

GAMBIA.—(*King's head 1d.*)—The 1d carmine has been issued with the official profile of King Edward VII. The type is the same as that of Cayman Islands.

GERMANY.—(*Change of inscription.*)—The stamps promised for April 1st, to be used throughout the Empire, and superseding the separate issue of Wurtemberg, are now issued. The set includes all values from 2 pf to 5 mark, and the usual postal stationery. The only change is that the word REICHSPOST is replaced by DEUTSCHES REICH. The stamps with the old inscription have ceased to have a postal value, but they can be exchanged for the new kind.

GOLD COAST.—(*2d stamp.*)—The current series of Queen's heads has been completed by the issue of the 2d value, in lilac and red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King Edward stamps.*)—Adhesive stamps of the values 1d, 2d, 3d and 1s, of the same designs and colors as the old issue, but bearing the King's portrait, were to appear March 24th, and we understand they are now in use. The 4d, 2s 6d, 5s and 10s have been promised for the first or second week of April. The corner letters are to be omitted from the three high values, but, beyond the substitution of the portrait, the designs will not be otherwise changed. The color of the 5s is to be vermilion, other colors to be continued as in the current series.

GREECE.—(*Unpaid letter stamps.*)—A set of unpaid letter stamps has been issued with a large numeral as the principle feature of the design. The values and colors are reported to be the same as those of the current series of the adhesive postage stamps.

HONG KONG.—(*12c on C. A. paper.*)—The 12c, printed in dark, instead of pale blue, has appeared on paper water-marked crown and C. A.

MAURITIUS.—(*Provisional 12c.*)—The 18c green and ultramarine has been surcharged 12 CENTS in black.

NICARAGUA.—(*5c and 10c local print.*)—*McKeel's Weekly* reports three stamps of the 1900 type, but of local manufacture and poorly executed by lithography. They are the 5c in dark blue and in carmine, and 10c purple. It is expected that other values will follow of this local print.



PERU.—(*22c of new design.*)—The 22-cent green, reported in our November number, with figure of Liberty similar to the 1895 issue, has been issued.

ORANGE RIVER.—(*Provisional 4d.*)—The 6d blue V. R. I. has been surcharged "4d" in red.

PERSIA.—(*Provisional 5 kran.*)—The current 50 kran brown has been surcharged diagonally 5k and Arabic characters. A number of other surcharges are reported, but as their object has not been explained, we consider them of little interest.

ROUMANIA.—(*15b in new color.*)—We have received from Whitfield, King & Co. the current 15 bani in a new color—lilac-grey instead of black, on pink tinted paper.

ST. HELENA.—(*King's head 1/2 and 1d.*)—Two stamps, 1/2 green and 1d rose, of similar design to the Cayman Islands, have been issued.

SOMALI COAST.—(*Provisional stamps.*)—Several provisional stamps have lately been issued. 5c surcharged on 75c, 10c on 1fr, 40c on 2fr and 75c on 5fr, also 5c surcharged on the Obock 75c.

SPAIN.—(*15c in new color.*)—Whitfield, King & Co. send us the current 15 cent, printed in pale lilac instead of blue black. The reason given for this change is that the former color was too dark to show the cancellation clearly.



TRANSVAAL.—(*King's head set.*)—According to a German paper the entire set of King Edward stamps has been sent out to the colony and is possibly now in use. The values and colors are as follows:

1/2d green, head in grey-black
 1d rose, " "
 2d lilac, " "
 2 1/2d ultramarine, head in grey-black
 6d yellow brown, " "
 1s olive green, " "
 2s dark brown, " "
 2s 6d grey-black, head in lilac
 5s brown on yellow, head in grey-black
 10s brown on red, " "

TRINIDAD.—(*5s in new colors.*)—Mr. M. D. Senior informs us of a change of color in the current 5 shilling stamp. The label at bottom containing the value in now purple, and the body of the stamp lilac. The design and size remain the same as the 1896 issue in green and orange.

UNITED STATES.—(*McKinley post cards.*)—The 1c post cards were reported last month as issued; this was a mistake on the part of a Washington correspondent. The proofs of the design were accepted by the P. O. Department, but trial specimens on card, turned out so poorly that it has been decided to entirely re-engrave the die. It is now stated that these new cards will not be ready before July.