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## NEWS OF THE MONTH

After fifty years of an honorable philatelic career, Wurtemberg as a stamp issuing country, comes to an end. The stamps of the German Empire since April 1st, are the only ones used throughout that kingdom. The student of history, as told in stamps, will always find much of interest in the emissions of the German states. They are not what are called "pretty" stamps, and have not had the fortune or misfortune to have even been fashionable stamps, but there is a warm corner in the heart of all veteran collectors for the good solid old Germans. Baden, Bremen, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hanover, Lubeck, the Mecklenburgs, Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony and now Wurtemberg have all been absorbed by the Deutsches Reich. Only Bavaria remains with its postal autonomy, of the good old stand byes, current when philately had its birth. Will it, too, lose its postal identity? The album of the future will tell us.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—(Official 2c.)—The 2c stamp of the new official set, of the issue of which some doubts were expressed in our Feb. number, has since appeared in the color originally announced—orange brown.

**AUSTRIA.**—(35 heller stamp.)—A new value has to be added to the current set, 35 heller green, with numerals in the corners in black. It is like the rest of the series, surcharged with diagonal bars of yellow varnish.

**BELGIUM.**—(Postal packet stamps.)—Several new stamps have recently been added to the "postal packet" or "railway" series, as follows:—30c orange, 40c green, 70c blue, 90c red. The central figures are, as in the other values of the set, in black. Two other values fr. 1.10 and 3 fr. will probably be issued soon.

**BRAZIL.**—(New stamps ordered.)—S. G. Monthly states:—"This country has ordered a complete new outfit of stamps and postal stationery of all kinds from Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of London, so we may hope before long to see something superior to the poorly de-

signed and badly executed labels which have been issued in Brazil during the last twenty years."

**BRITISH GUIANA.**—(6c color changed.)—The *Am. J. of P.*, on the authority of a German paper, reports the 6c changed in colors from lilac and brown to grey-black and ultramarine.

**BULGARIA.**—(Provisional unpaid letter stamps.)—The stamps mentioned in our February number, surcharged "T" were unofficial; they were used at the Rustchuk office only for a few days in December during a temporary lack of the regular unpaid letter stamps.



**CAYMAN ISLANDS.**—(The new stamps.)—We illustrate the type of the new stamps announced last month. The 2½d and 6d have the figures of value on a background of horizontal lines, while in the 1s there is no background.



**COLUMBIA REPUBLIC.**—(Cartagena Provisionals.)—From Mr. M. D. Senior we have received specimens of two new provisionals, 5 centavos violet and 10c brown. They are coarsely lithographed stamps, with a rough pin perforation, and bear as a control mark a five pointed star, hand stamped in red.

**CURACAO.**—(Provisional 12½c.)—The *Am. J. of P.* reports the current Netherlands 12½c blue surcharged with the word CURACAO at bottom and the value in the upper corners.

**DANISH WEST INDIES.**—(Unpaid letter stamps.)—A set of lithographed unpaid letter stamps has been issued, consisting of 1, 4, 6 and 10 cents, all in blue on white paper. They are rough lithographs of square shape, having the king's initials "C. R." and a crown in the centre.