



The new comer is without doubt the handsomest card doing postal service in the world, excepting the English embossed card, and we may say the smallest its size being $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. It was engraved by the

American Bank Note Co.

of New York, whose impression it bears on the margin. The ground work is most beautifully and perfectly executed, being one continuous inscribed scroll, starting from about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch above the lower left angle. The exact significance, if they have any, of what appears to be the declining rays of a setting sun, which are cast over about three-fourths of the card, emanating from the lower left corner, we are unable to define; doubtless they were added by the engravers to lend additional beauty to the already very chaste design of the card. As may be observed, the stamp employed is of similar design with the one cent adhesive. The employment of white card is a decided improvement upon the colored card hitherto generally used. The impression is in green. The three cent Bill stamp, Rose, comes over impressed in a very pretty shade of ultra marine. This is doubtless the exodus of the report of a newly designed three cent stamp.

RUSSIA.—LOCAL.



Podolsk, (Moscow).—The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* asks "What can be the meaning of the two crutch-like ornaments, *saltire*, which adorn the *Podolsk* stamps?" To our view they bear a much nearer

resemblance to the official gavel. As to what

their real purport or significance is however we are as much in the dark as our contemporary. Probably further information will be forthcoming by our next issue. Impressions in blue-green and yellow-green on white paper.

Berdiansk, (Moscow).—The current stamp exists in two very distinct shades, viz. ;

10 kop. blue and yellow-green ;

" greenish blue, and pale yellowish green.

From our *St. Petersburg* correspondent we have specimens of several newly issued local stamps for description. First comes that of—

Melitopol, (Taurida).—Design identical with that of the 3 kop. blue, and 3 kop. red ; value 5 kop. black. Our correspondent informs us also that a companion stamp for the *Schem* 3 kop. has been recently, or is about to be issued. It will be of the value of 5 kop. and will probably be impressed in red.

Perm, (Perm Gov'm't).—The specimen before us is somewhat after the style of the Russian Government stamps,—square, with numeral of value in centre, and is of much larger type than any of its sister locals we have yet seen, its size being $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A small circle in the centre encloses the numeral of value with its Russian epitome ; surrounding this is a dotted band : encircling this band is another, containing Russian inscriptions ; this is surrounded by a groundwork of a plaid pattern. The centre of the stamp is uncolored :

3 kop. black on lemon, unperf.

Livni, (Orel.) This Government has supplanted the homely rose colored label recently issued, by a more formal and proportionate-looking one. The devices illustrated on the new comer, are entirely novel and unique, so