in regard to the year in which these stamps were first brought out. Better if compilers gave no date at all than a wrong one, and we hope that in the next edition of the Doctor's highly interesting and valuable catalogue that this important mistake will be corrected. The present issue of Nova Scotia stamps, with the exception of the two cents, was made in 1860, but as they figure in the album of every Timbrophilist, and are familiar to every collector, no description of them is required.

WE are sorry to learn from the *Curiosity Shop* of Dec. 15, 1865, that that paper will not be published again. The 1st volume, consisting of 6 numbers, can be obtained by remitting 25 cents to Messrs. Haines & Olcott, Chicago. Collectors had better apply immediately, as only a limited number of copies remain.