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## INTERESTING NOTES.

The new Hungarian issue of stamps comes in for sharp criticism, as being ugly and ineartistic.

Tasmania is issuing a new pictorial series of stamps. The 1d and 2d stamps recently issued, show pictures of Mount Wellington, the highest peak in the island, and a view of Hobart.

The new Austrian stamps will be in upright rectangular form, with perforated edges, and will be printed on paper provided with safety silk threads. Stamps of the helleo values will present a portrait of the Emperor, facing to the left, surrounded by a band which will bear the word "heller" at top and bottom, and the words "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post" (Imperial Royal Austrian Post) at the right and left. These inscriptions will be in colour on white ground in the values from 1 to 30 heller, and in white on coloured ground in the 40, 50 and 60 heller. The band will be broken at the four corners by labels for the numerals of value, round for the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 heller, square; for the 10, 20, 25 and 30 heller, and hexagonal for the 40, 50 and 60 heller. The postage stamps of 1, 2 and 4 crowas also bear the portrait of the Emperor,

but it will be facing to the right and impressed in relief. It is to be framed by a chain of pearls and also by an oval band for the inscription, on which, on a coloured ground, there will appear on both sides the inscription "Kais. Konigl. Oesterr. Post," and at top and bottom, also on coloured ground, the inscription "Kronen." This oval band is also interrupted at the four corners by circles, which will bear the numerals of value in white on a coloured ground. At the bottom of these stamps will appear the inscription "Eine Krone" (Zwei Kronen, Vier Kronen) on a horizontally shaded ground.

The man who has actually collected a million postage stamps lives in Dorchester, Mass. When the sister of G. H. Frost, a retired sea captain, some years ago saw the fake story that a million cancelled postage stamps would secure admission for aged women, she set him at work. Beginning in October 1890 Captain Frost has now done the job. After he learned that he was on a fruitless quest, the joy of collecting had taken such hold of him that he did not stop. Capt. Frost's spoil is thus classified: One and two cent stamps, 778,000; 3 to 15 cents, 22,000; 3 to 61 cent, Columbian issue, 8600; 3 to 10 cent, Omaha issue, 14,500; foreign, 10,000; one and two cent stamped on-