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Quite a number of Countries are using or have used, the figures of indigenous members of the animal kingdom, in their designs for stamps. Among these may be mentioned: New South Wales, represented by the kangaroo, emu, and lyre bird; Japan, by the Peacock; Western Australia, by the swan; Newfoundland, by the dog, seal and codfish; Canada, by the beaver; Liberia, by the elephant and rhinoceros; Peru, by the Llama; Guatemala, by the quetzal; Borneo, by the crocodile; and Perak, one of the divisions of the Straits Settlements, by the tiger.

## New Portugese Stamps.

The postage stamps recently issued by Portugal, to commemorate the centennial of the infante, Don Henriques, are of unusual interest and beauty. There are thirteen denominations of this issue, of 3 different designs, viz: 5 reis yellow, 10 reis rose, 15 reis dark brown, 20 reis violet, 25 reis dark green, 50 reis blue, 75 reis carmine, 80 reis light green, 100 reis light brown on buff paper, 150 reis carmine on light pink paper, 300 reis dark blue on buff paper, 500 reis violet on pale violet paper, and 1000 reis black on gray paper. There were five hundred thousand of the series up to the one hundred reis issued, and thirty thousand of the higher denominations. They were made at Leipzig.

## Postal Card Birthday.

The postal card had a birthday not long ago. Its twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated at Vienna. Dr. Emanuel Herman an Austrian, first invented the card. It was first used in Austria-Hungary. In 1873 it was used in Germany, and in 1880 it was adopted by the International Postal Union. In regard to its use, here are some interesting figures: In Austria, 100,000,000 are in use every year; in English post offices 250,000,000; and in the whole world about 1,000,000,000.