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NEW STAMPS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

An interesting issue will shortly be in the hands of the public. Our postage stamps have long been in a transitory state. It seems strange that the country that was first to use the postage stamp, has gone on for so many years, using the most inartistic stamps in the world.

The present penny stamp was merely the extension to postal purposes of a label designed for the revenue department. The original penny stamp, since stamps have been printed on fine paper, was of a salmon color, with a half-penny label in green. These did not give satisfaction. An indigo label was introduced for the latter, while the rather sombre heliotrope-colored revenue stamp did duty both for penny postage and receipt.

In the meantime, the Post Office Savings Bank receiving deposits in stamps made the considerable alteration of turning stamps into money, and Government required to be safeguarded against the machinations of a novel kind of coiners and "smashers."

There was much less risk in experiments chemically to discharge the obliterating marks on a used label, than in the ordinary operations of the coiner with his dies and his batteries.

The late Postmaster-General set experts to work, made experiments on the stamps used by other nations, and considered all the most recent scientific improvements. It was obvious that the most artistically designed stamps in existence are the French, which are at once engraving

of great beauty, and mark the value of each label clearly and legibly.

In the meantime, we went on with our stopgap circulation. Our new collection will soon be issued, and will embrace all values, from a half-penny to £5.—*The Philatelic Magazine*.

NOTES.

The Parcel Post is about to be extended to Ceylon and Labuan.

Readers will notice the change in the management of this paper. Mr. Lowe having gone to reside in England.

**Publishers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of their paper, and we shall be happy to do the same in return.

The PHILATELIC MONTHLY has finished its eleventh volume this month.—Well done, Mr. Durbin, may the monthly live to see eleven more years.

Recent statistics show that last year in the number of newspapers conveyed in domestic mails, the United States was first with 852,180,792; Germany next, with 439,089,800; France third, with 310,188,636; Great Britain fourth, with 152,739,100; while Italy follows with 99,509,179. In the number of letters despatched in the international mails the positions are reversed, Great Britain ranking first with 46,051,500, and the United States fifth with 22,569,120.

We have received the following papers up to date, publishers accept our thanks:—The Youth's Ledger, The Excelsior, The Philatelic World, Philatelic Monthly, Collectors Companion, Stamp Collectors Journal, Tidings from Nature, Philatelic Journal of America, Empire State Philatelist, Stamp World, Briefmarken-Zeitung, Philatelic Tribune, Philatelic Observer, Foreign Stamp Collectors News, Capital City Philatelist, Philatelic Magazine, Michigan Philatelist, The Hermes, Stamp and Coin Gazette.

NEW ISSUES.

Argentine Republic.—The engraved 12c. has made its appearance of the same design as ½c. and 1c. of 1884.

Azores.—The 500 reis and 1000 reis black of Portugal are surcharged in small red letters, for use in the Azores.

Bangkok.—The 32c. of Straits Settlements 1867, was in use for a

short time with surcharged "B." Mr. Bogart has received also of the 30 of 1873 similarly surcharged.

Bolivia.—A new series of stamps is reported.

Brazil.—A new 100 reis was issued October 3rd with figures of value in a square.

Ceylon.—The 2 cent card is announced surcharged "10" cents and the 8 cent card "5 cents."

Congo Free State.—Stamps will be issued January 1st, 1886. They bear the bust of Leopold of Belgium, and the inscription "Etat Independent du Congo," with values below in centimes, 5c. green; 10c. carmine; 25c. blue; 50c. lilac; post card 15c. brown on buff.

Dutch Indies.—An envelope, 10c. brown, has been issued.

Labuan.—The 8c. red has been surcharged 2c. in black same as the 16c. The color of the 2c. has been changed to red and the 8c. to violet.

Malta.—An ½d. band green is reported, the color green.

Mexico.—Mr. Durbin has received the following of the new issue: 2c. carmine; 3c. brown; 4c. red; 5c. blue; 10c. orange; 12c. brown; 25c. blue. Post cards of 2, 3, and 5 centavos, single and double are also in use. The color of the official stamp has been changed to green.

Persia.—Bands of 1sh. and envelopes of 6sh. and 12sh. are to be issued soon, also a new series of stamps effigy of the Shah in profile.

Puttialla.—The 2 annas service stamp of India has been surcharged for Puttialla State.

Reunion.—The 4c. violet is surcharged 5c. in black.

Roumania.—A 15 bani red brown stamp is issued of the new type.

Siam.—The ½ att stamp surcharged. "1 TICAL".

St. Lucia.—A new stamp has been issued, 1 shilling, orange.

Straits Settlements.—The 5c. blue has been surcharged 2c.

Surinam.—A series of unpaid letter stamps has been issued of similar design to those of Holland, red, violet on white, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 40c.

Victoria.—The 1d. card of the new type is carmine on white and on buff also.

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