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U. S. POSTAL NOTES.

On the 3rd of September the United States Postal Department will issue a sort of fractional currency, not unlike the "shin-plasters" of war times, which will be in the shape of Postal Notes. These notes promise to be a great convenience. They are to be used in the transmission of small sums of money through the mails, but it is possible that, especially in large cities, they may pass into general circulation as a part of the currency. The notes are printed in books of 500 forms each, with the address of the post-office from which they are to be issued printed on each note. The pages of the books are perforated, so that when the notes are torn out stubs remain to show the amounts for which they were issued. A note can be filled out by a postmaster for any amount not exceeding \$5, at a cost to the sender of three cents for each note. The notes are made payable to "the bearer," and they can be used as fractional currency in any place to which they are sent. It is not probable that this idea, quite a new experiment in the United States, can prove other than a great public convenience. In such event we may look for its early introduction into Canada, where it would unquestionably be a great boon.

A NEW HAWAIIAN SERIES.—An attentive correspondent in these islands very kindly gives us advanced notice that a new series of stamps, cards and envelopes will shortly issue for the Hawaiian Kingdom. They will be as follows:—

Stamp, 25 cts., statue of Kamahameha I in profile.

do. 30 cts., portrait of Lunalilo.

do. 50 cts., profile head of dowager Queen Emma.

Reply card, 2 x 2c.; stamped envelope, 2c.; stamped envelope, 5c. The latter three will bear a view of the City of Honolulu as taken from the sea in the upper right-hand corner.

Our friend further writes:—"The colors for these various issues are not yet fully decided upon. Will write you when they are."

From other sources we ascertain that the new issues have been designed and will be executed in New York which is a guarantee that they will artistically and mechanically rival any others in use anywhere. New York designers, artists and printers to-day stand at the head of their professions and Hawaii has, we think, acted wisely in entrusting this work to their hands. She is sure to get something of which she will have reason to be proud.

The Imperial Postoffice of Germany publishes a catalogue of 8,412 newspapers, for any one of which subscriptions can be received at any postoffice in the Empire. Of these, 5,550 are in the German language, 1,022 in French, and the others in nearly all the languages of the civilized world.

TO POSTMASTERS.

THE EDITOR will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilize the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public all change.

AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.

LE REDACTEUR sera bien aise de remercier les maitres de poste que lui feront la bonte de donner de temps a autre les informations les plus recentes sur les nouvelles emissions de timbres, cartes ou enveloppes, et aussi au sujet de tous changements de routes-malles; enfin sur toutes les nouvelles a propos des reglemens postaux. Notre but est de transmettre a tous les quartiers du monde les informations importantes, lequel nous permet la grande circulation du COURIER, couvrant le monde entier.

Les personnes qui aront recu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont prices de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur connaissance.