

coming the "fashion," the inevitable result of which will be a big increase in price of 50 per cent. of the varieties. These are scid, substantial and handsome-looking issues, and make a splendid showing, the colors being varied and good and the designs fine.

The stamps of Bulgaria are a good investment at the ruling discounts. Secure both used and unused varieties.

The stamps of Chili, S. A., are a good investment at present discounts. Get used and unused.

The stamps of Hawaii are a good investment at present discounts. Collectors of moderate means must begin at 1364-71 issue however, as former issues cost too much.

The stamps of Peru, S. A., a good investment at ruling discounts.

The stamps of Guatemala, C. A., are a good investment at present discounts.

The same may be said of the stamps of India—indeed, I look for these stamps to take a boom some of these days. All other British colonies have taken well with the collecting public, and I see no reason why India should prove an exception. At present her stamps are low-priced as compared with other British colonies.

The stamps of Russia are a good investment.

Besides these every collector ought to specialize Canada and United States. These stamps are never out of date. They are always the "fashion" with collectors. Some of the most rare

Canadian stamps can be obtained by going through old correspondence because the first stamps were introduced in 1851.

### New Postal Cards.

A new postal card of Austria is announced. The inscriptions are in German, Polish and Ruthenian. The value of the card is 2 krenzers. Color, brown.

The Newfoundland post cards are now printed on buff, somewhat the same as the issue of 1880. The color is given a yellow green on cream paper. Value 1 cent.

Peru has a new post card, a 2 centavo surcharged on 5 cents in similar manner to the 1893 issue. The stamps are described as 2 centavos or 5 cents blue on black on white.

Egyptian Soudan, the present cards of Egypt have been surcharged Soudan. The following are the surcharges:—

3 milliemes, black on brown violet,

5 milliemes, black on carmine.

5x5 milliemes, black on carmine.

1 Piaster black on blue on pale blue.

The Cape of Good Hope 1 1-2 penny has been surcharged one penny in block type in two lines across.

### A Bottle Post.

The inhabitants of the small group of islands situated on the south of Iceland, possess a very curious method of communication, in their so-called "bottle post." When the wind blows from the south, and one of the islanders wishes to communicate with the mainland, he puts