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**On Local Stamps.**

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Our readers no doubt will feel disappointed that our article on the Confederate Provisionals is not continued in this number, but as this is, from the scarcity of specimens, a rather difficult subject to write upon, we have obtained the assistance of a prominent New York collector, and as the manuscripts are not quite completed, we have deemed it better to hold over this subject until next month, than to publish it as it is and perhaps omit several important details which we have not as yet been able to obtain; being prompted by a desire to make this article the most accurate one yet published on the subject, we intend illustrating it with cuts of the various emissions of the Southern postmasters, and these will only be ready by next month.

The next country after the Confederate States in which locals have been issued is—

**DENMARK.**—The Danish locals consist of several sets of railway stamps, employed in the same way as the Austrian, and two government emissions for the town of Holte. The railway stamps measure in size about 2 inches by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  so that a complete set would take up a considerable space; they are hardly worth collecting, but are really genuine stamps, used by a large railway company on packages of newspapers. The

town of Holte is situated about six miles from the capital; in the year 1868 the local authorities issued an adhesive stamp, to be used to defray the expenses of the post to and from the adjoining districts, in this way it is employed in exactly the same manner as the Russian locals. The country letter carriers always have a supply of these stamps, and affix one to every letter from the town, which instead of being obliterated in the usual way has a small hole punched in it by the postman; they also put it on letters from the country, and the stamps thus employed are cancelled by the town officials, with their regular hand-stamp. As yet Holte is the only town which uses these stamps, but we would imagine that if a town so near the capital has to make use of them, the other towns would require something of the kind as well. Two types have appeared, the first although issued in 1868 was not discovered till 1870, the other was issued on the 15th of September last, and was described in our December number.

Seal of the railway company embossed in oval; inscription, DE JYDSK-FYERKE

JERNBANER. Col. imp.

8 skilling, green, 12 sk., red.

The same without the seal. Col. imp.

8 skilling, green, 12 skilling, red.

The same with figure of value in oval.

Col. imp.

8 skilling, brown. Perf and unperf.