

ly have occasion to refer to our divisions and classes.

**AUSTRIA.**—The only genuine Austrian locals are the emissions of the Danubian Steam Navigation Company. These stamps are still in actual use; they represent the tax claimed by the Company on letters posted on board their steamers after hours, and were first used in 1866, when the 10 soldi lilac and 17 soldi vermilion were issued. In 1868 the 17s. was withdrawn from service and the 10s. issued in green; last year (1871) by an error of the printer several sheets of the latter were printed in red, these are rare, and we have never seen any used specimens. Although in design these stamps are very simple, such bright colors are chosen, that they have quite an effective appearance.

Numeral of value in circle, with anchor on each side, in transverse oval frame inscribed ERSTE K K PR DONAU DAMPF-SCHIFFFAHRT—GESELLSCHAFT, ground work of horizontal lines. Col. imp. obl. perf.  
10 soldi lilac, 17s. vermilion.  
10s. green, 10s. red.

The Leitmeritz Express stamps are spurious and should not be collected, we believe that there never was any such Express Company in existence. There has appeared two issues of these "vermin," the first in 1867 which consisted of five types, 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 kreuzer printed in eleven different colors. The second series was issued in 1869, and comprised ten values, but this time only the same number of colors.

1. Numeral of value in centre, various frames inscribed EXPRESS COMPAGNIE—LEITMERITZ—ED. HOFER, ground work of crossed lines. Blk. imp.  
5 kr. (rect), 10 kr. (square), 15kr. (square). 25kr. (tri).

Dove carrying a letter surrounded by words CELEST GUTER U. POSTPAKET BEFORDERUNGS—SPEDITIONS U. COMMISSIONS BUREAU, in octagonal frame inscribed as above, value at sides. Blk. imp.  
50kr (octagonal).

Each of these stamps is printed in eleven shades:—rose, pale blue, dark blue, green, brown, yellow, lilac, iron-gray, pale green, orange and drab.

2. Arms (lion) in oval, surrounded by ornamental work in rectangular frame, inscribed ED. A. HOFER—LEITMERITZ.—EXPRESS FUR LOCAL BRIEFE.

Numerals of value, at lower corners of inner rectangle.

1kr. pale blue	10kr. vermilion
2 " carmine	12 " dark blue
3 " yellow	15 " violet
4 " yellow brown	20 " brown
5 " dark green	50 " pale green

The Gallician Railway Company issued a set of four stamps in 1867, which although genuine, can hardly be called postage stamps, as they are only used to prepay packages of newspapers, which are treated as freight, to be delivered to the consignee.

Numeral of value on shield in circle, above K. K. E. LOW PRIV., surcharged at angles G. C. L. E. (Charles Louis, Gallicia, and Eisenbahn.) Ground of ornamental work. Black and red imp. rect. perf.

3kr. buff	10kr. green
5 " lilac	20 " rose

10kr. dark lilac (error of impression)

**BAVARIA.**—In 1869 a set of locals which would come under our third class, was introduced to the philatelic world. These stamps were said to prepay letters and packages, forwarded by "The Privileged Express," from Kissingen to Schwienfurt and vice versa; the Company is said to really exist, but the stamps were manufactured by some speculating dealer for purposes, the reverse of honest.

Arms embossed, surrounded by oval frame, inscribed KISSINGEN SCHWEINFURT EXPRESS PRIVILIG, groundwork of horizontal lines, numeral in each angle. Col imp.

1kr. green	2kr. red-brown
2 " rose	3 " blue

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**—Four Express Companies, besides Wells, Fargo & Co, have had offices in this Colony for the delivery of letters. They are: "British Columbia and Victoria Express Company," "Ballou & Co's Cariboo Express," "Barnard's Cariboo Express," (evidently successors to Ballou), and "Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia and Victoria Express." The first two together with Dietz & Nelson have