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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

We again present a long list of novelties this month, most of them of considerable interest. We have decided in future to chronicle, under a separate heading, new counterfeits that we hear of, and those stamp emissions which are plainly of a purely speculative nature, that is, designed to take advantage of the Philatelist's collecting instinct by turning it to a source of pront for impecunious postal administrations. It is not always easy to draw the line between speculative and legitimate issues. Many persons consider all provisional and surcharged stamps speculative, experience however, and a careful 'consideration of each individual case plainly show that the opposite is generally true. The stamps for most countries are manufactured elsewhere than in the country where they are used, consequently an unusual demand for any particular stamp, a change of postal rates leaving a large stock of a useless value on hard, or other similar legitimate reasons, are the ordinary motive for surcharges, which can be made in the local printing office. Where these valid reasons exist a provisional stamp becomes of prime Philatelic interest, as marking some event of historical importance, which as we have so often insisted is what gives to our pursuit a real value. Others condemn commemorative issues because not necessary for actual postal requirements: to this we do not agree, for there is no reason why historical events, so often commemorated by coinage and medals, should not also be marked in the minds of a nation by an object of such popular use as a postage stamp.

We hope to treat of this subject more at length at an early day.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRIA.—We have now seen most of the values of the new set of adhesives, also a post card 5 heller green. The type illustrated in our February number is used for the values from 1 to 6 heller, the Io, 20 and 25 heller have the numerals of value in squares instead of clrcles, while the higher heller values resemble the old type (A 14).

BAVARIA. — The new stamps of the current set have appeared. The values and colors are:

2 pf. gray, 40 pf. yellow. 30 " olive, 80 " lilac.

Watermarked wavy lines, perforated

BELGIUM.—Our Antwerp correspondent informs us that the changes he advised us of in December and reported by us in our January issue, have been postponed till a later date, probably some time in March, as the supply of stamps on hand with the Sunday label is sufficient to last till then. It is reported from another source that the new stamps will be of different designs to the current set.

BRAZIL.—In order to conform with U. P. U. rules the colors of the 50,100 and 200 reis have been changed to green, rose and dark blue. Four pictorial stamps, commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil were issued January 1st for domestic postage only and available only up to February 28th. The values and colors are as follows:

100 r. red (Discovery of Brazil) 200 r.dark green(Independence or Death) 500 r. blue (Abolition of Slavery) 700 r. green (Statue of the Republic)

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—The *Monthly Circular* reports "that this possession which now uses Queensland stamps is to have an issue of its own."

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal reports a provisional 2c. post card formed by over printing the 3c card, carmine on buff, of 1891 with the new value.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—A 1d. stamp, carmine red, commemorative of the adoption of Imperial penny postage was issued at the beginning of the year. A press despatch says: "it is neat in design but is unfavorably criticised, because of the entire absence of any indication of Im

perial connection." The upper half of stamp depicts the colonial arms, below is a view of Table Bay with Cape Town and Table Mountain in the back-ground, figures of value, id. occupy each corner.

CHILL-As announced in our December number the "Postage due" stamps have been withdrawn from use. stock of remainders was sold at auction September 23rd. The following are the quantities sold and prices realized as reported by the Philatelic Journal of G. B.

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787	2	66	66	44	1	
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2,000	8	66	66	4.6	2305	
6,079		66	66	4.6		
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This sum at 30 cents to the peso would equal \$3,345.00 Canadian money. With the exception of the five first mentioned values in the foregoing list an advance in catalogue price may now be looked for in unpaid letter Chilian stamps.

A complete new series of Chilian stamps and envelopes, including news bands of 2, 4, 6, 10 and 20 centavos has been contracted for with Waterlow & Sons of London. The Philatelista Brazileiro, which first reports this news, states that the design will remain the same as heretofore but the colors and values will be changed. L'Essor Philatelique reports that the new set will comprise the following adhesive stamps.

> green IOC violet 2C carmine 200 black blue 50C brown,

Also registration envelopes of 15c violet and 20c black, but only two news bands 2c and 20c.

CHINA.—The 5 cents (London print) has been changed in color from salmon to a bright orange red.

Japanese offices .- The Metropolitan Philatelist repats the establishment of Japanese post offices in China, and the issue of stamps, surcharged in black or red with Japanese characters on the curren issue of Japan. The red surcharge is on the 5r, 1s, 2s, 5s, 8s. and 25s, and the black on the remaining values of the cnrrent set.

COREA. - This country has joined the Universal Postal Union and a set of 4 stamps, similar in design to those of Japan is to appear,

Japanese Offices, - L'Essor Philatelique reports the new issue of Japan 5 rin, 1, 2 and 3 sen, surcharged with the word "Corea" in Japanese characters, as in use since January 1st, at the post office

at Seoul.

CRETE.—The new permanent issue is in preparation. It is printed in London and consists of 9 stamps of various designs, including a portrait of Prince George, in value from I lepton to 5 drachma.

FINLAND.—It is reported in the press that there is a conflict of authority between the Russian Government and the Senate of Finland, which has refused to sanction the decree abolishing the use of Finnish stamps, meanwhile the report comes to hand that all the Firland remainders have been bought up by a Parisian dealer.

FRANCE. - The government has accepted the design drawn by M. Joseph Blanc for the lower values of the set to be issued in May, I to 5 centimes. In the central oval, at the right side, is a female wearing the Phrygian cap representing Liberty, she holds a balance representing Equality, upon the scales of which two cupids embracing symbolise Fraternity. The work of the engravers on the three new designs of MM. Mouchon, Merson and Blanc is now in progress.

FRENCH CONGO. - Le Philateliste Francais illustrates a new type for this colony. It represents a Congo woman armed with a lance, standing in a crescent formed of two elephants tusks. No particulars are given in regard to values and colors, but only one type is to be employed for all values.

GREAT BRITAIN. - Messrs Stanley, Gibbons advise us that the contemplated issue of 1/2d and 1s stamps in new colors will not appear for some months to come.

HUNGARY. - We illustrate the new stamps which are now freely arriving on mail matter. It will be noticed that the new coinage in the land of the Magyar is the "filler," equal to the Austrian "heller."



The change of currency has according to press reports, been the cause of much confusion and annoyance at the post offices, and profanity we have no doubt.

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The Austrian name for the coinage was perhaps modified to avoid this on the part of the fiery Hungarians. The complete corrected list of values and colors is as follows:



1	filler	gray	25 filler blue	
2	6.6	bistre	30 " orange brown	n
3	66	orange	50 " maroon	
3	66	purple	60 " olive	
5	66	green	I korona red brown	١
6	6.6	claret	3 " blue green	
10	66	carmine.	5	

Newspaper stamp.



(2 f.) No value expressed, red.

MARIANNE ISLANDS. - These islands commonly known as the Ladrone group were with the exception of Guam included in the sale of the Caroline group by Spain to Germany and it is now said that an issue is in preparation surcharged "Marianen-Inseln" on German stamps.

NEW ZEALAND.—We illustrate the Postage Due stamps described at length in our February number, by our Australian correspondent.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. - U. S. post cards, of 1c and 2c, and 2c reply with the name surcharged below the stamp are reported, also a 1 cent envelope green on white paper.

SALVADOR. - The Monthly Circular reports the following new post cards:

I centavo olive on salmon

brown on green, single & reply blue on blue grey

SARAWAK. - The Era is the first to record two new adhesives of the current type-8c. yellow value in ultra-marine, and 16c, brown value in light green. The A. J. of P. also reports the following: 12c. violet, 25c. brown and blue, 5oc. olive and carmine and \$1 carmine and green, and from the M. C. we learn that a 4c. surcharged in red on the 6c. green has appeared (Type A 2.)

SIAM. - Further particulars and specimens, have arrived of the set reported by us last month. The design is a profile of the King to left and values and colors are as follows:

I att olive 10 atts blue

2 " green 12 " filac & carmine 3 " red & blue 24 " lilac and blue 4 " carmine 64 " lilac and brown

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. -We illustrate the new 1/2d stamp reported in our December issue, The design represents the General Post office at Adelaide. Our special eorrespondent Mr. Gosset reports a id. re-



ply card rose on buff, and the M. C. lists a 1/2d band similar to Scott type W 2 but inscribed with the name of the Colony.

TASMANIA. — We illustrate the 1d. stamp of the long advertised pictorial issue for this colony. The view represented is, as indicated on the stamp Mount Wellington, it is of carmine cowatermarked "TAS": The 2d.



stamp is the only other value of the set yet issued, is has a view of Hobart and is printed in violet. They are made by Waterlow & Sons of London. Further details and comments of the local press will be found in our Australian letter in this number.

TURKS ISLANDS,-The Virginia Philatelist is the first to report a contemplated new issue, having the coat of arms of the colony for device, to appear about the middle of the year. 2s and 3s stamps are to be added to the values now in use, when the new set appears.

URUGUAY .- The Metropolitan Philatelist announces that the 1899 5c. steel blue, and roc. red lilac have been surcharged "Oficial" for official correspondence. and from the European Journals we learn that the current 2c orange is also so treated, the 1899 5m and 1c will probably appear similarly decorated.

VENEZUELA. - Mekeel's Weekly reports surcharges of the word "Resellada" "R. F. M." on the current 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 1b. 2b, and 25c registration stamps, but is at a loss to understand the meaning of the surcharge.

VICTORIA, -Two of the new pos cards reported in our Dec. number are now in use, Id rose and 11/2d brown rose on bluish green.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

EGYPT. — French offices. As we surmised and hinted at when reporting the Post Said surcharges 25c on 10e in our last number, they turn out to be a speculation pure and simple on the part of the local post master. M. F. Marconnet a well know French specialist in I. Eeho de la Timbrologie exposes the affair, calls it a "Philatelic swindle" and states that the stamps "are simply the result of a second class post master's cupidity." Verbum sap.

Labuan.—From the London Philatelist we learn that the company which controls the postal department of Labuan (and we presume North Borneo) has sent between 7,000 and 10,000 sets of 0 to 12 varieties to Sandakan to be surcharged there, thus making a local print and a London print of the recent 4c surcharges. After being over printed the stamps are to be returned to London and none sold locally. It is probable that a few of each variety will be allowed to pass through the mails, so as to satisfy the easy

consciences of those who might hesitate

about selling as postage stamps, the products of such a Philatelic swindle. NICARAGUA. - The stamps engraved by the American Bank Note Co. for Dr. Arsenio's speculation with the Nicaraguan Government at the expense of stamp collectors, have been issued. There are 13 varieties of postage stamps, 10 of Official stamps, 7 of Postage Due, and 8 of Telegraph, 38 in all ranging in value from I centavo to 5 pesos: our space is too valuable to list them in detail. The designs, workmanship and coloring, as might be expected, are good as the labels are intended to attract the pennies of the junior collector. Serious Philatelists we believe will ignore them, as we intend to do for the future. We wish that dealers generally would do the same, we fear however that the temptation of a temporary gain, will prove too strong for some, who would consider it dishonest to sell to unsuspecting boys counterfeits or reprints. This rubbish is no better, and if the large dealers would simply treat it as a bogus issue and refuse to handle it, Dr. Arsenjo's speculation would soon come to a disasterous end. As the Nicaraguan Government is to pay nothing for the stamps, the contractor depends entirely upon the gullibility of collectors to pay the engravers and make a profit. We shall do all in our power to prevent this and hope to be supported by all the Philatelic fraternity who have the interests of our pursuit at heart.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE ADHESIVE, Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 2, January and February.

When we say that Mr. Chapman's latest venture in Philatelic literature is from the press of the Stowell printing house, it is all that is necessary to prove that the mechanical part is executed to perfection. The contents of the two numbers before us are interesting and mostly well written, nothing of a scientific nature, not a great deal about stamps, but light, readable, notes mainly of a personal character. Not the least interesting are the biographical sketches, with portraits, of well known workers in the field of philatelic literature. Mr. Chapman states his aim to be to "furnish a clean magazine, made up of good, readable matter" of a "reasonably philatelic" character. In this modest effort we wish him every success and have no doubt he will attain it. If we might offer a word of advice, we would say do not fear to make use of the editor's blue pencil, correspondents too often write what they think will serve their own private ends, and unless the responsible editor freely cuts and slashes into all such matter the tone of the magazine must inevitably deteriorate. Of the articles on stamps the only one that calls for notice on our part is that in the February issue "about Canadian Revenues" and that is such a mass of contraditions and errors that we have taken a special column to review it.

THE BUCKEVE PHILATELIST, Paul Cline, Tippecanoe City, Ohie, Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2, 3, Nov., Dec. and Jan.

THE PHILATELIC POST, Nunundah Stamp Co., Smethport, Pa., Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 2, Jan. and Feb.

These two new aspirants in the field of journalism are typical exponents of the American Philatelic Press, well printed, readable, made up of short chatty a ticles, by the same writers for both, nothing scientific, and the inevitable "Review." Papers of this class we have no doubt

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Editorial. Next Number out April 1st All Copy must be in by March 23

"CANADIAN NOTES."

Our efforts to improve the tone and style of Canadian correspondence in the Philatelic press, are meeting with numerous marks of approbation. We have received a great number of letters from prominent Canadian and American philatelists congratulating us on the stand we have taken, and the only note of disa

tisfaction, comes from one of the correspondents we more pointedly referred to in our recent article. This young gentleman, against whom we have not the slightest personal animosity, who is so thin skinned as to be unable to stand a fair criticism of his writings, talks about "uncalled for attacks" threatens libel suits, demands apologies and hints a vengeance dire, instead of making the slightest attempt to justify his sensational correspondence or show that the exaggerations he has published are of any benefit to Philately or Philatelists. Such a course is quite impossible as the writings we complained of are simply cowardly and unjustifiable for the reasons we pointed The gentleman if he consulted his own interests, would act upon the advice we freely gave him, and thus enhance his value as a correspondent. The other young man we referred to in our January article has taken a more sensible course, he cries "mea culpa" and promises to turn over a new leaf; we congratulate him on his wise resolve and hope he will vet make his mark in journalism. He possesses ability let him now direct it properly.

The following is from the February number of the *New York Philatelist*, and proves how timely our article was:

"We can use a few more regular or occasional contributors with up-to-date ideas."

The last few lines appeared in our January issue. We received quite a few selections of Mss. in response, but we also received at least a half dozen letters from youths residing in various parts of Canada who remarked that they found the N. V. Philatelist very interesting, etc., but there is "something lacking—to make the paper of interest to the majority of philatelists" and that "something" they invariably state is that we have no "Canadian Notes."

These writers!! refer us to a number of papers to which they contribute. They are willing to accept most anything in payment for their services—from a year's subscription to an inch or two of space. We accepted their suggestions and asked

for a selection of "Notes" but as we find that the majority of these writers furnish the same material and very poor at that, we have decided to spare our readers from a "Canadian Correspondent" until we can secure a man who can really furnish a satisfactory Canadian letter.

CANADIAN REVENUES.

A writer in the Adhesive who advertises for sale, in the same issue, a selection of Canadian revenue stamps, is allowed by the editor, space to recommend his wares and does so by showing, that in the older catalogues of these stamps, the prices quoted were ridiculously high. while in the more recent ones, quotations somewhat nearer their true value are given. He accounts for this "drop" by the supposition that one of the publishers of the catalogues having "a large supply "of some of listed stamps he puts "them away down in order to sell them" and goes on to say in contradiction to his previous remarks "the prices for these "stamps are going up steadily" and closes his article by the advice, let us hope with the disinterested object of benefiting his readers and not to help his own sales-"collectors would do well to "get as good a collection as possible be-"fore they go up in price, which will not "be long."

This article is a fair example of the ridiculous stuff, American publishers accept as "Canadian Notes" from irresponsible writers, against which we protested in our January issue. Absolutely no reason is assigned why Canadian revenues should advance in price, and the facts reported would surely indicate an opposite tendency. If a stamp dealer has "a large supply" of any stamp and publicly offers to sell at a fraction of a previous catalogue quotation, and if collectors are willing to pay the price he asks, that price is most certainly the retail "market value" of the stamp, for only a person in ignorance of the facts would be willing to pay more.

A brief consideration of the facts in connection with Canada revenues, will we think convince any one, that with the exception of a few "errors," the tendency of market prices will be downward, not upward, for a long time to come. Revenue stamps, unlike postage stamps, are used on documents that are preserved-notes, receipts, wills, bills of sale, legal papers, insurance and shipping documents, inspection certificates etc. - little attention is given to the stamps until a demand arises for them; at the first demand they are scarce because stored away, but they exist in enormous quantities and as gradually unearthed the supply soon meets the demand and of course prices fall. Some Canadian revenues are used to represent inspection fees on certificates that are valid, only if stamped, for a term of years-five years for electric light inspection certificates -, until the term expires the stamps are scarce, but after expiry, they can be had, certificates and all. for the price of waste paper. Any one who knows how many years important lawsuits often last, can readily understand why law stamps long after they are obsolete become commoner than current issues.

Collectors of Canadian revenues, who buy the stamps, expecting they will "go up" in price, for many a day to come, will, except in a few special cases, be certainly disappointed. They are attractive and interesting stamps, and deserve the attention of Philatelists independent of any consideration of price.

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help the cause, by stimulating local interest in Philately, and so deserve encouragement, but how they can expect to have an extended circulation outside their own locality is incomprehensible. Out of the five numbers before us, but one article affords a topic for discussion, that by Amy L. Swift on "Commemoratives" in the Philatelic Post for February. We shall at an early date treat of this subject from a scientific stand point and review Miss Swift's very entertaining paper.

Since writing the above we learn that the Buckeye Philatelist has stopped publication, at which we are not surprised.

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THE PHILATELIC SPECTATOR, Geo. E. Mueller, Berlin, Ont., Vol. II, No. 1 January. Although this is called the first number of Vol. II, we have never seen any of the numbers of Vol. I. We must congratulate ourselves on this if they were at all like the issue for January, for a more poorly printed trashy sheet it would be difficult to find. On page 5 the editor gives a column list of Philatelic journals received "since out last issue" from which the MONTREAL PHILATELIST is Whether a copy has been mailed to him or not, it is for our publisher to say, we do not know, but certainly the gentleman who occupies the editorial chair received one from somewhere, whether begged, borrowed or stolen we can only guess, at any rate he has stolen our reading matter to fill up his first page of "Interesting Notes" every line of which except the last paragraph is copied word for word from our December report of new issues. We have no doubt Mr. Editor you will often find "interesting notes" in our columns, and we give you full permission to use them with acknowledgement of their source, but if you have no brains of your own don't steal other people's ideas and pass them off for yours.

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PHILATELY AT THE FRONT.

There is a certain amount of sentiment attached to the stamps used by our soldiers in South Africa. They can be distinguished by the postmark, already described in "E.W.S.N.," and consist of the 1/2d. and Id. of Natal, the 1/2d. and id. of Cape of Good Hope and the cur-rent penny British. Apart from the sentimental interest, the most interesting stamp from a philatelic point of view is the id. British. This statement is based on the fact that the stamps of Natal and the Cape are only used within the boundaries of their respective countries, and as the postmark of the Field Post Office only indicates where the letters have been posted, that office only ranks with the other offices in Natal or Cape Colony, as the case may be.

On the other hand, British penny stamps, being used in a country other than the country of issue, should come under the denomination of provisionals.

Possibly there will be a few Cape stamps used in Natal, but it will be difficult to distinguish them, unless the envelopes also bear the postmark of a Natal transmitting office.

In the case of the British Id., however,

there can be no doubt, and, as most collectors reserve a corner of their albums for British stamps used abroad, they will probably give the place of honour to this one, recording, as it does, the greatest event that has taken place in British

history during this generation.

A very interesting page in an album could be made up of the various stamps and envelopes connected with the war, and the following list will give collectors, who are interested in the matter, an idea of what to be on the lookout for. The stamps are the ½d. green of Natal, singles and pairs; the id. red of Natal, single; the ½d. green and 1d. red of Cape Colony, singles and pairs; and the penny British. All these stamps can be found with the British Army postmark. Turning to envelopes, we find specimens bearing no postage stamps at all, the amount of postage being collected on delivery. Other envelopes worth looking out for are those bearing Natal stamps, with the postmark of Chievely, Natal. These were used by the n.en of General Buller's force at Chievely Camp, and were forwarded to Pietermaritsburg. There they were stamped on the back with the mark of that office before being despatched to England. All the above stamps and envelopes should be fairly easy to acquire, but there is an envelope that will elude the majority of collectors. Part of a large mail was "commandeered" by the Boers at Dundee, Natal, and taken to Pretoria and examined. Every letter was slit open at one end and perused, the object being to see that no information of any use reached England. All letters to which no objection could be taken were afterwards closed with a label bearing an inscription to the effect that they had been officially examined by the "Z.A.R." They were then stamped with the postmark of Pretoria and resumed their interrupted journey to Britain.

Readers who have been expecting letters from Dundee and haven't got them yet, will know that their friends have

been indiscreet.

The above mentioned letters only

reached London last week.

The majority of collectors expect, in the event of the British Army entering the Transvaal (which we all hope will not be long now), that the stamps of the Republic will be surcharged V.R. as in 1877.

We must bear in mind, however, that the circumstances are very much different now to what they were then.

In 1877 a suzerainty was established, and although the Republican stamps were surcharged V.R., the revenue aris-

ing from the sale of them, went to the exchequer of the Transvaal, in the same manner as that of other British pro-

In the present instance there will be nothing less than annexation, and the only doubt that should exist in the minds of stamp collectors, on the matter of surcharging, is whether Natal or our own stamps will have the honour.- Ewen's Weekly Stamps News .

AUSTRALIAN STAMP

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Auckland, N. Z., Jan. 22nd 1900. During Christmas and the preceeding week a very heavy strain of work was placed on the postal officials at the post offices in this place, in receiving, sorting and distributing the thousands of Christmas letters, cards, etc., that were transmitted through the post. The daily paper here states: "that every credit must be given to them for the very prompt manner in which the requirements have been met.

One now sees a fairly good number of the lower values of the N. Z. postage dues, as they have all over the colony, been formally initiated into general use, all the various and miscellaneous letters and articles, insufficiently prepaid have them now affixed. They cannot under

any consideration be procured unused.

The Id. brown and blue stamp has
now been formally withdrawn from all the post offices in the Colony, and none are now obtainable at those places. I am informed that the stamp office (which is a separate department from the post office) has not yet placed its stocks of Id's on sale. So there might yet be a chance to obtain some more.

Tasmania, - I have received three letters from "readers of this paper" asking for information re the proposed new issue of Tasmanian Stamps, and when they are to appear.

In Vol. 1 No. 12 of this paper I gave particulars of the new set that were being prepared for use in this Colony

Since then I have not heard anything definite until the last few days, when I was informed that two of the values had appeared. From the Australian Philatelist I cull the following letter which gives all particulars very fully:

"Hobart, Dec. 16th 1899." "Dear Sir: - I herewith enclose you " specimens of the 1d. and 2d. values of "the new issue of Tasmanian Stamps. I

"am sorry to inform you that they are "not up to expectation, especially the "one penny value. The view on it pro-"perly speaking is the "Mountain Lake," "whereas it is given as "Mount Welling-"ton" on the stamp, the name being shewn in large capital letters, which is "quite unnecessary as it makes the stamp "look more like a picture than a postage "stamp. I have been informed by a "post office official that the Id. stamp is "not what was ordered by the Depart-"ment, so no doubt there will be an "alteration in the design when the pre-"sent stock is exhausted. The 2d. "sent stock is exhausted. "value is the better stamp of the two, "but it does not bear the view originally "given which was to be the "Cataract "Gorge," the present one being 'Hobart." "The other values, I understand, have "not arrived in the Colony yet. "Id. value was issued to the public on "the 13th inst. (Dec.) and the 2d. on the " 15th inst. (Dec,).

I also clip the following from a con-

temporary:

"The stamps are of large size 32 x 24 "m.m. printed apparently from engraved "copper plates similarly to the current "Tongan. The Id. contains a large view "of the old dam used in connection with "the Cascade Brewery water supply and grandiloquently termed the "Mountain "Lake," with snow clad Mount Well-"ington in the back-ground. A some-"what simple frame encloses the view, "and the name "Tasmania" in small "white Roman Capitals is placed In a "straight line at the top; "Mount Well-"ington" in coloured letters in an arch "below flanked by "Id." in white on "coloured shield at each side; shape: " up-right rectangular.

"The 2d, contains a view of "Hobart" "with "Mount Wellington" in the back "ground, taken from Rosny point, co-"pied from Captain Forrest's well known "and wonderfully accurate painting. "Name in white capitals above, value "in figures (2d.) in colour on white "shields in upper angles Hobart in small "coloured capitals below; shape; ob-" consists of the abbreviation "Tas." in "sloping letters running diagonally in "rows, repeated through the sheet. This "watermark appears three times com-"plete, and four times partially on each "stamp. It is so marked so as to give a " stained or greasy; appearance to the "face of the Id. stamp wherever the "letters fall. The perforation is 14."

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the parliament with regard to "Stamp duties." By the following cutting it appears that the said bill is put off for a time:

"By Telegraph. - Press Association. - . "New South Wales Parliament."

Sydney, December 23rd.
The session has closed. The Council shelved the "Stamp Duties Bill."

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A well known Sydney stamp collector recently made a big effort to get the New South Wales Government to issue a special 21/2d. stamp; the revenue derived therefrom to go towards the "Patriotic Fund" which is being raised in connection with the Boer war. So far the collector has not been successful in his venture, and I may add, I sincerely trust that the whole thing may tall through, as so many of these superfluous issues are now appearing that some effort ought to be made by all "right minded" philatelists to check them. In this colony hadges are being sold to the public bearing the New Zealand colours, and the money obtained from the sales of same goes to the "N. Z. Patriotic fund." But the idea of issuing a special stamp in N. S. W. for the purpose mentioned ought to be "knocked on the head."

South Australia. - The d. at this place has appeared in a new design and colour. The design is a very inartistic production. It is supposed to be the General Post Office in Adelaide; however across the face of the design run seven telegraph wires "disproportionately thick." Were it not for these wires something of the view might be seen otherwise it is an "abortion of a stamp;" the same term might be applied to the last 1/2 d. Queensland. It is to be hoped that the new "Federal" issue will appear to supersede these and other sickly failures at postage stamps.

A new post card appeared here recently viz 1d. x 1d. rose on buff. The cards are joined at the foot and are per. 5/2.

Cook Islands.—In the Philatelic Monthly and World, I notice a paragraph that the 1/2 surcharged Cook Islands exists with the surcharge inverted. Although I have had sheets of these pass through my hands, I have never seen an inverted surcharge I have already reported the "double surcharge" and the error with the "full stop" I am making enquiries re the inverted surcharge as I have never seen or even heard of it until I noticed the paragraph in the paper mentioned.



An Important judicial decision has recently been given in Germany on the subject of the guarantees of stamp dealers. Mr. Franz Reichenheim purchased in 1895 an unused 21/2 rap. Basle from Mr. Lowe a stamp dealer of Berlin. In 1897 the stamp being on exhibition in London, was pronounced a forgery by the judges. Later a German expert proved it to be not a forgery but a proof, upon which a demand was made on Mr. Lowe for a genuine specimen or the return of the money paid. This demand being refused the matter was taken to court, where a decision was first given in favor of the stamp dealer on the ground that a buyer must according to the German code, establish any defect in the merchandise sold within six months of the sale. In appeal this judgement was reversed because the seller had not delivered the article contracted for, a "stamp" but something quite different, a "proof." Hence the dealer was condemned to reimburse the money paid with interest and costs.

The old Mulready Envelopes can still be used for postage. A dealer recently posted one to himself to see what would happen. The postal authorities at first absolutely refused to recognise it, and made a charge of 2d—(being, so they said double dencient postage,) on delivery. The dealer then applied to the chief office, and on their inquiry into same, the dealer's 2d was returned and the Mulready envelope was officially superscribed with the words "charged in error the stamped envelope being genuine."

The fact of the earlier Reunion stamps being rare is attributed to the white ants. When a large amount of the remainders of these early issues (which would no doubt in due course have found their way to the stamp market) were lying aside in the post office, the gum on their backs attracted large crowds of white ants, who eventually devoured the whole stock. Many Philatelists have been lamenting their voracity ever since.

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