douce" consisting of the 1, 5, 8½, 10 and 12½ cent values. In 1864, a 2 cent was added. We have shades of most values and the 5 cent is found on both white and bluish paper. There are counterfeits of all but they are very poorly lithographed and perforated 12½ while the genuine is perforated 12 and the paper in the counterfeit is generally to thick.

Of the provisional issues of this province there are various combinations the com-

monest being half of 6d, used as 3d, and half of 10 cent used as 5 cents but they are of no value unless on the original envelope and well postmarked. Being more valuable in this state, they have often been cut and put on the envelope by dishonest dealers.

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U. S. NOTES.

The New stamps are now on sale.—Parties in Florida, it is said are forging the cancellation of the 20 cent Confederate.—The Weekly Phil. of N. Chester, Pa., has suspended publication. Subs. filled by the Era.—The Bicycle stamp excitement has partly blown over.—Texas now has two weekly Phil. Papers.—It is reported that