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HALIFAX, N. S, JOLY, 1884.
NEW URUGUAYAN STAMPS.
This country has at last received the long promised new series of stamps, and they are very creditably execated.

The following is a rescription of each :-
One centesimo; green. In the centre is a figure " 1 ", surrounded by a ray halo something like a ten-pointed star. Outside of this are two ares of a circle, the upper one having "Republica "Jriental," and the lower "Centesimo." Below in two lines are "Del" and "Uruguay:"

Two centesimos; vermillion. The centre is occupied by a figure " 2 " in a dotted and a plain circle. In an arc at the top is the word "Republics," and below it is a straight band bearing the word "Oriental." Below the circle above mentioned is a straight band containing the word "Centesimos," underneath this "DDel," and farther down an arc inseribed " Uruguay:" All the inscriptions are in small white, broad-faced letters. The rest of the face is occapied by scroll, lined and other ornamental work.

Five centesimos; blue. This stamp has a representation of the sun in the centre, surrounded by a diamondshaped frame, which bears the usual inscription. This
is more roughly gotien up than any of the others, and, being lithographed instead of engraved, as are the reat, is evidently only a provisional and will probibly be soon supplanted by the regular stamp of this value.
Seven centesimos; brown. A bust of one of the prominent men in the country's history occupies the centre surrounded by an oval frame carrying the usual inscriptions, and the oval is broken near each lower corner by a shield bearing tho figure of value, " 7 ."
Ten centesimos; bistre-brown. This is ons of the neatest of the series. The centre is occupied by a threequarter face bust of a leading general looking to the left. Outside of the portrait is a horse-shoe frame, with the words "Republica Oriental Del Uruguay" surrounded by a Gothic shield. At the bottom of the horse-shoe, and between the heels, is a small shield with the figures of value, "10," and across the foot of the stamp the word "Centesimos."
Twenty centesimos; purple. This stamp is very artistic. The asual inscription is borno in a scroll-band, disposed so as to resemble the letter "Z," and largo rustic figures of value are intertwined with the scroll, running diagonally fiom near the lowar left to near the upper right-hand corners.
Twenty-five centesimos; slate. This stamp is also very beautifully designed and perfectly executed. In the centre aro the Uruguavan arms-an oval shield, with four quarterings, containing, respectively, a pair of scales, a mountain surmounted by a tower, a horse and a cow. On either side of this shield are representations of native plants, and over it is one of the sun. Outside is a black triple circle, which bears on the left the word "Republica," on the right "Oriental," and in the lower third "Centesimos." The circle is broken at the top by a shield with the figures of value, " 25 ," and bolow by bands running diagonally from either lower corner, also having the same figures. The space between these bands and below the circle has in two straight lines the words "Del" and "Uraguay."

The entire set is rouletted. The American Bank Note Company of New York, which designed and manufactured this series, deserve unstinted praise for the manner in which it has performed the contract.-EDITOR.

A STRANGER-We note that a curious error occars in the. sheets of 3 c . de p. of Porto Rico, orange, issue of 1882, and those of the same value, light brown, of 1884, in that each has one stamp bearing the figure of value "8" instead of " 3." This fact is worthy of note by collectors and should be catalogued by dealors, and publishers as forming a distinct variety and an addition to its series.





## $\Lambda$ DETECTIVE CARD.

(By henhy hfohleir.)
As inprovement on the present registration system would be the issuance of a card bearing the sameregister number as the letter to bo addressed and mailed to the party to whom the latter is sont, thus notifying him that a registered letter is on its way. The letter would, of course, go in the bag for registered matter and the card in the ordinary mail bag. This would give additional security, and in the event of a registered letter going astray, the fact would be known at once, and enquiries could immediately be set on foot, thus saving valuable time aud increasing the probabilities of its recovery. A charge should be made for such an advice card equal to that of an ordinary postal card, and it doubtless would be cheerfully paid by all sending valuable letters.

This advice card, being of the size of any ordinary postal card, would allow room for the sender to write any iniormation or instructions that he chose to his correspondent.
As it would go direct, while the registered matter to which it related would be delayed for booking at the different offices through which it passed, the card should generally reack its destination at least a day sooner than tho letter.

We think also that it would be as well to have register stamps in Canada issued in series, as are bank notes, or as the same kind of stamps are in every other country, so far as we have observed. If this was done, each number would represent a certain letter and no other. Registr stamps also should be sold only at the registration onice and as wanted, and nut as aro ordinary stamps. By this method t'ne books of each office would necessarily tally with the stamps issued.

## POSTAL FACILITIES IN GER: INY AND FRANCE.

Postal orders, which cost in France twenty-five cents for the smallest sum, are in Germany only one-fifth as much, and in the latter country an extru payment of one cent entitles the sender to have the money carried by the postman to the bouse of the person addressed, and there paid to him. In the same way tho postinen are obliged to receive money from any one who wishes to send a postal order, and give a receipt for it, entering at the same time in s, book the name of the person to whom the order is to be sent; and the postmaster then makes out and forwards the order required. A species of missive used in Germany, but nowhere else, so far as we know, is the express letter, which, for an extra postege of six cents, is forwarded to the person adilressed without passing through the post office of the town in which he lives; a messenger, who travels on every mail train, taking the letter immediately on the arrival of the train, either by day or night, to the cne it is intruded to reach. As the boses in the stations are open to receive letters until one minute before the departure of the train, an express letter of this kind can be transmitted very-quickly.

## ODDITIES IN PERUVIAN STAMPS.

(BY THE EDITOR.)
To illustrate the vast fold for varieties opened by the Chilian uccupation of Yeru, we note that in one denomination alone-the 10 centavos green, surcharged with the arus of Chili-no less than 18 variations occur. These surcharges aro in five colors-black, blue, vermillion, yellow and macenta. Besides many of "he surcharges are in roverse and here and there in $\varepsilon$ gheet is found $n$ stamp unsurcharged. It behoves collectors to give attention to all these differences, and also to remember that those mentioned above as having no surcharges should not be detached from those next to them that bear it, as, if they are separated, the proof of their claracter as provisionals is destroyed.
The variations noted above, are as follows -
1st.-The surcharge placed plain and upright.
2nd. -The sane in reverse.
3rd.-The upright and reverse combined.
As there are tive different colors, and the above: variations appear in each, this gives a total of 15.
In addition the sheets surcharged in blue show instances of unsurcharged next to each of the above, thus adding three to the list, and making the total as stated (18.)
Though some "plodders" in the fields of philately may be so little imbued with the spirit of the science as not to appreciate these technical points, we are sure that all who take a real interest in olsicrviing these variations, on which depends a proper knowledge of the art, will thiank us for pointing out the facts in this matter.

## DISHONEST POSTAL CLERKS.

Every few months some clerk in the Post offices in this country is detected in purloining and appropriating valuable letters passing through his hands, but usually the fanily or political influence of the offender, through which his appointment was gained, avails to secure him from any punishment other than dismissal. This is not as it should be, for all over the world the fear of purishment is a more powerful deterrent to wrong-doing than is principle, and the more certain and severe the punishment the greater is its force. Of course the large majority of postal clerlss are strictly honest and reliable men, but in every flock there will be some black sheep, and these. when discovered should be treated as the law prescribes.
This is a matter the importance of which cannot be over-rated. The position of a postal clerk is probably the rnost responsiblo as regards Lis relations to the public that exists in the whole range of governmental offices. Even if a dishonest clerk is detected, and if heor his bondsmen are forced to make restitution, the delay and interruption of basiness and the injury, and sometimes ruin, inflicted on innocent persons cannot be measured by money alone, to say nothing of shaking pblic confidence in the post office as a safe medium of communication and transmission.

## A HISTORIC TOKEN．

As we are avare that many philatalists are also inter－ ested in the kindred science of numismatics we would direct their attention to a local coin of this province－ the＂Broke Token．＂This was of the value of a halt－ penny and eirculated for a time as such．It was of copper，and was struck to commemorate the celebrated victory of Capt．Booke，commandiug H．M．frigate ＂Shannon，＂over Capt．Lawrence，commanding the U．S． warship＂Cherapenke．＂The face bears the bust of Captain Broke，with his name over the bust forming a portion of a circle around the outer edre of the coin， and the legend，＂Halifax，Nova Scotiu＂The obverse of the coin hus the figure of Britannia，bearing the two ships occupying the sea view，on which ske is supposed to be looking，the word＂Britannia＂in a seg－ ment of a circle overhead and＂ 1814 ＂below．This coin is unique，and but few are known to be in existence．It will be remembered that in the war of 1812－14 between the United States and Great Britnin a challengo passed between the commanders ne cur，two vessels－which were of about the same size and carried nearly equal armanent and force of guns and men－to fight a sort of duel．The battle was＂short，sharp and decisive．＂In tifteen minutes after their meeting all but about five of the Americans were killed or wounded，and the English－ man had lost two－thirds of his men．All the American officers being put hors de combut，one of the survivors hauled down the flag of the＂Chesspeake＂in token of surrender．The＂Shannon＂was so much injured by the rapid and accurate fire of her enemy that Capt．Broke at first almost decided to abandon her and take to his prize with his crew for safety．With the help，however，of his prisoners he kert buth the vessels atloat and brought them into Halifax harbor．Con：mander Lawrence was kilied in the action，and was buried in Halifax，thour． his remains rere subsequently taken home to Boston． Capt．Broke was also mortally wounded，died shortly afterwards，and was interred in the old cemetery on the coner of Pleasant street and Spring Garden Road in this city where his body still rests，with many of those of the crews of both ehips．The prisoners were ex－ changed shortly after the battle．－By THE Editor．

## THE FOLLOWING FOSTAL REGULATIONS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED．

Bottles of whiskoy should be well corked．
Alligators over ten feet in length are not allowed to be transmitted by mail．

Ohid maids，feather bed，and inflated halloons ate un－ mailable．Ratuies can ber sent as third－class matter．
Jolm Suith gets his mail from 674,269 post offices， hence a letter directed to John Smith will reach him．

Parties are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes；the postmaster camot be compelled to do this．

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them，as sume of the postmasters have as weakness for such things．Ducks cannot be sent through the mails when alive．Their quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the $i$ ostal cars．

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please contine their gushing raphsodies to the insile of the envelope．

Garlic，onions，asnfoetida，gum camphor，Switzer， Limburger and Sapsago sent through the mails should be left open at the ends．

When watches are sent through the mails，if the sender will put a notice on the outside，the postmaster will wind up and keep running．

Egrs are not mailable unless they are fresh；and shoulil they become chickens on transit they become the property of the post office department．

Butter and Inrd are mailable in the summer months． Wrap them in a fold of tissue paper open at both ends．The butter umst have all the hair combed out of it．

When candy is sent．through the mails it is carnestly requested that both ends of the package bo left open，so that the employes of the post office may test its quality．
Nitro－glycerine and dynamite must be forwarded at risk of sender．If they should blow up in the post－ master＇s hands he cannot be held responsible．

When letters are received bearing no direction，the parties for whom it is intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster that he may at once forward．

Tape Worm．－Our readers should notice advertise－ ment of Herwood \＆Co．，who claim an infallible remedy for Tape Worm．

## EXCHANGE！

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## NEW ISSUES

## Of Adhesives, Pcst Cards, and Envelopes.

Amraus.-A 12., carmine of the now type, has made its apparanco-wuter mark O. A. abore the crown. Ald. post card le also manounced.
Amporime Repualic.-The surcharge "0mioin," is bisak, has been put apon tho ourreat series of 1c., $10 ., 80$. and 120. stampe.
avarna. -Two diforent aizes and colora exist of the atw 6 kr. onvoloper; vis:-whito, $132 \times 107$, mmand boff, $152 \times 128$, mm.
DAhayes.-Wo aro informod that a id. stamp for theso filavio will ahortly isule. A Sa . $£ 1$ stamp aro in use.
Beazim- ha antioipated in our January number, the threo jotter-oards have been obangsd in coloz to a rert dart brown. The stemp, howovor, romalne as before, excopt in the 50 reis, which hat the "lll rao" fa iargir lettern. A reply-card $80 x$ 80 rois, jollow en white, is also used. It is of tho 80 rois Jollow en white, is adso used. It
game die as the first frut of 80 rois cards.
sumoda.-The ld a atamp loara a watermark of - erown, with "C. A." below It.

- Brearaul.-Thesheots of the $\frac{1}{}$ anga, green, of this connity are orrious, in that thoy conlala 32 chapa and afford no leas than 20 rariotles eaoth.
Berrese Cciana has issuod two newsbands on bufit paper. Vaines 1 o., green, and 2c. carmino. Thoy paper. ler to those of the carrent adhenives.

Buloarth. - This country has a new reply-oard $10 \times 10$ stotinke, carmine on white.

Carke.-The long-promised cards havo at lat been isaud, viz: slue on butr, 20.0 yozo on lifao. Sc, lllao on rose, $3 \times 30$. The firat iwo named have the worde "Union Postale Viviversel" in a ourte, with "Chlle" below at tho hear. The reply card has the legend "Tarjota Postal" below the word "Chile." The stamps aro similar to the ourrent adhenives.

Cons.-The 50. and the 100. adhasives havo ohioged eolom.
Domimicar Raprazac.-Wo inform our philato io frionds that tho variety of aurcharges in the stamps of this country makes a full collection a largo and widoly difforing one. Benidos the variation of the surcharges the stampe themsclves differ, as wo remarked in our January numbes, in that somo havo and othors ase without a network ground. The 10 centatimos on 2 centaros aro xircharged in two distinct sets of tspa. The 50 centasimos on 10 contavos vary in tho same way. The 1 franco on 20 centaros raries in three distinct styles of type. One bas a capital "P"; tho others havo lower case "fa," but while one of the Ialter is in a small, condensed type, the other has a broader face, without a poriod at the ond of the word. A new stamp has been added to this series: a 50 centaros, yellow, surcharged 12 francos so conteaimos.' Philatelists haro doubtlost noticed that in theso surcharges in part of tho series tho "i" is somo. times aconted and sometimen not, thus adding a variety to tho lot.
Ecres.-The current 5 piantre stamp has been provinlocally surcharged 20 paras in largo type, and in mome instances the surcharge in inverted.
Fcoadon-a $2 c$ card of a dealgr aimilar to that decoribed in our April namber is in ciroulation.
EIJL-A prorisional has boen added to the series of this oolopy. It is a 4 d . saroharged in black on the $2 d$ mpure

Qurat Bertan.-Tho now sorios announcod in our Janasy yumber, comprising a set of 15 , bae appensed Alos, some oompound envelopes, vis:-
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GOADALODPR.-We hite roceived apecimens of \$7. provisionals of this coloay. Thoy are the ald waperforated type of atampa of 30 and 35 notimee, respeetively surobriged 20 and 25 im medistoly over thp old rilace. The now figures aro antrounted by a line, apl ebore that are the lettors
"G. P. E." and tho wholo is enclosed fu $m$ rectangular framo.
Orexas Lrtant.-The current atamps of the Gomman Empizo haro been surcharged for sorvice in Turkey, as followe:-


Hana Koxe.-The oolor of the ourrent 10 a stamp we: been ohanged to green.
 brown, and so $\times\left(\frac{1}{2}\right.$ anne blue, both on buff paper.
Taacalu. The long epuken of zerice, of tbo appoarranco of which sowo authorities havo doubted, have been putin circulallon at lest. They are of the usual lype of tae Portugueso colonies. A orown in tho contre, surroundod by a doublo cirole of Orecian draign, with the name of the colons in tho uppor portion, the word "Correio" abore and tho raluo belor in atraight lincs. The values are as follows:


Tho post offico obliteration is a double circle With a cromn, "Macuu" below it, and those before us bear the date or mailing "March 14th, 1884."
Mexico has issuod a post card for Intorior servioe only. Tho insoription is printed in a scroll band, red on buff, and in tho ursal place is isupressed ai green 5 cont stamp of tho amo typo as tho ourrent adhesive. As the entino stook of cands for exterior arrico is exbausted, a plain whito card with a 50. adhesive pat upon it has been used, and wo hase one now beiore us, bearing the mailing date of "May 13 th ." " Seeing that somo of our pbilatelie oxchanges aro in doubl whother the forics montioned in ou: last ligsue art official ur not, we hare made anquiries into the matter, and havo ascertalued that the greon stamps aro not ulioial. The ollolal tamps, of which wo hnro recoised apeoimens, aro vermil ion, oll a white ground. 'Thoy bear the portrait of the President in the contre, encircled by an oral band outaice of which is a $10 t$ work, oral with the words around tho upper half, "Serice Postal Mexica ,o,"proceded snd followed by a star. Tho lower Lnif of tho oral bas the rords, "Correspondonoia Oficial." The mholo stanp is rectangular, and is roughly perforated. It is quite a neat afair. $A$ registration stamp, much reembling those of the U S of Colambia, blue on white, octogonal in shape, has heen issued. In the centre If a large " $R$ " surrounied by $a$ wido opal band bearing the inseription, "U. P. O." In the upper seetion and "Reprabliquo Mexicane" in tho lower. Across the opper geld is "Mrexico-D. F." and below is a label for the number.
Moxtsergat.-A la. stamp of tho neanl dio aod bearing the Fatermark C. A. and a crowa hes issued.
Nevis-i'he ourrent 1d. green, has leon changed to carmipe.
New Calxdonta.-Tho provisional 5o on 750 carmine, uoted in our last, has tho suroharge inrerted. There are three varietios of this.
Ornxar Pxez State has a very neat ld. post cand-orange on atout, white card board It beart the coat of arms of the State in the contre, Fith the ordipary iascription and tho sdhesive in the unual place, and the whole is earroanded by a fancy border. A 2 d ., maure, stamp of the current dealgo haralso issued.
Pesu.-Thare has been a change in the anroharge of the oartis of this attion. Thoy now bear at the top a representation of the sun with "Porn" abore and"Correo"below. The surchanges are indiriterant oolort for the various ralues: blue for the $\& x 4 \mathrm{c}$. violot for the se., rod for the fe., and green for the 3a.
The 10 e. green is niow issued without a surcharge. The following now surcharge have been made, the anroharged word bolag in an black triangle:-
bo., blue-red oral, "lama."
30c., grean, "Pora."

1sol., rose, "Peru,"
10., nufaid, blue oval, "Liman"

Patlippine Islaydg-Tho color of the ourrent 10c. do peso, has beon cbanged 80 a vory light mane. The 20 de p. carnine lixs been suroharged io green, "Habilitado Pu Cortcon 8 cuns" in: circie. We haro tho asme twley inproased, asd alio in revarse. The 24.8 has boca surctarged in like manner in blaek, "Dos Rles." We hare bofore us tho 30 do p. blue, suroliarged in green, in the eame way, "Ua Keal." This rarcharge oeours both upright and linvorted. Tho current 80. do y. npponrs in vory dnrk brown.

Pukta kicu.-The ic. do no Lat clannged fmm yollow to blatro, add the 80 e . do p. to bluc.
Spain.-This kingdom has six netr carde. Thoy are:
cents......................green.

...................... greon (reply).

Thay all hare the current adbisiso on the upper righl-havd corner with the altontion at tho top or Comtaunicioties."
Gavr Lucta-T
解 ureharged "Ono Shilling" in basek on urange.
Saikt Viscext.-Iwn cands for this culony hine appeared: la, carmine nid yid. bruwn. The curds are large, and the atamps on thoupper right corner rery much rescmbla thriso uf Camua.
Sardmica Ielaxds. This kingdom iesued about the 10th of June, an nem zeries of onvelopes on white paper, vis: 10. greon, 20. pisk, 4c. vermililon, se. bluo and 10 c . black. The design of tho adtosivo is a viow of Iionolula, in a framemeasuring $\mathbf{j} 2 \times 28 \mathrm{mln}$, and surmeunted by a crown, The ) cont onvolopo berrs tho logend "1 kenela, 1881. 1 cent," at the tup, "Honoln n , Jawali" at the bottom and at cach sido a tasge agare of value. The others are similar, oily rarying in tho Dgures of thodiferent ralues, Thore are two tizes - the $1 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{2c}$;and 5 c ., measnre $\mathbf{3 6 x}$ : 0 mm , and the 40 ., 3o. and 10 c . aro 150 x 83 mm . The 20 , havo threo detted pink lines for address.
Stxclahavo.-A now stamp has sian farued by this ropublic. It may be describod as follow: :-A shiold surmounted by a fre-polnted star and haviog a soroll belor is onclored in a rectangu'as frame. This frame bears the insoription "Republlick," on the lef, "Stellaland," on the right, "Een Penay" above and "Post Zege" bolow. The color is rormilion on white paper, and it is unperforated.
Styatrs Sktriswexis.---The obsolete i2ch. stamp, blac, is being utilized by sureharging it with the Ggure 8, and the words "cents "in small roman capitals below.
Suxisax. - One of our philatelle axchanges notos the appearance of a $2 \%$ orange, and a $12 \frac{1}{2}$ a blue. Wo cansot rouch for them as wo hare not soen them.

Tulisa. .-Tho 5e. and 10c. appear on blue paper. Trisidad. --This faland edjoys the possetsion of series of six oards. The ralues and colora are:-

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