

lessly exterminated. The open book of the law, which adorns one of the emissions of Bolivia, is presumably by the Bible; and the three figures by the healing spring on the stamps of Nevis may be regarded as emblematical of Faith, Hope and Charity. The Virgin islands, appropriately to their name, recall to us first of all the parable of the virgins and their lamps as recorded St. Matthew; then the mater dolorosa, or the sorrowing mother of our Lord; while in their latest issue the virgin with their lily branch seems more suggestive of the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

In the sphere of saints and angels we have St. Michael beating down the old serpent on the labels intended to popularize the Brussels exhibition; the archangel is represented on one of the Cretan stamps, and probably also on several sets got up in honor of Vasco da Gama, another angel; possibly the one referred to in Rev. xiv; 6, appears flying across one of last year's commemorative stamps of Brazil. St. Paul's escape from shipwreck, as related in the Acts of the apostles, is decided on the highest value of Malta; and we find St. George and the dragon on the fiscal postal of Tasmania and also on another stamp of Crete. A series of events in the history of St. Anthony is presented to us on a special commemorative issue of Portugal; and a similar issue of Venezuela refers to some wonderful story under the title of the apotheosis Miranda.

Amongst other developments of religion the temporal power of the papacy is indicated by the cross-keys and the tiara upon the stamps of the Roman States. On various emissions of Mexico we have a patriot of Hidalgo the priest, a patriot and reformer; while another ecclesiastic, said to be a Jesuit missionary, is shown upon the 1 cent stamp of Omaha as preaching to the red indians.

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### Continental Currency

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This money was issued by the 13 original colonies after their confederation.

This union as you all well know was brought about by England attempting to coerce the colonies unlawfully.

Before this time each colony had issued its own money which we call colonial money, according to Scott—regarded as authority—there were 111 different bills issued in 11 different series. The first issued was at Philadelphia dated May 19th 1775 and consisted of the following denominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 70 and 80-dollars.

We recently saw an article going the rounds of our local papers that a certain person had a \$60 bill of this date, the only one in existence and if desired the government would redeem it giving the possessor \$60. in money issued at the present coinage, such is not the case, these bills are worth no more than cancelled stamps so far as redemption is concerned.

The curio collector can probably purchase a similar bill for 50c. The rarest