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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Control Letters (A 171).—A correspondent has shown us the current ½d. and 1d. King Edward stamps with control letters B, postmarked December 22nd. We believe sheets with this letter are as yet only to be had at head-quarters, but no doubt will soon make their way into general use.

Official Stamps (169 B 171).—Mr. C. A. Cole informs us that he has the King Edward 9d. Govt. Parcels postmarked 18th December, 1902.

Official Adhesive.

Govt. Parcels, 9d. King's Head.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (168 K 171).—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal chronicles the following:—

Postage Due Adhesives. Space at foot filled in. 1d. emerald-green, perf. ?

In another column we reproduce from the *Australian Journal of Philately* some interesting notes on Federal prospects.

FRANCE (168 B 171).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 15c. referred to in E.W.S.N. No. 167.

Adhesive. Modified type. 15c. pale rose.

FRENCH P.O. CHINA (167 G 171).—Herr Kaiserl. Regierungsrat Dr. F. Kalckhoff informs the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* that the surcharge on the 50c., 75c., and 1fr., shows the value in dimes, not cents (10 cents=1 dime). Our chronicle in E.W.S.N. No. 164 should therefore read:

Adhesives. Surcharged "Chine" on Indo-China, together with value in Chinese characters.
2 dimes in black on 50c.
3 " " 75c.
4 " " 1fr.
2 dollars " 5fr.

HONGKONG (168 N 171).—In addition to the 2c. we now have the 4c. value with consignment letter W. The sheet of 4c. under notice is numbered 'W2168.'

JAMAICA (155 H 171).—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* states that 'specimen' copies have been seen of the ½d. reply card with head of King Edward. This is the first of the Edwardian issues for Jamaica.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (169 M 171).—We give a revised list of King Edward stationery, on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*. The post cards (E.W.S.N. No. 169) and ½d. wrapper (No. 168) have already been referred to.

Post cards. Head of King Edward.
½d. green on cream, 121 x 74mm.
1d. carmine on cream, 140 x 88mm.
1d. + 1d. carmine on cream, 140 x 90mm.

Wrappers. Head of King Edward.
½d. green on chamois, 125 x 300mm.
1d. carmine on " 125 x 300mm.

Registration Envelope. Head of King Edward.
2d. blue on white, 151 x 95.

NEW SOUTH WALES (169 Y 171).—The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of 5/- and 10/- stamps were perforated respectively 11 x 11½ (S.G. No. 246?) and 11½, 12 (S.G. No. 261).

The *Australian Journal of Philately* has seen the current 1d. stamp with the letters "OS" perforated through the stamp for official use, and also the same with N.S.W. added.

Official Adhesives.

Ordinary 1d. adhesive, perforated "O.S."

" " " " "O.S.—N.S.W."

For further particulars see Notes on Federal Prospects in another column. Will these perforated stamps be catalogued? The perforated 1/- and Official stamps of Tunis and Luxemburg recognised but not the "S.G." issue of Sudan and the Board of Trade issues of our own country, seems to be some inconsistency here.

SEYCHELLES (167 O 171).—We take the following note from "Morley's Philatelic Journal":—"Our readers will be glad to note that the discovery of the two dies of the Seychelles, first introduced to the philatelic world in general by Mr. O. Firth in our first and second volumes, has been confirmed by one of our leading philatelists, Mr. R. Ehrenbach, who read a paper on the subject recently at the London Philatelic Society. Mr. Ehrenbach not only confirms the existence of the two dies but extends the discovery to all the colonies which employ the De la Rue "POSTAGE—POSTAGE" type, such as St. Helena and Turks Islands for example. Collectors in general will have to await the publication of Mr. Ehrenbach's paper for further details, but those who read Mr. Firth's articles and possess the two dies of the Seychelles stamps as far as they exist, will have reason to congratulate themselves on having acquired copies of the rarer die—for probably one will be found rarer than the other in each value—before prices go up. Now they will be ready to join in what will be an eager hunt for the two dies of the other colonies which use this type of stamp."

Blocks of Seychelles stamps from each die were shown by Mr. Ehrenbach at the recent philatelic exhibition, and we note that plate 1 was from die 1, and plates 2 and 3 from die 2. Collectors can therefore be certain of the identity of specimens with marginal plate-numbers, even though ignorant of the points of difference in the actual stamps.

SIERRA LEONE (169 J 171).—Mr. W. Pix has shown us the King Edward 1d. envelope postmarked September 22nd, a much earlier date than that hitherto recorded.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (169 T 171).—We take the following note from *Morley's Philatelic Journal*:—"Through the kindness of Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co. we are enabled to chronicle (see Fiscal Chronicle) two forerunners of a set of stamps for payment of Stamp Duties in South Australia. This set is, of course, rendered necessary by reason of the postage receipts now going into the Federal revenue, while the stamp duty receipts are for the present kept by the individual colony concerned. The stamps themselves are perfectly hideous, the portrait of His Majesty being a most outrageous caricature, while the combination of colours, on the 1d. at any rate, being bright violet and bright blue-green makes one giddy. Nevertheless the stamps are interesting, and Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co. inform us that they understand the full set will consist of the values 1d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-, £1, £2 10s., £5 and £10. The lower values, if not the higher, are printed in sheets of 60 stamps, in six rows of ten."

Fiscal Adhesives. Crown S.A. perf. 11½.
1d. bright-violet and blue-green.
1/- red and blue-green

UGANDA (169 I 171).—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* reports that the 1 rupee and 5 rupees of the postage set have been overprinted "Inland Revenue" (24 mm.) for fiscal use.

UNITED STATES (169 H 171).—Messrs. C. L. Pack and E. P. Reynolds, Jr., were the first readers to send us the new 8c. stamp.

Adhesive. Series of 1902, portrait of Martha Washington. Paper, wmk. USPS.
8c. grey-lilac, perf. 12.

The "Series of 1902" is now represented by two values, 8c. and 13c. We have already described the new 1c. (E.W.S.N. No. 169) which is expected shortly, and now take the following description of the remaining values (except the 2. 4 and 5c.) from *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*. As will be seen, the set when completed will contain fourteen values, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 50c., \$1, 2, 5, and possibly one of 30c.

"Two new designs in the series of 1902 to chronicle this week—the 3 and 10-cent denominations.

"The 3 cent is, of course, the old familiar Jackson stamp, and it will be 'familiar' in more ways than one. The Jackson of the past thirty years disappears, and the portrait used in the earlier years bears a considerable resemblance, although the new portrait is entirely different.

"Jackson faces a trifle to the east. The portrait employed is similar to the one upon the United States bank notes of the series of 1875 and 1880, engraved by Seeley and generally admired by art critics. The pose of Jackson is somewhat after that shown upon the 2 cent stamp of 1861.

"The head is not in an oval, the 'frame' being formed by the items of the design. For example, the curve containing the word 'America' constitutes the top of the frame. The words 'United States of' appear in a straight line in a heavy panel, borne upon the strong shoulders of two male figures known as Caryatides—a sort of Atlas. They stand full-facing, each with an arm over his head.

"Only half of the figures appear. Large shields upon which the figures '3' in very bold type occupy the portion of the design on the sides immediately below the half figures of the men, and below the shields are the bottoms of the pillars. The name 'Jackson' is just beneath the bust in a straight line, and 1767 and 1845, dates of birth and death, are in small, condensed figures at the side. 'Postage' appears in an up-bending curve and 'Three Cents' in a straight line at the extreme bottom of the stamp. 'Series of 1902' is at the extreme top.

"The design of the stamp is very pretty and goes very nicely with the other values thus far completed. It will be printed in purple, as usual.

"The design of the 10 cent stamp is a particularly strong one. There is not quite so much detail to it. It is simpler and impresses the beholder as a very symmetrical combination of lettering, figures, portrait and border. It will undoubtedly rank among the three or four best designs in the series, it is believed.

"The portrait is an especially strong Webster facing just a little to the eastward, the engraving being from a portrait by Seeley. The frame within which is the bust has straight lines at the side and convex curves at top and bottom. As usual the line 'Series of 1902' is found at the top. 'United States of America' is in two curved lines above the bust in plain, legible letters. The sides of the design or border are two 'fasces' or bundles of sticks tied together, through which protrudes a battle-axe. The blades of the axes, each facing outward, form the extreme upper corners of the design. The figures '10' are found in the middle of the 'fasces' in shields.

"The name 'Webster' in a curve immediately beneath the portrait, with 1782 and 1852, with 'Postage Ten Cents' in two straight lines at the bottom, complete the design.

"The officials in the stamp division of the Post Office Department are particularly well pleased with this design, and so express themselves. Of course, they are also much pleased with all the drawings, else they would not have approved them; yet the strong characteristics of the 10 cent value have been especially commented upon, and it is believed the public will heartily coincide with the view taken.

"The artists are now at work upon the drawing for the 6 cent stamp and will doubtless have it completed within a couple of weeks. The portrait will be Ex-President Garfield's, but it is understood it will be different from the one upon the current stamp.

"Following the 6 cent denomination, it is stated that the 15 cent will probably be the next one taken up. When this shall have been finished all the values from 1 to 15 will have been disposed of—the bulk of the series and the stamps which the public is chiefly interested in, or ten stamps in all—leaving only the 50 cent, \$1, \$2 and \$5 still to be taken up. Of course, if the intermediate stamp under consideration is decided upon that will enlarge the series to fifteen.

"Plates are making for the new 2 cent and will be ready for the first printing soon. The 1 cent denomination is not quite so far advanced. The 5 cent is also in the hands of the engraver."

VICTORIA (170 A 171).—We do not appear to have chronicled the 2/- value in the pale shade but it has been out some considerable time.

Federal Prospects.

From the *Australian Journal of Philately*.

In last month's issue we referred to the fact that the presentation of a handsomely mounted complete series of the first stamps issued in each of the Australian States had been made to the Melbourne Public Library. We have to thank Mr. C. B. Donne, of Melbourne, for the information noted below, which throws considerable light on the subject. Being merely die proofs the exhibit will not be of the same interest to collectors as it would have been had the stamps been originals. In fact most collectors are so well acquainted with the types of the various stamps mentioned, that the display will lose much of its interest.

"The Australian Commonwealth has been presented by Messrs. Perkins Bacon and Co., of 69 Fleet-street, London, with a frame containing die proofs of the early colonial postage stamps. The frame is on exhibition at the Melbourne Public Library and contains proofs printed in black of the following stamps:—

Victoria, Queen on throne, 1d. and 6d.
New South Wales, diadem issue, 1d., 2d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 8d., and 1s., and 5s. coin type.
New Zealand full face, first issue, 2d., 4d., and 6d.
Queensland, first issue, full face, 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1s., and registration stamp.
South Australia, first issue, 1d., 3d., 4d., 9d., and 2s.

Tasmania, 1855 issue, 1d., 2d., and 4d.; 1858 issue, 6d. and 1s."

West Australia, type of 1d., black, 1854 issue, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-.

We have also to thank Mr. Donne for the following cutting from the Melbourne *Argus* of October 21st:—"A conference of the permanent heads of the various State departments was held yesterday to discuss the question of stamping State correspondence in accordance with the provisions of the Federal postal law. The new regulations come into force on November 1. Mr. Brain, the Government printer, who was present, stated that it would be impossible for his department to get out the proposed perforated stamps for use in official correspondence within the next six weeks. A number of suggestions were submitted and discussed at length. Eventually it was decided that each department should ascertain the number of stamps required for the month of November, and should requisition the Government printer accordingly. For that month the ordinary adhesive stamps are to be used. At the end of that time it is expected that the printer will be ready to supply perforated stamps in the numbers required." We presume this only refers to Victorian stamps, and that most of the other States will surcharge their own. Will collectors abandon their prejudice against perforated stamps?

We have gathered from other sources that the stamps of New South Wales will be perforated with the letters O.S. above and N.S.W. below, having no stops between, and that the perforation will be done in the New South Wales Government Printing Office.

Our readers will no doubt be pleased to learn that Mr. Kingston, the Minister for Customs, "has seen the error of his ways" and repealed the duty on postage stamps. We helped in various ways to bring this about, but decided to leave the correspondence in the hands of Mr. F. Hagen, of this city, believing that it would be a mistake to have several persons approaching the Minister at the same time. Mr. Hagen is entitled to every credit for his energy in connection with the matter. It will confer not only a benefit upon himself, but on all other dealers in Australia not to speak of collectors.

Since the issue of our October number there has been a great "hubbub" over the question of free shipping telegrams. The Federal Post Master General decided that these should be abolished, and the announcement created a great storm of indignation. Shipping telegrams have nothing whatever to do with philately, but the incident served to bring into prominence several other matters which do concern stamp collectors. The *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of 24th October, writing of the shipping telegrams said: "It is evident now that Mr. Drake will have to back down. Mr. Drake took action at the instance of Mr. Scott, the departmental secretary, whose novel and eccentric methods of administration have in various ways caused widespread public irritation. It is understood that Mr. Drake's action is to be made a Cabinet matter. No other Minister seems to know anything about it. Pressure is being brought to bear to secure a nullification of Mr. Scott's determination, and there is every reason to suppose that it will be successful. The incident has served to direct attention to Mr. Scott's administrative antics at the post office, and it will probably have the effect of checking him in other directions also."

The same paper in its issue of 25th October, said: "Mr. Drake's action was influenced by the recommendation of Mr. Scott, Under-Secretary

of the G.P.O., who seems to have constituted himself the guiding spirit of the Department."

Is it Mr. Scott, who must be considered the scape goat of the Federal Postal Department? Is he the gentleman who has originated such brilliant (?) schemes for securing uniformity in the Postal issues of the Commonwealth? If so, we can only say that we are sorry for him. From what we can hear he is a very able man, but he certainly seems to have got out of his depth, so to speak, in this matter.

Upwards of three weeks ago we wrote Mr. Brain Government printer, of Melbourne, saying that we would take it as a favour if he would let us know by what process the new West Australian stamps were produced, and have received the following reply:—

Government Printing Office, Melbourne,
11th November, 1902.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, enquiring by what process the West Australian 2s., 2s. 6d., and 5s. stamps were produced, I beg to state that I do not consider it advisable in your interests or in those of the West Australian Government to divulge the methods by which the stamps in question were produced, as by so doing an opening for fraud might be suggested to unscrupulous persons.

I am, yours truly,

ROBERT BRAIN, Government Printer.
Messrs. J. H. Smyth & Co.,
88, King Street, Sydney.

We have, however, ascertained from other sources that an electrotype has been taken of the original Victorian die. The portion necessary to be altered had been taken out, and the electrotype filled in, the new portion being subsequently engraved on it. The roughness of the printing is accounted for by the fact that it is impossible to take the same fine, sharp impression from an electrotype as it is from the original steel die. In the case of the 1d. W. A. (as this stamp is a trifle larger than the one recently discarded), it is assumed that an enlarged photo of the original die has been zincotyped.

At the utmost these stamps are not likely to have a currency of more than 3½ years at the very outside, taking the very widest view of the case, as the 5 years block to the constitution will have expired by that date. In the meantime it is quite on the cards that so much dissatisfaction will be expressed by users of these hybrid stamps, that the Federal Government will be compelled before then to supersede them by others more consistent with the status of Australia. Even now this can easily be done by making use of a key die, similar to that which has been adopted in many instances for the issue of the new King's heads, the names of the different States to be inserted, as well as the different values. The die for these could easily have been procured, from America or England, during the year and nine months which have now elapsed since the postal departments were taken over. All the States could have been supplied with similar stamps, each State having its own name inserted, and all could have been issued throughout Australia the same day. If the present method of "tinkering" had any finality in it, one might be disposed to put up with the inconvenience for a short time, but there seems to be such a terrible amount of inconsistency in the whole procedure that one is tempted to think that these new issues are merely the result of someone's whimsicality.

This reminds us that there is a rumour about to the effect that there never will be any Commonwealth stamps with the King's head on them the opinion being expressed that Australia is now a nation and will exercise her right to issue stamps with entirely Australian characteristics. An order has gone forth that no Government work is to be done out of the country which can be done in it, which points to the fact that in a very short time we shall have the higher values of the current Tasmanian stamps also produced locally, probably printed in Melbourne on V. and Crown paper.

We have also heard that instructions have been given that no more surcharged stamps are to be printed. It may be remarked in passing that this only applies to the New South Wales 7½d., 9d., 12½d., and 10s. stamps. If this is so, these values will disappear in the near future. It is not intended to print any more of the 7½d. and 12½d. stamps, but a 9d. value will be necessary for parcel post purposes, and in all probability some "doctored" die will be made use of for the new 10s. stamp. Thank goodness all the obsolete New South Wales dies have been destroyed. At the time they were broken up it was thought that a terrible calamity had happened. It would now appear to have been a blessing in disguise.

It is stated on good authority that the 9d. New South Wales will shortly appear without the surcharge, the word "ten" in the present die being altered to "nine." Collectors and dealers should note that in consequence of the alteration in parcel post rates more 9d. stamps and fewer 8d. stamps will be used in New South Wales.

Throughout New South Wales, 1lb. 6d., 2lb. 9d., 3lb. 1/- and so on.

Throughout Australia, 1lb. 8d., 2lb. 1/2, 3lb. 1/8 and so on.

We have to thank Mr. Weymouth, of Hobart, for information to the effect that the Tasmanian stamps are to be perforated for official service with the letter T, and also for some official notices concerning postal changes in that State.

No information has yet reached us regarding any changes in Queensland, but now that West Australia has been dealt with, we shall expect to hear any day that Queensland has been tackled, and are very curious to learn what will emanate from that quarter.

Victoria does not possess 8d., 10d., or 2/6 stamps. In accordance with the uniformity scheme these new values may be expected shortly.

Reports to hand say that the 1/- and 2/- S. A. stamps are not to be had at the G.P.O. Adelaide. Whether or not this means that they are merely out of stock, or have been permanently withdrawn to be substituted by other types, we cannot say at present.

A difference of opinion having arisen as to the real market value of the Tasmanian 3d. Platypus surcharged "Revenue" and postmarked, and two assertions having been made, first, that most of those in existence were postmarked to order, and second, that in all probability an obliging official had done so subsequent to 1900 by using that year's obliterator, we wrote to the Deputy P.M.G. on the subject and append his reply. It is quite evident from the nature of the cancellations of some we have seen that a number were postmarked by favour during the few days these stamps were available for postage use, but the fact also remains that some were legitimately used during the same short period.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, STATE OF TASMANIA.

Post and Telegraph Department,
General Post Office, Hobart,
6th November, 1902.

Gentlemen,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo with reference to revenue stamps being postmarked, and, in reply, to inform you that, as far as we can see, these stamps were postmarked on the 29th November, 1900. These revenue stamps were available for postage for about half the month of November, and at the end of the year the Sandy Bay type "oo" was returned to the General Post Office, so that they could not have been stamped after that date. Envelope and stamps returned herewith.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

H. BAYLY,
Deputy Postmaster-General.
Messrs. J. H. Smyth & Co.,
88, King Street, Sydney.

Cuttings from the Public Press.

ZIONIST "POSTAGE" STAMPS.

It has been announced in the Russian Press that the Minister of Finance has forbidden the introduction into Russia of securities, shares and intermin certificates of the Jewish Colonial Trust—a concern with a capital of £2,000,000 and 130,000 shareholders.

Inquiries at the offices of this establishment in London show that the action of the Russian authorities appears to be based upon a curious mis-understanding, which will doubtless be promptly cleared up. Among the schemes which the Jewish Colonial Trust is prosecuting is one for the purchase of land in Palestine. In support of this scheme the Trust has issued an enormous number of stamps, something like postage stamps, which are printed in Vienna, and are sold in large numbers to the supporters of the movement. They are merely souvenirs sold at the value of the smallest coin in each country, and there is nothing printed on them except the Hebrew characters for the word "Zion."

The Russian authorities, however, having come across these stamps in the post, seem to have suspected that they hid some political plot, and were in the nature of a secret propaganda. Therefore to be on the safe side, they have prohibited the introduction of any of the documents issued by the society.

The British Customs authorities once made a similar mistake in connection with these stamps. They seized a large parcel in the post, and, mistaking the Hebrew characters for Japanese, detained them for several weeks until their full significance was ascertained. The seizure was made by virtue of a regulation which requires all Japanese matter sent open through the post to be translated before being delivered.

(From *The Diamond Fields Advertiser*).

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Philippines, Fiscal issues during American occupation, MPJ 12.02/89.
Orange River Colony, Bank Draft, 3d., MPJ 12.02/90.

LATEST ARRIVALS

From Australia and Oceania.

THE stamps of Australasia—especially those of New Zealand and the Islands of Polynesia—form an ideal field for a specialist collection. No finer or more interesting stamps than those of New Zealand have ever been issued. The first issue is among the handsomest of the Perkins-Bacon designs and the current issue easily stands first amongst modern issues. The issues of Australia are equally interesting but have one great drawback—their rarity. It is literally impossible to make a good collection of them unused. It behoves collectors therefore to see that the issues now current are more readily obtainable in the future. To lay aside blocks of 4, 8 or 12 of the present sets is not only a duty owing to a future generation of collectors but to do so will certainly prove a profitable investment.

NEW ZEALAND.

PAPER AND PERFORATION VARIETIES.

NOTE.—The following is a list of the different papers which have recently been used in the New Zealand Government Printing Office for the stamps of New Zealand, Niue, Penrhyn and Cook Islands.

- (u) Wmk. single-lined NZ and Star, far apart.
- (uu) Same, but paper cream-coloured.
- (v) No wmk., opaque (Waterlow). Chiefly used for pictorial NZ, values 2½d. and over.
- (w) Wmk. double-lined NZ and Star, paper thicker and opaque (Waterlow).
- (x) Same, but thinner paper and watermark more legible (Basted Mills).
- (y) No wmk., thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)
- (yy) Same, but centre of sheet watermarked "Lisbon Superfine" in double-lined capitals.
- (z) Wmk. single-line NZ and Star, close together, thin, tough paper (Cowan & Co.)

The issues of 1900-02 are found with four perforations:—(a) 11, (b) 11 x 14, (c) 14 x 11, (d) 14. We have a few of the following for sale, and all other varieties we are anxious to buy.

½d. green.

- ½d. (wa) dull gum, 2d.; block, 8d.
- ½d. (wd) single, 3d.; block, 1/-; dozen, 2/3; 50 for 7/6.
- ½d. (yd) single, 1d.
- ½d. (zd-i) dull gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.
- ½d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1d.; block, 3d.; dozen, 7d.; per 60, 2/11.

1d. carmine, "Universal."

- 1d. (wa-i) shiny gum, 2d.
- 1d. (wa-ii) dull gum, 3d.
- 1d. (yc) rarity, 3/6.
- 1d. (zc) very scarce, 2/-.
- 1d. (zd-i) dull gum, 2d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.
- 1d. (zd-ii) white gum, 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/2; per 60, 5/10.

N.B.—Approval Books of the above and other varieties can be sent on approval.

Other values.

- 3d. (za) single, 4d.; block, 1/2; dozen, 3/6.
- 6d. (za) expected shortly.

N.B.—The N.Z. stamps offered in our wholesale list are the following varieties, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 11d., 12d., 13d., 14d., 15d., 16d., 17d., 18d., 19d., 20d., 21d., 22d., 23d., 24d., 25d., 26d., 27d., 28d., 29d., 30d., 31d., 32d., 33d., 34d., 35d., 36d., 37d., 38d., 39d., 40d., 41d., 42d., 43d., 44d., 45d., 46d., 47d., 48d., 49d., 50d., 51d., 52d., 53d., 54d., 55d., 56d., 57d., 58d., 59d., 60d., 61d., 62d., 63d., 64d., 65d., 66d., 67d., 68d., 69d., 70d., 71d., 72d., 73d., 74d., 75d., 76d., 77d., 78d., 79d., 80d., 81d., 82d., 83d., 84d., 85d., 86d., 87d., 88d., 89d., 90d., 91d., 92d., 93d., 94d., 95d., 96d., 97d., 98d., 99d., 100d., 101d., 102d., 103d., 104d., 105d., 106d., 107d., 108d., 109d., 110d., 111d., 112d., 113d., 114d., 115d., 116d., 117d., 118d., 119d., 120d., 121d., 122d., 123d., 124d., 125d., 126d., 127d., 128d., 129d., 130d., 131d., 132d., 133d., 134d., 135d., 136d., 137d., 138d., 139d., 140d., 141d., 142d., 143d., 144d., 145d., 146d., 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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Official Stamps* (171 C 172).—Mr. A. B. Creeke, Jr., informs the *London Philatelist* that the 1d. King's Head has received the overprint "Govt. Parcels."

Control Letters (171 B 172).—Mr. H. T. Jenner informs us that the current 1d. with control letter B, was issued at Lewes on December 31st, so the new letter is evidently spreading over the country. No delay should occur in procuring specimens of the A series if not already obtained.

Envelope Dies (165 K 172).—The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of ½d. and 1d. envelopes was stamped with dies 23 and 25, the latter being a new variety. The list now stands as follows:—

- ½d. Dies 7 to 24 except 13; 43.
1d. " 7 to 25 " 19; 44.

Sir William Laird Clowes writes:—"I have an R.H. Official 1d. which bears a much earlier postmark than any yet mentioned by your correspondents—My. 29.02. (Windsor)."

AFGHANISTAN (149 B 172).—Mr. Masson has shown *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* the following uncatalogued varieties of the circular stamps of the 1880 etc. issue (types 38, 39, 40).

- 1 abasi, purple on pale grey wove bâtonné.
- 2 " " " " "
- 3 1 " orange " " "
- 4 1 " claret on yellow " " "
- 5 1 " violet on green " " "
- 6 1 " red " " "
- 7 1 " orange on blue " " "
- 8 1 " red on yellow ribbed paper.
- 9 2 " " " " "
- 10 1 rupee, carmine on yellow ribbed paper.
- 11 2 abasi, purple on lavender laid " "
- 12 1 " dark violet on thickish salmon wove paper.
- 13 1 " green on thinner salmon wove paper.

The following comment is also from our contemporary:—

"Mr. Masson showed us copies of all the above, which he was able to guarantee were genuinely used, so there can be no question as to their legitimacy; we are not quite certain, however, whether all of them are uncatalogued. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13 are on papers different from any of those listed; No. 13 is given by Mr. Bacon as a reprint, and the colour of the impression is certainly abnormal, but the copy was equally certainly used. In the case of the others the question arises whether the papers are in all cases correctly described in the Catalogue; some of these papers are exceedingly difficult to identify with certainty, especially in used copies, cut close. We found it impossible to say whether some of the papers were bâtonné at all or not, but our belief is that almost all the thin coloured papers have the lines in them—in fact, we should only except Nos. 137 to 145 in the Catalogue, which are certainly on plain coloured wove paper, and which were possibly struck to order. Nos. 5, 6 and 7 in the above list may very likely be Nos. 126, 128 and 127 in the Catalogue, and it is a question to our mind whether the three stamps on yellow ribbed paper are not those catalogued as on yellow laid bâtonné.

"Mr. Masson finds no less than five varieties of the laid bâtonné papers, differing in the arrangement and appearance of the lines, and these are in addition to the ribbed papers, in which he says there are no bâtonné lines; but we do not feel quite certain about this, and are rather inclined to class the ribbed with the laid bâtonné. The lists in the Catalogue certainly want rewriting; the difficulty is to distinguish the papers with sufficient certainty to make the lists reliable."

ANGOLA (162 G 172).—We have already chronicled the 15 and 25 reis with overprint "Provisorio" and are now able to give the following additional list, on the authority of *Die Post*:—

PROVISORIO

Adhesives. Surcharged as above, in black.
50 reis, blue, 1898, perf. 11½.
75 " carmine, 1898, "

BAHAMAS (169 R 172).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 1d. King Edward stamp postmarked December 22nd. It was issued on December 19th with other values.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward; CA 14.
1d. carmine.
2½d. blue.
4d. orange.
6d. ochre.
1/- grey and carmine.

CANADA (154 D 172).—We chronicle the following novelty on trust, having been assured by many correspondents that it is officially promised for issue to the public on December 24th. Specimens should reach England just after we go to press and before E.W.S.N. is published.

Adhesive. Head of Queen Victoria.
7c. yellow.

The *Canadian Mail and Empire* publishes the following note on the subject from its Ottawa correspondent:—

"Ottawa, Dec. 18th.—The Post Office, Department announces that on the 24th instant it will be in a position to supply a seven-cent postage stamp to accounting post offices throughout Canada. This stamp, which is of a yellow colour, will be especially convenient for postage and registration fee on single rate letters, while it may also be used for other postage purposes to the extent of its face value. Non-accounting offices can obtain their supply through the city post offices. This new stamp will bear the Queen's head, the department not having yet decided on the design for the King's head issue. A 4 cent stamp will also make its appearance in the near future. New post offices were established in Ontario on December 1st, named Latchford, in Nipissing, and Zadow, in North Renfrew."

Semi-withdrawal of ½c. stamp.—The authorities are apparently so much annoyed at the use of four ½c. stamps on a letter instead of the usual 2c. and the consequent necessity of postmarking the letter four times instead of once that they are endeavouring to restrict the sale of the stamp to newspaper publishers. The following, from a Canadian paper, reads like an official notice:—

The attention of postmasters is drawn to the fact that the postal necessity for the ½ cent stamp, as such is now confined to one purpose—prepayment of newspapers and periodicals posted singly and weighing not more than one ounce each (see *Postal Guide*, page xii., sec. 47). As publications of the kind referred to must, in the nature of things, be few, and as in the case of their being mailed to subscribers by the office of publication, the bulk rate of postage would be far cheaper and more convenient for the publisher, the demand for the ½ cent stamp throughout the Dominion must be appreciably diminished as a result of this restriction of its use. Whilst, of course, any number of ½ cent stamps on an article of correspondence will be recognized to the full extent of their aggregate value, it is not the wish of the Department to supply them except for the sole specific purpose above mentioned, an intimation to that effect should be given by postmasters to patrons of their office who are in the habit of buying ½ cent stamps for other postal purposes.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (169 J 172).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us two new stamps of 1d. and 1/-, the first to have head of King Edward. We hope to illustrate them in an early number and meantime give the following description:—

Adhesives. Head of King Edward, wmk. Anchor, perf. 14.
1d. rose.
1/- ochre.

The 1d. is similar in type to the current 1d., but the head of King Edward replaces the standing figure of Hope. The 1/- is inscribed "Cape of Good Hope" at the top and "Postage One Shilling" below. At each corner of the intervening space is the value "1s." within a small oval and in the centre the King's Head in a large oval.

CAPE VERDE (164 F 172).—We have already chronicled the 15 and 25 reis overprinted "Provisorio" and now add the following on the authority of *Die Post*.

Adhesives. Overprinted "Provisorio."
50 reis, blue, 1898.
75 reis, carmine, 1898.

CAYMAN ISLANDS (163 J 172).—Latest advices from Grand Cayman state that the ½d. Queen's Head is now entirely obsolete. No other King Edward stamps are in contemplation, with the possible exception of the 1d. value.

COSTA RICA (165 G 172).—Specimen copies of a new provisional are being circulated from the Head Quarters of the Postal Union at Berne. It is the 2c. red and black of 1900 surcharged "Provisorio Oficial" in two lines, in green ink. The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is our authority.

ECUADOR (167 O 172).—*Mekeel's* mentions another of the recent overprints.

Adhesive. Overprinted "RIOS" in black sans-serif capitals.
5c. lilac and black.

There are also two types of the "DE" surcharge, measuring about 3/16 and 5/16 in. tall. The small DE is known on the 10c., and the large DE on the 2, 5, 10c. The "S" surcharge is known on the 5, 10, 20c.

EGYPT (150 B 172).—The following cutting is from the *Egyptian Gazette*:—

"USEFUL POSTAL INNOVATION.—The Egyptian Post Office intends to introduce, on the 1st of January, a convenient system of selling stamps in little books. Stamps may, after that date, be purchased in collections of twenty-four at a time. The stamps will not adhere to one another, as wax paper will be interleaved, thus effectually preventing this. The extra cost of buying stamps in this manner will only be one millième the packet, and it should prove a very popular innovation, as it affords special facilities for carrying postage stamps in the pocket."

Other countries which have already adopted the stamp booklet idea are the United States, Holland, and New Zealand.

FIJI ISLANDS (161 H 172).—In E.W.S.N. No. 155 we reported that a new issue with head of King Edward was expected to be made here and we are now able to report that 'specimen' sets are being circulated.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward.
½d. green.
1d. black on red.
2d. lilac and orange.
2½d. " and blue on blue.
3d. "
4d. " and black.
5d. " and green.
6d. " and carmine.
1/- green and carmine.
5/- green and black.
£1 black and blue.

We shall hope to illustrate them and give a further description in an early number. The above colours are given on the authority of *Die Post*. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* mentions the ½d. greenish-black of the current set, perf. 12.

HYDERABAD (163 B 172).—Mr. Byramji Shavakshah informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the plates for the new ½a. stamps were made in Hyderabad by one Abdul Ghany, who appears to have succeeded in reproducing his work by some mechanical process. We are told that two plates were made, each for ninety six stamps.

INDIA (169 S 172).—"Specimen" copies of two more King Edward stamps are being circulated amongst Postal Union countries: 2a. purple, 3a. orange-brown. We give this on the authority of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

LIBERIA (141 D 172).—The following provisional has been issued:—



Adhesive.
75c. in carmine on ½1 blue and black of 1892.

MACAU (169 D 172).—*Die Post* gives a list of a number of provisionals which does not tally with that published in *E.W.S.N.* No. 169. The following additions are noted by *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* :—

Adhesives of 1888, surcharged.

6 avos in carmine on 5r. black, perf. 12½.

6 " " black on 10r. green, perf. 12½.

Adhesives of 1898, surcharged 'Provisorio' in black.

2 avos, pale green, perf. 12 nearly.

8 " blue " "

10 " dull blue " "

12 " rose " "

NATAL (167 L 172).—In addition to the 2d. just chronicled, the following new values have now been printed.



Adhesives. Type as above.

£1 blue and dark grey.

£1 10s. violet and green.

£5 dark grey and violet.

£10 green and orange.

£20 green and red.

Only "specimen" copies have so far been seen. The above particulars are given on the authority of the *Mitteldutsche Philatelisten-Zeitung*.

NEW SOUTH WALES (169 Y 172).—We take the following from the *Australian Philatelist* :—"Mr. Maney Lake has shown us the current 5d. issued on the new paper [chalk-surfaced paper?—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*], the wmk. being sideways, perf. 11½×12. The paper is thinner than used previously.

Adhesive. Wmk. Crown over NSW sideways. 5d. green.

The new regulations abolishing free official postage came into force on the 1st November, and each State now prepays its official correspondence by stamps. The act does not permit of anything being printed on the stamps, consequently various States have resorted to perforating their stamps with letters as a distinguishing mark.

We are indebted to Mr. W. A. Hull for first specimens of the new official stamps for New South Wales.

Official Adhesives.—Chalky paper, perf. 11×11½.

Perforated "OS—NSW" in two lines.

2d. blue.

6d. dark orange.

We shall be glad to have particulars of any other values which are issued.

NEW ZEALAND (170 N 172).—The Colonial Stamp Market has allowed us to examine a large consignment of stamps just to hand, and we note that the 1½d., 2d., 2½d., and 3d. are still the old printings with "shiny" gum.



The 1½d. are on the usual Waterlow paper, double-lined NZ and Star, and the sheets are all numbered between 236800 and 236900. We have previously had sheets numbered 235643, 238614 and 241123, so the current supply dates back to quite 1900. The 2d. sheets are numbered between 183300 and 183400 and evidently belong also to a 1900 printing. It is noticeable that the two or three vertical rows to the left of each sheet of 240 2d. are in a darker shade than the rest of the stamps. The 2½d. stamps are, as hitherto, in sheets of 12 rows of 10, and their "shiny gum" proves them to have been printed a considerable time ago. The demand for these three values is evidently small or much below what it was expected to be when the stamps were printed.



The 4d. (sheets of 80, 8 rows of 10), 9d. (sheets of 120, 12 rows of 10), 8d. and 1/- (sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12) are still "No wmk., perf. 11," and still have the "dull gum" which was in use from some time in 1901 till July, 1902. The 1/- are in the orange-red shade again, so that it is doubtful whether this preceded the vermilion or vice-versa. Probably it is only a re-issue of the old shade, a fortunate circumstance for specialists, as the 1/-

dull gum had begun to be looked upon as a rarity in the orange-red shade. The 2/- and 5/- are also "No wmk., perf. 11" with dull gum.



Since July, 1902, a bright white gum has been used and is found on the ½d., 1d., 3d. and 6d. on the Cowan single-lined NZ and Star paper and on the 6d. Lisbon Superfine paper. The watermark on the latter, "Lisbon Superfine," is of course only on about a dozen stamps of a sheet of 120 (10 rows of 12) and even then is almost undistinguishable, whether held up to the light or placed against a dark background. It is in almost precisely the same shade of rose as the previous printing on ordinary "No wmk." paper, but the specialist can identify it at once by the gum. The following is a rough classification of the 6d. printings in rose.



Shiny gum. No wmk., 6d. rose (several, distinguishable by shade).

Dull gum. No wmk., 6d. rose (one at least).

White gum. Lisbon superfine, 6d. rose (one printing).

White gum. NZ and star, 6d. pink (one printing, so far).

As the 6d. value is very largely used, frequent printings are made. The latter variety is in quite a distinct colour of pink from its rose predecessors. All are perf. 11, but is quite on the cards subsequent supplies may have the new 14 perforation.

The 3d. and 6d. on Cowan watermarked paper both show one or two copies at the edge of each sheet which have escaped the watermark. The control numbers of the sheets we have seen lately are as follows :—

3d. 155684, 155797, 155980, 156204, 156291, 156355,

156402, 156471.

6d. 209364, 209411, 290449, 209476, 209498.

It will be remembered that sheet No. 209350 was the highest we had recorded as used for the 1/- Cook Islands on Cowan paper.

PERSIA (168 R 172).—We are now able to illustrate the "P.L. Teheran" provisional chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 166.



The following three varieties are chronicled on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* :—

a. With surcharge "Provisoire 1319" in black.

4ch. vermilion on greenish.

"5" on 8ch. brown.

b. Surcharged in rose instead of violet.

5ch. on 10ch. light blue.

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 161 we illustrated the 1 kran of the forthcoming new series now being printed in Paris. We now reproduce the 3 chahis and 50 kran.



PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—*Die Post* chronicles the following :—

Adhesives of 1898, overprinted 'Provisorio' in black.

50 reis, blue.

75 " carmine.

The colonies interested in this series are Portuguese Congo (144 C 172), Lorenzo Marques (164 D 172), Mozambique (143 D 172), Zambesi (144 C 172) and others, as elsewhere recorded.

PORTUGUESE GUINEA (169 F 172).—We have already recorded the 15 and 25 reis overprinted "Provisorio," and now add the following on the authority of *Die Post* :—

Adhesives. Overprinted "Provisorio."

50 reis, blue, 1898, perf. 11½.

75 " carmine, 1898, perf. 11½.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (169 T 172).—Mr. G. Blockey informs us that the following new values in the large type have now been issued.



Adhesives. Design as above, perf. 11½, wmk.

Crown SA.

3d. olive-green (Issued 28.11.02.)

4d. orange (Issued 1.12.02.)

6d. bright blue-green (Issued 1.12.02.)

10d. dull orange-yellow (Issued 1.12.02.)

1/- dull brown (Issued 1.12.02.)

The 8d., 9d., 2/6 and 5/- have already been chronicled in this type.

The stamps are printed in sheets of 60 stamps, in 6 rows of 10, on half sheets of the ordinary paper watermarked with 240 "SA and Crowns" (4 panes of 60). Consequently half the sheets have control numbers and half are without them. The sheets of the 9d. just received by the Colonial Stamp Market unfortunately come in this latter category. The word "Postage" as well as the value is printed at a second operation and in one sheet the second impression is so much off centre that on several stamps the word "Postage" covers the outer frame of the stamp, whilst "Nine Pence" is at the top instead of in the centre of the label at foot.

Crown SA 9d. old type.—On the subject of this stamp, "G.F.N." contributes the following interesting note to the *Philatelic Journal of India* :—"The 9d. of South Australia, which appeared on paper with the 'Crown and wide SA' watermark about the 25th of last February has had only a short existence, being withdrawn suddenly in July last. As no information had leaked out of the intention of the postal authorities to discontinue the issue of this value, the dealers do not hold any stock of it, and it is likely to become scarce, both unused and used. The total issue is said to have consisted of only 50 sheets or 12000 stamps in all, and a large proportion were used up on telegrams."

The 9d. SA was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of March 29th, and in our issue of June 7th we gave a description of a sheet of 240 shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market. Unfortunately that sheet has long since been disposed of. There can be no doubt, we think, that this stamp will become a rarity and should sell for 20/- or even 30/- before long. Wholesale 60/- per dozen has already been paid. The Colonial Stamp Market received its first supply on March 24th, so that the date of issue would be at least as early as Saturday, February 22nd. There are, by the way, two distinct shades of this 9d. SA., one magenta and the other lilac-rose.

1/- red-brown, SA.—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 168 we mentioned the old 1/- on Crown SA paper has appeared in three shades. G.F.N. confirms this :—"There have been three printings so far of the 'wide SA' shilling stamp. The latest printing is very easily distinguishable from the earlier ones, as the watermark shows in pink on the reverse side of the stamp, due evidently to some change in the composition of the colour used. It is very hard to get well centred specimens of this stamp, few sheets containing more than half a dozen satisfactory copies." This "rose-brown" shade should also become scarce, as the new large type 1/- has now appeared. G.F.N. also says there have been two printings of the "wide SA" 2/- stamp, the second in a distinct shade, with a suspicion of blue in it.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE (169 E 172).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the following new provisionals :—

Adhesives of 1898 Overprinted 'Provisorio.'

15 reis, chocolate, perf. 12, nearly.

25 " blue-green, "

50 " blue, "

75 " carmine, "

TRINIDAD (166 S 172).—The *London Philatelist* learns from Messrs. Bright & Son that "of the variety with letter 'O' in 'One Penny' 1½mm. high, about one-and-a-half millions were sent out to the island. It is presumed that a large proportion remained on hand when the 1d. purple on red came into use."

We should say that the latter surmise is incorrect, as Trinidad has usually made a practice of issuing the whole of the old stock before making a new issue; hence the delay in the appearance of the ½d., 2½d., 1/-, 5/-, etc., in new colours. The 5/- was chronicled a long time before it was actually issued. The supply of 1d. type II. was probably current during the greater part of 1901, but towards the end of the year may have been exhausted, as the 1d. type I. came into use again for a few weeks.

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Cheque Stamps.*—We have seen the cheque stamp die DH, dated 27.10.02. The highest number hitherto recorded was DG.

BRITISH HONDURAS (169 I 173).—The following new postcards are mentioned by *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, but whether they are actually issued or not does not transpire:—

Postcards. Head of King Edward.
2c. carmine on cream.
2c. + 2c. carmine on cream.

COREA (162 G 173).—We illustrate and describe a commemorative stamp just issued.



Adhesive. Perf. 3 cheun, orange.

The stamp is inscribed "XL. Ann. Jubilé d'Avènement" (40 years Jubilee of the Accession), that is to say, the fortieth anniversary of the reigning monarch's accession to the throne. The Emperor of Corea is Yi Huig, and he was born in 1852, made King in 1864, and proclaimed Emperor in 1897, after the country had received its independence as a result of the Chino-Japanese War. If the date 1864 is correct (and we give it on the authority of Whitaker), the present issue would seem to be somewhat premature. The inscriptions are entirely in French or Chinese, no Korean characters occurring on the stamp. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* says that the plate was engraved by Japanese workmen at the Kyong-San mint in the suburbs of Seoul.

COOK ISLANDS (159 Q 173).—We have just been shown by the Colonial Stamp Market two sheets of the 1/- perf. 11, old watermark, on the cream-coloured paper described in E.W.S.N. Nos. 141, 142 and 143. We notice they are respectively numbered 32616 and 32622. The number on a sheet of the 6d. which we saw in June, 1902, was 32519. The closeness of these numbers tends to confirm our supposition that a distinct issue on cream-coloured paper was made and that the variation is in no wise due to discolouration of the paper. The following is a revised list brought up-to-date, and we shall hope to see it included in the next catalogues, as the difference is quite as prominent as that between the white and toned papers of the first issue.



Adhesives. (Issued 1900?). Wmk. single-line NZ and star wide apart, perf. 11. Cream wove paper.

1d. brown (reported but not seen by us).
2d. brown (earliest date recorded 11.00).
2½d. rose (" " of use, 26.1.01).
6d. violet (" " " 26.1.01).
1/- carmine.

The 2d. was being supplied by the Colonial Stamp Market in sets along with the other values on white paper as far back as November, 1900, but unfortunately the peculiarity was not then noticed as *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* had not then made a speciality of chronicling new issues. A few of the 6d. and 1s. were still on hand at Rarotonga as late as 1902, but no evidence as to what became of the 1d. and 2½d.

is forthcoming. A single copy only of each of these values was reported to us by a reader in June, 1902 (see E.W.S.N. No. 141). If any other readers possess specimens, we should be glad to hear from them.

The following is a revised list to date of the consecutive numbers we have met with on sheets of Cook Islands stamps. The paper is the same as used for printing New Zealand stamps.

- (a) *White paper.* Large tall figures (7½mm. high).
253070. 5d., perf. 11.
253098. 1½d., perf. 11.
(b) *Cream paper.* Medium figures (4½mm. high).
32519. 6d. violet.
32616, 32622. 1/- carmine.
(c) *White paper.* Medium figures (4½ to 5mm. high).
(305203 to 316312, N.Z., Postage due stamps, issued December 1899).
350340. 1d. blue (not brown).
350501, 350689. ½d. blue.
350743, 350773. 1/- carmine (issued May 1902).
350811, 350933. 2d. brown (" " ").
387530, 387540. 1d. brown (received 1901).
387698. N.Z., 4d. green, Queen's Head).

We should like to hear from any reader having other specimens with marginal numbers. The 1½d., 2½d., 5d., 6d. and 10d. values are not represented in group (c) at all.

We have also been shown by the Colonial Stamp Market, a small number of the very rare 1d. brown, surcharged with a crown in black. Altogether 2400 were surcharged and the majority were sent to outlying stations where they speedily stuck together owing to the dampness or heat. No doubt a very large proportion of the issue was genuinely used, as no one thought of going to any trouble in collecting them until it became definitely known that no more would be made. Certain residents in the islands then made enquiries and we understand managed to secure about 380 copies, which we believe to be almost the only ones which have already come or are likely to come on the market. Almost all were without gum and a good few damaged. The stamp is therefore at least 10 times as rare as the very scarce 2d. Queen's Head Gold Coast. The 380 copies referred to have been gradually absorbed by collectors and dealers, the last few remaining copies going to the Colonial Stamp Market. So far as we are aware, no more are held by collectors in the islands, so that the stamp should become one of the rarities of the Pacific Islands group. The following errors are known:—

- Adhesives.* Surcharged a crown in black.
Crown, in black on 1d. brown.
(a) error, surcharge inverted.
(b) " surcharge sideways.
(c) variety, surcharge struck so faintly as to be almost invisible, although visible (reversed) at the back of the stamp.

Needless to say, these errors are of great rarity and we have only seen a single copy of the stamp with surcharge sideways.

GWALIOR (165 D 173).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us two sheets of the 1a. rose, showing apparently altered settings of the overprint.

- First setting.
3rd. in 9th row. Broad R (wrong fount) in 'Gwalior.'
11th in 7th row. Small G in 'Gwalior.'
9th in 20th row. Native inscription reading 'Gwalior.'

- Second setting.
2nd in 20th row. Tall R (wrong fount) in 'Gwalior.'

The second setting does not appear to be entirely altered, but we are unable to say exactly what has been done.

ICELAND (170 J 173).—Mr. H. Lamb has now shown us the complete new set of stamps with portrait of King Christian. We therefore give the following revised description:—



Adhesives. Head of King Christian IX. Perf. 12½. Eleven values as chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 167, but the 10 aur is pink, not red, and the 16 aur brown, not red-brown.

Official Adhesives. Same type, but inscribed "Pjonusta" at the right hand side instead of "Frimerki." Perf. 12½.

- 3 aur, black and buff.
4 " " dark green.
5 " " red-brown.
10 " " blue.
16 " " pink.
20 " " green.
50 " " lilac.

The first colour is that of the Head, the second that of the frame. Mr. Lamb informs us that he received the public set about the middle of September and the official set about the second week in November (by the mail due in England November 16th?).

JAMAICA (171 I 173).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* formally chronicles the following:—
Postcards. Head of King Edward.
½d. green on cream.
½d. + ½d. green on cream.

NEW SOUTH WALES (172 Z 173).—We regret that an error occurred in our description of the new official stamps last week. Our printers reported the perforation as 11×11½ instead of 12×11½. The following is a revised description and includes the 1d. value just to hand:—

- Official Adhesives.* Chalky paper, perf. 12×11½.
Perforated "OS—NSW" in two lines.
1d. carmine.
2d. blue.
6d. dark orange.

We shall be glad to hear of any additions to the list.

The Rev. J. H. Astley sends us the following note:—"Do you know that the 1897 2½d. purple (S.G. 334) was preceded by a similar stamp in a darker shade which was so fugitive that it had to be altered? I have official confirmation of this and S. G. Ltd. are pleased to ignore it. I have an unused specimen, also a pair used." Can any other readers identify the variety referred to?

NEW ZEALAND (172 O 173).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the following two new values on the Cowan watermarked paper.

- Adhesives.* Wmk. single line N.Z. and Star close together. Perf. 11.
4d. buff and blue.
1s. vermilion.

This brings the list of values on the new paper as follows:—½d., 1d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. The 4d. and 1s. were issued at Wellington on or about December 4th. The values are evidently only being issued on the new paper as actually required by the needs of the postal service.



Last week we described the several printings of the 6d. value with which we had met. We have since found a used specimen in exactly the early pink shade, but apparently on Lisbon superfine paper and with traces of what looks like the new white gum. It is postmarked "Dunedin, 17.11.02" and is somewhat of a mystery.

A correspondent who is in a position to know says that only two sample shipments of paper were made from England, one watermarked 'Basted Mills?' and one plain, Cowan's. When the plain paper was exhausted, the Government Printer was called upon by the Stamp Department to supply a suitable substitute. This was done and plain cream wove printing paper was used. In July last a further quantity of 6d. stamps was required, and being unable to procure a cream wove paper without watermark, the Lisbon superfine paper was used, 2,720 sheets at 6d. being printed on this paper (120 stamps to the sheet). Perhaps the "cream wove paper without watermark" may be identified with the stranger described above. We shall hope to hear further from our correspondent regarding it.



As the locally-printed 1/- on No Wmk. paper is now obsolete, we think it advisable to summarise as far as possible the printings known to us.

- (i.) Shiny gum, red-brown.
- (ii.) " " dull orange-red (width, 18mm).
- (iii.) " " orange-red (width, 18mm. barely).
- (iv.) Dull gum " " 18mm. barely).
- (v.) " " deep orange-red (width 18mm).
- (vi.) " " vermilion-red (width 18mm).

The difference in the width of the stamps is probably due to shrinkage of the paper when drying after printing. Shades i. and vi. are both very scarce, and quite distinct; in neither case need there be any difficulty in identifying them. Shades iv. and v. may be merely pale and dark shades of the same printing.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (170 A 173).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of sheets of the 1/- in orange on 5/- V.R.I. and we note a variety which has not been previously chronicled. It would be interesting to know whether it occurred on earlier sheets or was merely overlooked.

Adhesive. Surcharged "One Shilling" on 5/- V.R.I. (Variety) Three lowest rays of the 8-rayed star, missing, making the star look like an open fan.

The "fan" error occurs on the last stamp in the 5th row, otherwise No. 30 on the sheet. We notice that on two sheets the surcharge is off centre at top, with the result that the surcharge reads "On—Shilli" on the stamp in the top left hand corner. Several stamps have the "g" of "shilling" missing from the same cause. The topmost ray of the star sometimes points at the first "l" of "shilling," and sometimes at the second "l," and occasionally between the two. Off centre surcharges occur, in which the star is quite clear of the "5s." it is supposed to obliterate. These latter varieties are however only collectable as freaks as they have no philatelic significance or importance.

PERSIA (172 S 173).—The Tabriz correspondent of *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* writing on Wednesday, December 10th, states that the following stamps of the new issue were issued "this week."



Adhesives. Types as above.

- 1ch., lilac, perf. 12½.
- 2ch., grey " "
- 3ch., green " "
- 5ch., red " "
- 10ch., brown " "
- 12ch., blue " "
- 1 kran, purple, perf. 11 × 11½.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (133 F 173).—The following interesting description of a curious block is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—"In an auction catalogue of the J. M. Bartels Co. we find a description of a curious block of what we take to be the 5c. stamps of 1862. No. 23 in our publishers' Catalogue. It is a square block, but contains only three stamps, the left lower quarter of the paper being blank. We cannot find anywhere a description of these stamps, but perhaps some of our readers can tell us how many stamps composed the sheet, and whether there was anything abnormal in their arrangement to account for this curious block."

RUSSIA (169 O 173).—The following quantities of stamps are reported to have been printed for 1903. Do these figures relate to the new issue?

1 kopek	46,000,000	7 kopek	196,000,000
2 "	52,000,000	10 "	18,000,000
3 "	39,000,000	14 "	13,000,000
4 "	7,500,000	20 "	4,500,000
5 "	17,500,000	35 "	500,000

Local Issues.—The following new Russian locals are chronicled in the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* on the authority of Herr Eugen Lentz:—

Charkoff. March, 1902. New colour Per. 11.
5k. red and gold.

Cherson. March, 1902. New shade, perf. 11.
5k. emerald-green.

Pskoff. Sept., 1902. New set in new designs, perf. 11.
1k. carmine, blue, yellow, black, brown & green.
3k. " black, yellow, blue " "
5k. " yellow, blue, black " "
10k. blue, carmine, green, black, yellow & brown.
40k. " olive, yellow, brn., grn. & blk.

Zudonsk. April, 1902. New shades, perf. 1 1½.
1k. brown-orange.
5k. blue-violet.

Zolotonoscha. August, 1902. New type, perf. 13½.
3k. green.

The series for Pskov must be a really remarkable one. The 40 kopek is printed in no less than seven colours, a record for any class of stamp, we should imagine.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (172 U 173).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new "Postage" 8d., 10d., 2/6 and 5/- stamps. All are printed in six rows of ten, on half sheets of the ordinary "Crown SA" paper already in use for the 1d. and other stamps. As the sheets of paper are numbered at the top only, many sheets (as issued) of the 8d., 10d., etc., have no numbers, and unfortunately all those of the 10d. and 5/- which we have seen come in this latter category. All these new stamps are printed on paper allocated originally to the 1d. value, the following being recent numbers we have met with:—

1d. 619079	2/6 'Postage'	Issued 5.12.02.
1d. 619185	9d. " "	" 27.10.02.
1d. 625630	1d. Small type	" —. 9.02.
1d. 649534	8d. 'Postage'	" 27.10.02.
1d. 646599	8d. " "	" 5.12.02.

The 10d. stamps are in an orange-buff shade rather than the dull orange-yellow mentioned last week.

We notice that official letters going abroad are still 'franked'; we had understood that all official correspondence, whatsoever its destination, was under the new regulations to be stamped.

SIERRA LEONE (171 K 173).—'Specimen' sets of the King Edward issue are now being distributed by the Postal Union. We give the following description on the authority of *Die Post*.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward, CA. 14.

- ½d. lilac and green.
- 1d. " carmine.
- 1½d. " olive.
- 2d. " sepia.
- 2½d. " blue.
- 3d. " grey.
- 4d. " carmine.
- 5d. " black.
- 6d. " violet.
- 1/- green and black.
- 5/- " carmine.
- £1 green (?) on red.

The following is a copy of a circular letter just received from the Colonial Postmaster General, Sierra Leone, W. C. Africa.

"Hereunder you will find a complete list of all of the old Victorian Postage and Revenue Stamps remaining on hand in this Colony.

The dies for these stamps have been destroyed. The new issue of King Edward VII. stamps have arrived in the Colony, but will not be put into circulation until the stock of Victorian Stamps shall have been exhausted.

The 1d. Victorian Stamps now in use were struck in June, 1901, after the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

[Signature illegible].

Colonial Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Freetown.

Sierra Leone, 18th December, 1902."

½d. stamps	1534	sheets of 120 each	5/- per sheet
1d. "	862	" " "	10/- "
1½d. "	755	" " "	15/- "
2d. "	789	" " "	20/- "
2½d. "	2850	" " "	25/- "
3d. "	1166	" " "	30/- "
4d. "	109	" " "	40/- "
5d. "	248	" " "	50/- "
6d. "	249	" " "	£3 "
1/- "	511	" " "	£6 "
2/- "	503	" " "	£12 "
5/- "	114	" " "	£30 "
20/- "	103	" " "	£120 "

SPAIN (161 M 173).—We have secured a few more blocks of the current issue with marginal plate-numbers and can now bring our list up-to-date as follows:—

Value.	Size of Plate.	Highest Sheet No.	Plate Numbers.
2c.	100	0,063,077	1, 2, 3.
5c.	200	0,126,850	1, 2, 3*, 4, 5, 6.
10c.	200	0,100,292	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
15c.	200	1,056,685	5, 14, 17, 19, 29, 30, 32 to 37, 38*, 39*, 40*.
20c.	100	0,004,522	1, 2.
25c.	100	0,079,524	1, 2, 3, 4, 7.
30c.	100	0,011,369	1, 2.
40c.	100	0,004,231	2.
50c.	100	0,017,833	1, 2.
1p.	100	0,019,513	1*, 2, 3*.
4p.	100	0,000,898	1*.

Those marked with an asterisk are new since our last list was published (*E.W.S.N.* No. 161). We have a corner block of the 15c. from plate 40 numbered 0,995,316. but corner blocks of plates 38 and 39 are numbered respectively 0,056,683 and 0,056,685, surely an error for 1,056,683 and 1,056,865? It is noticeable that impressions from plate 37 are almost red-lilac, but those from plates 38 to 40 are again in the blue-lilac shade.

SPANISH MOROCCO (159 B 173).—We understand that the 5, 10, and 25c. Spain, of 1901, have been surcharged *Correo Español Marruecos* diagonally and are either issued or to

be issued shortly. The overprint is in black on the 10c. and in red on the other two.

ST. LUCIA (161 F 173).—A new 2d. has been issued here, to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the island.

Adhesive. View of the Pitons, 3700ft. high.
2d. green and brown (oblong).

Further particulars will be given in an early number.

SUDAN (169 H 173).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* chronicles the following new envelope:—



Envelope. Type of current adhesives.
5 mill., rose.

UGANDA (171 J 173).—Mr. C. A. Cole writes:—"Referring to your comments on Uganda in *Xmas number E.W.S.N.*, I find on looking through some sheets of the first issue ½ anna provisional, that I have one stamp with no watermark in exactly the same position as described in third or October issue (at present none of the latter have reached me). I believe this variety has hitherto not been chronicled in the 1st issue. I would also point out that most of my sheets of the first issue have the full marginal paper on the bottom and left hand sides."

UNITED STATES (171 I 173).—E. P. R. kindly writes us as follows:—

"In the interest of accuracy the statement on page 403 of No. 167 (Dec. 6th, 1902) of *E.W.S.N.* that the 13c. stamp of the United States '1902 series' was issued on 21st November, 1902, should be corrected to read 18th November, 1902, as the stamp was actually placed on sale on that date at the local post office in Washington and has been available there ever since.

"The 8c. of the series of 1902, a copy of which I posted you to-day was first placed on sale at the local post office in Washington on the 13th December, 1902. I have pleasure in supplementing my compliments of yesterday with a rectangle of 4 herewith. The new 8c. Martha Washington has plate number 1497."

VICTORIA (166 Z 173).—The 9d. of the "postage" set now comes in a much deeper colour—deep rose-red,—according to the *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Our Postcard Column.

MILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. S. G. Pearce writes:—

"Yesterday my sister had 25 Pictorial Postcards come to her from Chili, on each of which there was 5d. to pay, all of which were refused, excepting one, facsimile of which I have drawn below, which was paid for. I was informed that the reason for the 5d. overcharge was that people were not allowed to send private postcards out of the country (Chili), and that they were sent as letters not having any stamps on them, the sender having to forfeit the postage paid on them. They were all prepaid with three 1c. stamps of the new issue. I thought this might interest readers of *E.W.S.N.*"

Mr. S. W. Hazelwood writes:—

"In this week's *E.W.S.N.*, I see you mention the 2cts. Costa Rica provisional for the first time, but I wrote you giving particulars of this stamp more than a month ago. That you got it, I am certain, as you answered a part of my note. Of course, if you take no notice of your clients when they inform you of varieties when they appear, it is only waste of time to write you."

[We regret that our correspondent should be annoyed, but as far as our enquiries enable to say, the Editor never saw the note in question. If it was written on an order for the Colonial Market, it would almost certainly never have reached him. All communications for the Editor should be written on a separate sheet of paper and on one side of it only.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THE awards in connection with the above competition will be published next week.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204 " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/1	
206 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/11	
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., ..	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Caville, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1f. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a " " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l. ..	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a " " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295 Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301 Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302 Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	2/6	—	
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10 zopa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312a " " Unpaid, 10 zopa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4	
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0	
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1	
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7	
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1	
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4	
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0	
840* Zambezia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0	
854 " " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0	
855 " " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11	
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4	
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8	
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8	
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4	
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8	
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. ..	10d.	1/0	
864* " " 3 1/2fr. ..	2/10	3/4	
865* " " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8	
866* " " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4	
867* Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0	
868* " 1 1/2g. ..	2/6	2/11	
869* " 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11	
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5	
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11	
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d.	1/0	
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5	

875* Fernando Poo, 40c. ..	—	—	
876* " 60c. ..	—	—	
877* " 80c. ..	—	—	
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—	
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—	
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0	
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5	
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5	
883* " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5	
884* Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—	
885 " \$1 ..	—	—	
886 " \$2 ..	—	—	
887 " \$5 ..	—	—	
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—	
889 " 2 " ..	—	—	
890 " 3 " ..	—	—	
891 " 4 " ..	—	—	
892 " 5 " ..	—	—	
893 " 10 " ..	—	—	
894 " 50 " ..	—	—	
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8	
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0	
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11	
898* " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11	
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0	
900* " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0	
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	

South and Central America.			
911	Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912	" 5 " ..	—	—
913	" 10 " ..	—	—
914	" 20 " ..	—	—
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" " 50c.	1/0	1/3
915	Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916	" 2 " ..	—	—
917	Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918	Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919	Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920	Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921	Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922	Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923	" 2 " ..	—	—
924	" 5 " ..	—	—
925	" 10 " ..	—	—
926	Dominican Republic. 1 peso ..	—	—
927	" 2 " ..	—	—
928	Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929	" 5 " ..	—	—
930	Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931	" 1 gourde ..	—	—
932	Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933	Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934	" 5 pesos ..	—	—
935	Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936	" 2 pesos ..	—	—
937	" 5 " ..	—	—
938	Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939	Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940	Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941	" 2 soles ..	—	—
942	" 5 " ..	—	—
943	" 10 " ..	—	—
944	Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945	Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946*	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947*	" 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948*	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949*	" 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950	Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. —	—	—
951	" 3 " ..	—	—
952	" 10 " ..	—	—
953	" 20 " ..	—	—
954	" (Foreign), 1 bol. —	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A rumour is in circulation to the effect that a new series of postage stamps for Great Britain is under consideration. We should hardly think this likely to be correct, but report it for what it may be worth.

Railway Letter Stamps (165 S 174).—'K' has shown us a new issue for the Cork, Bandon & South Coast Railway, which we do not appear to have yet chronicled.

Cork, Bandon & South Coast, 8th or 9th printing (?) ; same type, perf., colour, etc. but No. "(F92)" instead of "(92)" at top.

Railway Parcel Stamps (130, 162 C 174).—Parcel stamps are evidently destined to come into much more extended use on the various railways of Great Britain. The following newspaper cutting is sent us by Mr. J. W. Lowson:—

"During the past ten months the Caledonian Railway Company have been experimenting with a new system of dealing with their passenger train parcels. The new system, which is the work of Mr. R. J. Patrick, parcels superintendent of the line, was first tried on the Gourock and Wemyss Bay sections, and afterwards on a few of the main line stations. The system has worked so successfully that it has now been decided to extend it all over the line. Instead of sending a waybill with each parcel, it is stamped for paid parcels and a label is attached to "to pay" parcels showing the amount to be collected from the consignee. The Caledonian is the first company in Scotland to adopt the system of stamping parcels, but it is expected that others will follow suit. Its adoption over the whole of the Caledonian system comes into operation on 1st February, and will affect a considerable saving in the clerical labour, and also assist with the quick despatch of the parcels."

Envelope Dies (172 L 174).—Mr. H. L. Bevir has shown us the 1d. King's Head envelope die 43, so that the list now stands as follows:—

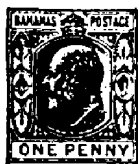
4d. Dies 7 to 24, except 13; 43.

1d. Dies 7 to 25, except 19; 43, 44.

The example of 1d. die 43 is postmarked 7.1.03.

Official Stamps (172 D 174).—Mr. V. H. Gregory informs us that he has an R. H. Official 1d. stamp postmarked East Cowes, May 28th, 1902, or one day earlier than the record quoted in E.W.S.N. No. 172.

BAHAMAS (172 S 174).—We now illustrate the type of the new stamps.



CANADA (172 E 174).—The *Morning Post* of January 15th states that a King Edward issue of stamps is imminent, but no particulars are given.

CAPE COLONY (172 K 174).—Mr. L. Magnée has shown us the following new value in the King Edward series.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward, wmk. Anchor, perf. 14. 4d. green.

The design is a fine one and distinctly original. We hope to give an illustration very shortly. We take the following relating to the 1d. value from the *Weekly Irish Times*:—"The head is the profile, now so familiar on our own stamps and those of many other colonies, with the crown in the oval above. The framework is oval, with the words "Cape of" on the left label, and "Good Hope" on the right. Below the head is a label bearing the words "One Penny Postage" in two lines. The value is also repeated in two circular labels in the top corners, 1d., in the same style as the 1d. stamp with the erect figure of Hope. My copies were both postmarked "Cape Town, 1.30 p.m., Dec. 17, '02." This unexpected issue,

the preparation of which was never hinted at [The issue was fully described in E.W.S.N. of Jan. 25, 1902, a year ago.—Ed. E.W.S.N.] may be one of a set of King's Heads, or it may be that the colony only intends to honour the King by placing his head on the most universally used of all its stamps."

CHINA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (159 C 174).—In E.W.S.N., No. 159, we chronicled the 1/2a. and 4as. with error "O.E.F." and we have now seen the 2 and 3 as. The variety is interesting, although no doubt only due to a defect in the type. Collectors are advised to be careful in purchasing the errors, as we have seen several ordinary specimens in which the C is carefully inked over to look like an O. We understand on good authority that the 1/2a., 2as., 3as., and 4as., are the only values which show the variety, but of the 3as. we have not seen quite such good examples as of the other values.

COLOMBIA (169 Q 174).—The issues chronicled in E.W.S.N., Nos. 158, 160, 161 and 169 under Bolivar, and in No. 155 under Cartagena, should after all, it appears, have been chronicled under Colombia. We are indebted to Mr. C. H. Mekeel for specimens of several new varieties, and now publish the following revised list.



Adhesives. Types as above.

2c. dark blue imperf.

" rouletted.

2c. pale greenish blue (?) imperf. (E.W. 169).

2c. emerald, imperf.

" rouletted.

10c. bright red imperf.

" rouletted.

10c. brown imperf.

" rouletted.

20c. violet imperf.

" rouletted ("pin perf.")

" perf. 11 1/2d.

20c. dark blue imperf.

" rouletted.

" perf. 11 1/2d.

LIBERIA (172 E 174).—A variety occurs in the recently issued provisional, 75c. on \$1. The stamp is issued in sheets of ten, the tenth stamp having a large thin "c" and comma instead of a small thick "c" and stop. Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co. understand that the number issued was under 5000. This is however a fairly

large quantity and there should easily be sufficient to go round.

MADAGASCAR, British Inland Mail (A174).—We have obtained some interesting information relative to the issue of stamps by the British Inland Mail in 1895. There are seven values—1d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-, 2/-, 4/-—as catalogued by Gibbons and they are printed in sheets of 24 divided into two pairs of blocks of six types, the pairs being tête-bêche. In the sheets of 1d., 4d. Sheet of 1d. Sheet of 6d. and 2/- the two lower 1d. 1d. 'pg' 'pg' blocks and in the 'pr' 'pr' 6d. 6d. sheets of the other values, the two upper blocks are upside down. On the sheets under notice we cannot find the "FUOR" error mentioned by Gibbons, but note the following varieties:—

4d. In the sixth stamp of the N.W. and S.E. blocks or panes, the "d" of the left hand "4d." is on a level with the foot of the "4" instead of being near the top. The N.E. and S.W. panes do not show the variation. In one of the two panes, the 'low-down' d is slightly askew.

2/- No. 2 in each block of six has an italic 2 in "2/-" in the left corner. This variety is very striking.

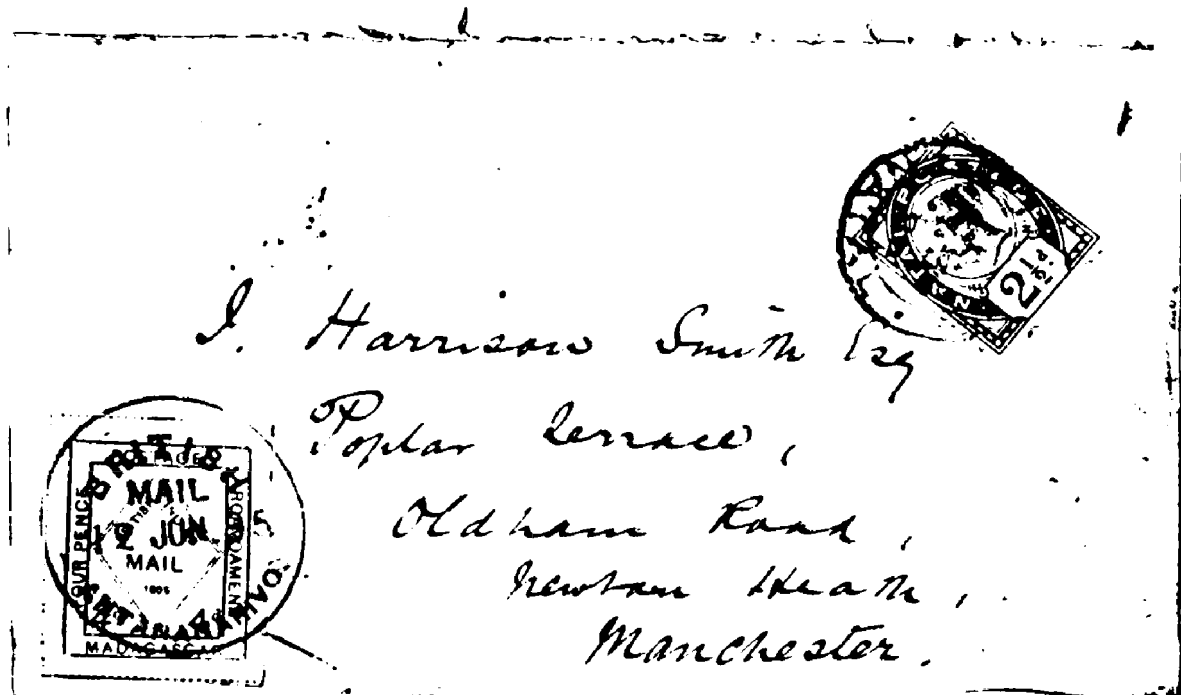
4/- No. 6 in the N.W. and S.E. panes has a heavy u in "Four."

According to Gibbons' Catalogue, the Inland Mail stamps were in use in Madagascar from January to March, 1895, when a new issue made its appearance. The posts were suppressed when the French entered Antananarivo in September, 1895. We are able to illustrate an envelope franked with one of the 4d. stamps, fourpence being apparently the single-letter rate. As the stamps only prepaid postage within Madagascar, a 2 1/2d. Natal stamp was affixed to prepay the ocean postage. About the time of issue a number of sets in sheets were distributed to the founders of the mail and their friends. To prevent their use, they were postmarked "Antananarivo, 4 Feb. 95" or "4 Mar. 95." These are almost the only examples which have come on the market, unused specimens being of the greatest rarity.

We have had some correspondence with the gentleman who was Acting Vice-Consul at the time and he states that the stamps were issued at an extraordinary time, when the French post was suspended, and suggests that the fact of the stamps not being well known to collectors may be due to their limited use. Most of the sets distributed were probably thought very little of by the recipients and were either put away and forgotten, or destroyed, as we notice Gibbons only quote in their catalogue for three of the values, 1d. (3/-), 4d. (2/-), 8d. (10/-), all used. Our correspondent has shown us the press copy of transfer contract between the British Consul and the Native Foreign Minister, dated July 1st, 1895. It is unfortunately in Malagasy so that we are unable at present to give a translation, but the

Madagascar.—British Inland Mail.

ENTIRE ENVELOPE FRANKED WITH 4D. STAMP FOR INLAND POSTAGE AND 2 1/2D. FOR OCEAN POSTAGE.



contract is headed "Antananarivo, 1 July, 1895—Fanekena natao ny amin ny Maily Malagasy izay niantomboka tamin ny 2 April, 1895, sy ny British Maily," and the seven provisions are signed "For the British Inland Mail, F. P. Porter" and "Amin ny Maily Malagasy [signature illegible]."

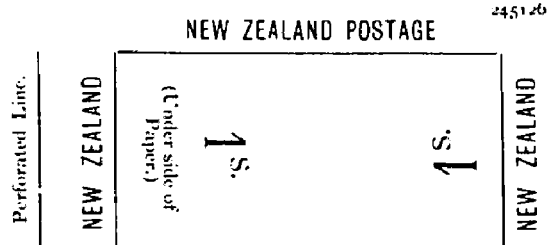
We take the following extract on the subject from Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* of September 30th, 1895:—"A correspondent at Manchester . . . assures us that 'the British mail has been taken over by the Government of Madagascar, and the stamps of the British Mail are officially acknowledged and used. The service is conducted by the Malagasy Foreign Office Officials and the bags are made up in that office.'"

MEXICO (169 J 174).—A 4c. value has just been added to the current set. We illustrate it below and will give particulars of colour, etc., next week.



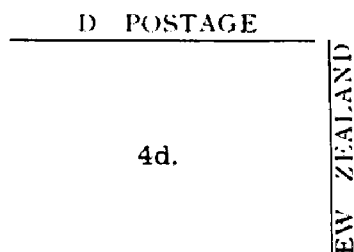
NEW ZEALAND (173 P 174).—We are now able to give a further description of the new 4d. and 1/- chronicled last week.

The 4d., as heretofore, is printed in sheets of 80, in 8 rows of 10, and the 1/- in sheets of 120, in 10 rows of 12. Ordinary sheets of Cowan paper, watermarked with 240 "NZ and Stars," is used, two impressions of the plate being made on each sheet of paper, as follows:—



The 1/- stamps were printed sideways on the sheets of paper, the left hand impression being printed on the reverse side of the paper, so that the relative position of the watermark to the stamp should be the same in every case. Of course the two impressions are divided before leaving the Government Printer, so that the public only see the stamps in sheets of 120. In the right hand sheets the stamp in the S.E. corner sometimes escapes the watermark altogether. We have so far seen only a single sheet with consecutive number, No. 245126.

As regards the 4d., we have only seen sheets on the right-hand portions of the sheets of paper, and owing to the smaller size of the plates this is considerably clipped down. A sheet of 4d. is watermarked as follows:—



The margins are clipped so that the watermark figure at bottom and consecutive number at top are removed. If the left-hand halves of sheets of paper have been used, we have not yet met with them. We append a revised description of the stamps:—



Adhesives. Wmk. single line NZ and star close together (Cowan paper), perf. 11.
4d. buff and blue, wmk. upright (as in the 4d., 1d.)
1/- vermilion, wmk. sideways (as in the 3d., 6d.)
(a) variety, no watermark (very rare).

The 4d. being printed from a small plate, does not occur in the variety without watermark.

Mr. A. H. Stamford writes:—"You are rather late in the date you mention, the 4th Dec. last, as the date of issue of 4d. and 1/- with the single-line N.Z. and star. I had a block of eight of each of these stamps sent me from Wellington, on the 29th November, or five days earlier."

We take the following note from the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—"It seems almost certain that the 14 perforating machine will shortly be used for all values of the current New Zealand (now used only for the 4d. and 1d.), as the 11 gauge machine is not giving satisfaction. Therefore those who are speculators should buy all

they can afford to hold of the new printings of the values above 2d., perf. 11."

O.P.S.O. Surcharge.—Mr. G. F. M. Camroux has kindly shown us a set of the Queen's Head.



Official Adhesives.—Surcharged diagonally in pink as above, reading up. Stamps of Queen's Head issue, 1882-97.

4d. black, perf. 10 x 11.
1d. rose, " 11.
2d. lilac, " 11.
2 1/2d. blue, " 10 x 11.

The set is in mint unused condition, and we should say a highly desirable property. If any readers have postmarked specimens we should like to have a note of the dates, with a view to ascertaining when these stamps were in use.

Early Dates.—In response to our enquiry for early dates of use of the 1874-90 issues, Messrs. Camroux and Walter send us the following:—

(Issue)	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.
1882.	12 x 11 1/2.	11.	10.	10 x 11.
1/2d.	—	— .98.	13. 6.95.	3. 4.97.
1d.	4.12.85.	— 1.96.	21. 2.92.	3.10.96.
2d.	— .8.84.	—	— 7.94.	— 5.97.
2 1/2d.	13.8.91.	— 5.98.	— 5.94.	— 1.97.
3d.	22. 3.94.	— 12.99.	12. 9.92.	20.3.97.
4d.	8. 5.90.	4. 5.99.	—	— .97.
5d.	— 8.93.	—	18.12.96.	— 2.99.
6d.	10.11.85.	—	—	—
8d.	— .83.	—	—	—
1/-	7. 1.86.	—	2. 9.92.	15.2.99.
(Issue)	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Large
1874.)	12 1/2.	12 x 11 1/2.	10 x 12 1/2.	Star.
1d.	7. 5.74.	—	—	—
2d.	—	—	—	—
3d.	— 2.78.	—	—	—
4d.	—	— .80.	—	—
6d.	— 6.74.	8. 3.81.	—	—
1/-	— 2.76.	11. 7.82.	—	—

We shall be glad to hear from readers in a position to improve upon the above records.

Mr. R. A. Walter has also shown us a 6d., perf. 12 x 11 1/2, postmarked 22.6.74. Owing to the horizontal perforations being off centre it was re-perforated 10 at top and bottom.

Advertisements (164 R 174).—The following further additions to the list published in E.W.S.N. No. 144 are given on the authority of Mr. Gilles.

37, 5d.; 47, 3d.; 89, 8d.

Statistics.—Mr. C. A. Gilles has elicited some official statistics relating to the London print pictorial issue and the 6d. green local print. We take the liberty of reproducing same from the *Australian Journal of Philately*.

(a) From C. A. Hickson, Secretary for Stamps, Head Office, Stamp Department, Wellington, 29th April, 1902:—"Sir,—In reply to your enquiry of the 17th inst., I have to inform you that the number of green pictorial sixpenny stamps printed in England was 1,820,000 and of the same stamp printed in New Zealand, 180,000. This department does not keep any record of the number of each colour, but only of the denomination. In this instance I am able to give the information because only one lot was printed in New Zealand previous to the colour being changed." [One would have thought there were two printings, apple-green and green.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]

(b) Replies of W. Gray, Secretary, G.P.O., Wellington, to two questions:—

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS.

(1) Can you inform me of the quantity of each value of the pictorials and of the 1d. Universal that were printed in England?

(Reply) See attached statement:—

Statement showing the number of each value of New Zealand pictorial stamps printed in London; also the 1d. universal:—

4d.	12,046,200.	6d.	1,823,880.
1d.	26,026,720.	8d.	283,200.
2d.	12,022,680.	9d.	183,240.
2 1/2d.	940,200.	1/-	623,040.
3d.	619,920.	2/-	162,360.
4d.	499,920.	5/-	92,280.
5d.	284,280.	1d.	1,999,840.

(Universal)

(2) Have you any record of the dates of issue and quantities of current type 4d. and 1d. printed on the recently current thin and thick papers, with the various "compound" and other perforations?

(Reply). As far as ascertainable, the varieties are as follows:—

Waterlow paper (wmk. double-lined N.Z. and Star; thick soft paper), 4d. perf. 14, 14 x 11, 11 x 14; November, 1901. Ditto, 1d. (Universal) perf. 14; November, 1901.

Basted Mills paper (wmk. as above; thin hard paper), 4d. perf. 14, 14 x 11, 11 x 14; December, 1901. Ditto, 1d. perf. 14, 11 x 14, 11; (? also 14 x 11) December, 1901.

Cowan & Co. (thin paper, no wmk.), 4d. perf. 14; January, 1902. Ditto, 1d. perf. 14; January, 1902.

Cowan & Co. (wmk. single-lined N.Z. and Star; thin paper; permanent), 4d. perf. 14, 14 x 11, 11 x 14; May, 1902. Ditto, 1d. perf. 14, 14 x 11 (also 11 x 14); May, 1902.

NEW SOUTH WALES (173 A 174).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* learns that there are two official perforations of the current postage stamps.

"OS" for use by the Military, which being a Federal body, is not under New South Wales control.

"OS—NSW" for use by the N.S.W. State Departments.

The 4d. value of the latter is recorded, making the set 4d., 1d., 2d., 6d.

We take the following from the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—

"We understand that a recommendation has been sent on by the New South Wales postal department to the Federal department in Melbourne, that the 7 1/2d. and 12 1/2d. values be immediately withdrawn from sale, and as the confirmation of the recommendation is only to be taken as a matter of course, their demise may be definitely announced any day. As a matter of fact on applying at the head office in Sydney for a supply we were informed by the sales clerk that in sending up to the stamp distributor's room for a fresh stock of the 7 1/2d. values, he was told that he could not get any more. One objection to the issue of these two values is that having to undergo two printings means additional expense, and their withdrawal is part of the scheme of uniformity. We have further been informed that instead of the die of the 10d. stamp being altered to suit the new 9d., the die of the old 1/- black, hitherto used for the 12 1/2d. value (surcharged) is to be used, subject to the approval of Mr. Drake."

NIUE (169 N 174).—We now understand that the statements regarding a new issue up to 5/- are incorrect or at least premature. The only new values as yet decided upon are 3d., 6d., 1/-, these probably being required for parcel post or some similar service.

We have seen the 4d. *xd*, 1d. *wa* and 2 1/2d. *ua* postmarked with the Niue rubber stamp, March 31st, 1902, which is we believe the first day the rubber postmark was made use of.

TASMANIA (170 Q 174).—We can now chronicle the first of the new official stamps.

Official adhesive. Large T perforated.
2d. violet.

It has been humorously asked if T stands for Tattersall or Tasmania. "Tattersall" uses more stamps than all the other inhabitants of the island put together (says the *Australian Journal of Philately*) but the stamps are perforated A, the proprietor's name being Adams. A 9d. value on V and Crown paper is expected shortly.

UGANDA (173 K 174).—Mr. C. A. Cole writes:—"With regard to the 1/2 anna Uganda 1st and 3rd issues permit me to mention that single copies of the latter issue are easily distinguishable from the first issue by the marked difference in the type of surcharge, which is of a decidedly thinner fount. Apropos of these surcharges I am informed on good authority that no more are to be issued, but that ordinary B.E.A. stamps are to be used for Uganda. If this is the case under what Protectorate should collectors place their used copies, B.E.A. or Uganda?"

UNITED STATES (173 J. 174).—We are indebted to E. P. R. for first sight of the new 10c. Special Delivery. It is a very handsome stamp.

Special Delivery. New design. Paper wmk. U.S.P.S.
10c. blue, perf. 12.

We illustrate below the 8c. chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 171 (Portrait of Martha Washington).



WESTERN AUSTRALIA (170 I 174).—Just as we go to press, the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 2d. value on V and Crown paper, as a companion to the 1d. already chronicled. Further description next week.

New 8d. and 9d. are expected to be issued at once, if in fact, they are not already out.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THE awards in connection with the above competition are unavoidably held over till next week.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204 " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/1
206 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208 Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. 12	12	2/3	2/81
211 Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Caville, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243 Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251 Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252 Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253 Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254 Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261 Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262 Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263 Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264 Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271 Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
272 Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
273 " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
274 Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281 Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282 Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l. ..	10	2/6	2/11
283 Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
295 Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301 Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302 Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801 Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
802 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
803 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
804 Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
805 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
806 Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
807 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
808 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
809 Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
810 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
811 Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
812 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
813 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
814 Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
815 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
816 Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
817 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
818 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
819 Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4	—
820 " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
821 Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
822 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
823 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
824 Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
825 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
826 " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1	—
827 Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
828 Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
829 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
830 Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
831 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
832 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
833 Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7	—
834 " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1	—
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
836 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
837 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
838 Timor, 47 avos ..	1/1	1/4	—
839 " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
840 Zambezia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4	—
841 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1	—
842 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851 Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—	—
852 " 16 " ..	—	—	—
853 Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0	—
854 " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
855 " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11	—
858 China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4	—
859 " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8	—
860 " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8	—
861 Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4	—
862 " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8	—
863 Congo Free State, 1fr. ..	10d.	1/0	—
864 " 3½fr. ..	2/10	3/4	—
885 " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8	—
866 " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4	—
867 Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0	—
868 " 1½g. ..	2/6	2/11	—
869 " 2½g. ..	4/2	4/11	—
870 Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5	—
871 Dutch Indies, 2½g. ..	4/2	4/11	—
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d.	1/0	—
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	—
874 Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5	—

875 Fernando Poo, 40c. ..	—	—	—
876 " 60c. ..	—	—	—
877 " 80c. ..	—	—	—
878 " 1 peso ..	—	—	—
879 " 2 pesos ..	—	—	—
880 Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0	—
881 Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5	—
882 Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5	—
883 " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5	—
884 Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—	—
895 Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8	—
896 Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0	—
897 " 1½ " ..	2/6	2/11	—
898 " 2½ " ..	4/2	4/11	—
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0	—
900 " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	—

South and Central America.			
911	Argentina, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912	" 5 " ..	—	—
913	" 10 " ..	—	—
914	" 20 " ..	—	—
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" " 50c.	1/0	1/3
915	Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916	" 2 " ..	—	—
917	Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918	Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919	Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920	Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921	Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922	Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923	" 2 " ..	—	—
924	" 5 " ..	—	—
925	" 10 " ..	—	—
926	Dominican Republic, 1 peso ..	—	—
927	" " 2 " ..	—	—
928	Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929	" 5 " ..	—	—
930	Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931	" 1 gourde ..	—	—
932	Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933	Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934	" 5 pesos ..	—	—
935	Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936	" 2 pesos ..	—	—
937	" 5 " ..	—	—
938	Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939	Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940	Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941	" 2 soles ..	—	—
942	" 5 " ..	—	—
943	" 10 " ..	—	—
944	Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945	Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947	" 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949	" 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950	Venezuela (Indlnd), 1 bol.	—	—
951	" 3 " ..	—	—
952	" 10 " ..	—	—
953	" 20 " ..	—	—
954	" (Foreign), 1 bol.	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Cheque Stamps* (140, 173 G 175).—Mr. H. T. Jenner informs us that he has seen the cheque stamp die DM, dated 30.10.02. The highest previously recorded was DH.

Official Stamps (174 E 175).—N. H. G. writes:—"In connection with the interesting letter of your correspondent A.R.B. in E.W.S.N., for the 27th ult., I send for your inspection two pairs of 1d. lilac Queens A.O. The peculiarities of the overprint on the stamps directly above each of the control letters are very noticeable. On one is the short typed I mentioned by A.R.B., while on the other is the variety of letter F which appears on the corresponding stamp of the current A.O. ½d. and 1d. values. The control letter is the same in each case, viz. X, but the type of overprint is decidedly different. This being so, it would appear that there was a resetting of the type during the time that the sheets having the control letter X were being overprinted."

The early date of the 9d. King's Head Government Parcels recorded in E.W.S.N. No. 171, has been beaten by Mr. H. T. Jenner, who reports having seen one dated 24.11.02.

Railway Letter Stamps (174 T 175).—The Editor has received another new issue for the L. & S.W.R.

London & South Western Railway, 37th (?) issue.
2d. pale green, perf. 10.

Curiously it is from an old state of the transfer, as the white circles round the shield are not retouched. We shall hope to give further particulars shortly.

Railway Parcel Stamps (174 D 175).—Mr. W. A. Foster has shown us a new issue for the N.E.R.

North Eastern Railway. Ordinary type of the parcel stamps, but with the "6d." removed from each corner and "SIX" overprinted in black at the top and "PENCE" at the bottom, in large sans-serif capitals.

SIX—PENCE, black, perf. 11.

Stationery (158 O 175).—Mr. H. Creek sends us the following extract from the Post Office Circular of January 20th:—"It has been decided to discontinue the issue of the embossed envelopes of the 'C' size." Our correspondent writes:—"The size referred to are the ordinary commercial envelopes, 5½in. x 3½in., embossed 1d. King Edward's; only on the glossy paper. No more of these envelopes will obtainable from headquarters after the 24th inst., and as they have had a particularly short life and are likely to soon become scarce I thought the information might be of some use to you."

ALEXANDRIA (167 E 175).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the following was issued in December:—

Adhesive. Type Mouchon, retouched.

"ALEXANDRIE" (in black ?) on 10c. carmine.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (169 O 175).—Mr. H. L. Gilbert informs us that the pictorial envelope, 15c. blue on white glazed paper, has been surcharged with a large 5 in red on the embossed head, the old value being struck out with a square type. Our correspondent received his specimen through the post, but had not at the time of writing succeeded in obtaining official confirmation of the issue.

AUSTRIAN P.O., CRETE (A 175).—Following the example of the French and Italian post offices in Crete, the Austrian P.O. is now making a special issue:—

Adhesives. Current Austrian stamps surcharged.

5 centimes in black on 5h. dark green.

10 " " " " 10h. rose.

Postcard.

10 centimes in black on 10h. rose.

The above description is on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

BENADIR (138 E 175).—The following letter has been sent out by a well-known firm of provincial dealers and calls for some comment, as it is, to say the least, misleading.

"The Bogus Benadir Issue.

"Sir,—No doubt you have seen or heard of so-called postage stamps for Benadir. (Italian Somali Coast), which are being sold by a trading firm at Milan. Having in mind certain past experiences with Brunei, Nyassa, Sedang and other bogus stamps, we have always looked upon these labels of Benadir with suspicion and have up to the present refused to buy them. We have, however been making inquiries by writing letters direct to the place, all of which remained unanswered until we sent an Italian bank note to purchase the stamps. This note has just been returned to us with a letter from which we extract the following:—

"There are no postmasters here and it is forbidden to us officials to have anything to do with postage-stamp dealers. The stamps can only be obtained from the company's office at Milan."

"We think this is quite sufficient to condemn these labels. We may add that the letter we received had on it a stamp of British East Africa, and was posted at Kismayu. If any additional evidence was required it is furnished by our envelope, which was returned to us. It has been sent to Mombasa, Djibouti, and Aden, and is endorsed in French, 'No postal service with Benadir.'—Yours faithfully, ———."

What this firm has been trying to ascertain for months past, we told our readers in E.W.S.N. of May 3rd and 10th (Nos. 136, 137). We clearly stated nine months ago that there were no post offices in Benadir, but that in course of time it was expected to open them at Mogadiseio, Merca, Brava and Gumbo; also that the administration of the Colony was undertaken by the *Società Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir*, Milan, who, as administrators, naturally have the sole right to issue stamps. The stamps are printed at the Italian Government Printing Office and should not of course have been allowed to circulate before the post offices were opened, but it does not follow on that account that they are to be classed with the bogus issues of places like Brunei and Sedang. Pending the establishment of post offices it is only natural there should be no postal service, and we stated at the time that "until then, as heretofore, correspondence will be forwarded unfranked to Zanzibar and thence despatched to its destination by British or French packet (chiefly the former)." The reason why dealers refuse to buy the stamps is chiefly because the *Società Anonima* will only supply advance sets at about 25% over face value. They have never been offered as current stamps at face value and we fail to see what anyone has to complain about. There has never been any secret about their history.

CANADA (174 F 175).—We are indebted to Mr. W. N. Renwick for the following cutting from the *Yorkshire Post*:—

Canada will shortly issue a new set of stamps commemorative of the accession of King Edward. Postmaster-General Mulock announced yesterday (says our Toronto correspondent) that designs had been submitted, and it has been decided to select one bearing an excellent likeness of His Majesty. The new stamps will be substituted for the present ones, which bear a picture of Queen Victoria. They will be put in circulation next July.—Copyright.

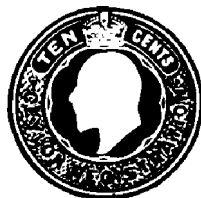
Regarding the recently issued 7c. with head of Queen Victoria, Miss L. J. Doe writes:—"I have just received one of the new 7c. stamps from a Canadian correspondent and understand that there were only a few of them issued, and that they were then withdrawn owing to being of too light a colour."

CAPE COLONY (174 L 175).—Mr. J. G. Dunham has shown us the ½d. King's Head postmarked December 31st, 1902. Can any reader show an earlier date?

CEYLON (169 J 175).—The first of the King Edward series has been circulated amongst the Postal Union countries. We are able to present our readers with its likeness and hope soon to give a description.



We welcome the change from the stereotyped De la Rue design. We also illustrate the type of the new registration envelope.



COLOMBIA (174 R 175).—Another new issue is apparently to be made here. *La Cote Rêlle* chronicles the following:—

Adhesive. Rectangular design, lithographed; perf. 20c. violet.

The name of the engravers:—"Lit. J. L. Arrango, Medellin, Colombia" is at the foot of each stamp.

COOK ISLANDS (173 R 175).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a further supply of sheets with control numbers, and we are now able to compile the following list of highest and lowest numbers seen. The numbers are those of the sheets of Cowan paper (N.Z. and Star close).

(i.) *Stamps printed on entire sheets of paper.*

½d. 187512, 187696.

1d. 18772*, 18786*.

2½d. 187908, 187975.

(ii.) *Stamps printed on right-hand halves.*

2d. 209005, 209200.

6d. 209202, 209293.

1/- 209321, 209350.

(iii.) *Stamps printed on left-hand halves.*

1½d., 5d., 10d. (Do not, of course, show numbers).

The quantities printed on the new paper might be inferred from the above particulars to be as follows:—

½d.	200 sheets of 240	48000
1d.	200 " " 240	48000
1½d.	200 " " 120	24000
2d.	200 " " 120	24000
2½d.	100 " " 240	24000
5d.	100 " " 120	12000
6d.	100 " " 120	12000
10d.	50 " " 120	6000
1/-	50 " " 120	6000

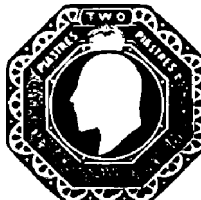
But of course we do not guarantee these figures in any way.

CYPRUS (162 H 175).—The first of the King Edward series has been issued.

Adhesive. Same design as before, but with Head of King Edward, with crown above.

½ piastre, green and carmine.

We illustrate the type of the King's Head registration envelope.



FRENCH P.O., MOROCCO (167 E 175).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* records the following:—

Adhesive. Type Mouchon, retouched.

"10 CENTIMOS" in one line (in black ?) on 10c. carmine.

GIBRALTAR (115 B 175).—We illustrate herewith the new registration envelope, the first of the King Edward series.



GUATEMALA (167 K 185).—We take the following from the *Weekly Irish Times*:—"The 6 centavos, completing the current pictorial set, is certainly the 'stamp of the week.' The set, which has been engraved in the highest style of the art by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London, is extremely handsome, and is dated '1902.' The 6c. is one of the finest and most remarkable specimens of minute engraving I ever saw. The central design represents the palace of Minerva, and along the facade of the building there is an inscription, every letter of which is perfectly formed and distinct, and can be clearly read with the aid of a good magnifying glass. This inscription, which is in one continuous line, and occupies a total length of only three-eighths of an inch, reads as follows:—"Manuel Estrada Cabrera Presidente de la Republica a la Juventud Estudiosa." I should say this is the smallest readable inscription on any postage stamp issued."

INDIA (172 T 175).—We are now able to illustrate the 2 and 3 annas of the King Edward series referred to last week. No information of their actual issue has yet reached us.



Mr. F. G. Warwick has been good enough to show us an envelope with two ½a. King's Head stamps cancelled with the special Durbar postmark, inscribed "Coronation Durbar—23 DE 02, 7.45 A.M.—CENTRAL H.O. DELHI."

ITALY (169 J 175).—Mr. A. Bertazzini has kindly sent us an official notice relating to a new issue of inland money orders, which took place on January 1st. The new *cartoline-vaglia* are printed on card of various colours, according to the value of the required money-order.

5c. blue on white card.	Soldiers' money-order.
10c. " grey "	Money-orders up to 10 lire.
20c. " green "	" 25 "
40c. " blue "	" 50 "
60c. " yellow "	" 75 "
80c. " rose "	" above 75 "

Above 100 lire, stamps at the rate of 20c. per 100 lire have to be attached. It will be noticed that the Italian has to pay much higher for his *vaglia-cartolina* than the Englishman for his money order.

LAGOS (169 D 175).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 165, we chronicled two new post cards. We are now able to illustrate the Registration Envelope of the King Edward series.



LEEWARD ISLANDS (171 N 175).—To the list of stationery chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 171, we have now to add the following:—



Envelopes. Head of King Edward.
1d. carmine.
2½d. blue.

MADAGASCAR (165 L 175).—A pictorial issue is in preparation for this French Colony. We take the following on the subject from *La Cote Réelle*:—

"Le Ministère des Colonies vient de recevoir la gravure définitive du type destiné aux petites valeurs de la série qui sera émise prochainement."

"Le sujet de ce timbre finement gravé par M. Damman, d'après les dessins du regretté peintre Merwart, est emprunté à la faune et la flore du pays."

"Au centre du dessin, un arbre, c'est le Ravenala, plante arborescente qui a le port d'un palmier, plus connu sous le nom de l'arbre du Voyageur, parce que le tronc produit en tout temps, par incision, un breuvage frais, sucré et agréable, abritant sous son ombre, un zébu, sorte de bœuf domestique, ayant sur le garrot une ou deux bosses charnues, tandis que sur une branche de droite se trouve perché un Aye-Aye, singulier animal, unique en son genre, qui tient des rongeurs par une paire d'incisives séparées par des molaires, et se rapprochant des quadrumanes par quatre doigts très allongés aux pieds de devant. Grand comme un lièvre, d'un pelage couleur de rouille au-dessus, les joues, la gorge et les parties inférieures gris

clair, les pattes presque noires, orné d'une longue queue, cet animal, que l'on rencontre quelquefois sur les arbres, est habituellement dans un terrier, et a les yeux aussi sensibles à la lumière que les oiseaux nocturnes."

"En haut d'un cadre rectangulaire le mot POSTES entre le chiffre de la valeur à gauche et le monogramme RF à droite. En bas la légende: MADAGASCAR ET DEPENDANCES."

MADAGASCAR.—*British Inland Mail* (174 B 175).—Our article last week has brought us some further information on these interesting stamps, and Mr. D. Ellis has shown us four envelopes, as follows:—

1. Franked with 1st issue 8d. Madagascar, postmarked as in our illustration last week, "British Mail, Antananarivo, 12 JUN 95" and with two 2½d. Natal stamps, "Durban, JV 30 95."
2. Madagascar, 1st issue, 4d., and Natal 2½d., postmarks of same dates.
3. Madagascar, 2nd issue, 4d., postmarked with small circle (diameter 18½mm.) inscribed "British-Mail—9. JUL. 95—Antananarivo," and Natal 2½d. blue, "Durban, JV. 30. 95."
4. Part of large envelope with Madagascar 6d. and 2d., second issue, same postmark as envelope No. 3.

The four letters are all addressed to the Secretary of the Friends' Foreign Missionary Association in London and apparently from different correspondents, one of the envelopes having the printed heading "From the Treasurer of the F.F.M.A. Antananarivo, Madagascar." These envelopes are, we think, sufficient to show the bona-fide nature of the issue. The Madagascar stamps are all, by the way, in the lower left hand corners of the envelopes.

Mr. R. Peel informs us that he has an envelope with 4d. Madagascar stamp, postmarked 15th May 1895, and with the usual 2½d. Natal (date not stated).

We have had a further opportunity of examining some entire sheets in the possession of the Colonial Stamp Market. The 4d. are all on white laid paper, but the other values are on tinted wove. Most of the sheets show part of a watermark, which consists partly of an ornamental design, with inscription "Superfine—Tinted Wove—Tub-sized—Custrian Make" below and "Superfine (?) " again at top. One or two sheets have the watermarked figures "88" at the edge and another "80." We cannot say definitely what the whole watermark is, as only a small portion occurs on any one sheet.

MAURITIUS (169 W 175).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 2½ rupees, Arms type, and we note that it consists of 60 stamps in five rows of twelve. It was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* of November 22nd along with other values. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is informed that only about 19,000 of the 5c. (chronicled at the same time) were sent out, as "the Crown Agents were very dissatisfied with the colour, which might easily be confounded with that of the 2c. As a result of this report getting about, the entire stock was bought up locally in three days and cannot now be had under double face value." This seems to be confirmed by a statement made to us by one of our own correspondents at Port Louis. He says that a fresh supply of the 5c. has been sent out, but with the value in black. These are expected to be placed in issue soon, along with the 3c. and 6c. in the new colours. The 15c. Arms, unsurcharged, is now obtainable in the island from local holders only at a very considerable premium and bids fair to become a good stamp.

The 1c. grey, reported out of issue recently, has now reappeared. It does not differ in any respect from the earlier printing.

MEXICO (174 K 175).—We are now able to give a description of the new 4c. stamp as promised last week.



Adhesive. Type as above, perf.
4c. scarlet.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY (165 C 175).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following novelty.

Adhesive. Ordinary current type.
65 reis, blue.

NATAL (172 M 175).—We illustrate the type of the King's Head registration envelope.



ORANGE RIVER COLONY (173 B 175).—The first of the King Edward series is apparently to be the 1d. value. Specimen copies have been distributed to the Postal Union countries, and from one of such we are able to furnish the following illustration:—



It had been asked whether the 1d. King's Head Cape Colony was to be surcharged "Orange River Colony," but presumably this question may now be answered in the negative.

The 6d. E.R.I. is out of issue, but whether temporarily or permanently we are unable to say.

The fan variety of the 1/- on 5/- only appears to occur on the right hand panes of a sheet, but we have as yet only seen single panes.

The Registration Envelopes with 4d. stamps of the King's Head type, recorded as expected in *E.W.S.N.* No. 162, have now been issued. We have received sizes I and K. The earliest postmark met with is December 4th, 1902, on size K.

PARAGUAY (169 T 175).—Another new provisional has been issued here.

Adhesive.

5c. on 28c. orange.

PORTUGUESE INDIA (169 G 175).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following two new values in the current type, also the 6 reis in a new colour.

Adhesives.

1 réal, grey and black.

2 réis, orange and black.

6 " green and black.

SERVIA (163 L 175).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that a new issue has been ordered from Boulevard Brune printers, and that the design has been engraved by M. Mouchon. No particulars are yet forthcoming as to the values.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA (168 J 175).—The 1/- value of the Queen's Head series is now obsolete, as well as the 2d. The 1d. is coming over in an even darker shade than before, two sheets before us being numbered 1325, 1326, the highest numbers yet met with.

UGANDA (174 L 175).—Mr. J. C. Long writes:—"A correspondent informs me that British East Africa as well Uganda stamps are sold at the Post Offices in Uganda." Does this apply to the ½d. and 2½d. values only, or to all? We notice there have been postal developments lately, as money orders can now for the first time be issued on Entebbe and Kampala in Uganda.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (174 J 175).—We now formally chronicle the new 2d. which arrived just as last week's number of *E.W.S.N.* went to press.

Adhesive. Printed in Melbourne. Similar in size and design to its predecessor, but inscribed below the Swan 'Postage Two Pence' instead of "Two Pence."

2d. yellow, wmk. V. and Crown, sideways, perf. 12½.

The addition of the word "Postage" is a hint that some of the remaining values may require altering. The ½d. 1d. and 3d. are the only other stamps bearing this word, except of course the new high values. Our latest supply of the 1d. stamp had the watermark inverted; we have already chronicled it upright and sideways.

The 1d. and 2d. stamps are issued in sheets of 60, 6 rows of 10, without any marginal marks or plate-numbers as in the London-printed stamps. The £1 also comes in sheets of 60, 6 rows of 10, and as might be expected, being oblong in shape, has the watermark sideways. The 2/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- are in sheets of 60 also, but arranged in 10 rows of 6. These four values have the watermark in the upright position.

No news of the actual issue of the 8d. and 9d. is yet to hand.

WURTEMBERG (136 C 175).—We believe it is not generally known that the two sets of Wurtemberg stamps for municipal and official use are still current, and have not been superseded by German stamps as in the case of the public set. The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following two new values.

Official Adhesives. Ordinary type, perf. 11½ x 11.
30pf. orange and black.
40pf. carmine and black.

These are the first bi-coloured official stamps issued, the portion in black being "30 — Amtlicher Verkehr—30." These stamps are not obtainable unused, and the specimens under notice are postmarked "Stuttgart, 17.1.03." The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* gives the date of issue as about November, 1902, and also chronicles the 2pf. "Portopflichtige Dientsache" post card on blue instead of cream card.

Foreign Extracts.

The prize in the above competition is awarded to M. Armand Dethier, Brussels. The list of mistakes discovered will be published in an early number.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204 " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208 Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	2/3	2/81
211 Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243 Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251 Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252 Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253 Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254 Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261 Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262 Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263 Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264 Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271 Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272 Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273 " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274 Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281 Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282 Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283 Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295 Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301 Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302 Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801 Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
804 Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
805 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
806 Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
809 Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
810 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
814 Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
815 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
816 Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
819 Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4	—
820 " 78 "	1/8	2/0	—
821 Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
824 Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
825 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
826 " 1000 "	3/6	4/1	—
827 Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
828 Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
829 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
830 Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
833 Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7	—
834 " 2 "	2/8	3/1	—
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—
838 Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4	—
839 " 78 "	1/8	2/0	—
840 Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	—
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	—
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	—

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851 Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—	—
852 " 16 "	—	—	—
853 Austrian Levant, 5 pias	10d.	1/0	—
854 " 10 "	1/8	2/0	—
855 " 20 "	3/4	3/11	—
856 China, \$1	2/0	2/4	—
857 " \$2	4/0	4/8	—
858 " \$5	10/0	11/8	—
859 Korea, 1 weun	2/0	2/4	—
860 " 2 "	4/0	4/8	—
861 Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d.	1/0	—
862 " 3 1/2 fr.	2/10	3/4	—
863 " 5fr.	4/0	4/8	—
864 " 10fr.	8/0	9/4	—
865 Curaçao, 1g.	1/8	2/0	—
866 " 1 1/2g.	2/6	2/11	—
867 " 2 1/2g.	4/2	4/11	—
870 Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5	—
871 Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g.	4/2	4/11	—
872 Eritrea, 1 lire	10d.	1/0	—
873 " 5 "	4/0	4/8	—
874 Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5	—

875 Fernando Poo, 40c.	—	—	—
876 " 60c.	—	—	—
877 " 80c.	—	—	—
878 " 1 peso	—	—	—
879 " 2 pesos	—	—	—
880 Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0	—
881 Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5	—
882 Japanese China, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5	—
883 " Corea, 1 "	2/1	2/5	—
884 Liberia, 50c.	—	—	—
885 " \$1	—	—	—
886 " \$2	—	—	—
887 " \$5	—	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—	—
889 " 2 "	—	—	—
890 " 3 "	—	—	—
891 " 4 "	—	—	—
892 " 5 "	—	—	—
893 " 10 "	—	—	—
894 " 50 "	—	—	—
895 Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8	—
896 Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0	—
897 " 1 1/2 "	2/6	2/11	—
898 " 2 1/2 "	4/2	4/11	—
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0	—
900 " 2 "	1/8	2/0	—
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8	—

South and Central America.			
911	Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912	" 5 " ..	—	—
913	" 10 " ..	—	—
914	" 20 " ..	—	—
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" 50c.	1/0	1/3
915	Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916	" 2 " ..	—	—
917	Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918	Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919	Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920	Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921	Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922	Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923	" 2 " ..	—	—
924	" 5 " ..	—	—
925	" 10 " ..	—	—
926	Dominican Republic, 1 peso..	—	—
927	" " 2 " ..	—	—
928	Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929	" 5 " ..	—	—
930	Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931	" 1 gourde ..	—	—
932	Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933	Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934	" 5 pesos ..	—	—
935	Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936	" 2 pesos ..	—	—
937	" 5 " ..	—	—
938	Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939	Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940	Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941	" 2 soles ..	—	—
942	" 5 " ..	—	—
943	" 10 " ..	—	—
944	Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945	Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946*	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947*	" 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948*	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949*	" 3 " ..	13/6	15/0
950	Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol.	—	—
951	" 3 " ..	—	—
952	" 10 " ..	—	—
953	" 20 " ..	—	—
954	" (Foreign), 1 bol.	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY (169 J 176).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new £20 and informs us that a £100 stamp has also been issued.

Adhesives. Issued 1902 (?). No wmk.

£20 bistre, perf. 13½.
£100 crimson, perf. ?

These two stamps are similar in type to the £1 and other high values of the current set. They are printed in sheets of 60, 10 rows of 6, and a sheet of 60 of the £100 stamp which we have seen had the control number 7 in black in the lower right-hand corner. We omitted to note the perforation but it is "Perf. Waterlow." Our earliest used copy of the £20 is dated "Buluwayo, 11 AUG. 1902."

The £100 stamp is available for postage like all the other values, but we should think is not in the least likely ever to be so used. The series of "very high values" will probably be ultimately completed by the issue of values of £30, £50 and £200.

It may be of interest to give a short list of high value stamps issued in the past by the British South Africa Company.

First Issue. Postage stamps of 1890 surcharged, and presumably available for postage although probably never so used.

"£50—FIFTY POUNDS" on £2 rose-red.

"£100—ONE HUNDRED POUNDS" on £5 sage-green.

"£200—TWO HUNDRED POUNDS" on £10 brown. (Existence doubtful).

Second Issue (1895 ?). Special designs inscribed "Revenue" and only available for fiscal use. Perf. 12½.

£50 blue and orange.

£100 vermilion and violet.

£200 (only proofs known).

Third Issue (1900 ?). Design of current postage adhesives. Presumably available for postage.

£1, £5, £10 catalogued as postage stamps.

£2, printed over a year ago but not yet issued.

£20, £100. Chronicled above.

£30. In preparation.

CANADA (175 G 176).—The 7c. yellow does not appear to be obsolete after all, as the Colonial Stamp Market has just received further consignments. It is issued in sheets of 100 like the other values, arranged in 10 rows of 10. On the top margin of the sheet is inscribed "OTTAWA No. 1."

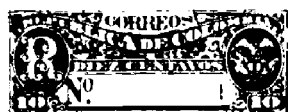
The expected 4c. stamp is not yet ready for issue. No other new values are at present officially anticipated.

CAPE COLONY (174 L 176).—We are now able to illustrate the new ½d., 1d. and 1½ King Edward stamps.



The earliest dates of issue so far recorded are:—½d. 31.12.02; 1d. 17.12.02; 1½, 17.12.02. Can any reader submit earlier specimens?

COLOMBIA (175 S 176).—We illustrate the 1c. adhesive and the registration label of the latest new set. These, like the 20c. chronicled last week, and printed in Medellin, and are inscribed at the foot of each stamp "Lit. J. L. Arrango, Medellin, Colombia." "Lit." stands for "Lithografia."



L'Echo de la Timbrologie gives the following description:—

Adhesives. Lithographed, perf. 12.

1c. green on yellow.

2c. red on rose.

5c. blue on blue.

10c. brown on lemon.

20c. violet on lilac.

50c. carmine on white.

1p. black on yellow.

5p. dark blue.

10p. dark brown.

Registration Adhesive.

10c. chocolate on white.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of the recent issues in entire sheets.

The 2c. Rio Magdalena is lithographed in sheets of 50 divided by a narrow horizontal margin into two panes of 25, each five rows of five. The stone appears to have been prepared by making two transfers, so that each pane should show exactly the same 25 types. But owing to the careless transferring, the 50 stamps all differ, especially as regards the clouds, which are smudged in a different fashion on nearly every stamp. On the other hand, two sheets will be found to tally fairly closely, showing that the fault does not lie in the printing or "running off."

The 10c. and 20c. oblong of the same series are printed in sheets of the same size. The 20c. violet are generally perf. about 8 or about 11½ or compound, but intermediate gauges occur.

The rectangular 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20c. are all in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10.

CYPRUS (175 I 176).—The following is a description of the new registration envelope illustrated last week.

Registration Envelope. Head of King Edward.
2 piastres, blue. Size G. 152 x 98mm.

ECUADOR (172 P 176).—The London Philatelist gives the following revised list of the recent surcharged issues.

(i). Surcharged "C. Benj. R."

1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

(ii). Surcharged "DE," large (5/16in. tall).

1, 2, 5, 10c.

(iii). Medium "DE," in violet or purple.

2, 10c.

(iv). Small "DE" (3/16in. tall).

10c.

(v). Surcharged "S."

1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

(vi). Surcharged "RIOS."

5c.

(vii). Surcharged, in 3 lines, "JUL. 29, 1902."

5c. and variety, "1802."

(viii). Surcharged in 2 lines "ChimOrAzO Riobamba."

1, 2, 5c. overprint in green aniline ink.

5c. in purple.

(ix). Surcharged, in dotted oval, "LOJA—FRANCA."

5c.

(x). Surcharged in 1 line "DE LEON."

1c. in black, 5c. in red, 10c. in purple.

FRENCH CONGO (140 C 176).—L'Echo de la Timbrologie has been shown by M. Adrien Arnould the 10c. on 1fr. Taxe stamp with surcharge horizontal.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA (139, 169 E 176).—L'Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles the following:—

Parcel Post Stamp.

10c. carmine, surcharged in two lines "TIMBRE—COLIS-POSTAUX."

These parcel post stamps are expected to be discontinued shortly, when they will be superseded by the ordinary postage due stamps.

GERMANY (165 S 176).—Der Philatelist gives the following particulars of the official "control stamps" referred to in E.W.S.N. No. 165.



Control Stamps. Perf. 14½.

2pf. grey.

3pf. brown.

5pf. green.

10pf. red.

20pf. blue.

25pf. black and orange.

40pf. black and carmine.

50pf. black and lilac.

These stamps are said to be in use in Prussia only, to the exclusion of the rest of Germany.

GIBRALTAR (175 C 176).—Der Philatelist gives the following description of the new registration envelope illustrated last week.

Registration Envelope. Head of King Edward.

2d. dark red. Size F, 135 x 83mm.

GUATEMALA (167, 175 S 176).—A new set of official stamps is recorded by Der Philatelist which also publishes the text of a decree dated 8th November, 1902, relating to a change of rates for foreign correspondence except that for Central America, the new rates being fixed in francos and centimos instead of pesos and centavos.

Official Adhesives. Perf. 12. Type-set within ornamental border.

1c. green.

2c. carmine.

5c. blue.

10c. brown-violet.

(25) 20c. brown-orange.

The latter stamp has the 'o' changed into a '5' in black.

GWALIOR (173 E 176).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelties.



Adhesives. Indian stamps, as above, surcharged as usual "GWALIOR" with native inscription. Wmk. Star, perf. 14.

¾a. grey.

¾a. green.

1a. carmine.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (175 O 176).—The two envelopes chronicled last week are 120 x 93mm. in size.

NEW ZEALAND (174 O 176).—Messrs. Wilcox Smith and Co. have shown us the 2d. value on the new paper.



Adhesive. Wmk. single-line NZ and Star (close), perf. 14.

2d. lilac.

Apparently the 2d. value is not to appear on the new paper, with the old perforation (11). We shall give a further description of this stamp shortly.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of 120 6d. rose on "Lisbon Superfine" paper. As usual in the 6d. value, it contains 120 stamps in 10 rows of 12. Of these, 96 stamps are entirely without watermark, as also the margins of the sheet, except for a short space at one side. The watermark occurs as follows on looking at the printed side of the stamps and through them:—

SIL
EPUS

NOBSIL
ENIFREPUS

5th row, Nos. 1, 2.

6th row, Nos. 1, 2, 3.

7th row, Nos. 1, 2, 3.

Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

(Of course, looking at the sheet in this way, not only the words are spelt backwards, but the letters composing the words are reversed, but with ordinary printer's type we cannot reproduce this. "Lisbon" is 84mm. long and "Superfine" 122mm. The letters are all doubled-lined capitals, with serifs, and are about 14mm. tall, the initials "L" and "S" measuring 17mm. The 6d. on "Lisbon Superfine" paper, when unused and mint, can easily be distinguished as it has white gum whereas all the other printings on "No Wmk." paper have dull or "shiny" gum. The current 6d. has white gum also, but is, of course, watermarked N.Z. and Star.

RUSSIA (173 P 176).—Der Philatelist chronicles the following:—

Adhesive. Vertically laid paper.

35 kop. violet and green.

The set now stands as follows:—1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 20, 35 kopeks.

SIERRA LEONE (173 L 176).—The following is a full list of the King Edward stationery. The registration envelope (E.W.S.N. Nos. 148, 150, 154) and the 1d. envelope (E.W.S.N. Nos. 139, 169, 171) have been already chronicled.

Postcards. Head of King Edward.

½d. green on buff, 121 x 75mm.

½d. + ½d. green on buff, 121 x 75mm., perf. 5.

1d. carmine on buff, 140 x 90mm.

1d. + 1d. carmine on buff, 140 x 90mm., perf. 5.

Envelopes.

1d. carmine, white laid paper, 140 x 78mm.

2½d. blue, white laid paper, 140 x 78mm.

Registration Envelopes.

2d. (already chronicled).

SPANISH MOROCCO (173 C 176).—We are indebted to *Der Philatelist* for particulars of the new issue.

Adhesives. Stamps of Spain, surcharged "Correo Español—Marruecos" in script, reading from lower left to upper right hand corner.

In carmine on 4¼c. green (on each quarter).

" " 5c. green.

In black on 10c. red.

In carmine on 25c. blue.

ST. VINCENT (168 H 176).—The destruction of the "Queen's Head" remainders is now *un fait accompli*. Mr. W. C. Proudfoot sends us the following details:—

"On the 5th January the Government destroyed all the Queen's Head stamps on hand on the 31st December. It may interest you to know that the following numbers were destroyed.

		Value	£	s.	d.
2½d.	37,668		392	7	6
3d.	36,233		452	19	9
4d.	18,000		300	0	0
5d.	18,364		382	11	8
6d.	10,887		272	3	6
1/-	3,704		185	4	0
5/-	2,662		665	0	0
	127,518		£2650	6	5

The above information can be relied on, having been obtained from official sources, it will be published in the Government Gazette in about two weeks time. In addition to the above 1368 ½d. Post Cards, 456 1d. single Post Cards, and 2175 Registration Envelopes were also destroyed."

UNITED STATES (174 K 176).—We illustrate herewith the new 10c. Special Delivery chronicled a fortnight ago.



It is issued in panes of 50, arranged in 10 rows of five, and is printed sideways on the ordinary paper with multiple watermark "USPS." The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us two panes, one with plate no. 1483 and the other with plate no. 1484.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the new 2c. was to have been issued on January 20th, but up to the time of writing it has not reached England. It is in more of a vermilion shade than the current stamp.

Our Postcard Column.

W.H.L. readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. A. Lienhard-Riva writes:—

"Last spring I informed an acquaintance of mine, who subsequently caused a warning to be inserted in the *Schweiz. Briefm. Zeitung*, of the forgery of the date-stamp upon Swiss stamps of the issue of 1881, on granite paper. At the time I had the opportunity to ascertain the following forged postmarks: Basel, Geneve, Luzern, Lausanne, Morges, Zurich. The honest dealer (of Geneva) who supplied the shops where those stamps were offered for sale at ridiculously low prices (considering their scarcity) has since then and presumably in consequence of the mentioned notice, retired them from the market and will, no doubt, try his fortune in foreign countries, where he hopes to find a better ground. I feel it therefore my duty to ask you to take up the present in your Post Card Column as a general warning to the interested readers of your paper."

Mr. C. D. Botwright enquires:—

"Can you tell me if there are two different printings of the British Central Africa on British South Africa Co. 1891-93 as I have a 1/- surcharged B.C.A. in thin letters, also 1/- in thick letters? An answer in the E.W.S.N. will oblige."

Mr. A. W. Goose writes:—

"I have come across a rather interesting variety of the 3d. blue issue of Victoria. I do not see it noticed in any of the catalogues. The veil or whatever it is from the Queen's Head is white in one and in the other is dark blue."

Mr. L. W. Crouch writes:—

"I am writing to ask a few questions. I also enclose two stamps, which I find not catalogued.

Spanish War Tax stamp.

1897-98, 10c. dark green.

Uruguay, 1897, 10c. lake and black, surch. in red, 'PROVISORIO 1897' in two lines.

This last stamp is catalogued with surcharge 'PROVISORIO 1897' in a circle. I also want to know what price could be got for a letter with a Dockway's postmark.

Also I wrote to the Secretary of the Taff Vale Railway for a Letter Fee stamp, but ought they to have no gum and be printed on brown paper? Also could you tell me the value of an Aylesbury and Buckingham Letter Fee stamp unused? Please return enclosed stamps."

[In reply to our correspondent, Spanish War Tax stamps are not postage stamps and therefore not included in the catalogues. The Uruguay does not appear to be catalogued unless the catalogue description is incorrect as regards the type of surcharge on the 10c. We believe there is very little market for old postmarks and it usually costs more to find a purchaser than is realised by the ultimate sale. The Secretary to the Taff Vale Railway Company no doubt did not wish to have a 2d. transaction and handed your letter to one of the stationmasters, who may have had old stock on hand. The stamps get very dirty if they have been lying about at some of the stations. The present value of Aylesbury and Buckingham Railway letter stamps is about 5/- to 10/-, but were the remainders (which are in existence) to come on the market, doubtless 1/- would be about fair.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]

Mr. Carcy Trafford writes:—

"I have a strip of three, 4d. deep carmine, Great Britain, No. 62 Gibbons', small watermark inverted. Is this unusual or anyway rare? I see no mention of it in Gibbons' or in your own book on British Stamps and Post Cards."

[The 4d. small garter with inverted watermark is somewhat scarce. It is not mentioned in the catalogues because stamps with inverted watermarks have never been recognised as varieties. Theoretically they should be as good as stamps with inverted surcharges, but it involves a lot of trouble making them out and the rank and file of stamp collectors dislike trouble; hence their unpopularity.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]

Mr. J. E. Heginbottom writes:—

"I send for your inspection and return an example of the special obliteration in use here for the test case as explained to you in my last. Kindly return to me after perusal as I have not many. I may add that so far as I can make out, the obliteration is in red upon the ½d. stamps and in black upon the 1d. stamps. I have examples of double obliterations, etc., also. You will note there is no word 'Rochdale' named nor the date of posting."

[This interesting postmark is elliptical in shape and is inscribed round the top "Posted in Advance" and within, in four lines "For delivery—on—Christmas Day—1902," all in sans-serif capitals. The size of the postmark is 29 x 20mm.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]

Mr. H. L. Bevin writes:—

"It may interest you to know that I am officially informed, under date December 11th, that the new series of stamps for *Dominica* will consist of the following values:—½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/-. The stamps are to be issued 'very shortly.'"

[It is interesting to note, in this connection, that we also were officially informed the stamps were expected shortly, but that was a little matter of 12 months ago. However, we live in hopes of seeing them some day.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]

Answers to Correspondents.

C.C.G.—The Northern Nigerian stamps with "Bomi P.O." written across them are not a surcharged variety. In some of the out-stations they have no obliterating stamps and consequently have to cancel the stamps by writing across them in ink.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Moldavia, 1st Issue, LP 12.02/284.

India, Notes on Fiscals, C. F. Crofton, PJI 11.02/471.

Samoa, 1st Issue, ET 12.02/1201.

New Republic, Stamps of, by Emil Tamsen, SG 12.02/115.

Why "Postage Due" Stamps?

Our readers have doubtless noticed our use of the term "postage due," instead of "unpaid letter," as consistently employed by the publishers of the current American catalogues and albums. There are three reasons for this. In the first place, the term "unpaid letter" as applied to the stamps is inadequate and incorrect; the stamps are used on all kinds of mail matter—first, second, third and fourth class, including books, papers and packages of all kinds—as well as letters; and they are used when the postage has been partially prepaid, for the collection of the remaining part, as well as when it is wholly unpaid. In the second place, the term "postage due" is adequate and correct, exactly covering the case; the stamps denote postage that has not been paid, and that should have been paid, and is therefore due and collectible from the recipient. In the third place, the United States stamps of this class are inscribed "postage due"; this would be sufficient in itself to decide our usage in the matter, aside from the other reasons given. The last edition of Gibbons' catalogue is peculiarly inconsistent in this matter. The postage due stamp of New South Wales, resembling our own except in colour and the presence of the initials, "N.S.W.," are inscribed "postage due" but listed as "unpaid letter stamps"; the heading, being placed just above the correctly inscribed cut, is particularly conspicuous. Then, just a few pages over, the postage due stamps of New Zealand, similarly and correctly inscribed, are given the proper heading, "postage due stamps." The term "surcharge postage" has been employed by some of the British Colonies, as Grenada and Trinidad; *chiffre taxe* is the French form, as already stated; *nachpostmarken* is the German of it; *te betalen* is the Dutch; *losen* the Swedish—"unpaid letter" is cataloguers' only.—*Meekel's Stamp Collector*.

Post Offices at Tien-tsin.

A CORRESPONDENT of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the following nations all have Post Offices at Tien-tsin, China:—

1. Germany, Kaiserl. Deutsches Postamt, in Victoria Road.
2. England, Field Post Office No. 5, in Club Road.
3. Russia, In Davenport Road.
4. Japan, Japanese Imperial Post Office, situated at corners of Victoria and de Meadoros Roads.
5. China, Chinese Imperial Post Office, corners of rues France and St. Louis.
6. France, Quai de France, No. 10.

The French Military Post Office, "Tresor et Poste aux armées, 5, Chine 5," was situated in the rue de France, but was closed on 31st October.

UNDERSTAMPED PICTORIAL POST CARDS.

For those people who send pictorial post cards abroad—and who does not now-a-days—it is well to bear certain things in mind.

Many of these cards bear in the space destined for the stamp the information—"½d. stamp inland; 1d. stamp foreign"; and pinning their faith to this, doubtless many people have sent these cards abroad, not knowing that the recipients would be charged 3d. on all "under-stamped letters."

This, in all likelihood, is sufficient for the Colonies, but on the Continent private cards are not viewed in the same light, but are subjected to the ordinary excess rates levied on under-stamp missives. All private post cards are charged at letter rates; all post cards must bear the Royal Arms of Great Britain.

(*Leeds Mercury*.)

"DONE" BY A POSTAGE STAMP.

A novel use for a postage stamp has been found in Yeh Burma. The Sergeant of Excise lately seized a lot of opium which he found concealed under the flooring of the house of a Chinaman. Access to the stuff was had through a trap door hidden under furniture and rubbish. At the trial the existence of the trap-door was denied, and the prosecution was challenged to prove it. The magistrate and witnesses accordingly adjourned to the house for the purpose, with the result that no trap-door could be found; it had been filled up. But alas! the triumph of the Chinaman was but short-lived. The Excise officer had anticipated his little game by sticking a postage stamp under the scantling where the trap-door had been placed, and told the magistrate that if the planking was taken up it would be found there, which to the consternation of the accused, proved to be the case. As a result, the heathen Chinese had to pay a fine of Rs. 100 and to look as happy as he could under the failure of his little "fake."

(From *The Morning Leader*.)

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., ..	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311* Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a* " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4

817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4

825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7

834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0	—
854* " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
855* " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11	—
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4	—
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8	—
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8	—
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4	—
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8	—
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. 10d	1/0	1/0	—
864* " 3 1/2fr. ..	2/10	3/4	—
865* " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8	—
866* " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4	—
867* Curaçao, 1g.	1/8	2/0	—
868* " 1 1/2g.	2/6	2/11	—
869* " 2 1/2g.	4/2	4/11	—
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. 2/1	2/5	—	—

871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11	—
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0	—
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	—
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5	—

875* Fernando Poo, 40c.	—	—	—
876* " 60c.	—	—	—
877* " 80c.	—	—	—
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—	—
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire 1/8	2/0	—	—
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5	—
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. 2/1	2/5	—	—
883* " Corea, 1 " 2/1	2/5	—	—
884 Liberia, 50c.	—	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8	—
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0	—
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11	—
898* " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11	—
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0	—
900* " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0	—
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8	—

South and Central America.

911	Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912	" 5 " ..	—	—
913	" 10 " ..	—	—
914	" 20 " ..	—	—
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" " 50c.	1/0	1/3
915	Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916	" 2 " ..	—	—
917	Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918	Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919	Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920	Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921	Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922	Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923	" 2 " ..	—	—
924	" 5 " ..	—	—
925	" 10 " ..	—	—
926	Dominican Republic, 1 peso..	—	—
927	" " 2 " ..	—	—
928	Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929	" 5 " ..	—	—
930	Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931	" 1 gourde ..	—	—
932	Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933	Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934	" 5 pesos ..	—	—
935	Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936	" 2 pesos ..	—	—
937	" 5 " ..	—	—
938	Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939	Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940	Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941	" 2 soles ..	—	—
942	" 5 " ..	—	—
943	" 10 " ..	—	—
944	Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945	Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946*	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947*	" 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948*	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949*	" 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950	Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol.	—	—
951	" 3 " ..	—	—
952	" 10 " ..	—	—
953	" 20 " ..	—	—
954	" (Foreign), 1 bol.	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Cheque Stamps* (175 H 177).—Quite a batch of new dies appear to have been brought into use. Up to the end of 1901 we had met with dies up to DG, but until October, 1902, nothing higher appeared. The list of new dies now stands as follows:—

Die.	Earliest Date.
DH	27.10.02
DM	30.10.02
DO	12.12.02
DQ	18.11.02
DR	20.12.02
DX	12.12.02

Dies DO and DX are given on the authority of Mr. H. T. Jenner.

Stationery (175 P 177).—The 1d. embossed envelopes are undergoing some changes. In addition to the discontinuance of the "C" size, a new envelope of foolscap size is to be issued. The following is the official notice relating to the change:—

Embossed Envelopes. Issue of 1d. embossed envelopes of "Foolscap" size.

Envelopes of "Foolscap" size (9in. x 4in.) bearing an impressed 1d. postage stamp will be issued for sale to the public on and after the 9th of February.

The new envelopes will be banded in packets of 20, and will be sold at the rate of 1/10d per packet.

The following prices will be charged for quantities up to 20:—

No.	Price.	No.	Price.	No.	Price.	No.	Price.
1	1½d.	6	6½d.	11	1/0½	16	1/6.
2	2½d.	7	8d.	12	1/1½	17	1/7½.
3	3½d.	8	9d.	13	1/2½	18	1/8½.
4	4½d.	9	10½d.	14	1/3½	19	1/9½.
5	5½d.	10	11½d.	15	1/5	20	1/10½.

The envelopes will be on sale at all post offices with the exception of some small sub-offices at which embossed envelopes are not kept in stock, but they will be obtainable at these offices with little delay if specially ordered.

Discontinuance of the issue of 1d. embossed envelopes of the "C" size.

It has been decided to discontinue the issue of the embossed envelopes of the "C" size (5in. x 3in.), and no more of these envelopes will be supplied when the remaining stock is exhausted.

Early Dates (165 T 167).—The following new records have been shown us:—

1d. plate 86.	Sheffield, 23.5.64.	S. G. Dudley.
2½d. plate 2.	London, E.C., 6.8.75.	N. Yaar & Co.
2½d. plate 14.	" 20.3.79.	"

ANTIOQUIA (155 M 177).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is informed that the following numbers only of the new issue were printed and that the stones were then cleaned off (the stamps were produced by lithography).

1c.	200,000	50c.	50,000
2c.	300,000	1p.	25,000
5c.	100,000	5p.	10,000
10c.	200,000	10p.	10,000
20c.	100,000	10c. (Regn.)	5,000

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (175 P 177).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that a 4c. dark green postcard was issued on December 25th in fourteen varieties, each of which shows on the back a map of one of the fourteen provinces! Size, 133x80mm.

BENADIR (175 F 177).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write us as follows:—

"We are not a little surprised to see in your paper of this date a defence of the so-called Benadir postage stamps, as we were not aware that you had already published any information concerning them, nor that you had any interest in the labels. We omitted to state in our letter that the letter which we received from Kismayu was from the Italian Resident for Jubaland, but since then we have written to the Società Anonima Commerciale Italiana del Benadir at Milan, enquiring whether the stamps were still on sale and whether there was any likelihood of their being brought into use; to this we have received the following reply:—

Av. estimée du 13 cour., nous devons vous dire que tout le stock de timbres poste de Benadir, à été acheté par Mr. Leopoldo Bottacco de Crema, auquel il faudra se diriger pour des achats.

"As the Società has no more of the stamps nor any interest in them, the entire stock being held by an Italian stamp dealer, we hardly think you can defend these labels any longer."

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. do not quite correctly interpret our position in this matter. They have addressed a letter to all the philatelic journals, headed "The Bogus Benadir Issue," which is calculated to lead collectors to suppose that the stamps are a fraud, and that their status has only just been discovered. What we wish to point out is that the true facts of the case were all known as far back as May, 1902, and that they were published at the time in E.W.S.N. The Società Anonima has never represented that there was at present any postal service in Benadir, but they had a perfect right to make preparations and in the course of such to print stamps. It is perhaps questionable whether it was wise to part with this stock of stamps to an Italian dealer, but there is no proof that the stamps were printed with any but the bona-fide intention of being ultimately issued. The case is almost parallel with that of British Somaliland, except that none of the latter stamps have been allowed to come on the market. The British Somaliland stamps, at present only known overprinted "specimen," must also be reckoned as bogus if those of Benadir are.

We believe the true facts to be that the Società Anonima made plans for the postal development of Benadir (Italian Somali Coast) the execution of which have been delayed as in the case of similar plans for Berbera and district (British Somaliland). In both cases, stamps were printed, in the case of Benadir by the Italian Government Printing Office. An Italian dealer, M. Leopoldo Bottacco heard of this and induced the Società Anonima to part with their stock, and the stamps were then offered to collectors with their true history as published in E.W.S.N., of May, 1902. There is nothing to discover; it was all known long ago. The Editor of E.W.S.N. purchased his set of these stamps on the 7th April, 1902, and it may interest Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. to know they came from M. Bottacco, whose purchase of the stamps they have just discovered.

BOLIVIA (163 F 177).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new envelope stamp.

Envelope. Same type as adhesive.
20c. violet and black.

COOK ISLANDS (175 S 177).—Mr. W. T. Baker asks us what is the exact date of issue of the 1d. brown surcharged a "Crown." He has a specimen postmarked "December 5th, 1901." The date of issue preceded this by some months, however, as the stamp was on sale in London before the end of 1901.

DANISH WEST INDIES (155 P 177).—We take the following Post Office statistics from the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*:—

Postcards.

1 on 3c., 1901	Local surcharge	900
1 + 1 on 3 + 3c., 1902	"	1500
1 on 3c., 1902	"	3000
1 on 3c., 1902	Copenhagen surcharge	7000
1 + 1 on 3 + 3c., 1902	"	700

EGYPT (172 C 177).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following:—

Adhesive. Chalk-surfaced paper.
5 mill., rose-carmine.

The 2 mill., 1 and 2 piastres were chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 150.

GERMAN LEVANT (A 177).—The 1 piastre on 20pf. Reichspost comes in two types of surcharge. In the later one (the lower of our two illustrations), the figure 1 is slightly larger and the letters of "Piaster," especially the A, are not quite the same.

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GOLD COAST (169 P 177).—We have recently seen a rather interesting, and we believe

unchronicled, revenue stamp. It is the ordinary 1d. Queen's Head postage stamp of the issue just obsolete, but printed in grey, with value and name in vermilion, and overprinted "JUDICIAL."

INDIA (175 U 177).—Mr. F. G. Warwick writes us as follows:—

"Herewith I beg to send you an extract from *The Official Directory* issued for the Coronation Durbar at Delhi, which has just been sent to me, thinking it may be of interest to the readers of E.W.S.N. especially the portion which refers to the sale of obliterated specimens of Indian stamps with the special obliteration date stamp. The postal facilities at the Durbar camp were in the hands of Rai Daulat Ram Bahadur C.I.E. as chief Superintendent and assisted by several Superintendents and Inspectors.

"The Durbar camp had a Postal system of its own, with its own Head Office and its own fifteen sub-offices, the troops in addition being served separately by eight Field Post Offices. Letters were collected from over a hundred pillar boxes by messengers mounted on bicycles, and a special Tonga service was organised, to carry mails to and from the railway and to collect and distribute the letters, &c. Information as to the rates of postage, &c., were to be found in a special edition of the *Indian Postal Guide*, which was on sale at all the Camp Post Offices. The Guide also contained a specimen of each stamp in current use in India, from ¼ anna to Rs. 5, obliterated with the Durbar Head Office date stamp. The book, the edition of which was limited to 5,000 copies, cost Re. 1, and was sold only at the Durbar Camp Offices."

MADAGASCAR, British Inland Mail (175 C 177).—Mr. H. Baron writes us as follows:—

"I was much interested in the article on Inland Mail Madagascars, and have pleasure in enclosing you a few more to have a look at. I have several of the varieties S. G. 69 to 75 in unused condition and see you consider these rarities, you will also note the blocks of Nos. 78 and 79, I don't think there are a great many of these about, but I have a few dozens in pairs, etc. You will note 79 S. G. used with Natal stamp in addition as per your photo in this week's *Ewen's*, and you are at liberty to illustrate this one if you think it desirable. Another point you will note is that this issue was withdrawn at the end of September, the 25th was I believe the day the French entered the Capital, and one of my copies was used on that day.

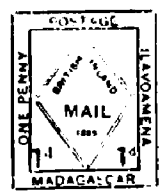
"I also enclose you the Norwegian Missionary issue, which Gibbons ignores. These are in blocks of 12, but unfortunately the one with the rare error stars in corners is not quite complete."

Mr. Baron shows us two more envelopes:—

1. Franked with 4d. of the 2nd issue, postmarked Antananarivo, 9.7.95 and Natal 2½d. blue, 30.7.95.

2. Franked with 4d. of the 2nd issue, postmarked Antananarivo, 23.8.95 and Natal 2½d., 23.9.95.

The Norwegian Missionary Society's stamps are interesting and are type-set "N.M.S.'s—v. 5—post" within an ornamental border. One is shown on the envelope addressed to "J. Sibree, College House N., Faravohitra," so they were evidently for purely local use. They were printed in sheets of 12, 4 rows of 3, and two values are represented in our correspondent's collection:—5v. and 1e. 5v.



Concerning the first issue of the British Inland Mail, Mr. J. N. Marsden has shown us the following interesting letter written by a resident of Tananarivo to him under date 10th March, 1897.

"Concerning the British Inland Mail stamps (the type-set issue), I find that the late Malagasy Government made an agreement with a syndicate of British merchants and the Vice Consul to work the inland mail during the late war. That means the conveyance of all mail matter between the inland towns and again with the ports, where

mail steamers called and with other ports from which mails could be sent to catch the steamers, say at Tamatave, Mojanga (Majunga?), etc. Thus you see they were issued by Native Government authority.

"Those with [without? Ed.] picture were printed here and used until those with pictures arrived from England where they were printed. I have not been able to get any used ones, for as far as I know they were only issued here outward [used from here outward?] though it may be they were issued elsewhere. The picture represents the mail boxes carried on a bamboo, with the native official sent with each porter carrying a pair of boxes.

"The Norwegian stamps were issued by the Norwegian Mission for the convenience of the members of the mission and their friends. The sale of the stamps gave the various members an opportunity of sharing the expense of the transmission of their letters. These letters were sent by courier and between the N.M.S. (Norwegian Mission Station) only. The '5 V' and '7 V' on the stamps is the Malagasy money value which means $\frac{7}{10}$ or $\frac{7}{10}$ of a dollar ($\frac{7}{10}$ of a dollar = $\frac{1}{3}$). Now that the French Colonial mail is fully established these are no longer issued. All Norwegian Missionaries here speak English."

Mr. J. N. Marsden writes:—"I received full sheets of these stamps (B.I.M. 1st issue) when they were already out of use but bought by my correspondent just before they were withdrawn. My sheets all showed the error 'FUOR.' How is it yours do not? My sheets of the 1/- were set like the 1d., that is, the two lower blocks were upside down."

Presumably there was more than one printing. Of course, the 4d. value was much more used than any other.

MAURITIUS (175 X 177).—M. Th. Lemaire, of Paris, has purchased the 1d. and 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius used together on one envelope for 40,000 francs (about £1600). This is said to be the only known example of the two values of this famous set on the one envelope. The letter was addressed to a firm in Bordeaux and marked "via England." The postmarks are unfortunately illegible in the photograph we have seen, but one appears to be "Boulogne," some date in 1847. There is also a rectangular mark inscribed "COLONIES— . . . 13." (part being illegible). The 3d. was of course local postage, as these two stamps, like the post paid issue, were never anything more than locals, only having franking power within the island, in precisely the same way as the Madagascar British Inland Mail Stamps of 1895. The ocean postage of the Mauritius letter was paid in money. There are now thirteen 1d. red (two unused) and nine 2d. blue (three unused) stamps of the 1847 issue known.

MEXICO (175 I. 177).—The colour of the 1c. wrapper has been changed.

Wrapper.

1c. lilac on chamois.

NEWFOUNDLAND (159 G 177).—The *American Journal of Philately* reports the current 1c. imperforate vertically.

NEW SOUTH WALES (173 A 177).—We are informed that the 7½d. value is now departmentally out of stock. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* notes the following:—

Unpaid Letter Stamp. Perf. 11½, 12 cd. w. 11.
1d. pale green, chalk-surfaced paper.

The other values already chronicled on this paper are the 2d. and 4d. (E.W.S.N. No. 163) and 6d. (E.W.S.N. No. 137).

The latest "high values" to come over are still perforated as follows:—12½d., 12×11½; 5/-, 11×11½ (No. 246?); 10/-, 11½, 12; £1, 11½, 12.

We have a few more strips with machine numbers to add to the list published in E.W.S.N. No. 169.

Sheet No.	Machine No.	All on chalk-surfaced paper.
350733	56733	2d. blue, perf. 12×11½ (dark).
—	62253	" " " " (").
—	141856	" " " " (medium).
—	180197	" " " " (").

The first of the four was recorded previously. Will not some of our readers in New South Wales add to the list. The Editor is quite willing to pay 25% over face for interesting strips of the lower values showing both numbers.

NEW SOUTH WALES (173 A 177).—The Rev. P.E. Raynor claims, in the *London Philatelist*, to have discovered two different types of the NSW watermark, corresponding roughly to the different types of the "SA" and "TAS" watermarks. The measurements are as follows:—

	Type I.	Type II.
Total height of wmk.	17½	19½.
Space between Crown and letters	1½	2.
Height of Crown	10	11
Width of Crown	10	11.
Height of letters	6	6½.
Width of letters	14½	13½.

The first type of watermark is said to be generally rather indistinct and its blurred appearance makes it difficult to trace the out-

lines quite accurately. It appears that the Crown in type I. is smaller in size and differs in drawing from that of the second type; the letters 'NSW' again, are thicker and more compact in the first type, besides being closer to the Crown. In type II., the blunt angles of the letters are especially noticeable and suggest the bending of the wires used to form the watermark. The dates of employment of the two types are as yet undetermined.

NEW ZEALAND (176 R 177).—Seeing the large amount of trouble we have taken to provide collectors with an accurate list of the perforation varieties of New Zealand, Niue and Penrhyn Island stamps, we may perhaps be excused if we advise readers to place no reliance on the list of these stamps published in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' new and otherwise excellent addenda. No. 234a of New Zealand is purely a freak and has no right whatever to a place in a catalogue. Sheets of the 1d. perf. 11 (or 14, as the case may be) have had either the vertical or the horizontal rows of perforation very much off-centre, and as is usually the case when the defect is noticed, they have been re-perforated in the right place (generally with the hand-machine 11, which is more convenient when a small number of sheets only have to be operated upon). The Colonial Stamp Market has at the present moment a quarter-sheet of 60 of the ½d. no wmk. (No. 241), with the normal perforation 14 all round, but vertically much off-centre, with the result that it has been re-perforated vertically with the gauge 11. This is, however, purely a freak and not a variety worthy of catalogue rank. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' themselves are evidently of this opinion as their variety is numbered 234a and is the only one in the new list to have a duplicate number, no doubt indicating that it will be taken out of the list when those they have are sold. There are something like fifty of these compound perforation freaks known and if one is catalogued, all should be. We question the existence of Niue Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Penrhyn No. 1. The only example of 1d. Penrhyn Islands, perf. 11, we have seen, was bought from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons and was not on Waterlow paper, as catalogued by them, but on Basted Mills paper. This error throws a doubt on the accuracy of the description of Niue, Nos. 2 to 7. May not these be also on Basted Mills paper, and if so identical with Nos. 10 to 16? The ½d. with spaced "UE" variety and inverted surcharge is omitted and should be No. 12a.

NIGER COAST (A 177).—The Editor has been making a collection of corner blocks showing sheet-numbers, and is able to state that each printing is not numbered independently, but that each value is numbered consecutively, one printing commencing where the previous one left off. The following numbers have so far come under notice:—

No watermark issue.

5d., 0454. Dull violet.

Wmk. Crown CA.

½d., 541, 985, 1952, 3126, 4559, 4596, 4674. The No. 985 is brighter, and those above 4500 duller and darker. The latter were issued in 1902.

1d., 213, 1332, 1385, 3189, 3566, 3588. There is very little difference in shade, the 1300 series being darker and redder if anything.

2d., 436, 497, 530. No difference.

2½d., 75, 444, 445, 871, 873, 1487, 1500. Nos. 75 and those above 1400 are in pale blue, the others being in a distinct shade of dark blue, the contrast between 871 and 1487 being very striking.

5d., 689, 712, 804. No difference.

6d., 385, 547. No difference.

1/-, 350, 794, 816. No difference.

2/-, 343, 462. The latter is in a much deeper shade.

10/-, 82. This is in the latest shade.

We should be very glad to hear from readers having any others and same should be sent for inspection. The editor is willing to purchase if price is not too dear. The numbers of stamps to a sheet are as follows:—½d. 60, 1d. 60, 2d. 60, 2½d. 48, 5d. 48, 6d. 48, 1/- 30, 2/- 30, 10/- 20.

Since writing the above we have seen the 2/- in the deep shade, Nos. 435 and 459, and the 10/- in the 'new' shade, No. 60. We have also seen the 10/- in the dull dark violet, with sheet-number 274. It seems very doubtful therefore whether the latter is not really the latest, but we certainly met with it first some considerable time ago. If any reader has a specimen of the first issue bought at the time, we should be glad to have a statement as to what shade it is in.

PARAGUAY (169 T 177).—Another new provisional has been issued here.

Adhesive.

5c. on 28c. orange.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* says that 75,000 of the 5c. on 8c. provisional were made and that it was issued on 28.10.02. The 5c. on 28c. was issued on 15.12.02.

Miss E. J. Hirschberg also informs us of the following new provisional.

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Adhesive.

1c. on 14c. brown.

SEYCHELLES (171 P 177).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons report the discovery of the 6c. on 8c. with inverted surcharge at top of stamp.

ST. LUCIA (173 G 177).—We now illustrate the new 2d. pictorial chronicled a month ago.



UNITED STATES (176 L 177).—We take the following from the Washington notes of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*:—

"The 1, 15 and probably 3 cent denominations may be issued before the first of February, so it is said, and the department believes the entire series may be given to the public by the first of March. The Bureau officials are, however, sceptical about this and say during 'March.'

"The 13 cent stamp is proving to be a rather slow seller. The wholesale stamp clerk in Washington says very few indeed are called for.

"I have seen the models for the \$1 and \$5 stamps of the new series and have no hesitancy in saying that the sketches represent magnificent specimens of the stamp-makers art. In the former, Farragut, who supplants Perry, faces almost full front, the bust enclosed in a half oval. In the two upper corners appear the figures \$1 and between and at the top 'Series of 1902.' The lettering 'United States of America' follows the curve of the oval. Figures of a marine and a sailor appear in the bottom corners of the design. The name 'Farragut' is in a straight line under the bust and years of birth and death, 1801-1870 in small ribbons below and at the side. The value, 'Postage One Dollar' is in two straight lines at the extreme lower portion of the stamp.

"The \$5 value depicts John Marshall almost full facing, in an oval. The top of the design is represented by a heavy stone with medallions of the head of Liberty sunk on the left side and Justice with eyes bandaged, on the right. The medallions seemed to be cut in the stone. In the centre is a ribbon bearing the inscription, 'Series of 1902.' The words 'United States of America' appear around the oval as in the case of the \$1 denomination. The name 'Marshall' is in a slightly curved line beneath the bust with dates of birth and death in the same relative position as the \$1. Postage Five Dollars is in two straight lines at the bottom.

"It is understood the two stamps will be printed in the same colours now employed. The model for the \$2 does not appear to have been finally approved."

URUGUAY (167 M 177).—We illustrate the stamps on the new registration envelope and wrapper.



Registration Envelope.

20 centesimos ultramarine.

New wrapper.

5 milesimos blue.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (175 K 177).—We now illustrate the new Melbourne printed stamps.



The 1d. and 2d. differ but slightly from their predecessors, the 1d. being now slightly larger and the 2d. having altered inscription.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204 " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205 (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/1
206 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208 Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. 12	12	2/3	2/81
211 Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1f. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243 Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251 Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252 Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253 Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254 Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261 Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262 Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263 Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264 Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271 Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
272 Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
273 " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
274 Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281 Macau, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282 Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t. ..	10	2/6	2/11
283 Timor, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
295 Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301 Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302 Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804 Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809 Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814 Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 300 reis. ..	1/1	1/4
817 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819 Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820 " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824 Mozambique Company, 300 reis. ..	1/1	1/4
825 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826 " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827 Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828 Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833 Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834 " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838 Timor, 47 avos ..	1/1	1/4
839 " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851 Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852 " 16 " ..	—	—
853 Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0
854 " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0
855 " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11
858 China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4
859 " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8
860 " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8
861 Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862 " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8
863 Congo Free State, 1fr. ..	10d	1/0
864 " 3½fr. ..	2/10	3/4
865 " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
866 " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4
867 Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0
868 " 1½g. ..	2/6	2/11
869 " 2½g. ..	4/2	4/11
870 Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5
871 Dutch Indies, 2½g. ..	4/2	4/11
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8
874 Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875 Fernando Poo, 40c. ..	—	—
876 " 60c. ..	—	—
877 " 80c. ..	—	—
878 " 1 peso ..	—	—
879 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
880 Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0
881 Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882 Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
883 " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—
895 Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896 Surinam, 1 guilder ..	1/8	2/0
897 " 1½ " ..	2/6	2/11
898 " 2½ " ..	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 " ..	—	—
913 " 10 " ..	—	—
914 " 20 " ..	—	—
955 " Official 30c. ..	0/8	0/10
956 " 50c. ..	1/0	1/3
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916 " 2 " ..	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivias ..	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923 " 2 " ..	—	—
924 " 5 " ..	—	—
925 " 10 " ..	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso ..	—	—
927 " 2 " ..	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929 " 5 " ..	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931 " 1 gourde ..	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934 " 5 pesos ..	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
937 " 5 " ..	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940 Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941 " 2 soles ..	—	—
942 " 5 " ..	—	—
943 " 10 " ..	—	—
944 Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945 Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946 Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947 " 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948 " 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949 " 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950 Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. ..	—	—
951 " 3 " ..	—	—
952 " 10 " ..	—	—
953 " 20 " ..	—	—
954 " (Foreign), 1 bol. ..	—	—

United States and Colonies.

981 United States, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4
982 " \$1 ..	4/0	4/8
983 " \$2 ..	8/9	9/4
984 " \$5 ..	20/0	23/4
991 Philippines, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps (175 F 178).—A correspondent writes from Scotland: "A communication having been received here re stamps for Naval use, I am able to enclose a list of values to be issued on 1st April, 1903. The stamps are to bear the words "Admiralty Official." The denominations are as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., and in addition, postcards impressed with a $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamp and registration envelopes with a 3d. stamp. Our correspondent also adds something about "1d., 2d., 6d., 9d. and 1/- parcel post stamps," but the account is too unintelligible to give here, and we are not certain whether it has anything to do with the Admiralty Official stamps. We should greatly prefer that official notices be sent us as published, and we are then sure of having a correct report.

Envelope Dies (174 M 178).—Mr. F. G. Warwick has shown us the 1d., die 26, postmarked 6.2.03. The following are now known:—

- $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Dies 7 to 24, except 13; 43.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 26, except 19; 43, 44.

ALEXANDRIA (175 F 178).—We have seen the following addition to the new set.



Adhesive. Type as above.
10c. rose.

BAHAMAS (174 T 178).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us three new values in the Queen's Staircase type.

- Adhesives. Type of Queen's Staircase.
- 5d. black and orange.
 - 2/- black and blue.
 - 3/- black and green.

Our earliest copy is postmarked 21.1.03.

CANADA (176 H 178).—The following cutting is from the *Montreal Herald*:—

"Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General, has decided upon the issue of new stamps for Canada, and if he approves of the design that has been submitted to him they will bear an exquisitely finished portrait of His Majesty King Edward. The new stamps will not go into use, however, until the present supply has been exhausted. This will probably be about June 1st or July 1st. Our correspondent thus calls our attention to the first definite information yet seen relative to the King's Head set. We are not at all surprised that this decision has been arrived at; indeed, our surprise has been that so long a time has elapsed without the Dominion's postal powers acting in this matter."

ECUADOR (176 Q 178).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* mentions the following addition to our list of surcharged varieties in E.W.S.N. No. 176.

- (xi). Surcharged "Resellada."
5c.

FRENCH P.O., CRETE (167 D 178).—The following two values have been added to the new set.

- Adhesives. Type "Droits de l'Homme."
10c. rose.
15c. red.

FRENCH P.O., LEVANT (167 F 178).—The following additions to the new set chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 164 have now appeared.

- Adhesives. Type of current French 10c. ("Droits de l'Homme") but inscribed "Levant" at foot
10c. rose.
"1 piastre 1" (in thin sans-serif capitals) on 25c. blue (millésime 2).

Our earliest dated copy of the 1 piastre is 4.2.03. Messrs. T. Champion & Co. have also shown us the 25c. of the previous issue with millésime 2.

HONDURAS (169 C 178).—Mr. Aitchison has shown the *Metropolitan Philatelist* part of a set of the 1898 type printed on the back with the arms of the country in a circle, the design of which, being too large to show on one stamp, is struck in the centre of each block of four. It is possibly a Government control mark.

- Adhesives. Locomotive type, overprinted on back with Arms, in a circle, in dull violet.
1c. brown, 2c. rose, 5c. ultramarine, 6c. lilac, 10c. blue.

IVORY COAST (125 B 178).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following:—

- Parcel Post stamps. Surcharged "Cote d'Ivoire—COLIS—Postaux" on Postage Due stamps of French Colonies.
50c.
60c.

LIBERIA (174 F 178).—We illustrate some new stamps which have just been issued.



- Adhesive.
3c. black.
Official (?) Adhesive.
3c. green, surcharged in red "OS" in script capitals.
Registration Adhesives. (Type of 10c. above).
10c. green and black (Harper).
10c. lilac and black (Robertsport).
10c. violet and black (Monrovia).
10c. red and black (Grenville).
10c. blue and black (Buchanan).

NICARAGUA (169 P 178).—We have been shown a new 1c. stamp by Messrs. T. Champion and Co. Two other values are also issued.



- Adhesive. Perf. 12.
1c. emerald and black (Portrait of — ?).
5c. blue and black.
10c. yellow and black.

The name of the Portrait is not given, the label underneath being inscribed "11 DE JULIO 1893."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (175 C 178).—Mr. H. W. W. Russell has shown us the new $\frac{1}{4}$ d. King's Head wrapper. The following is a list of the new stationery to date.

Description.	Reported in E.W.S.N.	Illustrated in E.W.S.N.	Earliest date of use.
Postcard, $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	—	—	—
" $\frac{1}{4}$ d. + $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	—	—	—
" 1d.	—	—	—
" 1d. + 1d.	—	—	—
Wrapper, $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	178	170	19.1.03
" 1d.	—	170	—
Reg. Envelope, 4d. (I)	175	152	—
" (K)	175	152	4.12.02

All the above were reported in E.W.S.N. No. 162 as ready for issue.

PARAGUAY (177 U 178).—Mr. C. L. Larssen informs us that he has the 1c. on 14c. postmarked 22.12.02, which is so far the earliest date we have noted.

PERSIA (173 T 178).—The new 50 krans has already been surcharged.



- Adhesives. Type as above.
2 Tomans in blue on 50kr. green.
3 " in black on 50kr. green.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles the following of the new set with surcharge for official use:—



- Official Adhesives. Overprinted "Service."
5 chahi, red.
12 " blue.
1 krans, purple.
2 "
5 "
10 "

PORT SAID (167 E 178).—The French Post Office here has been furnished with the following addition to the new set.

- Adhesive. Type Droits de l'Homme.
10c. rose.

QUEENSLAND (170 L 178).—Mr. W. H. Robinson writes to the *Australian Journal of Philately* that "a new 9d. stamp is in use for telegrams, but has not yet been issued to the public. Its appearance is expected daily."

We take the following also from our Australian contemporary:—

"We have received from Mr. R. Abraham, of Townsville, Queensland, for inspection a used 6d. Queensland stamp received by him in the ordinary course of business three months ago. This stamp is supposed to be the current type with figures in four corners, but, strange to relate it has only the figures in the lower corners. It certainly has not been tampered with as there are scrolls in the two upper corners, and is really the same type as the 1d. with figures in lower corners, issued in 1896 (Gibbons' type 18). In every respect, but with the one exception, the stamp referred to is identical with the current 6d. with figures in four corners, and we are at a loss to know how such a curiosity comes about as this type has been in use for the past three years, and we have never heard of it before. We cannot say at the present moment whether only one of this variety appears in a sheet or in a block of 4, or whether only one or more entire sheets have been printed similarly. The fact that it has been in our correspondent's hands for at least three months is proof that it is not quite a new issue, it does not look like it, and the fact also that such a discovery has not been made before proves that it must be very uncommon to have escaped the eagle eyes of all Australian philatelists except one."

SALVADOR (150 H 178).—The new set which was reported by us in E.W.S.N. No. 131 as being in preparation has now made its appearance, and we are able to furnish the following description from a set shown us by Messrs. T. Champion & Co.

- Adhesives. Wmk. a faint "S" about 10mm. high; perf. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14.
1c. dark green. 13c. red brown.
2c. red. 24c. red.
3c. orange. 26c. yellow brown.
5c. dark blue. 50c. yellow.
10c. dull lilac. 100c. light blue.
12c. slate.

The stamps are all of the same design, which we will illustrate in an early number.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (173 V 178).—Mr. J. E. Heginbottom has shown us a copy of the new 9d. "Postage" postmarked September 25th, 1902. This is so far the earliest date of use which has come under our notice.

Capt. G. F. Napier sends us some interesting information relative to recent printings of the current small postage stamps, and has shown us the following:—

- $\frac{1}{4}$ d. G.P.O. Adelaide, with sheet numbers:
1d. 617164. 1d. 617123. 1d. 595241.
2d. 708489. 2d. 707531.

The above were current in July and August, 1902. A supply of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamps, issued to the Colonial Stamp Market in September, 1902, was numbered $\frac{1}{4}$ d. 030406. We noticed corner strips from both the top and bottom of a sheet with No. 2d. 708489, so the numbers must sometimes

occur twice on a sheet. The 6d. on 1d. paper were also current in July and August, and the 1d. on 2d. paper in June.

We take the following from the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—

"Mr. Gilles has shewn us some varieties of current South Australians, to wit, a pair of 2½d. and three single specimens of the 2d. value, surcharged for official service (now obsolete) and postmarked. The surcharge on the 2½d. stamps is inverted, and in addition the overprint, wide O.S., has been so placed on the sheet that, in the specimens before us, one stamp has the letter O only, while its neighbour has the letters O.S. upside down, which would be an absurd statement were we not to qualify it with the remark that the stops between the letters are at the ends nearest the tops of the stamps. The letters are closer together, but not so close as the old thin O.S. The three 2d. values have the letter O only on each stamp, but faint traces of the S can, on two of them, be seen on the perforated edge. It seems to us that the wide spacing of the O.S., has been the cause of a number of peculiarities, but the inverted surcharge is a decided variety. The wide surcharge was in use for a considerable time, but up to the present no such errors as the above have been noticed. It is indeed an interesting discovery, and will give collectors something to look for during the Christmas holidays. We may add that Gibbons' in the 1903 catalogue lists the current 1d. rosine with inverted surcharge (No. 660)."

TASMANIA (174 R 178).—The following letter is published by the *Australian Philatelist*:—

GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA

Post and Telegraph Department.

Hobart, 1st December, 1902.

MR. FRED. HAGEN, Sydney.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 17th ultimo, which illness and absence from office has hitherto prevented my replying to, I beg to inform you that 3d. platypus, 2s. 6d. St. George and dragon, 10s. St. George and dragon, and 20s. Queen's head were surcharged with the word "Revenue," and were on sale and available for postage for about fourteen days in November, 1900.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY L. D'EMDEN.

We note the 10/- St. George and dragon is included, though not catalogued by Gibbons.

TRINIDAD (172 T 178).—Mr. A. J. Maingot has shown us the 1d. lilac and carmine, type II. postmarked as far back as Sept. 25th, 1900, the earliest date previously recorded having been January, 1901. He informs us that he has examined a very large quantity of the 1d. lilac and carmine and found less than 1% to be type II., but amongst this small percentage were specimens bearing postmarks of every month between September, 1900, and January, 1902. He has shown us a specimen postmarked January 2nd, 1902, and another dated September 4th, 1901 used on the same envelope with a stamp of type I. The value "One Penny" on these latter two specimens is in quite distinct shades, type II. being dark carmine and type I. light rose.

UNITED STATES (177 M 178).—We are indebted to Mr. M. H. Lombard and "R." for specimens of the 2c. and 5c. of the "Series 1902."

Adhesives.

2c. bright rose (Washington).

5c. dark blue (Lincoln), dark, pale and deep shades.

We have the 2c. with plate-numbers 1557, 1556 and 1560 and the 5c. with 1537, 1539.

"R." writes:—"I am advised—semi-officially and I think trustworthily, that the first shipments on requisition were made by the Stamp Division of the Bureau Engraving and Printing, on Tuesday, January 20, 1903, but where first placed on sale, I am not, as hereinbefore indicated definitely advised. In passing, I may say that the colour of the 1902 sent out is not the shade approved by the Postmaster-General, that approved being a brighter vermilion than that of the 1894 issue, a specimen of a more recent printing of which is likewise enclosed. I do not know that a copy of the statistics relating to issues of U.S. Postage stamps and overprinted stamps are of sufficient interest to give them room in *E.W.S.N.* or not. They are taken from the official report of the Director of the Bureau of engraving and printing, covering the period July 1st, 1901 to June 30th, 1902, which has but recently appeared in printed published form.

"From a collector's point of view it is perhaps well to remember that of every 100 stamps—ordinary or Postage Due—either 10 or 19 are "straight" edged, while of Special Delivery out of every 50 stamps 10 are "straight" edged. In the case of stamps issued in booklets, which are of three classifications, viz.:

1. Containing 12 stamps = 24c. sold at 25c.
2. " 24 " 48c. " 49c.
3. " 48 " 96c. " 97c.

(All being of 2 cent denomination.)

"Each sheet consists of 6 stamps of which 4 stamps are straight edged on 1 side and 2 are straight edged on 2 sides."

U.S. Postage Stamps ordinary 1894 issue.

Issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to Postmasters on requisitions.

Denomination.	No. of Stamps.	Denomin.	No. of Stamps.
1c.	1,139,106,400	8c.	16,906,700
2c.	3,024,624,100	10c.	26,317,200
2c. (in booklets)	124,469,448	15c.	4,551,700
3c.	33,050,200	50c.	218,170
4c.	39,224,000	\$1	44,320
5c.	63,127,800	\$2	4,715
6c.	12,951,800	\$5	3,230

Total, 4,484,599,783

Special Delivery Series, 1894.

10c. 174,035 sheets or 8,701,750 stamps.

Postage Due Stamps, Series of 1894.

1c.	..	5,255,100 stamps.
2c.	..	15,004,500 "
3c.	..	438,600 "
5c.	..	1,122,900 "
10c.	..	2,151,200 "
30c.	..	5,690 "
50c.	..	5,300 "

Total .. 24,043,290 "

Pan-American Postage Stamps.

1901 Series (Buffalo).

1c.	..	40,027,500 stamps.
2c.	..	88,056,500 "
4c.	..	1,970,400 "
5c.	..	2,162,000 "
8c.	..	2,392,900 "
10c.	..	2,077,600 "

Total .. 136,686,900 "

Statistics are not at hand as to number of Pan-American series returned and destroyed.

CUBA.

Stamps manufactured for Department of Cuba (regular Cuban dies) same period.

1c.	..	2,000,000 stamps.
2c.	..	8,000,000 "
2c. (books).	..	564,480 "
5c.	..	1,000,000 "
10c.	..	200,000 "
10c. Special Delivery.	..	50,000 "
10c. on U.S.P. Due.	..	50,000 "

Total .. 11,864,480 "

The foregoing covers only the period of the American occupation or rather so much as there was thereof in the fiscal year of July 1st 1901, to June 30th 1902, and not any furnished for the Republic of Cuba. It is understood, however, that no supplies were furnished the Republic of Cuba within the period mentioned, "remaining" stock on hand having been sufficient.

PHILIPPINES.

Statement showing stamps of U.S. Ordinary 1894 issue, surcharged "Philippines" and issued to Department of Posts, Philippines, July 1st, 1901 to June 30th, 1902.

Denomination.	No. of Stamps.
1c.	1,500,000
2c.	1,000,000
2c. (Blocks)	3,000,240
3c.	200,000
4c.	500,000
5c.	450,000
6c.	250,000
8c.	250,000
10c.	250,000
\$1	1,000
\$2	1,000
\$5	500
10c. Special Postage	150,000
1c. Postage Due	250,000
2c.	250,000
3c.	100,000
30c.	50,000
50c.	2,000

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. W. N. Greenwell sends us the following cuttings from *Pearson's Weekly*.

"A French postal clerk has evolved a simple apparatus for dispensing with the postage stamp and enabling anyone to get his letter franked after office hours. The apparatus can be affixed to any pillar box; a coin is dropped into a slot, the corner of the letter is inserted, and the machine stamps the envelope with the amount paid. All you have to do, then, is to drop the letter into the pillar box for collection."

"An American has invented an envelope which records of itself any attempt to tamper with its contents. The flap is imbued with some chemical composition which, when operated upon by a damping process or any other means of penetrating to its inclosure, records the transaction by causing the words 'Attempt to open!' to appear. It is thought that the inquisitive will think twice before pursuing their researches in face of such an invention."

Mr. W. Kühn writes:

"After reading in to-day's *E.W.S.N.* the cutting from the *Leeds Mercury* 'Understamped Pictorial Postcards,' I can only say it is a very misleading and at least antiquated statement. For years I have been in the habit of sending Pictorial Postcards regularly to Germany franked with a penny stamp, and receive cards in reply, but never an extra halfpenny, far less '3d.' for understamped letters has been demanded from any Post Office, though all cards were naturally non-official.

And why should an extra payment be levied abroad? Have not the so-called 'private postcards' their origin on the Continent? It was only on the 1st September, 1894, that Great Britain adopted the same idea. Since then the sale and use of pictorial postcards have also sprung up and assumed such enormous proportions as we see to-day.

Regarding the compulsory use of the Arms of the country on the postcards, as indicated by the writer of the paragraph mentioned, I would remind him that there are many States which do not use the Coat of Arms separately on their cards, for instance, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Turkey.

Have other readers ever paid excess postage on pictorial cards?"

A correspondent who omits his name also writes on this subject:—

"I notice on page 438 of the current issue of the *Weekly Stamp News* a notice from the *Leeds Mercury* under the heading 'Understamped Pictorial Post Cards.' I have referred to the latest 'Post Office Guide' and find that all private post cards can be sent to foreign and colonial countries for 1d. so long as the post card is of the same size and consistence as the Official Cards, the word Postcard on the address side of the card may be either printed or written; and it is not necessary for the Royal Arms to be stamped on the address side. I have written this as I think the numerous senders of pictorial cards to foreign countries should have the misstatement in the *Leeds Mercury* corrected, as it is altogether misleading."

Australian Stamps with Forged Perforations.

It has been discovered that a great many faked Australian stamps have come on the market during the last year or two, and the *Australian Philatelist* states that they were supplied by Mr. F. W. Reid, a Sydney Dealer, who for some unexplained reason refuses to make any attempt to clear himself. Collectors would do well to be on their guard when buying perforated varieties. The following are some of the fakes for which money has been refunded, but there may be others in existence. Used stamps, almost solely, were operated upon.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Diadem*, perf. 12, 3d. (rare shade) 8d.

1870-80, *Small Crown*, perf. 10, 4d., 1/-; perf. 10 × 12½, 5d., 8d.; perf. 12½, 2d.; perf. 12½ × 10, 3d.

1880-87, *Large Crown*, perf. 12½ × 10, 2d.; perf. 11½ × 10, 2d.; perf. 12, 1d.; perf. 12 × 10, 9d.; perf. 12 × 11, 2d.

Wmk. 10, perf. 11 × 10, 10d.

Official Stamps, *Small Crown*, perf. 12½, 2d.; perf. 10 × 12½, 2d.; perf. 12½ × 10, 3d.

Large Crown, perf. 10, 2d.; perf. 11½ × 10, 6d.; perf. 12½ × 10, 2d.; perf. 11½, 5d.

5/- *Maps*, perf. 10, perf. 11 × 10 and perf. 10 × 11.

Registered, No wmk., perf. 12.

Fiji.—Perf. 10 × 12½, 1d. and 2d.; perf. 12 × 10, 1d. and 2d.; perf. 10, 4d. and 5d. 5/- stamp cleaned and regummed. (Fiji list is incomplete).

TASMANIA.—1864-70, perf. 10, 2d.; perf. 12½, 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-.

NEW ZEALAND.—1878, perf. 10 × 12½, 1d., 2d. and 6d. (incomplete).

QUEENSLAND.—Perf. 9 × 12, 1d., 2d. (two plates) 1/-.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—*Roulette* & perf. 1/-; 1st star, perf. 10, 1d. and 1/-; perf. 10 × 11½, 6d.

Official, perf. 10 × 11½, 4d., and others of which a list has not been kept, including perfs. of both stars and O.S.

New British and Colonial Fiscal Stamps.

Jamaica.

"JUDICIAL" on 1/- brown, CA. 14, postage adhesive.

Basutoland on Cape, 1d., 2/-.

Transvaal.

"E.R.I. Pass One Shilling" on 1d. 1896.

" " " Two Shillings" on 2/6 1898.

"PASS" on King's Head, 1/- olive-green.

" " " 2/- brown and black.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., ..	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t. 10	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/0	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311* Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a* " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0
854* " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. ..	10d	1/0
864* " " 3 1/2fr. ..	2/10	3/4
885* " " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
866* " " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0
868* " 1 1/2g. ..	2/6	2/11
869* " 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875* Fernando Poo, 40c. ...	—	—
876* " 60c. ...	—	—
877* " 80c. ...	—	—
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11
898* " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900* " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 " ..	—	—
913 " 10 " ..	—	—
914 " 20 " ..	—	—
955 " Official 30c. ..	0/8	0/10
956 " " 50c. ..	1/0	1/3
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916 " 2 " ..	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923 " 2 " ..	—	—
924 " 5 " ..	—	—
925 " 10 " ..	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso ..	—	—
927 " 2 " ..	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929 " 5 " ..	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931 " 1 gourde ..	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934 " 5 pesos ..	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
937 " 5 " ..	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940 Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941 " 2 soles ..	—	—
942 " 5 " ..	—	—
943 " 10 " ..	—	—
944 Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945 Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946* Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950 Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. ..	—	—
951 " 3 " ..	—	—
952 " 10 " ..	—	—
953 " 20 " ..	—	—
954 " (Foreign), 1 bol. ..	—	—

United States and Colonies.

981* United States, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4
982* " \$1 ..	4/0	4/8
983* " \$2 ..	8/9	9/4
984* " \$5 ..	20/0	23/4
991* Philippines, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Envelope Dies* (178 G 179).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the ½d. envelope dies 22 and 44. The list therefore now stands as follows:—

- ½d. Dies 7 to 24, except 13; 43, 44.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 26, except 19; 43, 44.

In each case, dies 7 to 20 made their appearance during the first half of 1902. Since then, the following have appeared; we note in each case the earliest date of use:—½d., die 21 (13.9.02); 23 (27.9.02); 24 (25.10.02); 43 (15.11.02); 44 (21.2.03). 1d., die 21 (9.8.02); 22 (23.8.02); 23 (20.9.02); 24 (27.9.02); 25 (3.1.03); 26 (6.2.03); 43 (7.1.03); 44 (15.11.02).

We have also to chronicle the 2d., 3d. and 4d. envelope dies of the King Edward series.

Envelope Stamps. Head of King Edward.
2d. lake (Die 1.)
3d. brown (Die 1.)
4d. vermilion (Die 1.)

The list of die numbers of the higher value envelope stamps stands as follows:—

- 1½d., 2d. 3d., 4d. Die 1.
- 2½d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 3d. Registration. Dies 1, 2, 3.

The Rev. H. London has shown us die 60 of the ½d. green, Queen's Head series. Hitherto die 59 was the highest number known.

Official Stamps (178 G 179).—Mr. L. Magnée has shown us the 1d. King's Head Army Official with variety "OFFICIAL." The third "I" is due to a broken L but the bar is almost entirely absent, only the faintest trace still showing.

ANGOLA (172 H 179).—*Der Philatelist* chronicles four new values in the current type and also the 15, 25, 50 and 75 reis in new colours.

Adhesives. Current type, perf. 11½.

- 15r. green and black.
- 25r. carmine "
- 50r. brown "
- 65r. blue "
- 75r. violet "
- 115r. reddish brown and black on rose.
- 130r. brown and black on pale yellow.
- 400r. blue " " "

Post cards. Buff card, 142×91mm.

- 10r. green and dark green, stamp in centre.
- 25r. carmine and dark carmine, stamp at left.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (177 Q 179).—According to *Der Philatelist* the recent issues of new stationery may be summarized as follows:—

Postcard (E.W.S.N. No. 177).

- 4c. dark green on white or buff card, 130×80mm. Maps of Provinces on back.

Letter cards (E.W.S.N. No. 175).

- 4c. vermilion on buff (inside white) card, 140×85mm.
- "5" in red on 15c. blue on white, New Year's Letter-sheet.

Envelope (E.W.S.N. No. 165).

- 5c. red, 155×125mm.

Newswrapper.

- 2c. slate on buff paper, 115×280mm.

BENADIR (177 G 179).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a further letter on the subject of these stamps, and we have pleasure in publishing it below, in order that both sides of the question may be discussed. We do not, however, agree with all their inferences, and we do not for a moment consider the stamps on a par with those of Brunei. Our correspondents say that "both were printed to the order of a trading company having interests in the respective countries." Considering that the government of Benadir is undertaken by the *Società Anonima*, the phrase "a trading company having interests" hardly represents the truth.

"In your latest article re Benadir stamps there are one or two inaccuracies which we must correct. In the first place you say we have

headed our letter to various journals 'The Bogus Benadir Issue.' Permit us to say that we have done nothing of the kind, we put no heading whatever to any letter we have written on the subject, the editors of the journals in question are alone responsible for the head-lines. We have never described the stamps as bogus, whatever we may think of them, as they may or may not have been prepared with a view to their legitimate use as postage stamps, of that we have no evidence. You are also mistaken in supposing our discoveries to be of recent date, we have only been waiting for ample confirmation before publishing them. The stamps were first offered to us last April or May by several Italian stamp dealers, Signor Bottacco amongst the number, but we declined to buy until we could obtain satisfactory evidence that the stamps were in use. We wrote for information to the Director General of Posts at Rome, who referred us to the 'Società,' who in turn informed us that we could obtain the stamps from their agent, Signor Bottacco, who could not possibly at that date have purchased the entire stock, because on June 10th, in reply to a further letter of enquiry from us, the Società writes us that the stamps would be in use on September 1st; we enclose a copy of this letter. We thereupon decided to wait for the actual issue before buying any, and in order to obtain evidence of their use, we wrote several letters to Benadir, with the result stated in our letters to the philatelic press. Our object in making the enquiries was not to condemn the stamps, quite the reverse, we simply desired to obtain satisfactory evidence that they were bona fide before placing them before our clients; if the evidence we obtained had been in favour of the stamps, we should have published it just the same. It was not until we received the letter from Kismayu that it could be stated with any certainty that, notwithstanding the letter of June 10th, there is still no postal service of any kind in Benadir, and it was still later that we ascertained the fact that Signor Bottacco had actually purchased the entire stock, although we had been well aware that from the first he had been selling the stamps on behalf of the Company.

"We do not consider there is any analogy between these labels and the stamps prepared for British Somaliland, as in the latter place there is a properly organized postal service under the control of the Indian Post Office, and the surcharged stamps may yet be brought into use; on the contrary it is highly improbable that Benadir stamps will ever be used for postage, as doubtless Signor Bottacco would protect himself by stipulating that no more shall be printed.

"The stamps of Benadir appear to be on exactly the same footing with those of Brunei, the circumstances under which they were made and sold being almost identical.

- 1.—Both were printed to the order of a trading company having interests in the respective countries.
- 2.—In neither case have any effective steps been taken towards the establishment of a postal service.
- 3.—In both cases the entire stock of stamps printed were sold to stamp dealers."

SOCIETÀ ANONIMA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA DEL
BENADIR,

Milano, 10 Juin 1902.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.,

Ipswich.

A votre estimée du 7 cour. En effet pour un contre temps survenu tout le matériel destiné à nos bureaux postaux du Benadir, ne pourra être en Colonie avant la fin du mois d'Août; de manière que les bureaux susdits ne pourront pas fonctionner avant le 1. Septembre prochain.

Selon votre désir, nous vous disons que nos timbres poste sont valable pour la correspondance avec tous les pays du monde.

Agréez, Messrs., nos salutations empressées.

L'AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO.
(Signed)

BRITISH HONDURAS (173 J 179).—The 2c. of the King Edward series has now made its appearance. It was reported in E.W.S.N. as expected four months ago.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward, CA 14.
2c. purple and black on red.

CAPE VERDE (172 G 179).—Four new values are chronicled by *Der Philatelist*, also four of the existing values in new colours (Postal Union system).

Adhesives. Current type, perf. 11½.

- 15r. green and black.
- 25r. carmine and black
- 50r. brown and black.
- 65r. blue and black.
- 75r. violet and black.
- 115r. red-brown and black on rose.
- 130r. brown and black on pale yellow.
- 400r. blue and black on pale yellow.

Post cards. Buff card, 142×91mm.

- 10r. green and dark green, stamp in middle
- 25r. carmine and dark carmine, stamp at left.

CAYMAN ISLANDS (172 K 179).—Mr. R. E. Bodden writes that a supply of the 1d. King Edward stamp was expected to reach Grand Cayman during January, and that they will be issued concurrently with the Queen's Head stamp.

CEYLON (175 K 179).—We now append a description of the two new stamps illustrated in E.W.S.N. No. 175.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward.

- 5c. lilac. CA 14.

Registration Envelope. Head of King Edward.
10c. rose. Size F (135×83mm.).

Only 'specimen' copies have so far been seen.

CONGO, PORTUGUESE (172 D 179).—*Der Philatelist* chronicles four new values in the current type, and four changes to Postal Union colours.

Adhesives. Current type, perf. 11½.

- 15 reis, green and black.
- 25 " carmine and black.
- 50 " brown and black.
- 65 " blue and black.
- 75 " violet and black.
- 115 " red-brown and black on rose.
- 130 " brown and black on pale yellow.
- 400 " blue and black on pale yellow.

CRETE, FRENCH P.O. (178 E 179).—The 50c. 1,25fr. of the new set chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 164 have had a short life, as they have now been superseded by a new issue with value surcharged in Turkish currency.



Adhesives. Type as above, surcharged in black.

- 2 piastres on 50c.
- 4 " 1fr.
- 8 " 2fr.
- 20 " 5fr.

Specimens shown us by Messrs. T. Champion & Co. are postmarked "La Canee, 13th Feb. 1903."

CYPRUS (176 J 179).—*Der Philatelist* states that 'specimen' copies of the following have been circulated, and no doubt the actual issue will not be long delayed, as the ½ piastre of the set has already made its appearance.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward, CA 14.

- 30 paras, lilac and green.
- 1 piastre, carmine and blue.
- 4 piastres, olive-green and lilac-red.
- 6 " olive-brown and green.
- 12 " red-brown and black.

ECUADOR (178 R 179).—Mr. H. Palmer informs us of the issue of the following provisional:—

Adhesive. Surcharged "Correos—Un Centavo."
1c. in black on 25c. orange, Fiscal.

Our correspondent writes as follows:—

"I had a letter from Ecuador last week with apparently a new issue, and which I have not seen notified by you in the *Weekly*. The description is as follows:—Type F5, Stanley Gibbons, 1903 Catalogue, 1901-1902 issue, surcharged 1 centavo on 25 centavos orange, fiscal. The surcharge in black reads up and is enclosed in an oval border with slightly pointed ends, and takes up about two-thirds of the stamp. The whole surcharge is 15×28mm. at extremes. Four dots divide the 'Correos' and 'Centavos.' I have not heard of any other values."

ERITREA (A 179).—Mr. Bertazzini writes us as follows:—"The Postmaster-General announces that on the 1st of April, 1903, the Colony of Eritrea will be furnished with a new set of postage stamps with portrait of Victor Emmanuel III. This new set will be made by surcharging in black "Colonia Eritrea" on the current stamps of Italy and the values will consequently be:—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50 cent., 1, 5 lire. Also the new post cards and postal-notes will be similarly overprinted. The present set of stamps will remain available for use till 31st March, 1904.

FARIDKOT (A 179).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* publishes the following statistics relating to the quantities of Faridkot stamps left on hand when the State Post Offices were taken over on 1st April, 1901, by the Imperial Post Office.

	Ordinary Stamps.	Service Stamps.
1a.	648	—
2a.	29,105	20,503
3a.	15,483	12,659
4a.	3,527	2,620
5a.	5,097	2,246
6a.	2,226	1,268
7a.	3,815	54
8a.	495	965
9a.	449	nil.
10a.	112	406

The total face value amounted to Rs. 6229.0.6 of ordinary and Rs. 3406.14.6 of service stamps, or a total of about £642. On November 25th, 1902, the stock was again checked, and only about £160 worth then remained, the rest having been presumably absorbed by dealers and collectors. As showing the unpopularity of stationery, it may be mentioned that the stock of post cards was reduced during the same period from Rs. 5698 to Rs. 5652 (about £379 to £376) or sales of £3 only!

GWALIOR (176 F 179).—Mr. A. H. Smith writes as follows to the *Philatelic Journal of India* respecting the new stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 176. "I have just seen (20th January) the following new Gwalior issues:—Queen's Head, ½ and 1a. Service; King's Head, ½, 1a. ordinary. The following errors occur in each sheet of the latter.

No. 12. Hindi G to left and English R to right.

No. 145. "Different G."

No. 230. Tall R.

"A broken G, broken A and many broken I's resembling the numeral 1 occur in various positions throughout the sheet. The last stamp does not show the Hindi G to left so much now."

Official Adhesives. Queen's Head Indian stamps overprinted as usual for "service" purposes.
½ anna, pea-green (shades)
1 anna, carmine.

HONDURAS (178 D 179).—Mr. H. Palmer writes as follows:—

"The following is a description of a stamp received on the last batch of letters from Honduras, Central America, and is apparently a new issue. As you do not appear to have noticed it in your *Weekly*, it may be of use to you for the purpose.

"About 32x26mm. in size, perf. 12, in good colours and well designed. Head in oval centre. 'Correos de Honduras' in ribbon round top of oval, '1903' in centre on top of this, value in figures in shield in each top corner with ball at bottom point of shield, neat scroll at each side below oval, 'U.P.U.' below head and cutting into the oval. Value in words below all. I can't trace any watermark. I have three values and no doubt there are more. Those I have are 1 centavo emerald-green, 2 centavos vermilion and 6 centavos deep purple."

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles the set as follows:—

Adhesives. (No wmk., perf. 12).

- 1c. green.
- 2c. carmine.
- 5c. dark blue.
- 6c. dark violet
- 10c. brown.
- 20c. light blue.
- 50c. vermilion.
- 1 peso, orange.

HONG KONG (171 O 179).—We are indebted to Messrs. Ellis Bros. for first sight of the new 1c. postage stamp.

Adhesive. Portrait of King Edward; CA. 14.
1c. lilac and brown.

An illustration will be given in an early number. From a sheet since shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market, we note that it is printed in the same manner as the stamps of the Queen's Head series, i.e. in sheets of 240, divided by margins into 4 panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6. The control letter is A.

The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us the 10c. blue (Queen's Head) with consignment letter W. The only values previously noted were the 2c. and 4c. The specimen of the 10c. under notice was issued 28.12.02.

ICELAND (173 K 179).—In each sheet of 100 of the new 20 aur postage stamp there are two stamps inscribed "Pjonusta" instead of

"Frimerki" at the right hand side. Is this error a public or an official stamp? It is in the colour of the former and design of the latter.



Official (?) Adhesive. Type as above, but inscribed "Pjonusta" at right hand side.

20 aur, blue and black (instead of green and black).

The following is a list of the stamps which have so far been met with surcharged "1 GILDI —'02—'03."

Adhesives. Perf. 12½.

- 3 aur, yellow (black surcharge).
- 6 " grey (carmine).
- 10 " carmine (black).
- 20 " blue (carmine).
- 25 " blue and brown (carmine).
- 40 " lilac (black).
- 50 " carmine and blue (black).

Official Adhesives.

- 5 aur, brown (black).
- 10 " blue (").
- 20 " green (").
- 50 " lilac (").

Postcards.

- 8 aur, lilac (black).
- 10 " carmine (black).
- 10+10 aur, carmine (black).

The overprint on the post cards is larger than on the adhesives.

INDIA (177 V 179).—Mr. A. J. H. Smith writes as follows to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, with reference to the date of issue of the King Edward ½, 1 and 1 anna stamps (see *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 153, 154). "I send an envelope shewing that the current King's Head issue, which was authorised to be used from the 9th August, was put into use earlier. It is dated "Surat, 8. AU. 02." The 9th August being a Saturday, only residents of Bombay could have obtained the new issue to send home by that day's mail; but evidently up-country folk managed to wheedle some postmasters round to let them have the stamps earlier, so that they could send them home or elsewhere by the mail leaving on the 9th."

INDIA, PORTUGUESE (175 H 179).—In addition to the new 1, 2 and 6 reis stamps chronicled a month ago, we are now able to record the following on the authority of *Der Philatelist*.

Adhesives. Current type, perf. 11½.

- 1½ reis, slate and black
- 2½ " pale brown "
- 3 " blue "
- 9 " lilac "
- 1 tanga, carmine "
- 2 tangas, brown "
- 2½ " blue "
- 5 " brown and black on pale yellow.
- 8 " violet and black on rose.
- 12 " green and black on rose.
- 1 rupia, blue and black on pale yellow.
- 2 rupias, grey and black on pale yellow

Postcards. Buff card, 142x91mm.

- 3 reis, blue and dark blue. Stamp in middle.
- 5 " green. Same.
- 10 " brown and dark brown. Same.
- 1 tanga, carmine. Stamp at left.

ITALY (175 K 179).—Mr. Bertazzini sends us one of the new 10c. post cards with portrait of King Victor Emmanuel III. and informs us that, though announced for the 1st October, they were only placed in circulation on 15th February, 1903. The old cards will be available for use till 31.12.03, but can be exchanged for a year later than this. The new money orders supposed to have been issued on January 1st do not appear to be yet available to the public.

NATAL (175 N 179).—We append a description of the registration envelope illustrated in *E.W.S.N.* No. 175.

Registration Envelope.

4d. blue. Size G (152x98mm.)

NICARAGUA (178 Q 179).—Respecting the issue of three new stamps chronicled last week, the Rev. G. C. Briggs writes as follows:—



"With reference to the new issue of stamps in this country, to which you refer in to-day's issue of *E.W.S.N.*, a friend of mine, who lives in Nicaragua, sent me specimens which reached me some three weeks ago. The portrait is that of J. S. Zelaya, the present President of the Republic. The stamps, he tells me, were issued on January 8th from the Nicaraguan Post Offices. In Bluefield's they were sold out within a quarter of an hour and my friend was only able to secure a few specimens. He thinks they are likely to

become very rare, as only a few were issued, and it is improbable that there will be any re-issue. Unfortunately he did not put the stamps on the letter, so that I have only unused specimens of the three values."

NEW SOUTH WALES (177 B 179).—We find we have omitted to chronicle the 9d. in the new shades.

Adhesives. Wmk. Crown N.S.W., perf. 12x11½, chalky paper.

9d. bright orange-brown (1902).

9d. dark orange-brown (1903).

The old shade is an ordinary and rather dull red-brown. Mr. T. H. Nicolle, of Sidney, informs us that both the 9d. and 10/- stamps of New South Wales are now almost sold out at the General Post Office and will soon be replaced by unsurcharged ones.

PARAGUAY (178 U 179).—The 20c. on 24c., 5c. on 8c., (28. 10. 02), 5c. on 28c., (15. 12. 02) and 1c. on 14c. provisionals have now been followed by another, first specimen of which is submitted by Messrs. T. Champion & Co.

Habilitado

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1 cent. 1

Adhesive. Surcharged in black, reading up.

"Habilitado en cinco—5 cent. 5" on 80c. blue.

PERSIA (178 U 179).—We have already chronicled the 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 chahi and 1 kran of the new set, and we now record the higher values on the authority of *Der Philatelist*.



Adhesive. Type as above, perf. 11x11½.

2 krans, light blue.

5 " brown-red.

10 " carmine.

50 " green.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (173 V 179).—The colour of the 2/6 value in the new "Postage" set has been changed from pale lilac to a bluish-violet or deep violet. The Colonial Stamp Market also inform us that the 10/- value of the new set has not yet been issued, although chronicled in various philatelic journals.



Adhesive. Type as above. Perf. 11½. wmk. Crown SA.

2/6 violet (not lilac).

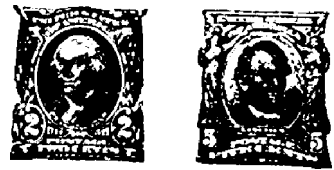
Unfortunately we did not secure a sheet with sheet-number.

UNITED STATES (178 N 179).—"R" sends us, under date of February 9th, the new 1c. of the "1902" Series.

Adhesive. Wmk. USPS, perf. 12.

1c. green (Franklin, 1706-1790).

We illustrate below the new 2c. and 3c. chronicled last week.



The set now comprises six values, 1, 2, 5, 8, 13c. and 10c. Special Delivery. Each stamp is, in itself, an excellent production, but the appearance of the stamps when arranged in a set is disappointing, chiefly owing to the variations in the sizes and positions of the heads.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* in its issue of February 7th says "the one cent stamps of the new series were placed on sale on Wednesday of this week, and it is understood that by next Monday the ten cents value will be ready for the public consumption.

TRINIDAD (178 U 179).—The 1/- in the new colour has at last made its appearance; it was first described in *E.W.S.N.* as expected a year and a half ago! (No. 106). The authorities make a point, however, of selling all the old stock before commencing the new.

Adhesive. Same type as before, CA 14.

1/- black and blue on yellow.

VICTORIA (170 A 179).—Mr. F. L. Lewton describes the following in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

Official Adhesive.

1d. rose, perforated "O.S."

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/1	
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/11	
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210 Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. 12	2/3	2/81	
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l. 10	2/6	2/11	
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293 " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	2/6	—	
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	2/6	—	
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. 11	2/6	—	
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2. 6	1/6	—	
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. 10	—	—	
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. 6	—	—	

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311* Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a* " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias 10d. 1/0	1/0	
854* " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. 10d	1/0	
864* " " 3 1/2fr. 2/10	3/4	
865* " " 5fr. 4/0	4/8	
866* " " 10fr. 8/0	9/4	
867* Curaçao, 1g... ..	1/8	2/0
868* " 1 1/2g... ..	2/6	2/11
869* " 2 1/2g... ..	4/2	4/11
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. 2/1	2/5	
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. 4/2	4/11	
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875* Fernando Poo, 40c... ..	—	—
876* " 60c... ..	—	—
877* " 80c... ..	—	—
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire 1/8	2/0	
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. 2/1	2/5	
883* " Corea, 1 ..	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11
898* " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900* " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 " ..	—	—
913 " 10 " ..	—	—
914 " 20 " ..	—	—
955 " Official 30c. 0/8	0/10	
956 " 50c. 1/0	1/3	
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916 " 2 " ..	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivas ..	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923 " 2 " ..	—	—
924 " 5 " ..	—	—
925 " 10 " ..	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso..	—	—
927 " 2 " ..	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929 " 5 " ..	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931 " 1 gourde ..	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934 " 5 pesos ..	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
937 " 5 " ..	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940 Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941 " 2 soles ..	—	—
942 " 5 " ..	—	—
943 " 10 " ..	—	—
944 Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945 Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946* Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950 Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. ..	—	—
951 " 3 " ..	—	—
952 " 10 " ..	—	—
953 " 20 " ..	—	—
954 " (Foreign), 1 bol. ..	—	—

United States and Colonies.

981* United States, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4
982* " \$1 ..	4/0	4/8
983* " \$2 ..	8/9	9/4
984* " \$5 ..	20/0	23/4
991* Philippines, 50c ..	2/0	2/4

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DANISH WEST INDIES (177 O 180).—Mr. Williams of Bardados writes us as follows:—"I possess a Danish West Indies 4c. blue and brown cut diagonally, and used as 2c.; it came here last mail and a news-wrapper from a news office in St. Thomas to another news office here (paper exchange). Have the provisional 2c. and 3c. given out? Can you say if this provisional was authorised?"

ECUADOR (179 S 180).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* publishes a translation of the decree authorising the 1c. on 25c. provisional chronicled last week. The decree is dated Quito, 27th Dec., 1902, and the stamps were to have been issued on January 1st.

FIJI ISLANDS (172 I 180).—Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co. write:—"A letter from Fiji under date 21.12.02 says:—Fiji new issue have arrived at Suva and would be issued on 1st January; no other particulars."

If this is so, specimens will no doubt reach England by the mail from Vancouver due on Wednesday, March 4th.

HONG KONG (179 P 180).—In addition to the 1c. King Edward stamp chronicled last week as actually issued, the following have been printed and are ready for issue, only 'specimen' copies having been seen as yet.

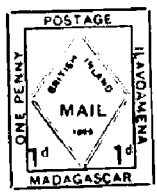
The colours are given on the authority of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward VII.; CA 14.
2c. light green.
4c. brown on salmon.
5c. light green and orange.
8c. black and violet.
10c. mauve and ultramarine on light blue paper.
12c. green and brown on yellow.
20c. black and brown.

INHAMBANE (A 180).—The following issue has now made its appearance in this Portuguese Colony.

Adhesives. Current type of Portuguese Colonial stamps.
2½ reis, grey. 25 reis, rose.
5 .. yellow. 50 .. brown.
10 .. green. 65 .. grey-blue.
15 .. dark green. 75 .. violet.
20 .. violet.

MADAGASCAR.—*British Inland Mail* (177 D 180).—Mr. J. N. Marsden sends us another interesting letter on this subject. It goes a long way to prove that the stamps are in no sense locals, as they have been called in certain quarters.



"I have been much interested to read all that has appeared in the *E.W.S.N.* re the adhesive Madagascar Consular Mail stamps.

You, however, are I think mistaken in one or two points.

You compare the Mauritius 'Post Office' stamps to these, but their use was quite different. The Mauritius were for purely local use, whereas the 4d. stamps in the Madagascar envelopes, franked first, the postage from Antananarivo to the Coast, and second, the postage from the Coast to Enrope. Thus 4d. (or 4½d. at the time of the large labels) paid at Antananarivo represented 1½d. (or 2d.) to the Coast and 2½d. beyond. If the envelopes you have, franked with Natal stamps, be held up to the light, 2½d. should appear written underneath the Natal stamp.

A person posting an ordinary letter at Antananarivo, would take it to the Consulate, and pay 4d. At the Consulate 2½d. was marked where the stamp should go, and at the Coast a 2½d. (or a 25 centime stamp) attached to the letter over the written figures. An account was kept, and the Consulate was responsible to the Coast Office for the 2½d. When large labels were used these were torn off at the Coast and served as vouchers.

I send you two covers, one a letter and the other a newspaper, in each case if they be held up to the light, the amount of postage to pay beyond the Coast will be found underneath the stamp.

These were sent after the large labels had been abolished but before the issue of the type-set stamps.

The postage was paid by the sender at the Consulate, in the case of a newspaper it would be at that time 1½d. + 15c., and for the letter 2d. + 25c.

If the envelopes bearing the Natal stamps are genuine and if the Natal stamps have 2½d. written underneath, a fact which would go far to prove they are genuine, then the Natal Government must have had an arrangement whereby Madagascar letters would be received in Natal, stamps there affixed, and the amount recovered from the Madagascar Consulate.

The 4d. stamps would then represent, to the extent of 1½d., a franking power to Natal, and not only to the Madagascar coast.

There is also an error of the SIXPENCE, taking the two panes of 6 together, the 3rd stamp of the 2nd row now reads SIXPFNCE quite distinctly. Do any of your stamps shew this?"

MEXICO (177 M 180).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* reports the 5c. envelope in a new colour, orange-vermilion.

NABHA (162 C 180).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 148 we mentioned having seen a sheet of the 3 pies with the variety, small A in "STATE," occurring on Nos. 128 and 132 of the sheet, with small A in "NABHA" on No. 164, and with small H in "NABHA" on Nos. 109 and 152. The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us a sheet of 240 with the following varieties:—

Small A in "State." Nos. 13, 94, 128.
Variety "NABHA." No. 231.

In several stamps the right hand half of the cross-bar of the second T in "state" is broken off, making the letter look like a broken L.

NEW ZEALAND (177 S 180).—The following telegram, dated Wellington, January 21st, has appeared in an Auckland newspaper:—

"The Post and Telegraph Department has accepted a design for a new penny letter card which is to replace that at present in use. The design is by Mr. G. N. Sturtevant, of the Government printing office. On the address side are the Royal arms and the words 'New Zealand.' The letter card stamp at the right hand top corner is of plain design. On the bottom and left hand is a typical stretch of New Zealand beach, with Maoris and a canoe. A clump of nikau palms and cabbage trees appears at the side. On the back of the card are vignette pictures of New Zealand scenery and genre. The card appears some time in February."

The letter card to be replaced is the "ONE PENNY" on 1½d. (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 162).

Early Dates. (174 B 180).—A number of new records having been submitted by Messrs. J. Moore, F. W. Knight and others, we publish the following revised list.

EARLY DATES OF USE (shown by postmarks).

(Issue)	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.
(1882.)	12 x 11½	10	10 x 11	11
4d.	—	8.91	—	9.96
1d.	11.82	8.91	3.10.96	—
2d.	1.83	6.92	4.96	8.97
2½d.	13. 8.91	23.1.94	1.97	2. 5.98
3d.	3.10.90	5.92	13. 1.97	1.98
4d.	3. 3.88	4.6.95	—	97
5d.	8.93	5.96	6.97	7.96
6d.	9.84	27.5.92	—	96
8d.	8.83	—	—	99
1/-	7. 1.86	2.9.92	4.11.97	23. 3.98

(Issue)	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Large
(1874.)	12½	12½ x 11½	10 x 12½	Star
1d.	7. 5.74	—	—	—
2d.	16.10.78	—	—	—
3d.	2.78	—	—	—
4d.	5.80	—	—	—
6d.	6.74	8. 3.81	—	—
1/-	2.76	11. 7.82	—	—

We should be greatly obliged to any collector, possessing earlier dated specimens, who would allow us to inspect.

NICARAGUA (179 R 180).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* reports the 5c. brown of the 1898 issue surcharged "Telegrafo" and used postally.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (175 C 180).—The cutting reproduced below from the *South African News* of February 4th, informs us that the 1d. King Edward stamp has been issued and fixes the date of issue as February 3rd. 'Specimen' copies were described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 175.



Adhesive. (CA 14?).
1d. rose.

The cutting (for which we are indebted to Mr. G. A. Wiehahn) is as follows:—

BLOENFONTEIN.—*New issue of stamps.*—Bloemfontein, February 3 (Reuter).—The first issue of penny stamps, and penny and halfpenny post cards with the King's head, was made to-day.

The penny stamp is of a rose colour, and shows a springbok and a wildebeeste in the lower corner.

The design is certainly an improvement on either the Cape or Transvaal stamps.

PATIALA (139 D 180).—We appear to have omitted to chronicle the following Queen's Heads:—

Adhesive. Overprinted "Patiala State."

1a. carmine.

Official adhesives. Overprinted "Patiala State—Service."

3a. yellow-green.

1a. carmine.

A correspondent informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that he possesses the 4a. No. 35 and the 12a. No. 44, with the second "A" in "Patiala" deficient of the cross-bar, like an inverted "V."

PERSIA (179 V 180).—Mr. J. B. Robert kindly sends us the following warning:—

"Please warn your readers against the great many series of (1 shahi—50 kran) provisionals local prints of March, 1902. All these stamps are undoubtedly frauds, even "officially (?) " ordered. All the letters and figures are of the same type, also the stamps must have been printed in the same printing rooms as the originals. The underground seems also the same. The paper is much different—thin, nearly blue-white (instead of thick, yellow-white and strong), surfaced and of poor quality; the paper has never been gummed, the letters 'CHAH, KRAN' are written in minuscules. In Sept., nearly all the post-offices were in possession of the provisional with capitals, and the new issue had arrived, also no new printings were necessary and no letters received here have been franked with the 'minuscules' I call fraud. All the stamps are obliterated with a postmark, giving no one of the names of any town of some importance in Persia. I saw many series, obliterated all in one edge, but I couldn't find two copies together making a name. I found only 'BOUN,' into other types, as the usual, and the circle has a diameter of 31 mm., and the greatest I know is 27½ mm. long. The stamps are offered by a great many German firms, but come from Persia, also those firms have bought those series in all good faith. The stamps are not so-called 'reprints.' Mr. J. B. Roberts, of the Ned. Tijdschr., having no time to write to all Editors, begs Editors of all other philatelic papers to reproduce this warning, in the interest of all collectors and dealers."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (179 W 180).—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reports the following:—

Adhesive. Large type. "Postage and Revenue."

15/- yellow-brown, perf. 11½, large holes.

This is the only value of the 2/6 to £20 set which had not been previously met with perf. 11½.

ST. LUCIA (177 H 180).—The 2d. View of the Pitons is printed in sheets of 60, in 12 rows of 5.

The 3d. of the Queen's Head issue is obsolete and will soon be replaced by the 3d. of the King Edward series. The 2½d. King's Head is also expected to be issued shortly.

TASMANIA (178 S 180).—In addition to the 2d. pictorial perforated "T" for official use, Mr. F. L. Lewton informs *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* that he has the 1d., 2½d., 3d. and 6d. The list therefore now stands as follows:—

Official Adhesives. Large T perforated on ordinary postage stamps, pictorial series.

1d. carmine (V and Crown).

2d. violet (V and Crown).

2½d. blue (TAS).

3d. brown (TAS).

6d. carmine (TAS).

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of sheets of the 1d. brick-red retouched die (Mount Wellington), chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 167. We note that slightly different shades occur, one sheet being distinctly darker than the others. Owing to uneven inking, several stamps on the same sheet may also occasionally be found to differ. Most of the sheets sent over have upright watermark again, which may possibly denote a second printing from the retouched die. The following may be added to the list of 1d. varieties published in *E.W.S.N.* No. 169.

(iv). *Melbourne print, perf. 12½, retouched die, wmk. V and Crown upright (generally inverted).*

1d. dull brick-red, hill coarsely shaded.

1d. dark brick-red.

These stamps may be found with two different 12½ perforations. In one the holes are large and the teeth very narrow; in the other the holes are small and the intervening spaces wide, the perforation being usually very clean. The following is a description of the printings of the 2d. "View of Hobart."

(i).—London print, wmk. multiple TAS, perf. 14.

2d. deep violet.

2d. violet.

2d. pale violet.

(ii).—Melbourne print, wmk. V and Crown (sideways or sideways inverted), perf. 12½. Issued January, 1902.

2d. violet (shades, generally pale).

(iii).—Melbourne print, wmk. V and Crown sideways: perf. 11 (single-line machine). Issued January 26th, 1903 (or a few days earlier).

2d. violet (shades, generally pale).

The latter issue was foreshadowed, as in *E.W.S.N.* No. 127 we stated that only sufficient of the 2d. to last a year had been printed on V and Crown paper. The Colonial Market's supply despatched from Hobart on 19.1.03 was perf. 12½, whilst that forwarded on 26.1.03, also from Hobart, was perf. 11. The date of issue is thus fairly closely determined.

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201 (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., ..	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. 12	2/7	2/11	

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t. ..	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastre ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastre ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
311a* " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 5 pias ..	10d.	1/0
854 " 10 " ..	1/8	2/0
855 " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. ..	10d	1/0
864* " 3 1/2fr. ..	2/10	3/4
865* " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
866* " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0
868* " 1 1/2g. ..	2/6	2/11
869* " 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875* Fernando Poo, 40c. ..	—	—
876* " 60c. ..	—	—
877* " 80c. ..	—	—
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5
884* Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885* " \$1 ..	—	—
886* " \$2 ..	—	—
887* " \$5 ..	—	—
888* Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11
898* " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 " ..	—	—
913 " 10 " ..	—	—
914 " 20 " ..	—	—
955 " Official 30c. ..	0/8	0/10
956 " 50c. ..	1/0	1/3
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916 " 2 " ..	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivias ..	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923 " 2 " ..	—	—
924 " 5 " ..	—	—
925 " 10 " ..	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso ..	—	—
927 " 2 " ..	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929 " 5 " ..	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931 " 1 gourde ..	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934 " 5 pesos ..	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
937 " 5 " ..	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940 Peru, 1 sol ..	—	—
941 " 2 soles ..	—	—
942 " 5 " ..	—	—
943 " 10 " ..	—	—
944 Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945 Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946* Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950 Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. ..	—	—
951 " 3 " ..	—	—
952 " 10 " ..	—	—
953 " 20 " ..	—	—
954 " (Foreign), 1 bol. ..	—	—

United States and Colonies.

981* United States, 50c. ..	2/0	2/4
982* " \$1 ..	4/0	4/8
983* " \$2 ..	8/9	9/4
984* " \$5 ..	20/0	23/4
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—An official notice has been circulated to the effect that issue of £5 stamps has been discontinued and that no further requisitions are to be made for them; only those in stock to be sold.

Cheque Dies (No. wanted).—We have seen die DJ.
Envelope Dies (180 I 181).—Tyrrell advises us he has seen 1d. die 28.



Envelope Stamps.—List of Die-numbers known.
½d. Dies 7 to 25, except 13; 43, 44.
1d. Dies 7 to 28, except 19; 43, 44.

Retouched Die, 1d. red (180 B 181).—With reference to the note we published last week, Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall writes:—

"I wish to point out that it is quite incorrect to speak of the 'Retouched Die 1d. red.' This should be called 'variety with outline.' As was clearly pointed out both in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for November and the *London Philatelist* for January, this line was cut in on the plate by way of completing the impression from the roller; thus being part of the process of manufacture of the plate, and not having been 'redrawn in order to repair damage through wearing of the plate.'

"The description in E.W.S.N. for to-day is bound to confuse people as to the nature of this variety, because it is not a retouch, neither did it in any way affect the die, being applied two stages farther on, namely, to the plate.

"As to the extent to which the plate was modified, this would be indicated fairly well by the letterings of Mr. Grove Powell's copies, when compared with the others. I have one used in January 1850, lettered E.C.

"Others known are DK and SA, so it looks as if the work was fairly extensive. Perhaps more than one plate was so treated.

"With regard to Early Dates; it would be much more scientific if you were, when printing this list again, to make it include all Great Britain stamps, commencing with the 1d. black, and going through the variations of perforation, watermark, etc. It would probably lead to successful research in these directions also. Of course it need not all be given at once. Competitors totals should I think be taken over the whole range, and not be confined to pennies only."

ALEXANDRIA (178 G 181).—The following new values are reported by *La Revue Philatélique Belge*.



Adhesives. Type as above.
15c. carmine.
20c. brown-violet.
25c. blue.
30c. lilac.

The new set for Alexandria is now complete.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (180 M 181).—In addition to the 1d. and 2d. Postage Dues, printed from altered plates with space at foot filled in, we are now shown by Messrs. Smyth & Co. the 3d. value.

Postage Dues. Space at foot filled in.
3d. emerald green, perf. 11 x 11½.

The 1d. chronicled in No. 171 is also perf. 11 x 11½.

CHILE (165 W 181).—We take the following note from the *Weekly Philatelic Era*:—

"Mr. A. W. Dunning, Newton, Mass., sends us for inspection two new official stamps for the southern republic. The main features of the design are the same as the registration envelopes of 1900, except that the inscriptions are in two lines in white labels, 'Correos de Chile' above the vignette and 'Cierro Oficial' below. They are printed in vermilion and deep ultramarine without value, upon large squares of gummed paper and are imperforate. The design is about 34½mm. in diameter, and the paper 42 to 44mm. square."

From the description they sound more like "Officially-sealed" labels.

CHINA, FRENCH P.O. (171 H 181).—*Le Timbrophile Philatélique Belge* chronicles the following new values in the same type as those recorded above for Alexandria.

Adhesives.
10c. red.
15c. carmine.
20c. brown-violet.
25c. blue.
30c. lilac.

CRETE, FRENCH P.O. (179 F 181).—The new 10 and 15c. have been followed by three other values in the same type.

Adhesives. Type *Droits de l'Homme*.
20c. brown-violet.
25c. blue.
30c. lilac.

These are chronicled on the authority of *La Revue Philatélique Belge*.

CYPRUS (179 K 181).—We now illustrate the type of the King Edward series.



So far, the ½, 1, 4, 6 and 12 piastres have been seen, but the ½ piastre is the only one which has been as yet actually issued.

FIJI ISLANDS (180 J 181).—Last week we published a note from a New Zealand correspondent to the effect that the King Edward stamps were to be issued on January 1st. We are now officially informed, under date of "Suva, January 28th," that they were not then yet in use but were "expected in February."

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a consignment of the V.R. issue just to hand, and we notice the ½d. shows different perforations to any yet chronicled.

Adhesives. No wmk., perf. 11½ x 12.
½d. dark grey-green.

The following is a summary of the varieties received by the Colonial Stamp Market on five occasions during the last twelvemonths, direct from Fiji.

Issued	March, 1902.	April, 1902.	May, 1902.	Sept., 1902.	Jan., 1903.
½d.	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11	11½ x 11	11½ x 12
1d.	11 x 11½	11½ x 11	11 x 11½	11½ x 12	12 x 11
2d.	11	11	11	11	11
2½d.	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½
4d.	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½
5d.	11 x 10	11 x 10	11 x 10	11 x 10	11 x 10
6d.	11, 11 x 11½	11	11 x 11½	11 x 11½	11 x 11½
1/-	11	—	11 x 12	11 x 12	11
5/-	10	10	10	10	10

As regards the papers on which Fijian stamps are printed at the New South Wales Government Printing Office, we have only met with five namely,

- No wmk. entirely.
- No wmk.; ornamental design, about 4½ x 2½ in. in size.
- No wmk.; "SANDERSON—1892" in two lines in double lined capitals. "Sanderson," 6in., "1892," 2½in. long.
- No wmk.; "NEW SOUTH WALES—GOVERNMENT" in two lines (8½ and 5½in. long respectively) in thin tall double lined capitals.
- No wmk.; "Cowan" in fancy double lined capitals. 3½in. long.

The watermark only occurs on a very small portion of each sheet of paper and is generally

found at the edges of sheets of stamps, but rarely entire. In fact, it is just possible (b) and (c) may be different portions of the same paper. We kept no record as to what papers the stamps issued in March, 1902, were on, but as regards the other four consignments, we find the following result.

- April, 1902, (b); May, 1902, et seqq., (d).
- All (d).
- All (b), except January, 1903 (c).
- All (c).
- All (c), except April, 1902 (b).
- All (a).
- All (b), except April and May, 1902, not noted.
- All (b).
- January, 1903 (e). Others not noted.

From this table, it would appear that the paper watermarked New South Wales Government came into use about April, 1902, and is consequently only to be found on ½d. and 1d. stamps. No new printings of the other values appear to have been made.

The statement that the 2d. and 1/- had also been issued perf. 11 x 11½, which we published in E.W.S.N. No. 150, on the authority of a contemporary, appears to be inaccurate. Nothing is known of them in the Fiji Islands.

FRENCH SOUDAN (152 C 181).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* learns that the title of this Colony is about to be changed to "Sénégalie et Niger" or possibly even "Sénégalie et Moyen Niger." This will of course necessitate a new set of stamps.

GOLD COAST (177 Q 181).—*Apropos* our note on the subject of judicial stamps last week, we take the following from *Morley's Philatelic Journal*:—

"Has any fiscal collector seen a Judicial stamp of the Gold Coast? We have before us the Report of the Acting-Governor of the Gold Coast to the Colonial office and under the heading of Postal and Telegraphic Revenue for 1901 we find the following entries (we have rounded off the figures to the nearest pound):—

Sale of postage stamps for postal purposes	£24,041
Sale of stamps for philatelic purposes	£177
Sale of stamps for telegraphic purposes	£20,633
Sale of Judicial stamps	£13,827
Sale of post cards	£20
Sale of registered envelopes	£62
Sale of embossed envelopes	£8

The current stamps of the Gold Coast are of course lettered 'Postage and Revenue' and are no doubt employed for telegraphic purposes, but the change of phraseology in the fourth item in the above list appears to imply that there are special stamps for judicial purposes. We should be very glad if any one in a position to ascertain whether this is the case or not would do so and send us particulars. The second item is interesting and we presume represents the amount received by special remittances for stamps, while the last three appear marvellously small. If collecting of postal stationery were ever again to become general, the supply of Gold Coast Post Cards and Envelopes would hardly go round!"

HAYTI (167 I 181).—The *Philatelic Record* states that the issue surcharged by the Provisional



Government was withdrawn from use on Dec. 21st last.

HONDURAS (179 E 181).—We illustrate the type of the new set chronicled a fortnight ago.



HONG KONG (180 Q 181).—We illustrate the type of the King Edward series of stamps:—



The 1c. is the only value issued so far.

HUNGARY (122 C 181).—*La Cote Réelle* says that a 12 filler value is likely to be added to the current set of adhesives.

NATAL (179 O 181).—We appear to have omitted to record the actual issue of the following two values of the King Edward series:—



Adhesives. Types as above, CA. 14
2d. olive-green and bright rose.
£1 blue and dark grey.

NEW SOUTH WALES (179 C 181).—We have already chronicled the 3d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. with perforated "O.S.—N.S.W." for official use. *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* mentions the 2½d., 3d., 4d. and 5d. also.

We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"Our publishers have shown us a curious sheet of the current 2d., No. 366 in the Catalogue. Of the two panes of sixty of which it is composed, the right-hand one only is perforated, the other being entirely imperforate. It is evident that, owing to the space between the panes being narrower than the width of a stamp, the comb-machine (which perforates the top, bottom, and one side of the stamps in a row) has to work upon each pane separately, commencing with the row next to the central space. When one pane has been finished the sheet should be turned round and the other pane perforated, but in this particular case the second half of the work was omitted. We thus have to chronicle:—

2d. ultramarine, chalky paper, imperf.

NEW ZEALAND (180 T 181).—The *Australian Philatelist* chronicles the 4d. wmk. single-line NZ and Star, with the new perforation 14. We reproduce this with reserve, as we have no confirmatory information on the subject from any of our New Zealand correspondents. Perhaps the mail due to-day will bring particulars. If the 4d. has really been issued, perf. 14, the perf. 11 on watermarked paper will almost certainly be very rare.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Mr. C. George writes to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* that according to a decree published on December 11th, 1902 (No. 284), the following stamps will be issued on July 1st, 1903:—

Unpaid Letter Stamps.

- (i) For Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, St. Thomas, Congo, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique and Zambesia.
5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 60, 100, 130, 200, 500 reis.
- (ii) For Portuguese India.
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 reis, 1, 2, 5, 10 tangas, 1 rupie.
- (iii) For Macao.
½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 20, 40, 50 avos, 1 pataca (100 avos).
- (iv) For Timor.
1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 50 avos, 1 pataca.

Total, 112 new stamps.

PORT SAID (178 E 181).—We illustrate the type of the new 10c. chronicled three weeks ago.



QUEENSLAND (178 M 181).—The following further note on the mysterious 6d. green, with figures in lower corners only, is culled from the *Australian Philatelist*:—

"Mr. Van Weenen has shown us an official reply to some questions asked the Deputy Postmaster-General re the sixpenny green with the figure 6 in lower corners only; it is stated that this stamp was never issued by the department. In the official book of stamps they have one copy, which is marked as an essay. It appears that only four, in a block, were printed, but what has become of the other three it is impossible to say. The Government printer does not appear to have any record of it. There is no intention to issue a new 2s. 6d. stamp. A 9d. stamp has been submitted to the head office for approval, but up to date no intimation of it having been approved has been received by the authorities in Brisbane."

SALVADOR (178 I 181).—We illustrate the type of the new set chronicled three weeks ago.



SERVIA (175 M 181).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 1 dinar in the new type.

Adhesive. New type, perf. 11½.
1 dinar, bistre-brown.

The values already chronicled are 5, 10, 25, 50, para and 3, 5 dinars, the former being slightly smaller than the dinar values.

SEYCHELLES (177 Q 181).—The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that the 4c. postage adhesive, Queen's Head type, is obsolete. It is evidently not much required for postal use, as the provisionals which are being made to fill the vacancy are surcharged "REVENUE." *Morley's Philatelic Journal* states that the current 8, 10 and 15c. are all known overprinted "REVENUE—4 CENTS."

Mr. H. L. Bevir has shown us a letter from Seychelles, dated February 7th, in which it is stated that the King Edward stamps "are upon order in England and may be issued in a month or two from this date." The issue will consist of the following values:—

- (a) 2c., 3c.
- (b) 6c., 12c., 18c.
- (c) 15c., 30c., 45c.
- (d) 75c., 1r. 50c., 2r. 25c.

It will be noticed the 1 rupee value is omitted.

SIERRA LEONE (176 M 181).—The following addition to the list of King Edward stationery published in *E.W.S.N.* No. 176, is noted by *Der Philatelist*.

Newswrapper. Head of King Edward.
4d. green on buff, 125 x 300mm.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (180 X 181).—Mr. Barry informs the *Australian Philatelist* that a number of the Government offices are now using ordinary stamps instead of O.S., and that all the O.S. stamps are to be used up, so that there will be no remainders. The perforating of the stamps with these letters will not become general till the others are exhausted.

From the same source we learn that the 9d. stamp is now printed on paper originally intended for the 2d., so that a new printing of this value has been made. A sheet has been seen with No. "2d. 734153."

ST. CHRISTOPHER (128 C 181).—Mr. H. L. Bevir writes us as follows:—"The new series of stamps for this colony will consist of the following values, viz., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, and 5/-. The stamps, as in the case of Antigua, will be adorned with a local view, and are expected to be issued at the beginning of April." We hope the stamps really will be issued this time. They were first reported about 15 months ago (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 117) and we know for a fact that certain dealers in England sent money out to their St. Kitts' agents as far back as November 1901! The issue has been successively predicted for April 1902, Coronation Day, July 1st, 1902, September 1st, 1902, January 1st, 1903, and now we have April next. It is to be hoped collectors will not again be befooled, despite the appropriateness of the date.

UNITED STATES (179 O 181).—"R" sends us, under date of February 25th, the 3c. and 4c. of the "1902" series, and under date of February 20th, the 10c. For the latter we are also indebted to Messrs. Lombard and F. P. Brown. The series is therefore now complete as far as the 13c., unless there is to be a 6c.

Adhesives. Wmk. U.S.P.S., perf. 12.
3c. violet.
4c. red-brown.
10c. red-brown

The colours of the 4c. and 10c. are almost identical. The following is a list of the marginal plate numbers we have met with on the new stamps:—

- 1c. 1547, 1548
- 2c. 1556, 1557, 1560.
- 3c. 1587.
- 4c. 1477.
- 5c. 1537, 1538, 1539.
- 8c. 1497.
- 10c. 1590.
- 13c. 1475.
- 10c. Sp. Del. 1483, 1484.

The lowest number is 1475, and the highest 1590. It is just a year since the "series 1902" was first mentioned in *E.W.S.N.*, the 13c. value being then described.

Mr. J. Mollet writes: "A New York correspondent informs me under date 16.2.03 that the new two cent U.S. is about to be called in on account of an error in engraving." We should like further information on the matter.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. T. W. Gardner writes:—

"There appear to be two varieties of the 2½d. surcharge 1898, 1899 and 1900 of Samoa, which are uncatalogued.

The varieties are very distinct and the chief points are:—

Variety (a).

1. Slope of line of '½' is 60° about.

2. The large 2, small 2 and d are on the same level.

Variety (b).

1. Slope of line of '½' is about 45°.

2. The small 2 and 'd' are below level of large 2.

Of (a) I have 2½d. on 1d. in red, 2½d. on 1/- in red, 2½d. on 2/6 in black. Of (b), 2½d. on 1d. in red, 2½d. on 1/- in black (both the rose and carmine colours)."

Mr. R. Wilkinson writes:—

"I beg to enclose for your inspection a pair of 2½ annas on 4½ India, 1891, with two varieties of surcharge. I also notice that the Cape of Good Hope 2½ on 3d. has two types. Are these well known?"

{One of the 2½ on 4½ As. India certainly appears to have a straight-topped "1" in "½." It is the first stamp in a row. The second type of the 2½d. on 3d. Cape has the top curve of the large figure "2" of equal thickness (the specimen is postmarked 20.7.92) whereas in the usual type it narrows towards the ball. The "1" of "½" is also thicker and the bar more central.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*}

Cuttings from the Public Press.

At first sight there would seem to be little in common between stamp collecting and Antarctic exploration, and yet one outcome of the present National Antarctic Expedition promises to be a philatelic treasure, which will surely be much sought after by the numerous body of stamp collectors. I am told that a special label has been prepared, to be affixed to letters by members of the expedition as soon as they are able to communicate with their friends from the nearest point in the Antarctic regions. A number of these "stamps" have been despatched to New Zealand for delivery to the Discovery, and though an application to the Postmaster-General that they might be used in prepayment of letters was, I believe, unsuccessful, the gallant explorers will no doubt be glad to remember their philatelic friends at home by using the labels to "frank" letters to the nearest post office in civilised parts, where stamps of the ordinary kind can be added.

(*The Birmingham Post*, 27.2.03).

£48 FOR A POSTAGE STAMP.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson concluded this evening the sale of the collection of unused British and Colonial postage stamps formed by Mr. G. L. Edwards, of the London Philatelic Society, the whole sale realising £1,647. The Great Britain series of stamps were exceptionally fine, and the numerous "blocks" sold at high sums; but the best price went for a 10s. grey on bluish stamp of the 1882-83 issue, very rare, which fetched £48. Among the stamps of other countries three of the Sierra Leone 2½d. on 2s. lilac, 1897, of which very few copies exist, sold for £36; St. Christopher, 1885-88 (1d. on 2½d., the very rare small surcharge), £19, and British Guiana, 1862 (provisionals 1c., black on rose, extremely rare), £22 10s.

(*The Manchester Dispatch*, 26.2.03).

Sale of Judge Masterman's Stamps.

MESSRS. VENTON, BULL & COOPER concluded on March 6th, at the Hotel Cecil, the two days' sale of the fine collection of British, foreign and colonial postage stamps formed by the late Judge Masterman, and including his fine British Guianas. The following were the principal lots:—Tuscany, first issue, 60 crazie brick-red on azure, very fine, £10 15s.; Spain, 1851, two reales red, a fine unused specimen, £18 10s.; British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta, £7 10s.; ditto, 4c. black on deep blue, used, £7 10s.; 1856, 4c. black on blue, an extreme rarity, £92. The late Judge Masterman received two of these stamps from his brother in British Guiana, the other example was sold by Messrs. Venton, & Co. in 1890 for £55—at that time a record for a stamp. Two collections, one of 1600 stamps, and the other of 1780 stamps, reached £112 and £135 respectively, the total of the two days' sale amounting to £1,400.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

		No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.				
201	(Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	..	6	1/8 2/0
202*	„ Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	..	6	1/8 2/0
203*	„ Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	..	3	1/2 1/5
204*	„ Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	..	6	1/8 2/0
205*	(Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206*	„ Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	..	9	2/6 2/11
208*	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	..	6	1/9 2/21
209	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	..	9	2/5 2/1
210*	Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3 2/81
211*	Hoi-hao „ „ 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3 2/8
212	(1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	..	3	1/0½ 1/3
213	„ Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	..	3	1/0½ 1/3
214	„ Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	..	8	1/5½ 1/9
215	„ Vathy, expected ..	..	—	— —
216	„ Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	..	8	1/8 2/0
217	„ Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	..	8	1/8 2/0
218	„ Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	..	4	1/7½ 1/11
219	„ Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	..	—	— —
220	„ China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	..	4	1/7½ 1/11
220a*	„ Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1f. ..	..	8	1/8 2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

221*	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	..	8	2/8	3/2
222*	„ S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
223*	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
224*	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf...	..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

231*	German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
232*	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
233*	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
234*	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
235*	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
236*	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI. GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$, 4, 5pi.	..	..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	..	..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.

251*	Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	11	1/7	1/11
251a*	„ 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	5	2/9	3/2
252*	Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	11	1/7	1/11
252a*	„ 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	5	2/9	3/2
253*	Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	11	1/7	1/11
253a*	„ 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	5	2/9	3/2
254*	Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	11	1/7	1/11
254a*	„ 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271*	Lourenzo Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272*	Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273*	„ Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274*	Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275*	Zambesia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281*	Macau,	$\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 8	10 avos	..	..	9	0/10	1/0
281a*	..	12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31	avos	..	..	7	2/6	2/11
282*	Portuguese India,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t...		..	..	10	2/6	2/11
283*	Timor,	$\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 8, 10	avos	..	..	8	0/9	0/11
283a*	..	12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31	avos	..	..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291	Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	..	..	3	0/5	0/6
292	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	..	..	1	0/2½	0/3
293*	„ Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	..	..	1	0/2½	0/3
294	„ Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	..	..	1	0/2½	0/3
295*	Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	..	..	7	2/0	—
296	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45c.	..	..	9	1/9	2/1
296a	„ old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	..	..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XYII. --DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301*	Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	..	11	2/6	—
302*	Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	..	11	2/6	—
303	Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—	—
304	Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	..	6	1/6	—
305	Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	..	10	—	—
306	Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII. - AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	..	..	4	0/8	0/10
311a*	" " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	..	..	4	0/8	0/10
312	Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	..	..	5	0/7	—
313	" China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	..	..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801*	Angola, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
802*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
803*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11
804*	Angra, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
805*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
806*	Cape Verde, 300 reis		1/1	1/4
807*	" 500 "		1/9	2/1
808*	" 700 "		2/6	2/11
809*	Funchal, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
810*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
811*	Guinea, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
812*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
813*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11
814*	Horta, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
815*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
816*	Lourenzo Marques,			
	300 reis..	1/1	1/4	
817*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
818*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11
819*	Macau, 47 avos.	..	1/1	1/4
820*	" 78 "	..	1/8	2/0
821*	Mozambique, 300 reis		1/1	1/4
822*	" 500 "		1/9	2/1
823*	" 700 "		2/6	2/11
824*	Mozambique Company,			
	300 reis..	1/1	1/4	
825*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
826*	" 1000 "	..	3/6	4/1
827*	Nyassa, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
828*	Ponta Delgada, 300 reis		1/1	1/4
829*	" 500 "		1/9	2/1
830*	Portuguese Congo,			
	300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
831*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
832*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11
833*	Portuguese India,			
	1 rupee	..	1/4	1/7
834*	" 2 "		2/8	3/1
835*	St. Thomas & Prince,			
	300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
836*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
837*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11
838*	Timor, 47 avos	..	1/1	1/4
839*	" 78 "	..	1/8	2/0
840*	Zambezia, 300 reis	..	1/1	1/4
841*	" 500 "	..	1/9	2/1
842*	" 700 "	..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851*	Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852*	" 16 "	—	—
854	Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855*	" 20 "	3/4	3/11
858*	China, \$1	2/0	2/4
859*	" \$2	4/0	4/8
860*	" \$5	10/0	11/8
861*	Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862*	" 2	4/0	4/8
863*	Congo Free State, 1 fr.	10d	1/0
864*	" " 3½ fr.	2/10	3/4
885*	" " 5 fr.	4/0	4/8
866*	" " 10 fr.	8/0	9/4
867*	Curaçao, 1 g... ..	1/8	2/0
868*	" 1½ g... ..	2/6	2/11
869	" 2½ g... ..	4/2	4/11
870*	Danish West Indies	50c.	2/1
871*	Dutch Indies, 2½ g. ..	4/2	4/11
872	Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873	" 5 "	4/0	4/8
874*	Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875*	Fernando Poo, 40c...	—	—
876*	" 60c...	—	—
877*	" 80c...	—	—
878*	" 1 peso	—	—
879*	" 2 pesos	—	—
880*	Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0
881*	Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882*	Japanese China, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
883*	" Korea, 1 ..	2/1	2/5
884	Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885	" \$1 ..	—	—
886	" \$2 ..	—	—
887	" \$5 ..	—	—
888	Persia, 1 kran	—	—
889	" 2 ..	—	—
890	" 3 ..	—	—
891	" 4 ..	—	—
892	" 5 ..	—	—
893	" 10 ..	—	—
894	" 50 ..	—	—
895*	Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896*	Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0
897*	" 1½ ..	2/6	2/11
898*	" 2½ ..	4/2	4/11
899	Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900	" 2 ..	1/8	2/0
901	" 5 ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911	Argentina, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912	" 5 " ..	—	—
913	" 10 " ..	—	—
914	" 20 " ..	—	—
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" " 50c.	1/0	1/3
915	Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916	" 2 " ..	—	—
917	Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918	Bolivia, 1 bolivias ..	—	—
919	Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920	Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921	Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922	Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923	" 2 " ..	—	—
924	" 5 " ..	—	—
925	" 10 " ..	—	—
926	Dominican Republic, 1 peso..	—	—
927	" " 2 " ..	—	—
928	Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929	" 5 " ..	—	—
930	Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931	" 1 gourde ..	—	—
932	Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933	Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934	" 5 pesos ..	—	—
935	Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936	" 2 pesos ..	—	—
937	" 5 " ..	—	—
938	Panama, 1 peso ..	—	—
939	Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940	Peru, 1 sol ..	—	—
941	" 2 soles ..	—	—
942	" 5 " ..	—	—
943	" 10 " ..	—	—
944	Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945	Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946*	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947*	" 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948*	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949*	" 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950	Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol.	—	—
951	" 3 " ..	—	—
952	" 10 " ..	—	—
953	" 20 " ..	—	—
954	" (Foreign), 1 bol.	—	—

United States and Colonies.

981*	United States, 50c.	2 0	2/4
982*	..	\$1 .. 4 0	4/8
983*	..	\$2 .. 8/9	9/4
984*	..	\$5 .. 20:0	23/4
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- IV. Rest of the world, sets, about £6; high values, about £15. About 400 stamps.

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (181 J 182).—Our printers seem to have unduly economised their type last week. The note should of course have read "Mr. T. S. Tyrrell advises us he has seen 1d. die 28." The consignments of envelopes stamped for the Colonial Market last week brought forth nothing new, the ½d. die numbers being quite illegible and the 1d. dies 43 and 44. However Mr. H. T. Jenner provides us with a novelty to chronicle, in the shape of 1d. die 29, his specimen being postmarked "Nottingham, 13.3.03."



The list therefore stands as follows:—

- ½d. Dies 7 to 25, except 13; 43, 44.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 29, except 19; 43, 44.

The 1d. seem to be gaining somewhat on the ½d. although the two values have until recently kept extraordinarily even. Envelopes of higher value were stamped for the Colonial Market from the King Edward dies as follows:—1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., and 6d., die 1; 2½d., die 3. The 4½d. envelopes were compound, 3d. + 1½d.

Mr. H. T. Jenner reports 6d. Queen's Head, die 48 on telegram forms but has not submitted a specimen for confirmation.

Variety of 1d. red with outline (181 C 182).—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes us as follows:

"I notice that in the form in which you have inserted my letter, re the retouch of the 1d. red imperf. you omit an essential part of my argument, controverting S.G.'s theory about the retouch. My letters are all from one firm, and being posted about the same date seem to show that the stamps were cut off the same sheet, thereby proving with some degree of certainty that the whole sheet was retouched. I think this is a matter of some interest, and I should be very glad if you could amend the statement in your next issue, as otherwise I seem to contradict S.G.M.J. on rather wild grounds.

Mr. Powell also writes:

"In answer to Mr. Dendy Marshall's letter on the subject of the variety of the 1d. red imperf., I quite agree that this should be called a 'variety with outline' and had in fact, in my letter to your esteemed paper, referred to it as the 'so-called retouch.' I fear, however, that I did allow myself to write in a loose and misleading manner of the modification, although, of course, Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal had made it quite clear how this modification was executed. What, however, I wished especially to direct your readers' attention to, was the fact that these five copies of mine having been used by one correspondent in the month of December, 1849, and being all of the same colour and state of plate, the probabilities are largely in favour of the fact that the whole plate was treated in this way, it would be stretching the long arm of coincidence rather far to think otherwise. The corner letters of my copies are F.G., G.L., J.H., L.J., and O.I."

Mr. A. H. Stamford writes on the same subject:—"Retouched Die or variety of the 1d. red. I have looked through several entires I have and enclose herewith for your inspection five entires which are postmarked:—

- Stamp BF. 24.5.48.
- " IJ. 25.1.48.
- " LL. 25.1.48.
- " PA. 22.3.48.
- " PG. 12.7.50.

"There is no doubt, I think, that the stamps are the variety referred to."

Early Dates.—Mr. F. Grove Powell has shown us the following, used one day earlier than the previous record.

1/- green, plate 6 Cardiff, 24.5.72.

Cheque Dies (180, 181 K 182).—We have seen die DI, dated 12.11.02. Dies DK, DL, DN, DP, DS, DT, DU, DV and DW are still unrecorded. Our earliest DJ is dated 13.1.02.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE (176 M 182).—The King Edward series has received an addition in the shape of the 4d. value, issued about February 18th or before.

CAVALLE (167 D 182).—In E.W.S.N. No. 164, we chronicled new stamps of 5c., 2, 4 and 8 piastres. We now record the following on the authority of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*.



Adhesives. Type as above, but inscribed 'Cavalle.'
10c. rose.
15c. carmine.
20c. brown-violet.
"1 piastre 1" in black on 25c. blue.

COREA (173 H 182).—Messrs. T. Champion & Co. have shown us three provisional stamps issued here.

Adhesives of 1895-99 issue (S.G. type 6) surcharged with Chinese characters in black.
1 cheun on 25 poon, lake, perf. 11½, 12.
2 " " " " perf. 11½, 12.
3 " " on 50 poon, violet, perf. 12½, 13.

The surcharge consists of the Chinese sign for "Cheun" with one, two or three horizontal bars above. The surcharge on the 3 cheun is consequently similar to the Chinese inscription in the lower right-hand corner of the commemorative stamp illustrated in E.W.S.N. No. 173.

CRETE, FRENCH P.O. (181 G 182).—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* chronicles the new 25c. blue as having been surcharged "1 Piastre 1." It is not quite certain whether the unsurcharged 25c. which we chronicled last week has been issued or was mistaken for the above.

DEDEAGH (167 D 182).—We have now to add the remainder of the new set to the 5c., 2, 4, 8pias., chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 164.

Adhesives. Same design as new Cavalle.
10c. rose.
15c. carmine.
20c. brown-violet.
"1 piastre 1" in black on 25c. blue.

The exact usefulness of the 20c. is not apparent, as it costs a piastre in Turkish money to buy it, the same price as the surcharged 25c. blue.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (165 N 182).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns that the number of complete sets of the 1902 commemorative issue sold recently as remainders amount to 22,000, but of some values there are more than of others. Of the 50c. there are, for instance, 48,000.

Of the ½ and ¼c. of 1900 there are 6,000 sets, either perforated or imperforate, and of the map series, a fair number of sets. Amongst the stock there are several errors, 1c. Map inverted; 1c. "Mar Caribe" above; errors of colour and 1902 centres inverted, which our contemporary suggests were made on purpose.

ERITREA (170 B 182).—Mr. T. S. Harvey writes from Rome:—"The papers here announce that the Government has approved of the surcharging of 'Segnatasse' (Postage Due) stamps for use in Eritrea. No mention is made of type or of values of the intended issue."

Mr. A. Bertazzini writes us on the same subject:—"Le Colonie Eritrea avec le 1 Avril prochain sera dotée des timbres-taxe que jusqu'à présent elle ne possédait pas. Ces nouveaux timbres taxe seront obtenus au moyen de la surcharge noire 'Colonia Eritrea' apposée sur les timbres taxe encours de la metropole. L'administration postal de la Colonie sera obligée à renvoyer au Ministère des Postes de Roma les timbres-taxe actuels le 1 Avril 1903 car ces timbres sont 'word omitted here' par les nouveaux."

FIJI ISLANDS (181 K 182).—The King Edward series was evidently issued on February 1st, as the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us all values up to 1/-. They are described in E.W.S.N. No 172.

Mr. A. H. Stanford writes:—"Your note in this week's *Stamp News* as to the issue of the King's Head is slightly incorrect as from a letter received this morning from Suva, I find that the new stamps were to be issued on the 1st February, not the 1st January as stated by Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co. My letter containing this information was dated the 24th January. By the same mail I received a rather peculiar and effective souvenir of the King's Coronation, viz.: a postcard engraved on Fijian wood and posted to Suva—G.P.O., 9th Aug. 1902."

HONG KONG (181 R 182).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the 8 and 12 cents of the King Edward series. These two values were issued on February 13th and reached England by the mail which arrived on Saturday last. Our statement in E.W.S.N. of that day therefore requires modification. There are three values of the King Edward set now in use, namely, the 1, 8 and 12c.



Like the 1c., the new 8 and 12 cents are issued in sheets of 240, divided by the usual margins into four panes of 60 stamps, arranged in 10 rows of 6. In all three values the lines round the panes follow Messrs. De la Rue & Co's new system, being broken opposite the division between each row of stamps, with two short curved lines at each corner of the pane. There is the usual plate-number in a circle (with line round) at each corner (approximately) of the sheet, that is to say, one to each pane, but it is a little closer to the stamps than heretofore, with the result that the sections of the two lines between it and the stamps have to be printed one on the top of the other.

The control numbers of the sheets just received are as follows:—1c. A0196; 8c. A0014; 12c. A0007.

By the same mail Mr. A. H. Stamford tells us he received corner blocks with the Nos. A0193, A0015 and A0003 respectively, and also informs us that he has the following unchronicled consignment letters of the Victorian issue:—4c. grey, R; 5c. yellow, W; 20c. on 30c. green, W; 30c. brown, V. What are the highest numbers known in each consignment? The matter is of some interest, as the numbers correspond to the number of sheets of 240 stamps which were printed. The following are the highest numbers the Editor has met with:—

- 2c. pink, H1478, R2176.
- 2c. green, T3980, U2649, V2733, W0137
- 4c. grey, G1387, Q1947, R1497.
- 4c. carmine, T244c, U218c, V3415, W2168.
- 5c. blue, N1802, P0907.
- 5c. yellow, T0576, U0388, V0014, W0289.
- 10c. on 30c. green, small surcharge, E0064.
- 10c. on 30c. green, large surcharge, E0067.
- 10c. blue, T1141, U1420, V2468, W1598.
- 12c. CA, pale blue, Q0067.
- 20c. on 30c. green, T0193, U0193, V0148, W0070.
- 20c. on 30c. green, no Chinese surcharge, V0031.
- 30c. green, N0023.
- 30c. brown, T0194, V0082.
- 50c. on 48c. lilac, T0188, V0078.
- 50c. on 48c. lilac, no Chinese surcharge, V0080.
- 50c. on 48c. lilac, double Chinese surcharge, V0031.
- \$1 on 96c. black, T0175, V0156.
- \$1 on 96c. black, no Chinese surcharge, T0189, T0022.

Should any reader have any others, the Editor would be very glad of an opportunity of inspecting them, and if for sale, is willing to pay high prices for any not in his collection.

INHAMBANE (180 B 182).—The issue of adhesive stamps has been accompanied by the following stationery.

- Letter cards.** 142 x 91mm.
10c. green. 25c. carmine
10 + 10c. green. 25 + 25c. carmine.

- Postcards.** 119 x 74mm.
25c. carmine.
50c. chocolate on bluish.
65c. dark blue on bluish.

IVORY COAST (178 C 182).—We are informed by Messrs. T. Champion & Co., that the information given last week on the authority of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* on the subject of Parcel Post Stamps is inaccurate, and should be as follows:—

Parcel Post Stamps. Overprinted "Cote d'Ivoire — Colon — Postaux" on l' postage Due Stamps.

50c. (3000 issued).

1fr. (3000 " ").

Variety. — "Cote d'Ivoire" omitted.

50c. (75 issued).

1fr. (75 " ").

The explanation of the issue of these stamps is that parcels received from France have no stamps (which is the rule wherever they are sent to). On arrival in the Colony, the parcels are stamped, presumably with the amount of the share of the postage due to the Colony for local carriage.

LEVANT, FRENCH P.O. (178 G 182).—Of the new set, we have already chronicled the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c. (type I); 10c. (type II); 40c. (type III) and 1, 2, 4, 8, 20 piastres (types II, III). We now add the following:

Adhesive. Type II.

20c. brown violet.

Presumably the 15c. and 30c. will follow, to complete the set. It is a pity all the values could not appear at the same time.

MAURITIUS (177 Y 182).—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* chronicles the following:

Postcards. Reply cards divided in two and surcharged separately

2c. on 8c. black and carmine on cream.

Ditto, reply half with "Reply" obliterated with a thick line.

There are two varieties of the line which obliterated the old value, one thin and one thick.

MOROCCO, FRENCH P.O. (175 F 182).—We have already chronicled the 5c., 10c., 50c., 1p. and 2p. of the new set and now have the following:—

Adhesives. Type "Droits de l'Homme."

"15 centimos" in black on 15c. carmine.

"20 centimos" " 20c. brown-violet.

"25 centimos" " 25c. blue.

The overprint is in thin sans-serif capitals.

NATAL (181 P 182).—An error occurred in our chronicle last week, and we must ask our readers to cancel the paragraph and substitute the following:—



Adhesives. Type as above CC. 14 (not CA. 14).

£1 blue and dark grey.

Smaller type (King's Head) CA. 14.

2d. olive-green and bright rose.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of each of these two stamps and we note that those of the £1 contain 60 stamps in 5 rows of 12, with plate-number 1 within a circle (with line round) placed sideways, approximately at each corner of the sheets. Those of the 2d. contain 240 stamps divided as usual into 4 panes, each with 10 rows of 6 stamps, and one plate-number to each pane. In both cases the lines round the panes are continuous.

NEW ZEALAND (181 U 182).—We are indebted to Mr. L. A. Sanderson, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Philatelic Society of New Zealand, for first sight of the new 6d. Express Delivery stamp.

Express Delivery Adhesive. Oblong design $37\frac{1}{2} \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in size. Perf. 11, wmk. NZ and Star sideways, about twice to each stamp.

6d. violet, "6d." in red in centre.

The inscriptions read "N—Post Office—Z" at top; "Express—6d.—Delivery" across the centre; and "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office" at foot. Illustration follows shortly.

NEW SOUTH WALES (181 D 183).—Our Sydney correspondent writes us under date of February 3rd with reference to the proposed new 9d. and 2/6 stamps, as follows:—

"The 2/6 value is in preparation and may appear any day, but we have heard that there is a hitch in regard to the 9d. stamp. Someone has it appears, objected to the Queen's head being used, and some other design will have to be adopted, probably that of the old 2d. Emu. We cannot say, definitely, who raised the objection, as the Federal authorities have already sanctioned the issue of Queen's head stamps in South Australia, and West Australia, but we have reason to believe that the objection came from the Imperial authorities. We purpose trying to ascertain definitely how matters stand

and shall deal with the subject in this month's issue of our journal, copy of which shall be sent you this day fortnight."

If the Imperial authorities have objected to the new issues of Queen's head stamps, the reason for the non-appearance of the 4c. Canada and 9d. Queensland has probably been found.

PAHANG (A 182).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following provisional, which appears to have hitherto remained undiscovered. Date of issue is unknown.

Adhesive.

"\$50—Pahang" in two lines, in black, on \$5 Perak.

We addressed the following enquiry concerning it to the Postmaster-General of the Federated Malay States:—"Can you furnish any information relative to a Perak stamp of \$5 overprinted '\$50 Pahang'? As the stamp is inscribed 'Postage and Revenue' and as the word 'Postage' is not obliterated, are we right in assuming that the stamp is available for postage?"

Under date of February 18th, the Superintendent of Posts and Telegraphs, Selangor and Pahang, writes us as follows, in reply:—"The stamp to which you refer was issued as the result of a misunderstanding. Only 20 or so of them were sold and were in nearly every case attached at once to deeds. If I remember rightly only 3 are unaccounted for. Though they might be used in payment of postage, their use would probably result in the fullest enquiry as to how they came into possession of the owner. I need hardly say that no more of these stamps will be sold."

It is therefore evident that this stamp is perfectly available for postage, but that in the event of one being used, official curiosity would be roused as to how the user managed to get hold of it.

Presumably at least one sheet was surcharged, and if so, at least 60 of these provisionals were made. It would be interesting to have their full history. We hope to illustrate one in an early number of *E.W.S.N.*

PARAGUAY (179 V 182).—Messrs. T. Champion & Co., informs us that an "Un Cent." on 1 peso has been issued.

SOMALI COAST (166 R 182).—The new set for this French Colony has now been completed. The 1, 2 and 5c. of the type illustrated below was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 154 (over 6 months ago), the 10c. in No. 164, and the 15c. in No. 166. It will perhaps be more convenient, however, if we reproduce these and give here the complete list.



Adhesives. Type as above, oblong. No wmk, perf. 11.

1c. lilac and orange-red.

5c. green.

2c. red-brown and green.

10c. carmine.

4c. blue and carmine.

15c. buff and blue.

Type rectangular (Somalis on camel), perf. 11.

20c. lilac and green.

40c. orange and blue.

25c. blue.

50c. green and carmine.

30c. carmine and lilac.

75c. orange and brown.

Large type (group of Somalis), perf. 11.

1fr. orange-red and violet.

2fr. green and carmine.

5fr. orange and blue.

The 1, 2, 4c. and 1fr. are reported obsolete for the present, but will no doubt be reprinted. Although described above as being "No Wmk." it should be

mentioned that the sheets of paper on which the stamps are printed generally show in the centre the watermarked inscription "B F K—RIVES" in two lines, the first measuring 57×13 mm., and the second 64×13 mm.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (181 V 182).—With reference to the 15/- "Postage and Revenue," perf. 11, chronicled a fortnight ago, Capt. G. F. Napier writes us as follows:—"I purchased this stamp at the Adelaide G.P.O. in November, 1901. It had then, I understood, been in issue some time and the 15/- perf. 10 was exhausted, even in up country post offices. This value was never issued, perf. 11½ and 11¼, 12¼, small holes, although 'specimen' copies on wide SA paper exist."

With reference to the above, the Colonial Stamp Market informs us that their last supply of 15/- stamps was issued at the G.P.O., Adelaide, in September, 1902, and was entirely perf. 10. A further supply is expected in a fortnight and it will be interesting to see which variety arrives.

TASMANIA (180 T 182).—In addition to the values chronicled a fortnight ago, we have now the following:—

Official Adhesives. Large T perforated on ordinary postage stamps, Queen's Head series.

½d. orange and violet.

TRANSVAAL (168 D 182).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 3d., 4d., 1/- and 2/-.

Adhesives. Type as above. CA 14.

(i).—Inscribed "Postage—Revenue."

3d. sage-green and black.

4d. chocolate and black.

(ii).—Inscribed "Postage—Postage."

1/- red-brown and black.

2/- yellow and black.

They are printed in sheets of 240, divided as usual by margins into four panes of 60 stamps, surrounded by continuous lines, with plate-number 1 at each corner of the entire sheet. The earliest date of use we have noted is Feb. 13th.

The following two new adhesives have made their appearance in the current type surcharged 'specimen.'

Adhesives. Head of King Edward; CA. 14.

£1 violet and green.

£5 violet and dark orange.

Advices from Johannesburg, dated 25.2.03, state that they were not then issued.

Mr. H. S. Firbank writes:—"Have just received enclosed E.R.I. ¼ on 2d., no stop after R. I believe this is up to the present unchronicled in your paper."

The stop certainly appears to be missing and is probably due to defective printing or the presence of foreign matter on the paper during the process of printing, rather than to any defect in the type.

TRINIDAD (179 V 182).—The 1/- black and light blue on yellow has marginal plate-number 1 and a continuous line round each pane, as in all the other values hitherto. As usual, the top of the shield is not very clearly defined; in fact, in looking over the Colonial Market's stock, we can only find specimens of the ½d. green, 1d. black on red, and the 5d. in which the top is not blurred. The 1d. shows both varieties, and also some other peculiarities which we may summarize as follows:—

Varieties of 1d. black on red.

(i). Plate 1. Lines of shading uniform with marginal plate-numbers "1." (in white on a solid ground surrounded by a thin circular line) at each corner of the sheet. Continuous line round each pane.

1d. black on red, shield blurred at top.

1d. grey on red, "ONE PENNY" in black, shield clearly defined all round.

(ii). Plate 2. Lines of shading in the sky become fainter as they near the horizon, those representing the sea are also fainter and broken.

With marginal plate-number 2 as before, but without circular line. Series of short lines round each pane.

1d. black on red, shield blurred at top.

We cannot yet say what is the relative importance of the above varieties or whether they are of any philatelic importance at all, as we have as yet very few specimens to compare. Readers may however be interested to examine their specimens and see if other varieties occur. We are chiefly anxious to hear of specimens of all the values with clearly defined shield.

UNITED STATES (179 O 182).—*Date of Issue of new 2c.*—The new 2c. was chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 178, on the authority of a specimen despatched from Boston about February 2nd, but our correspondent stated that the first shipments had been made from headquarters on January 20th, so that an earlier date of use probably existed. On this question we quote the *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

"Some curiosity has been excited as to the earliest date on which the new 2c. stamp was used, and we have endeavoured to ascertain, if possible, which post office had the honour of first sending the new stamp through the mail. On looking through several thousand envelopes mailed in the months of January and February the following dates were discovered in January. All February dates were thrown aside. It will be noticed that Bedford, Pa., was the earliest postmark in the list. We invite our readers to look over their correspondence and give us if possible any earlier dates than those recorded. Boston does not appear in this list, for the very good reason that while the new stamps were in the strong box, for days before, none were issued until Feb. 21, we are informed. The list is as follows:—

"Jan. 24, Bedford, Pa.; Jan. 26, Leona, N. J., Plainfield, N. J.; Jan. 27, Reading, Pa., Detroit, Mich.; Jan. 28, North Attleboro, Mass.; Jan. 29, Seymour, Wis., New York, Brooklyn, Station S.; Jan. 30, Camden N. J., Verona, Pa., Ravenna, Ohio, Washington, D. C., New York, Station J, New York, Station P, Brooklyn, N. Y., Station B; Jan. 31, New York, Station O; Binghamton, N.Y.; Herkimer, N.Y.; Bowling Green, Ohio; Brooklyn N.Y., Blithebourne Station.

"It is rumoured that a new design is being prepared for the 2c. stamp, so much criticism having been aroused by the present design. It is only fair to say, however, that later printings show much improvement. The complete set of the new stamps is expected to appear on March 15th."

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/1	
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. 13	2/6	2/11	
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas ..	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes. ..	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., ..	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi. ..	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi. ..	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco) ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP IX.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa ..	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP X.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XI. GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi. ..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c. ..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r. ..	5	2/9	3/2

GROUP XIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r. ..	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XV.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t. ..	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XVI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as. ..	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c. ..	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c. ..	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XVII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c. ..	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b. ..	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c. ..	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p. ..	6	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi. ..	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a* " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi. ..	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop. ..	6	0/7	—

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias ..	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 " ..	3/4	3/11
858* China, \$1 ..	2/0	2/4
859* " \$2 ..	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5 ..	10/0	11/8
861* Corea, 1 weun ..	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 " ..	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr. 10d ..	1/0	1/0
864* " " 3 1/2fr. ..	2/10	3/4
865* " " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
866* " " 10fr. ..	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g. ..	1/8	2/0
868* " 1 1/2g. ..	2/6	2/11
869 " 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
870* Danish West Indies, 50c. ..	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2 1/2g. ..	4/2	4/11
872 Eritrea, 1 lire ..	10d	1/0
873 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres ..	2/1	2/5

875* Fernando Poo, 40c. ..	—	—
876* " 60c. ..	—	—
877* " 80c. ..	—	—
878* " 1 peso ..	—	—
879* " 2 pesos ..	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire ..	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen. ..	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1 " ..	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c. ..	—	—
885 " \$1 ..	—	—
886 " \$2 ..	—	—
887 " \$5 ..	—	—
888 Persia, 1 kran ..	—	—
889 " 2 " ..	—	—
890 " 3 " ..	—	—
891 " 4 " ..	—	—
892 " 5 " ..	—	—
893 " 10 " ..	—	—
894 " 50 " ..	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts. ..	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden ..	1/8	2/0
897* " 1 1/2 " ..	2/6	2/11
898 " 2 1/2 " ..	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc ..	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 " ..	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 " ..	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos ..	1/11	2/3
912 " 5 " ..	—	—
913 " 10 " ..	—	—
914 " 20 " ..	—	—
955 " Official 30c. ..	0/8	0/10
956 " 50c. ..	1/0	1/3
915 Antioquia, 1 pesos ..	—	—
916 " 2 " ..	—	—
917 Bolivar, 1 peso ..	—	—
918 Bolivia, 1 bolivias ..	—	—
919 Brazil, 2000 reis ..	—	—
920 Chile, 1 peso ..	—	—
921 Colombia, 1 peso ..	—	—
922 Costa Rica, 1 peso ..	—	—
923 " 2 " ..	—	—
924 " 5 " ..	—	—
925 " 10 " ..	—	—
926 Dominican Republic, 1 peso ..	—	—
927 " 2 " ..	—	—
928 Ecuador, 1 sucre ..	—	—
929 " 5 " ..	—	—
930 Hayti, 50c. ..	—	—
931 " 1 gourde ..	—	—
932 Honduras, 1 peso ..	—	—
933 Mexico, 1 peso ..	—	—
934 " 5 pesos ..	—	—
935 Nicaragua, 1 peso ..	—	—
936 " 2 pesos ..	—	—
937 " 5 " ..	—	—
938 Panamá, 1 peso ..	—	—
939 Paraguay, 1 peso ..	—	—
940 Perú, 1 sol ..	—	—
941 " 2 soles ..	—	—
942 " 5 " ..	—	—
943 " 10 " ..	—	—
944 Salvador, 100c. ..	—	—
945 Tolima, 1 peso ..	—	—
946 Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso ..	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 " ..	13/6	15/9
950 Venezuela (Inland), 1 bol. ..	—	—
951 " 3 " ..	—	—
952 " 10 " ..	—	—
953 " 20 " ..	—	—
954 " (Foreign), 1 bol. ..	—	—

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981* United States, 50c. ..	2/0	2/1
982* " \$1 ..	4/0	4/8
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

AFGHANISTAN (172 C 183).—The following extract is from the *Daily Telegraph* of March 21st:—

"The stock of postage stamps in Afghanistan having been exhausted, the Amir proposes to introduce a new issue which will be prepared on the lines of the stamps used in Europe. In default of the stamps a postal seal is now being placed on letters."

BAHAMAS (178 U 183).—When chronicling the new stamps in the King's Head type, eleven weeks ago, we find we mentioned only the 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- and omitted the following:—



Adhesives CA. 14.
5/- lilac, value in blue.
£1 green, value in black.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets and we note that in each case they consist of 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6 with plate number 1 at each corner. A series of short lines surround the panes.

The 5d., 2/- and 3/- are printed also in sheets of 60, but the arrangement is in 5 rows of 12. The plate-number 1 is shown on the margin at the lower left hand corner only, in black. There are no lines round the panes. The 1d. value has two plate-numbers printed close together "1-1," one in black and one in carmine, and is on thicker paper.

BERMUDA (169 G 183).—The following new stationery with stamps of the Dockyard type is announced by *Der Philatelist*.



Postcard "Dockyard" type.
4d. green, buff card, 140 x 90mm.
News Wrappers. With 5-line inscription. Stamp as above.
4d. brown, buff paper, 125 x 300mm.
4d. green, " " "

BRITISH HONDURAS (179 K 183).—We do not appear to have yet noticed that the error "REVENUE" has been corrected in the latest overprinting of the 25c. stamps. The positions of the large and small surcharges are as heretofore:—12mm., Nos. 1 to 42, 44; 11mm., Nos. 43, 45 to 60. The "narrow U" minor variety has also disappeared.

Of the King Edward series, the 2c. and 5c. are the only two values which have yet appeared.

CAPE COLONY (182 N 183).—The King Edward series has now been enriched with a 5/- value. Our correspondent, writing under date of Wednesday, March 4th, says it was issued "last week" and gives no particulars of watermark, perforation, design, or even of colour!

CAYMAN ISLANDS (179 L 183).— "Specimen" copies of the 1d. King's Head have recently been circulated by the Postal Union authorities.

CHAMBA STATE (180 D 183).—In E.W.S.N. Nos. 135 and 141 we chronicled the ½ and 1 anna in the new colours, and we are now shown the following by the Colonial Stamp Market:—

Adhesive. Wmk. Star, perf. 14.
"Chamba—State" on 2a. violet of India.
Official Adhesive.
"Service—Chamba—State" on 2a. violet of India.

The overprints are in the usual type. The sheets contain 240 stamps divided as usual by a "gutter" into two panes of 120, one above the other, each with 10 rows of 12 stamps, as with ordinary current British penny stamps. Stamp No. 56 has what looks like an inverted "V" in "State" but it is probably only a broken "A." Stamp No. 111 has a very thin second E in "Service" but it may be only defective printing. In the 1 anna and 1 rupee just received, the small A in "State" variety occurs in the first row of the lower pane, exact position in row doubtful.

COLOMBIA (180 U 183).—Messrs. T. Champion & Co. have shown us the following three new stamps. Exactly where and why they were issued we do not understand.

Adhesives. Lithographed on plain white wove paper, imperf., rect.
1 peso, dull yellow.
5 pesos, brown-lilac.
10 " emerald green.

The 1 peso has a portrait with label beneath inscribed "Gral. General? Prospero Pinzon." The two higher values have Arms in centre.

Der Philatelist states that the following quantities of the Medellin-printed issue, chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 176, were made:—

1c.	200,000.	50.	50,000.
2c.	300,000.	1p.	25,000.
5c.	100,000.	5p.	10,000.
10c.	200,000.	10p.	10,000.
20c.	100,000.	Reg. 10c.	5,000.

COSTA RICA (180 I 183).—*Der Philatelist* states that the *Diario del Salvador* of January 9th announces that three new stamps are to be issued.

3c. for Postcards. Portrait, General Canas.
5c. for Business Papers. Portrait, Don Julian Volio.
20c. for Registered Letters. Portrait, Dr. Figueroa.

HAYTI (181 J 183).—According to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* the following quantities of Haytian stamps were surcharged for use during the Provisional Government. They were first chronicled in E.W.S.N. of August 9th, 1902, but were presumably placed in circulation in May or June. As they were withdrawn on Dec. 21st (date given by the *Philatelic Record*, but *Mekeel's Weekly* says December 20th), they were only in use seven or eight months:—

Haytian Stamps Surcharged "Gt. Pr."

		UNPAID.	
1c. green	68,600.	2c., blk., sur.	6,600.
1c. blue	30,000.	2c., red sur.	1,825.
2c. orange	28,000.	5c.	5,000.
2c. lake	67,400.	10c.	4,700.
3c.	20,000.	50c.	1,750.
4c.	14,800.		
5c. light blue	21,200.		
5c. brown	10,000.		
7c.	13,340.		
8c.	8,310.		
10c.	16,812.		
15c.	7,000.		
20c.	7,695.		
50c.	2,100.		
81	1,596.		

HONG KONG (181 R 183).—We chronicle the following on the authority of *Der Philatelist*.



Postcards. Stamps of above type. Thick white laid paper.
1c. dark brown, 140 x 78mm.
2c. green, 140 x 78mm.

MALTA (170 V 183).—The first of the King Edward series of adhesive stamps made their appearance here a fortnight ago.

Adhesives. Wmk. Crown CA., perf. 14. Type somewhat similar to that of the old 4d., but with Head of King Edward surmounted by a Crown.
4d. green.
2d. grey and violet.

They were issued at Valetta on the evening of March 12th. Each stamp is printed from two plates, the 'head' plate and the 'duty' plate, the latter consisting of the whole design except the oval containing the portrait of King Edward.

The plates print 240 stamps, the sheets being divided by the usual "gutters" into four panes, each having 10 rows of 6 stamps. Plate-number 1 at each corner of the sheet, once to each pane, and series of broken lines round each pane. The 2d. sheets are issued entire, but those of 4d. are cut up into panes before issue.

NEW SOUTH WALES (181, 182 E 183).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* states that the design for the new 2/6 stamps has been approved. The centre is similar to the 8d. lyre bird stamp. The words "One hundred years" have been taken out and 2/6 in figures appear at each lower corner, those at the top being filled in with scroll work. The words "New South Wales Postage" in white letters encircle the upper half of an oval frame in which the lyre bird stands.

We take the following interesting remarks concerning New South Wales papers and perforating machines from a letter published in the *Australian Journal of Philately*. The letter was originally addressed by Mr. J. H. Smyth, under date of Sydney, 9th February, 1903, to Mr. G. Johnson, of the Birmingham Philatelic Society:

"Prior to 1881, it had been the custom to damp all paper before being printed, but in that year a "prepared" paper was introduced, which obviated that necessity. This paper was watermarked N S W and a crown larger than that on the paper used previously. Those stamps printed on damp paper were of a paler colour and the watermark was N S W and a small crown, the colour of those printed subsequently being much brighter and more distinct. Exception must, however, be made in the case of the 9d. on 10d. and 10d. stamps printed on "prepared" paper 25/1/97. It would appear that before this date very few of the 9d. stamps were called for, and the assumption is that the stock printed on unprepared paper had lasted a very long time. The 9d. having been introduced in September, 1871. A large supply of paper watermark 10 having been received for the 10d. stamp it was used for that purpose until the date above mentioned. The 10d. stamps printed on papers watermarked 10 and N S W and crown can easily be distinguished. The stamps described in Gibbons' catalogue 1871-83, with the exception of the 5/-, were in use until 1888, the 1d. and 2d. values on Duty paper (1885) being only a temporary issue. The 5/- coin stamp was superseded in 1885 and revived in 1897. The 3d., 5d., 9d., and 10d. stamps are still current. To be more explicit Messrs. Gibbons should describe the issue of 1871 as watermark N S W and small crown, and 1881 watermark N S W and large crown. Towards the latter end of 1897 some sample sheets of a thickly "coated" or "chalky" paper were received and used, and shortly after bulk came to hand, but representations having been made that the ink rubbed off, and, pending a fresh supply, the old prepared paper was resorted to. Six months later a modified chalky paper came to hand and is now in use. About the beginning of last year the same paper, gummed, was received, and produced such satisfactory prints that its continuance was sanctioned. Results have fully justified its introduction, and the stamps of New South Wales are now turned out equal to anything produced elsewhere. The chalky paper is also known as "perfection" paper. The edge of a silver coin rubbed on the surface of high chalked paper will leave an impression like lead pencil. That on the modified will be less distinct while no impression is to be seen on the prepared paper.

"You must, however, remember that the 3d., 5d., and 5/- stamps being still printed from steel plates, the paper has to be damped, consequently the above remarks do not apply to these values nor the 10/- and 20/- stamps, the former of which is printed on duty paper, and the latter on a paper specially made for it. The 3d., 5d., 5/- and 20/- values are printed on a hand press made by Hopkinson, of Finsbury, London, and has been in use since 1854. The 3d. and 5d. plates have also been in use since about the same date, and although the 5d. appears almost as good as ever, the 3d. is showing signs of wear, having had more use. Both plates have earned a rest, and while I should be sorry to see them disappear, still if it were possible to have them retouched I think it would be advisable. I doubt, however, if this can be done, as the plates are

reported as tempered hard, perhaps some way could be found out of the difficulty.

"The 7½d. and 12½d. values, recently withdrawn from sale, were never printed on any kind of chalky paper. In point of fact there was only one printing of the 7½d., and, if I mistake not, the 12½d. as well. They were, however, not all perforated and gummed at the same time, these operations being performed as the stamps were required by the postal authorities, hence the varieties of perforation. The 7½d. value was never perforated on the triple or comb machines as it is too big—but I am anticipating.

The following is a list of perforating machines now in use:—

No. 1 Triple Cutter	12 × 11½
" 2 "	" 12 × 11½
" 3 "	" 12 × 11½
" 4 "	" 12 × 11½
" 5 Single	" 11
" 6 "	" 12
" 7 "	" O.S.N.S.W.
" 8 "	" O.S.
" 9 Triple	" 12 × 11½

"It is somewhat difficult to say what perforating machines were in use 20 or 30 years ago, the overseer informed me that those No. 1 to No. 8 had been in use during the past 15 or 20 years and that three of them were in the branch when he entered it 34 years ago—and they look it. All were originally single cutters, but within the past 20 years four have been converted into triple cutters. This probably accounts for the disappearance of perfs. 10 and 11½. No record has been kept of the gauges, indeed the authorities do not recognise any scale, and it is only owing to the manner in which the needles or points are renewed that the gauges which have been in use for so many years have been continued. The needles are fitted into a plate which has been previously drilled, during the process of perforation they pass into a bed below the paper, consequently they must match, and if any part gets broken a new one is made to suit. If a bed gets broken it is quite possible that a different gauge may result. In support of this theory you will notice that in Gibbons' catalogue No. 1 comb machine is described as 11 × 12 (1888), No. 2 12 × 11½ (1880), No. 3 12 × 12 (1891). The fact that the same catalogue chronicles No. 1 comb machine 11 × 12, and Nos. 2 and 3 comb machines 12 × 12 on the 1897 issue, and No. 2 machine still 12 × 12 on the chalk surfaced paper 1899, points to the assumption that the comb machines perf. 12 × 11½ have all been renewed since the last named date, and prior to 2 years ago (see *Australian Journal of Philately*, January and July, 1901), which gives the period of their introduction during the years 1899 and 1900. It seems strange, however, that Messrs. Gibbons in their 1903 catalogue do not chronicle perf. 12 × 11½ at all. They say the "difference between the two machines being slight they are included in the same list," but the perforation 11½ on the 4 triple cutters is a definite measure and are all alike.

"The triple cutter or comb machine is so called because it perforates three sides at a time, the former is the name adopted by the department, and is in my opinion more expressive.

"No. 7 was, until recently, a single cutter, perf. 12, but it has been converted into a machine for punching holes for State Government stamps.

"No. 9 is known as the Adelaide press, in use since 1897, the gauge on it is the same as that mentioned by Messrs. Gibbons in their catalogue as 12 × 11½. The vertical perforation does not measure quite 12 but is nearer 12 than 11½. Stamps are perforated on this machine more rapidly than on any of the others, and there is less likelihood of a fault occurring. Four sheets are placed in position on a table, the operator turns a handle, and a rack below regulates an eccentric in a very ingenious manner, causing the needles to come down at regular intervals. Only one gauge of rack is in use, consequently only one size of stamp can be perforated. The present 1d. value being the only one of the requisite size is the only stamp which has ever been perforated on the Adelaide machine. This value is now almost exclusively perforated on it. Machines Nos. 1 and 2 were English, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are local productions. All are worked by a treadle, both hands being necessary to manipulate the sheets.

The 4 triple cutters, like the Adelaide press, will only perforate stamps of a suitable size, these comprise the ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1½, and 12½d., the 3d., 5d., 7½d., 5½, 10½, and 11 stamps can only be perforated on the single cutters Nos. 5 and 6, gauging 11 and 12 respectively. It must not, however, be taken for granted that the values ½d. to 12½d. above referred to are only perforated on the triple cutters. The overseer again said, if there happened to be a rush, either or both of the single cutters would be brought into use, so that in fact any one value might be perforated on one day as follows: 12 × 11½, 11, 12, or 12 × 11 and vice versa. The Government printer does not mind which, the main object is economy, conse-

quently the perforation likely to be most common is the 12 × 11½ triple cutter.

I should explain further that the perforation running across the triple cutting machines is 11½ and the short upright ones (or teeth on the comb) are 12, but as all the values except the 2½d. are put in sideways this makes the perforation read 12 × 11½, the 2½d. is put in upright and comes out 11½ × 12.

I may say, by way of parenthesis, that none of the Fiji stamps, printed at the New South Wales Government Printing Office were ever perforated on the triple cutters as there are only 100 stamps on the sheet. The gutter runs horizontally instead of vertically and the stamps would not fit. The Postage Dues can only be perforated on single cutters.

"Since my previous visit to the Government Printing Office two years ago, an account of which appeared in the *Australian Journal of Philately*, January, 1901, various improvements have been effected, another Wharfedale printing press and other machines have been erected, and the Hoe press is doing satisfactory work. The only thing lacking is suitable engravers. Efforts are being made to secure the services of good workmen, so that when the Federal stamps are about to be issued, no difficulty or delay will be found in the work of engraving the designs locally. At present this work has to be done abroad, necessitating a delay of 6 or 9 months, consequently new issues required quickly necessitate the adoption of some other process not so satisfactory as a steel engraving. Apart from that, as the Government printer remarked, the department is in a position to turn out stamps equal to those produced in any part of the world."

NEW ZEALAND (182 V 183).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelty—8d. blue—and from several sources we learn of the issue of the 4d., perf. 14.

Adhesives. Wmk. N.Z. and Star, sideways.

8d. deep blue, perf. 11. Issued before February 10th, exact date unknown.

Wmk. N.Z. and Star (upright ?)

4d. (yellow-brown and blue ?), perf. 14. Issued before February 14th, exact date unknown.

The 8d. is in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12, as usual, and is printed sideways on the right hand halves of sheets of the new watermarked Cowan paper. We have corner blocks with the following sheet-numbers, 317063, 317082, 317137, 317141, 317144, 317166, 317170, 317241, so that at least 200 sheets would appear to have been printed.

Of the 6d. Express Delivery stamp chronicled last week, the Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us a sheet, which we note contains 60 stamps (large oblong) in 10 rows of 6. They are printed sideways on the right hand halves of sheets of the new watermarked Cowan paper. We have corner blocks with the following sheet numbers, 302366, 302415, 302427, 302457, 302603, 302622, 302728, 302804, 302806, 302866, 302931, 302961, 303045, 303056, 303171, 303216, 303243, 303246, 303262, 303264, so that at least 1000 sheets would appear to have been printed. This comparatively large number is no doubt occasioned by the necessity of provisioning the whole of the Post Offices throughout New Zealand. It was issued on Monday, February 9th.

The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us sheets of the new 2d., perf. 14. As in the case of the 2d., perf. 11 (Waterlow paper), each sheet contains 240 stamps arranged in 10 rows of 24, the size therefore just fitting the sheets of new Cowan paper, which have the "NZ Star" watermark repeated 240 times in 10 rows of 24. We have seen corner blocks with the following sheet-numbers, 198311, 198317. An interesting innovation has been made in printing these stamps. For the first time in the history of New Zealand stamps, the plates print a plate-number. Half the sheets of the new 2d. stamps we have been able to inspect have the figure "3" roughly printed on the bottom margin of the sheet, under the division between the 12th and 13th stamps in the lowest row, whilst the remainder have the figure "4" (looking more like an "H" than the figure) rudely scratched on the margin under the 12th stamp in the lowest row.

The 4d., wmk. N.Z. and Star, perf. 11, bids fair to be a very rare stamp. It is practically unobtainable anywhere in Europe. An Australian dealer is advertising it at 4s. unused.

NIUE (174 O 183).—The Secretary to the Postal Division of the G.P.O., Wellington, New Zealand, writes as follows:—

"It is noticed that in your issue of the *Weekly Stamp News*, No. 169, of 20th ultimo, page 411, you give currency to a statement that the full set of New Zealand stamps, up to 5½, will probably be surcharged for use at Niue before long. This, however, is not correct. It is not considered that the full set of New Zealand stamps is required for postal purposes at Niue, and no stamps other than 3d., 6d., and 1½ (in addition to those already issued at ½d., 1d. and 2½d.) are likely to be surcharged."

NORTHERN NIGERIA (150 E 183).—The 2d., 5d. and 6d. King Edward stamps which ran out of stock at the end of 1902 or beginning of this year, have now been re-issued.

PARAGUAY (182 W 183).—Mr. R. Rosauer informs *Der Philatelist* that the following quantities of the recent provisionals were made.

1c. on 14c.	60,000.
5c. on 8c.	75,000.
5c. on 28c.	70,000.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (178, 180 E 183).—The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that the 1½ on 5½ provisional has been obsolete for some few weeks and that the 6d. E.R.I. has been re-issued. The other stamps current at the end of February were the ½d. and 2½d. O.R.C. on Cape, 1d. King, 2d. V.R.I. (setting with inverted "1"); 3d. V.R.I. (ditto); 4d. in vermilion on 6d. V.R.I. (ditto); 5½ V.R.I. (old setting, as usual). We have also been shown entire sheets of the new 1d. King's Head illustrated a fortnight ago and note that it is printed and issued in sheets of 240, divided into 4 panes as usual, with the broken instead of continuous lines round the panes.

SOMALI COAST (182 S 183).—We are now able to illustrate the two types of the higher value stamps chronicled last week.



UNITED STATES (182 P 183).—We are now able to illustrate the new 1, 3, 4 and 10 cents.



We have to chronicle the following:—

Adhesive. Wmk. USPS, perf. 12 ("Series, 1902"). 6c. lake (Garfield, 1831-1881).

Telephone Stamps.—Mr. T. F. Philpot writes:—The following from the *Christian Science Sentinel*, Boston, U.S.A., 7th March, 1903, may be of interest to your edition of *E.W.S.N.*

"As in many parts of the West almost every farmer has a telephone, it is proposed to issue a special stamp that shall authorise the Postmaster to open the letter to which it is affixed and transmit the contents to the addressee by telephone."

Sale of Stamps.

ON Tuesday, March 10th, at Leicester Square, Messrs. Puttick & Simpson secured the following good prices for rare postage stamps from various private sources:

Great Britain—O.W. Official, 1902, 10d. purple and carmine, scarce, £6 6s.; another, in fine state, £7; rare 5d. lilac and blue, £3; and 1881, 1d. lilac, with control letters from A to X complete, £3 7s. 6d.

Ceylon—Imperf. 4d. rose, good margins, £13 5s.; and 8d. brown, with large margins, but slightly torn, £7 10s.

Philippine Islands—1854, 5 cents vermilion, £2 8s.

Straits Settlements—Johor, 1891, 2 cents green, the rare error "Censt," unused, £4 4s.

Cape of Good Hope—1855-64, triangular, pair of 1s. dark green, in mint state, £5 10s.; 1899, Vryburg (Cape stamps surcharged "Z.A.R."), ½d., 1d., 2½d., and 6d., £3 10s.; 1900 (Transvaal stamps surcharged "V.R. Special Post"), ½d. and 1d., £4; and 1900, Mafeking Besieged, 15 in all, £7.

Transvaal—1870-76, 6d. blue on blue, unused block of six with full gum, £8 8s.; and 1901, Pietersburg, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1s., all in mint state, £2 15s.

Zanzibar—1895, ½ anna green, the error, "Zanzidar," £2.

Niger Coast—1883-94, Half-penny in blue on 2d., unused, £2 18s.

Lagos—2s. 6d. olive-black and 5s. blue, £3 and £4 17s. 6d. respectively.

—The Morning Post.

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151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comore, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavale, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221* German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222* " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223* Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224* Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231* German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232* Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233* Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234* Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854* Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 to avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45c, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355	Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	..	..	9	—
356	Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c...	6	

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN—Official Stamps (180 1 184).—The following new officials were foreshadowed in E.W.S.N., No. 178. The particulars are given on the authority of Mr. A. B. Creeke in the *London Philatelist*.

Overprinted "ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL" in two lines.

Adhesives. ½d. green
1d. scarlet.
1½d. purple and green.
2d. green and scarlet.
2½d. ultramarine.
3d. brown on yellow.

Registration Envelope, 3d. brown (Die?).

Postcard, ½d. green.

They were to have been issued on April 1st. This is the first occasion on which a 3d. stamp has been surcharged for official use. The 3d. of 1887, it may be recalled, was in 1890 surcharged "Railway Letter Postage," but was never issued.

Railway Stamps (175 U 184).—We have been making enquiries recently as to what new printings have been made since the Editor's *History of Railway Letter Stamps* was published. The following is the result as regards 14 companies and a further list will be published next week.

Cambrian. No new issue has been made since 1897.

Hull and Barnsley, 29.10.02. 3rd issue, 50 books of 20 stamps.

Isle of Wight. The 1st issue is still current.

Isle of Wight Central. The 2nd issue is still current and "likely to last some time yet."

Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast, Dec. 1902, 4th issue, Nos. 1577 to 2076.

Lancashire and Yorkshire, 6th printing, Nos. 8749 to 13752. The first sheet was issued on May 2nd, 1902. The only sheet we have seen as yet, Nos. 10779 to 10784, belongs to the same printing as the later sheets of the preceding issue, but has larger control figures.

London & South Western.

36th issue, 9.9.02. Not yet seen.

37th " 5.11.02. Remainder of an old printing?

38th " 5.3.03. Not yet seen.

Midland, 17th issue, Nos. 114,001 to 126,000. 6.4.01.

10.5.02, 18th issue, Nos. 126,001 to 138,000.

North Eastern. A new design has been brought into use. It is a fairly close copy of the old one (employed from 1891 to 1903) but the lettering of the central inscription is much larger and the figure "2" is of a different type. The lowest number we seen in this design is No. 198,996, evidently from the last sheet of the 58th supply, (the greater portion of which is printing Pin the old design). Further particulars later.

Caledonian. A 10th printing of 12,000 stamps has been made and was supplied by the printers, 18.11.02.

Glasgow and South Western Railway states that no printing has been made since the 7th of 27.10.00.

Glasgow, Barrhead and Kilmarnock, 6th printing still in use.

Great North of Scotland. A new printing was made on 12.7.02.

Highland. Following new printings have been made:

11th, 9.01. 1000 stamps.

12th, 3.02. "

13th, 8.02. "

14th, 1.03. "

Of the new printings we have seen very few, owing to the refusal of the companies to supply specimens. Except of the 1st issue, no unused specimens of the Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railways are known to be in the hands of collectors. It is doubtful if the 10th printing of the Caledonian Railway or the 12th,

13th and 14th of the Highland are yet in circulation.

Railway Parcel Stamps (175 E 184).—Mr. G. Watson has shown us the ½d. North Eastern Railway parcel stamp in the same type as the 6d. chronicled two months ago.

"FOURPENCE" blue, perf. 11.

CAYMAN ISLANDS (183 M 184).—Just after going to press last week, we received the 1d. King Edward stamp, thus completing this series.



Adhesive. Head of King Edward, usual type.
1d. carmine, CA. 14.

They are printed in sheets of 120 similar to the ½d. Our earliest specimen is postmarked "Grand Cayman, 6th March, 1903."

GOLD COAST (181 R 184).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following more than usually interesting revenue stamps.

Judicial stamps. Ordinary postage stamps of the Queen's Head series printed in new colours and surcharged in black "JUDICIAL" in block capitals. CA. 14.

1d. grey and vermilion.
3d. grey and yellow.
6d. grey and green.
1/- lilac and green on yellow.

We have seen a copy of the 1d. postmarked, but cannot say whether it had passed the post. The 1d. stamps are printed in sheets of 120 and have plate-number 3 on the margin at each corner of the sheet. The other values we have not been able to examine in sheets.

HONG KONG (183 S 184).—The new post cards chronicled last week on the authority of *Der Philatelist* do not appear to be correctly described, or should they be envelopes? The following stationery is from the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*.



Post Cards.

1c. green on cream, 140 x 89mm.
1c. + 1c. green, ditto.
4c. carmine, "
4c. + 4c. carmine, ditto.

Envelope.

2c. green on ivory white, 140 x 78mm.

Registration Envelope.

10c. violet on white, 134 x 83mm.

Wrappers.

2c. green on chamois, 125 x 300mm.
4c. carmine, "

The following remarkable paragraph has just been published in the *Philatelic Record* and calls for notice on our part, as our publishers, Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., are, so far as we are aware, the only firm who have succeeded in obtaining a good stock of the varieties in question and are certainly the only firm who have advertised them for sale. The fact, therefore, that our contemporary should insert a paragraph impugning the genuineness of the varieties, without taking the trouble beforehand to make any enquiries from the firm most interested in them and most likely to be able to furnish their accurate history, indicates the absence of a desire for accuracy and a wish to injure the Colonial Stamp Market. The paragraph runs as follows:—

"Fanciful surcharges.—As our readers are doubtless aware, a number of the stamps of Hong Kong bearing surcharges in Chinese characters are now upon the market with these characters in various abnormal positions. We hear that such were not issued from the Post Office and that the dies have either been stolen or sold. This accounts for the numerous varieties already existing, and no doubt the manufacturers would welcome suggestions for further improvements."

In the first place, our contemporary is not certain whether the dies have been "stolen" or

"sold" so that its information must be quite unofficial. Equally, the information can hardly emanate from the gentleman who "bought" or "stole" the dies as he would hardly be in doubt as to the nature of the transaction; in the latter case moreover he would not be likely to publish the fact of the possession of the dies. We think therefore it may be taken that the person who inspired the paragraph knew nothing about the matter at all and merely invented a story in the hope of throwing discredit on the varieties.

Here is the list of varieties known at present. (Normal, one surcharge at left, upright).

- (a) One surcharge, at left, inverted (50c., \$1).
- (b) " " at right (all values).
- (c) " " inverted \$1.
- (d) Surchage, twice at left (all).
- (e) " " first inverted (50c., \$1).
- (f) " " second " (50c., \$1).
- (g) Surchage once at each side (all).
- (h) " " first inverted (50c., \$1).
- (gg) " " second inverted (50c., \$1).
- (h) Surchage twice at left, once at right (all).
- (i) " " omitted altogether (all).

Presuming that someone had obtained possession of the dies and that he bought ordinary stamps from the Post Office to operate upon, how many of the above varieties could he make? Six, viz., d, ee, f, g, gg, h; whilst five he could not make. And if we admit that five of the varieties are official, why should not the whole eleven be? The overprints were struck by hand, one at a time, and the operator had to surcharge 40 rows, six dabs to a row, to complete a sheet. In surcharging a large number of sheets it is easily conceivable that he would not waste time and not at all remarkable that here and there a surcharge should be struck one-eighth or one-sixth of an inch too much to the right or left, a variation that would account for the existence of varieties b and c. The inaccuracy would be remedied (perhaps afterwards and with less care) by placing a second surcharge in the correct spot and varieties d, e, ee, f, g, gg would come into existence. Perhaps in correcting variety b the second surcharge (at left) would be struck too faintly and a third would be made, thus creating variety h.

MALTA (183 W 184).—We are now able to illustrate the type of the King Edward issue.



We understand that the 6d., 1/- and 5/- of the new series are also printed, but are not yet issued.

Adhesive. Type as above.
3d. mauve, head in grey.

This addition to the King Edward series was made on March 26th, and is printed and issued in sheets of 240 like the 2d. The Colonial Stamp Market's last supply of the ½d. was also received partly in sheets of 240, so that evidently sheets of both sizes (60 and 240) were in this case issued.

The postmaster of Malta has been placed on the retired half pay list, chiefly through the action of Mr. J. C. North, representative of the *Philatelic Record* and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who were so indignant at the issue of a "Pnney" error and at the unauthorized "ticking" of 2½d. stamps which followed, as to induce the Colonial Secretary to order a Government enquiry at Valletta! Even then the Postmaster would probably have got off, as no one else appears to have been anxious to give evidence in such a matter, but we learn from the *Philatelic Record* that Mr. J. C. North visited Malta and gave evidence in person. To allow such an error as the "Pnney" to pass into circulation is no doubt a very reprehensible matter, but it seems to us that the action taken is carrying matters a little too far and we have no wish to claim any share of what credit there may be, although we are informed that the numerous articles which appeared on the subject of the 1d. on 2½d. stamp of Malta in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* (Nos. 140 to 154) were (unknown to us) used as evidence. Our articles, by the way, were reproduced week by week in Maltese journals, for copies of which we were indebted at the time to Mr. G. Miller.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/0

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291 Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294 " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
296a " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Dates (166, 177, 180, 182 X 185).—The following new records have been shown us:—

1d., plate 91. London, S.W., 8.6.64. E. Bentley Wood
" 94. " S.E., 28.6.64. "
" 98. York, 3.6.65 (tie). C. F. D. Marshall
" 131. Liverpool, 16.9.69. "
" 158. Belfast, 6.8.72. "
10d., Spray. London, S.W., 21.10.67. J. R. Yeates.

Railway Letter Stamps (184 V 185).—A further list of new printings follows:—

Belfast & County Down. A number of sheets of the 10th printing were issued in December, but the margins were left imperforate. We have also met with some sheets which appear to have been printed at the same time as the 17th issue of the B. & N. Cos. R.

Belfast & Northern Counties.

10th (?) Printing, bright green, sheets with imperforate margins, paper of medium thickness.

Cork, Bandon & South Coast.

9th, 19.1.01 (3000 stamps). Not yet seen,
10th, 12.1.02 (3000 "). " "

COLOMBIA (183 V 185).—We illustrate the three high values chronicled a fortnight ago, and have to record the 1 peso in a new colour.



Adhesive. Type of 1 peso, as above.
1p. blue, imperf.

Messrs. T. Champion & Co. also send us an interesting oblong stamp, with a representation of the cruiser Cartagena in the centre.



Adhesive. Design as above.
5c. dark blue, imperf.

From the same source, we have a new 50c. stamp, with portrait of Simon Bolivar, and printed in three different colours (illustration to follow).

Adhesives. Rect. Portrait of Simon Bolivar.
50c. vermilion, imperf.
50c. brown, imperf.
50c. orange, yellowish-orange, imperf.

All are lithographed on thin white wove paper.

FRANCE (185 C 173).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the long-expected 15c. in "La Semeuse" design.

Adhesive. New Design (illustration follows).
15c. greenish-grey.

Our earliest dated specimen is postmarked Saturday, April 4th. The design is novel and very neatly executed. We take the following from the Paris notes in the *Morning Advertiser* of April 3rd.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

The first of the new series of postage stamps was issued yesterday from the offices at the Luxembourg and the Palais Bourbon. It is a stamp of 15 centimes (1½d.), and on it is reproduced the effigy of the woman sower by Roty, and engraved by M. Mouchon. The same figure will ornament the other stamps from 5 to 30 centimes. The stamps of 10 to 30 centimes will be put into circulation during the present month, and the series will be completed towards the end of May. The colour of the stamp issued yesterday has been modified. It is green bronze. The colours of the stamps of 10 and 25 centimes are fixed by international convention, and are therefore unchanged.

HONG KONG (184 T 185).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that 'specimen' copies of the following are being distributed officially.



Adhesives. Type as above (?). CA. 14.
30c. black-sh-green and light green.
50c. purple and light green.
\$1 yellow green and purple.
\$2 red and dark grey.
\$3 blue and black grey.
\$5 blue-green and mauve.
\$10 brown and purple-grey on bluish.

Our American contemporary does not say whether all are in the same small type.

We had put the date of issue of the King Edward 8c. and 12c. as February 13th. The following from the *Hong Kong Telegraph* of that day puts the date back a day.

Two new stamps—with face values of 8 and 12 cents respectively—were issued at the local post office yesterday. In design, both are exact facsimiles of the new one-cent stamp. The eight-cent in colour is lilac on a white field with a lead colour head design in the centre. The twelve-cent is chocolate on a yellow field with a green centre.

INDIA (179 W 185).—The issue of the following has not yet been recorded by us.



Registration Envelope. Design of stamp as above.
2d. greyish blue (size F).

MAURITIUS (182 Z 185).—A new 4c. has been printed, colours grey-green and purple. Only "specimen" copies have so far been seen.

NATAL (182 Q 185).—The *Montreal Philatelist* chronicles three additions to the list of King Edward stamps, but only "specimen" copies have so far been seen:—2½d. ultramarine; 4d. chocolate with scarlet centre; 4/- orange with lake centre, all in the small design.

NEW ZEALAND (184 X 185).—Mr. H. Rawson Bewlay informs us that amongst a small parcel of stamps purchased for him by a friend at the G.P.O., Wellington on January 30th, was the 4d. NZ and Star, perf. 14, so that the date of issue must be put back 15 days. The 8d. and 1/- were both no wmk., perf. 11, dull gum. Our correspondent does not describe the other values.

NIUE (183 P 185).—The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that the following have now been issued.

Adhesives. New Zealand stamps overprinted in dark blue.
3d. yellow-brown, wmk. N.Z. and Star, perf. 11 (2a).
6d. rose, wmk. N.Z. and Star, perf. 11 (2a).
1/- red " " (2a).

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (183 F 185).—'Specimen' copies of a 4d. in the King Edward type are reported by the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Colours are given as greenish bistre, head in scarlet.

PENRHYN ISLAND (170 M 185).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesives.—New Zealand stamps overprinted in dark blue.
3d. yellow-brown, N.Z. star, p. II (2a).
6d. rose, N.Z. star, perf. II (2a).
1/- red " " (2a).

We hope to give full particulars next week. There do not appear to be any errors or varieties on the sheets, either of Penrhyn or Niue stamps. Two sheets before us have the following sheet-numbers, 6d. 202661; 1/- 244978.

PERU (163 L 184).—In E.W.S.N. No. 163 we chronicled two provisional unpaid letter stamps, 1c. on 20c. and 5c. on 20c. The *Philatelic Record* chronicles a third.

Unpaid Letter Stamp. Surcharged diagonally (and horizontally?). "Deficit—un centavo" in black on 10 soles, brown-lilac of 1899.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (182 W 185).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new £1 "Postage" stamps.



Adhesive. Design as above.
£1 blue, perf. 11½.

The sheets contain 60 stamps, arranged in six rows of ten, as usual. A corner stamp before us has the marginal number in red "1d. 647250," which would seem to indicate that it was printed at the same time as the 8d. blue. The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us the following:

Official adhesive. Overprinted "O.S." (Gibbons' type 53), but the initials are close together.
1/- red brown, wmk. Crown SA, perf. 11½.

This should be No. 657a in Gibbons' Catalogue.

SUDAN (173 I 185).—We chronicle the following on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—



Official adhesive. Overprinted "O.S.G.S." in black, sans-serif capitals.
5 mill., carmine and black. wmk. Star and Crescent (multiple).

This is evidently a successor of the official issues formed by perforating ordinary stamps with the initials "S.G." We should imagine the initials stand for "On Sudan Government Service" or something like that. The 5 mill., may possibly also exist unsurcharged with the new watermark, but we have no evidence of it yet.

On the same subject we read as follows in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.—We are indebted to Leonce Colucci for late information regarding interesting developments in postal matters here. He writes: "On January 1st a set of official stamps was put into circulation, consisting of the 3m., 5m., 1p., 2p. and 5p. surcharged in sans serif, block letters 'O.S.G.S.' (Official Service Government Soudan). They are all watermarked 'crescent and star' and cannot be obtained unused. The watermark of the 3m. for ordinary correspondence has been changed and all new supplies of the other values will bear the crescent. Post-cards, envelopes, letter-cards and wrappers are issued now in the camel design."

UNITED STATES (184 R 185).—"R." states that the new 6c. is "thought to have been issued on March 9th, 1903." Can anyone say definitely?

A new series of envelopes is being brought into use. At present the new dies are only being used to stamp what are officially termed "Special-Request Envelopes," but later on Post Offices will be furnished so that the envelopes may be obtained by the general public in the usual way.

Envelopes. Various sizes and colours. Stamps of new designs.

1c. green (Franklin, 1706-1709).
2c. dull rose (Washington, 1732-1700).
4c. ?
5c. ?

"R." writes us:—"Envelopes without return request are not yet in issue, the P.O. Dept. filling requisitions for printed request envelopes preferentially. The enclosed 2c. envelope is postmarked 13.3.03." The official schedule states that the following envelopes and wrappers alone will be supplied to Post Offices and that all are now being supplied on special request except

No. 6 and the wrappers (12). The colours supplied are white (w), amber (a), buff or blue. "All" signifies all four colours.

No.	Size.	1c.	2c.	4c.	5c.
1	2½ x 5½ in.	—	w	—	—
2	3½ x 5½ in.	w, a	all	—	—
3	3½ x 5½ in.	w, a	all	—	w, a
4	3½ x 5½ in.	—	w, a	—	—
5	3½ x 6½ in.	w, a	all	—	w, a
6	do. ungummed (1c).	white or manila paper.			
7	3½ x 8½ in.	—	all	w, a	—
8	4½ x 9½ in.	—	w, a	w, a	—
9	4½ x 10½ in.	—	w, a	w, a	—
10	3½ x 4½ in.	—	w	—	—
11	4½ x 5½ in.	w	w	—	—
12	5½ x 10½ in. (1c.)	wrappers, manila paper			
12A	8 x 12 in. (2c.)				
12B	10 x 15 in. (4c.)				
13	3½ x 6½ in.	all	all	—	—
14	3½ x 6½ in.	—	all	—	—

The envelopes are furnished by the post office, ready printed with return-request, at a premium on face value of \$1 to \$2 per 1000. Size No. 5 is the one most popular.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (177 L 185).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—



Adhesive. Wmk. V. and Crown, upright, perf. 12½. 2d. yellow.

Previously we had only recorded it with wmk. sideways.

ZANZIBAR, FRENCH P.O. (167 F 185).—We have already chronicled the new ½, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 annas and now add the following:—

Adhesives. Type *Droits de l'Homme*.

1 anna in black on 10c. rose.	
1½ anna " 15c. carmine.	
2 anna " 20c. brown-violet.	
2½ anna " 25c. blue.	

Stamps of the Morocco Agencies.

At a meeting of the Manchester Philatelic Society yesternight week at the Grand Hotel, the President (Mr. W. D. Beckton) in the chair.

Mr. J. C. North read a paper on the Stamps of the British Morocco Agencies. After a brief historical sketch of the Empire of Morocco down to the present ruler, who was proclaimed Sultan on June 7th, 1894, Mr. North said Europeans know little of the interior of this country, the area of which is estimated at 314,000 square miles, with a population of about eight millions. The postal arrangements in Morocco are many and curious. The native services are maintained by post runners between the different towns, or by camel, there being neither railways nor wheeled vehicles in the country. At the several large towns where a post is maintained, letters, on payment of the rate for carriage, are impressed with a hand stamp containing the name of the town, and a facsimile of the Sultan's signature. Specimens of these were exhibited by the essayist. There have been several local postal services established by private individuals, but most of these are now incorporated in the British and French services. Owing to the insecurity of the Moorish post, and its inability to maintain an ocean service, the British, German, French and Spanish have established and maintain post-offices at a number of towns. Before 1898 stamps of these several European countries served for postage by their respective ships. Owing to repeated representations to the Postmaster in the British post-office at Tangier as to the necessity for marking the stamps in some manner to show that the maintenance of the post-office was justified, it was decided in 1898 to overprint the stamps of Gibraltar with the words "Morocco Agencies." This was done locally at the office of *The Gibraltar Chronicle*. In the first printing were two varieties. The type being reset, other printings were made, which were done carelessly, as many varieties of poor printing occur, sometimes a whole word being missed out through want of ink. The local printing being unsatisfactory, at the end of 1899 it was ordered that the stamps should be overprinted in London by Messrs. De la Rue and Company. The type used is from a different fount, and is easily distinguished from that previously used in Gibraltar. The London print shows only two minor varieties.—*Manchester City News*, 28.2.03.

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Foreign Extracts Competition.

We regret that the award of the second prize in our last "Foreign Extracts Competition" has been so long delayed, but the Editor has had very little time for his Editorial duties, the increase of business in the Colonial Stamp Market calling for a large allowance of overtime on the part of the Managing Director. We are now able to announce that the second prize goes to Mr. A. Lienhard-Riva, of Lucerne.

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In accordance with our usual practice at holiday times, we give below a number of extracts from the foreign philatelic journals, and offer the following two prizes for the longest list of mistakes in grammar, spelling or punctuation. 1st prize, set of Madagascar, British Inland Mail, value 6/6; 2nd prize, set of the handsome new Labuan, Crown Colony design, 2c. to \$1, value 5/6.

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(From *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*).

UN BUDGET AUX ABOIS.

Notre patriotisme souffre d'exposer les tripotages philatéliques qu'escompte la Nouvelle Calédonie pour équilibrer son budget. Voici une de nos colonies passée au rang de sous-Nicaragua et qui a le cynisme de dévoiler ses expédients au grand jour.

Les polémiques sont vives là-bas entre les gazettes politiques. Tous les arguments sont exploités par les journalistes ennemis, dont l'un soutient le gouvernement de la colonie avec autant de zèle que met l'autre d'acharnement à l'attaquer. Or, dans son numéro du 5 février la *France Australe*, l'opposant, racontait sans bienveillance que l'émission d'un timbre projeté pour le cinquantenaire avait fait long feu, que le ministère avait refusé l'autorisation nécessaire et que de ce chef un trou de 100,000 francs était creusé dans le budget. La *Calédonie*, organe officieux du gouvernement, a répondu ce qui suit :

LES TIMBRES DU CINQUANTENAIRE.

"Si nous sommes bien renseignés et nous croyons l'être, les craintes émises par la *France Australe* au sujet du trouble qu'occasionnerait dans le budget le refus d'une émission de figurines spéciales pour le cinquantenaire ne reposent sur aucun fondement.

"En admettant que les timbres ne soient pas émis sous la forme demandée, si réellement les règlements postaux s'y opposent, il y a tout lieu d'espérer et même d'affirmer que la Colonie ne sera pas frustrée de cette ressource extraordinaire, que le Ministre a reconnu ne pas être à dédaigner.

"Dans ce cas une surcharge spéciale à cette date et temporaire donnerait aux timbres, pour les philatélistes, une valeur égale à ceux d'une émission spéciale.

"Le Ministre est si bien disposé pour la Colonie qu'il vient d'adopter trois des figurines de l'exposition de timbres faite à Nouméa, et les fera imprimer en France pour l'usage spécial de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, si elle veut supporter les frais de cette émission, frais qui seront bientôt récupérés et au-delà.

"De plus une émission prochaine de chiffres-taxe à l'usage de toutes les colonies sera faite sous peu et donnera encore un profit qui ne sera pas à dédaigner.

"A l'encontre de ce qui se pratique aujourd'hui, ces chiffres-taxe seront mis dans le commerce et augmenteront d'autant le nombre des modèles recherchés par les collectionneurs."

En d'autres termes, il faut faire cracher 100,000fr. aux philatélistes, en leur imposant des surcharges temporaires afin de moins imposer les contribuables de Nouméa. C'est absolument scandaleux.

A PROPOS DES "CARUPANO."

M. G. Terraro, ancien directeur général des Postes du Vénézuéla, nous écrit : "J'ai lu dans *L'Echo*, auquel je suis abonné, que les révolutionnaires de Carupano avaient émis 2 timbres-poste que vous avez catalogués comme authentiques. Je crois devoir vous informer que ces timbres sont de pures fantaisies qui n'ont jamais été autorisées par le gouvernement révolutionnaire sous aucune forme; ils sont l'œuvre de quelque spéculateur peu scrupuleux."

MASCULIN OU FEMININ.

Faut-il dire un ou une tête-bêche?

La question a été posée à la dernière séance de la Société de Philatélie pure.

Un membre a fait observer que la question était des plus controversées, tout comme celle qui s'éleva dernièrement au sujet du mot *automobile*. Tête-bêche est un adjectif et ne saurait être du masculin ou du féminin. Il est nécessaire, pour résoudre la question, de savoir quels sont les mots sous-entendus lorsqu'on dit : un ou une tête-bêche. Or, on a évidemment voulu dire : une paire de timbres tête-bêche, et les mots sous-entendus sont *paire de timbres*. D'après cela, il semblerait

donc qu'on doive dire une tête-bêche. Les membres présents se sont ralliés à cette opinion.

Très bien! Mais si le timbre à l'envers est dans un bloc de quatre? Ce sont les mots *bloc de timbres* qu'on sous-entendra. Et alors.....? *Adhuc sub judice lis est*.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. E. J. Hazelwood writes:—

"The following are not new, but I have not seen them mentioned before:—Brazil, 100 red fiscal, used postally, one of my copies was used at Para. I cannot make out the other, but the cancelling stamp is certainly a postal one, as the word *correo* appears, I have seen several of these stamps postally used, but have never seen them mentioned anywhere. Peru, S.G. No. 142, surcharged with type 61, the word *Gobierno* is printed the same way as the stamp, it is only the head type 26 that is inverted. Venezuela, S.G.'s type 35, No. 216. Surcharged 1900 but with type 37 inverted, which shows that the date 1900 and the surcharge *Resellada* with Castro's signatures were two separate printings. Mexico, S.G.'s No. 617, I have a pair of these with three overprints official on two stamps, i.e., there are 3 surcharges in the place of 2, the outside surcharge in each instance appears to be in its proper place, the middle one being much too near for it to be possible, however placed, to be printed on three stamps. Ecuador, S.G.'s No. 72, cut diagonally from bottom left to upper right corner, and used as a 5c. Specimens of all the above I have postally used."

Miss Tracey writes:—

In a newspaper from the Orange River Colony I notice the following: "We have received the following note from the Accountant General's Office. The Post Office is celebrating the visit of the Imperial Colonial Secretary in quite its own little way. To-day there has been put on sale the "King's Head" issue of one penny postage stamps and halfpenny and penny post cards. It is quite a matter of interest to place the recent penny issues of the Transvaal, Natal and Cape Colony in comparison with the Orange River Colony issue. Opinions are divided as to whether the Cape or this Colony has scored. The colour of the Cape stamp is the best of the four, though we appear to score in the way of design."

Mr. W. N. Greenwell writes:—

"Anent 'Understamped Pictorial Postcards.' I received the other day, one of these etched by Harry Furniss and published by John Walker & Co., London. It was posted at Inverness, N.B., and had ½d. stamp affixed, but on receipt of same I had to pay an extra charge of 1d. It has neither 'Arms' nor 'Post Card' on it, but the card measures 5½ x 4½ in., being over size limit, hence the 1d. charge. It will be well for would-be senders of picture postcards to see that they do not exceed the regulation size."

Mr. J. R. Neve writes:—

"In looking over my Cape of Good Hope stamps, I have come across one I do not think is catalogued, at least I cannot trace it. C.C. lilac sixpence, surcharged One Penny in red. The peculiarity is that instead of sixpence having a red bar through it, the bar is through Cape of Good Hope."

Stamp Collecting.

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The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the Governments of the world up to the present time is 17,382; of this number 194 have been issued in Great Britain, and 4,758 in the various British colonies and protectorates, leaving 12,430 for the rest of the world. Dividing the totals among the Continents, Europe issued 3,917, Asia 3,120, Africa 3,342, America, including the West Indies, 5,625, and Oceania, 1,378. A comparison of these figures with those published in November, 1901, will show that 1,301 new varieties of stamps have been issued through out the world in the space of sixteen months.

The issue, throughout the British Empire, of new stamps bearing the portrait of King Edward is largely responsible for this increase. This much we gather from the handbook issued by Messrs. Whitfield King and Co., of Ipswich, giving the prices of each stamp as now ruling. The Republic of Salvador has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 404. Boyaca, Poland, and Wadhwan have each found a solitary specimen suffice for their postal needs.

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Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296* Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/4	2/1
296a " " old types, 2, 10, 20, 45c.	4	0/8	0/10

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10 zopa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " " Unpaid, 10 zopa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355	Antioquia, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	9	—	
356	Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c	5	—	—
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	0	—	
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c	3		
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c...	6	—	

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Cheque Dies (180, 181 K 186).—We have seen die DZ, dated 3.3.03.

Official Adhesives (184 J 186).—Two correspondents have shown us the 1d. Admiralty Official postmarked 4th April, so far the earliest date noted.

Railway Letter Stamps (185 W 186).—We are now able to publish a further list of new printings:

Barry, 8th, Nos. 8801 to 12000 (?), yellowish-green, perf. 11. The highest number we have yet seen is 10015. Specimens are quite unobtainable unused.

London & North Western. The Superintendent of the Line kindly sends us the following "particulars of the several new printings of Railway Letter Stamps since 1899" and states that he is "unable to give the date on which the first sheet was issued" from which we infer that the dates given below are the dates on which the supplies were requisitioned for.

6th	9.1.00	5,000	Nos. 135,001 to 140,000.
7th	17.3.00	5,000	Nos. 140,001 to 145,000.
8th	2.8.00	5,000	Nos. 145,001 to 150,000.
9th	13.5.01	5,000	Nos. 150,001 to 155,000.
10th	22.7.01	5,000	Nos. 155,001 to 160,000.
11th	11.6.02	5,000	Nos. 160,001 to 165,000.
12th	21.1.03	5,000	Nos. 165,000 to 170,000.
13th	11.2.03	5,000	Nos. 170,001 to 175,000.

We believe the above information is somewhat misleading, as we have a letter from the Manager of the Parcel Traffic Department, 30.10.00, stating that a further supply of stamps numbered 130,001 to 160,000 was ordered on 11.7.99. The seeming discrepancy is probably accounted for by the Superintendent of the Line drawing the supplies 5000 at a time from another department which orders from the printers in lots of 30,000. We therefore take the liberty of revising the list as follows:—

5th	11.7.99	30,000	Nos. 130,001 to 160,000.
6th	11.6.02	30,000	Nos. 160,001 to 190,000?

The 5th has small and the 6th large control figures. The highest number we have seen is 166116.

Maryport & Carlisle. We are informed that the 4th issue was ordered on 30.10.00.

Metropolitan. All carmine, perf. 10.

13th. Nos. 10801 to 12000. (Oct., 1901).

14th. Nos. 12001 to 13200. (May, 1902).

15th. Nos. 13201 to 14400. (Dec., 1902).

The highest number we have seen is 13920 (postmarked 7.4.03). Specimens are quite unobtainable unused, and of the 9th to 14th issues probably no specimens now exist in this condition. The Company will not sell, even at £1 apiece!

Northampton & Banbury. No new printing has been made since the 3rd in 1899.

North Staffordshire. Mr. W. H. Earl informs us that a new printing, the 8th, was brought into use in 1902.

North British.

7th printing, 15.6.01. Not yet seen.

The above about completes the list of new printings which have been made. A total of about 30 is not a very formidable matter for a period of a year-and-a-half, but unfortunately owing to the hostile attitude of the Companies, it is difficult to procure them even used without a lot of trouble, expense and disappointment, whilst in many cases neither love nor money will procure unused specimens. The collector of entire sheets has a very thorny path when he tackles railway letter stamps.

Railway Parcel Stamps (184 F 186).—We are indebted to Mr. P. Douglas for first sight of the Caledonian parcel stamps issued in April (?)

1902. (See E.W.S.N. No. 174). The following is a list of the values, with the highest numbers we have met with:—

Stamps.	No.	Date of Use
1d. blue, perf. 11.	15083.	(18.10.02).
2d. "	26361.	(6.12.02).
3d. "	47770.	(2. 2.03).
4d. "	81758.	(4. 4.03).
6d. "	20181.	(2.12.02).
9d. "	2074.	(27. 6.02).
1/- "	3220.	(19. 9.02).

The earlier impressions are in dark blue; the later ones in a brighter and paler shade. The control numbers vary in size.

AITUTAKI (A 186).—A rumour reaches us that this island may in the near future be provided with 1d. stamps overprinted "Aitutaki." It is situated about (roughly) 700 miles East of Niue, 700 miles South of Penrhyn, and 700 miles West of Tahiti (these distances are only approximately estimated by us, and is just North of the Cook and Hervey Islands. The principal of the Cook Islands are generally given as Karotonga, Mangaia, Aitutaki, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke and Takuatea, whilst the Hervey Group, which is a little to the North, consists of two coral atolls, one very small, known as Manuae and Te-auotu. As Aitutaki is still further North, it seems to be hardly correctly grouped with the Cook Islands. It is described in Stanford's London Atlas as a "volcanic island and atoll."

AUSTRIA (152 L 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of new perforation varieties received in its latest consignment of current stamps from Vienna.

Gibbons' list is of little use to specialists, as it gives only the perforations "13," "10½" and "10½ and 12½ compound," and does not distinguish between the printings with the "diagonally-lined varnish" or *Celluloidlackstreifen* as the German term has it. There appear to be four single-line perforating machines in use, 10½, 12½, 13 and 13½. Most of the early printings were perforated 13×13½, and the later ones 13×12½. Perf. 10½ seems to be a sort of emergency perforation and puts in occasional appearances.

In the following lists we have marked with an asterisk the varieties just received by the Colonial Stamp Market.

(i).—Without varnished lines.

Perf. 10½.	1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50h., 1, 2, 4kr.
Perf. 12½.	5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h., 1*, 2*, 4*kr.
Perf. 12½ × 10½.	25h.
Perf. 10½ × 12½.	50h.
Perf. 13 × 13½.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.
Perf. 13 × 12½.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.
Perf. 13.	25h.

(ii).—With varnished lines.

(First chronicled in E.W.S.N. of October 12th, 1901).

Perf. 13 × 13½.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 60h.
Perf. 13 × 12½.	2, 5, 10*, 20*, 25*, 30*, 35*, 40*, 60*h.
Perf. 13.	6*, 50*h.
Perf. 12½ × 13.	5h*.

The latter two perforations are new in the varnished lines issue. The perforation 13×12½ was first mentioned in E.W.S.N. of 5th April, 1902, but presumably dates back further than this.

In the newspaper series, we notice the 2 heller is now overprinted with the varnished lines.

In the Unpaid Letter series, we note the 6 heller now comes perf. 10½. The list of known varieties now stands:— (All unvarnished).

Perf. 10½.	1, 2*, 3, 6*, 10, 20h.
Perf. 12½.	1, 2, 5, 6, 10*, 12, 15, 20*, 100*h.
Perf. 13 × 13½.	3, 10h.
Perf. 12½ × 13.	1*, 2, 3*, 4*, 5, 6, 12*, 15*, 20, 40*, 100h.
Perf. 13.	5h*.
Imperforate.	All.

Those which have just been received are marked with an asterisk.

BARBADOS (169 J 186).—The Metropolitan Philatelist says that the following 'specimen' new issues have recently been circulated amongst Postal Union countries:—2d. greyish-black with the value in orange, 2/6 purple design and value in green (elsewhere in the same journal we read "green and black.") The 2d., however, was issued in 1899, so we think there must be some

mistake, and under the circumstances we do not like to place much reliance on the statement regarding the 2/6, especially as it has been frequently stated that this value would be discontinued as soon as the stock on hand was exhausted. From another source, we are told that a 1/- value has been issued, but we should like confirmation before chronicling it.

BELGIUM (152 J 186).—Collectors will do well to be on their guard when purchasing 5fr. stamps. The following cuttings are from the *Daily Express* (April 1st) and *Morning Advertiser* (April 2nd).

Brussels, Tuesday.—The Brussels police raided the premises to-day of a manufacturer of spurious postage stamps intended to be sold to collectors. Three hundred forged five-franc Belgian stamps, which were beautiful imitations were seized and confiscated.

Brussels, April 1.—A forged stamp factory has just been discovered by the Brussels police. A fortnight ago a man bought two stamps, the face value of which was 4s. 2d. each, from one of his friends. On Monday he showed the stamps to an expert, who, after carefully examining them, pronounced them forgeries. The buyer then brought the matter before the police authorities, who made a domiciliary visit to the residence of the person who had sold them. This man said he got the stamps from an engraver, and a police inspector going to the address of the latter, discovered an apparatus for the manufacture of stamps. The engraver, when questioned, at first hesitated before replying to the questions put to him. Ultimately he confessed that in less than a month and a half he had circulated 300 stamps in Antwerp, Maccseyck, and St. Nicholas. The engraver has been arrested, and the stamp apparatus seized.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA (164 D 186).—Current 1/- postage stamps are known overprinted "CONSULAR." The Consular stamps are not however available for postage.

CAPE COLONY (183 O 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following additions to the King Edward series:—

Adhesive. CA 14.

4d. dull green (issued about February 18th).

6d. violet (date of issue unknown).

5/- orange (issued before March 1st).

The set now contains ½d., 1d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 5/-.

COLOMBIA (185 W 186).—We illustrate herewith the type of the 50c. Simon Bolivar stamps chronicled last week.



From Messrs. T. Champion & Co., we have the 1 peso in pink. We have already chronicled it in blue.



Adhesive. Design as above.

1 peso, pink, imperf.

CUBA (167 M 186).—We read in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* that the Government of Cuba are thinking of having a new set of stamps to commemorate the proclamation of the Republic. A prize of 100 pesos is offered for the best designs submitted. The issue is to comprise values of 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 20, 25 centavos and possibly also postage due stamps of 1, 2, 5, 10 centavos.

FANNING ISLAND (A 186).—The following note is from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.—"We are indebted to Mr. John Harms for the sight of an interesting envelope from Fanning Island, Polynesia, a place brought into some sort of importance lately in connection with the "All British" Pacific Cable. The envelope bears the stamp of New Zealand, though Fanning Island is some 3,000 miles away from that enterprising colony. 'The first envelope I received,' writes Mr. Harms, 'bore the stamps of the United States, but since the cable has been completed a services of steamers from New Zealand now call at this isolated spot for letters.'"

FRANCE (171, 185 D 186).—We illustrate the 15c. *La Semeuse* chronicled last week.



GWALIOR (179 G 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of stamps recently imported from Gwalior and we note the following varieties are still current:—

- 6 annas, in sheets of 320 divided by cross-margins into four panes of 80, 10 rows of 8 each. We have only seen a block of 32, of which Nos. 121-128, 137-141, 153-160 and 169-173 have the small surcharge, and Nos. 174-176 the large.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, carmine (Queen), printed in sheets of 240 in 2 panes of 120, each 10 rows of 12. A block under notice shows the small G in "Gwalior" variety as the 7th stamp in a row (6th?). On the same stamp, the "L" in the Native inscription has no vertical stroke.
- 1a. purple (Queen), sheets of 240.
- 2a. blue (Queen), sheets of 240, new setting as already chronicled for the $\frac{1}{4}$ a. carmine (E.W.S.N. No. 173) and as described below.
- 3a. orange (Queen), sheets of 240, an old setting. Nos. 113 and 116 have very slight smaller "W's" in "Gwalior." The "I" is broken on No. 110. The 3a. was chronicled with overprint of the new setting in E.W.S.N. No. 142.
- 4a., sheets of 240. New setting.
- 8a., 12a., 1r. Setting unidentified.
- The $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna of the King Edward series are all overprinted with the new setting.
- The only variety of note is the long R on No. 230 and perhaps the misplaced R in the native inscription on No. 240, but as a means of assisting identification of the setting when only part of a sheet is available, it may be worth while noting the following defective type.
- Nos. 1 and 2. "GWALIOR" on No. 1 and "GW" on No. 2 are slightly rubbed at top, the W on No. 1 being quite sans-serif.
- No. 1 has a wrong fount "O" in "Gwalior."
- No. 12. "G" of "GWALIOR" is over the Hindi W instead of G; the R is consequently clear on the right hand side.
- Nos. 14, 78, 108, 182. "L" broken in two.
- No. 28. "A" misplaced.
- Nos. 61, 169. Battered "G" like a small "G."
- No. 197. Battered "A."
- No. 218. Broken "I."
- No. 230. Tall "R" (wrong fount).
- No. 240. Hindi "R" has slipped down. (Only on $\frac{1}{4}$, 1a. King?)

The varieties on Nos. 230 and 240 are the only ones worth collecting.

ICELAND (179 L 186).—The following is the original text of a small circular now being sent out from the General Post Office, Reykjavik.

NOTE.

Du directeur de poste á Reykjavik, 16/3—03.

Les sortes suivantes de timbres de cartes postales avec le surcharge I GILDI—'02—'03 sont maintenant épuisées et n'existent plus aux bureaux de poste d'Islande.

Timbres ordinaires: 3, 4, 5, 16 et 100 aur. timbres.

Timbres de service: 3, 4 et 16 aur.

Cartes postales: 5, 5+5, et 8+8.

Le Gouvernement a fait enlever des feuilles de 20 aur. timbres ordinaires 6 timbres, entre autres 2, avec la faute d'impression "pjonusta" au lieu de "frimerki." En conséquence les timbres avec cette faute d'impression ne sont plus à vendre aux bureaux de poste.

In our various notes on the new stamps, we have frequently referred to the inscription on the official stamps as "Pjonusta." Now that we have seen the stamps, we see that the first letter is not a "P," but a letter or sign like a "P," which represents the sound of "Th." The same letter occurred in Anglo-Saxon, and we recommend it to the notice of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who was reported by the newspapers recently to have taken up spelling reform and to be looking for new letters to add to the alphabet.

MALTA (184 X 186).—The $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 2d. and 3d. of the King Edward series have been followed by the 1/- value in the same design. It is much the handsomest of the four as regards colour.



Adhesive. Design as above; CA. 14.

1/- violet, head in grey (issued 6.4.03).

The sheets as issued contain 240 stamps in four panes of 60, arranged as usual. Round each pane are the rows of short lines which have now quite superseded the continuous lines on De la Rue plates. Plate-number 1 at each corner of the sheet, once to each pane.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ d. of the Queen's Head series is now obsolete, as well as the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d. and 1/-. The local price for the 2d. is now 5/- per dozen.

NEW ZEALAND (185 Y 186).—The 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps of Niue and Penrhyn Islands, just received, enable us to fill in some of the missing spaces in the list of Cowan sheet-numbers published a fortnight ago. We had only seen a single sheet-number of the 1/- New Zealand on Cowan paper, No. 245126. We now have the following:—

1/- za. Penrhyn, sheets Nos. 244929, 244976.

The 6d. New Zealand stamps previously met with had sheet-numbers 209364 to 209498 and were issued last October. We now have the following:—

6d. za. Some Niue, some Penrhyn:—200661 (N), 200665, (P), 200677, 200678 (N), 200681 (P), 202074 (N), 202117, 202577, 202661 (P).

The 6d. would appear from the above numbers to be an earlier printing than those issued in New Zealand without overprint, and a comparison shows them to be in a redder rose than the 6d. New Zealand, though the difference is minute. The 3d. sheets do not show numbers.

The surcharged 1/- stamps are in sheets of 120 and were printed in exactly the same way as described in E.W.S.N. No. 174 and are no doubt part of the same printing. The 6d. are in exactly similar sheets.

The surcharged 3d. stamps are also in sheets of 120 and appear to have been printed in exactly the same way as the 1/-, except that the printers have not been so careful as to which side of the paper they printed on.

NIUE (185 Q 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 3d. and 6d. stamps and a block of the 1/-. The inscription of the surcharges read as follows (in two lines):—

3d. NIUE.—Tolu e Pene.

6d. NIUE.—Ono e Pene.

1/- NIUE.—Tahae Sileni.

Of the 3d. and 6d. we have varieties without watermark (chiefly from corners of sheets). For further description of the sheets see under New Zealand. No. 93 on the sheet of 1/- has the top of the U and E of "NIUE" removed, the E thus appearing like a reversed inverted F, but otherwise there appear to be no varieties, not even minor varieties, in the overprints.

PARAGUAY (183 X 186).—We illustrate the design of the new set just issued. It was first mentioned as 'expected' in E.W.S.N. No. 159.



The following values are shown us by Messrs. Th. Champion & Co.

Adhesive. Type as illustrated. Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

- 1c. grey.
2c. bluish green.
5c. dull blue.
10c. orange-brown.
20c. rose-pink.
30c. dull blue.
60c. violet.

They are larger than Paraguay's preceding issue and are much cheaper in appearance. We shall not be far wrong in describing them as the worst examples of lithography yet produced by this country.

A fortnight ago we announced that *Der Philatelist* was informed by Mr. Rosauer that 60,000 of the 1c. on 14c. were issued. Mr. Rosauer now writes us direct, and we note that he puts the number at 70,000. Which is correct? The following novelties await formal recording.

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Adhesives. Surcharged as above, sideways.

- 1c. on 1p. grey.
5c. on 60c. orange.

It may perhaps be advisable to take advantage of this opportunity to give a revised list of the various provisionals recently issued.

Issued.	Value.	Quantity.
26. 8.02	20c. on 24c.	?
28.10.02	5c. on 8c.	75,000
15.12.02	5c. on 28c.	70,000
12.02 (?)	1c. on 14c.	70,000 (or 60,000)
20. 1.03	5c. on 80c.	60,000
6. 2.03	5c. on 60c.	60,000
6. 2.03	1c. on 1p.	100,000

PENRHYN ISLAND (185 N 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps just issued (February 1903). The overprints read as follows:—

20 3d. PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Toru Pene.

6d. PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Ono Pene.

1/- PENRHYN—ISLAND.—Tahi Silingi.

* It will be noticed that the dialect spoken at Omoka differs from that of Niue. Both approximate to that of Tonga as shown on its stamps, *Peni e Tolu* (3d.); *Peni e Ono* (6d.); *Silini e Taha* (1/-). There are no varieties of surcharges but all three values occur without watermark, from the corners of sheets, the 1/- being very rare. For description of the sheets see under New Zealand.

SERVIA (181 N 186).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 15 and 20 para in the new type.

Adhesive. New type, perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

15 para, violet.

20 para, orange.

The set now contains, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50p., 1, 3, 5d.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA (175 K 186).—We are officially informed that "Victorian Postage stamps of Southern Nigeria are no longer in circulation." By the same mail, under date of Old Calabar, March 13th, the Colonial Stamp Market received the first consignment of the King Edward series. The £1 in violet and green (the same colours as those of the £1 Transvaal) is perhaps the most handsome of the set.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the lower values and we note that each contains 120 stamps, divided by a narrow vertical margin into two panes of 60, each 10 rows of 6. As each pane has four plate-numbers, a sheet has the abnormal number of eight, a seeming anomaly that is explained in the following way. The duty portion is printed from the old plates which served for the Victorian series and which printed 120 stamps at a time, divided as usual into 2 panes of 60. Each duty plate had a single continuous line round each pane but no plate-numbers. The same plates serve for the King Edward series except in the case of the £1 value for which a new duty plate required to be made. No doubt it follows the new system and has a series of short lines round the pane.

The head is printed in afterwards from the 'Head' plate which serves alike for all the values, thus resulting in considerable economy. The Queen's Head plate printed 120 stamps at a time and had a plate-number at each corner, two to each pane. It also printed a spaced series of short bars outside the continuous line of the duty plate.

In the new series, the King's Head plate evidently prints 60 stamps only at a time and has a plate-number (1) at each corner, but no lines of any description.

Each sheet of 120 has a consecutive number in the upper right hand corner in black, each value having a separate series of numbers, commencing at 1. We give below the highest numbers we have met with in the Victorian and Edwardian series.

	Queen's Head.	King's Head.
$\frac{1}{4}$ d. ...	1515	2484
1d. ...	1326	2526
2d. ...	020	0400
4d. ...	0058	0344
6d. ...	0076	0314
1/- ...	0019	0151

As in every case the numbers are considerably higher, we presume those of the King Edward series commence in the case of each value where those of the Queen Victoria set left off.

TRANSVAAL (184 F 186).—We are informed under date of March 17th that the 2/6 E.R.I. stamps were then obsolete and would not be re-issued.

The following have now been issued (17.3.03 or earlier).

Adhesives. Ordinary design "Postage—Postage";

CA 14.

£1 violet, Head in bright green.

£5 .. Head in bright orange.

The 2/6, 5/- and 10/- of the King Edward series have been reprinted in the same shades (a sheet of the 5/- before us alone shows any difference, but it is exceedingly slight and may not be characteristic of the whole printing) and these have also now been placed on sale. All five stamps are in sheets of 240 divided into four panes, each with 60 stamps in six rows of ten.

In describing the sheets of the new 3d., 4d., 1/- and 2/- in E.W.S.N., No. 182, we were in error in stating that the panes were surrounded by continuous lines. The head portion of the stamp is printed from the old plates and consequently has a continuous line round each pane. The duty plates of the 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- (like the $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d., $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d.) all have a continuous line round each pane, but the more recently made plates—those of the 3d., 4d., £1 and £5 values—follow the new system in which the panes are surrounded by a series of short lines. The 3d., for instance, has a series of short lines in green within a continuous outer line of black.

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241* China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296* Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12 1/2.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	—	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Adhesives (186 K 187).—The following communication is just to hand from "Scotland." We are afraid he has not read E.W.S.N. very closely.—"I have not seen any mention of the issue of overprinted stamps, Admiralty, Official, as having been issued; but there was a supply (small) sent here about ten days before the 1st of April, and they were put in issue on the 1st. I have a 1d. one which has the P.O. stamp 1.4.03, 5.15 p.m., and since then two halfpenny ones. I have no doubt but what there are earlier postmarked ones than 5.15 p.m. of 1st. As I mentioned once before, the other values are also out, as also ones marked Government Parcels, which the Naval Authorities have not used before. If desired, I could send you a stamp to see the marking, but I have no doubt but what you have a quantity."

Railway Letter Stamps (186 X 187).—In pursuing our investigations, we have come across a few more new printings.

Great Central, 5th (?) printing, olive-green, surfaced paper. Sheets of 12, 4 rows of 3.

6th (?) printing, pale olive-green.

Great Eastern, 11th (?) printing, perf. 11, dark green. We have a sheet numbered 2277.

Great Northern (L.), 7th printing, similar in type to 5th printing; 10,000 stamps in sheets of 48 were obtained in November, 1902. Colour, bright green, perf. 11.

Highland. We have seen the 11th printing, perf. 11, deep to very faint yellow-green (approaching greenish-yellow).

London, Brighton & South Coast. Official particulars of new printings:—

18th 6000 4.1.01 (already chronicled.)
19th 6000 24.8.01
20th 6000 12.3.02 Not yet seen.

21st 6000 23.7.02 2d. dull grn., perf. 11.

22nd 6000 10.1.03 (Not yet issued?)

North British. We have now seen the 7th printing. It is in emerald green, perf. 11.

Rhymney, 2nd Issue, rouletted. Nos. recommence at 1. The colour is less yellowish-green.

Sheffield & Midland, 6th printing, olive-green, surfaced paper (same as Great Central).

We have also met with some of the recent North Eastern and can reconstruct their modern history as follows:—

Issue	Printing	Numbers	Figures	Perf.	Date
53rd	O	181001 to 184000	medium	11	11.01
54th	O	184001 to 187000	round	11	—
55th	O	187001 to 190000	medium	11	—
56th	?	190001 to 193000	?	?	—
57th	P	193001 to 196000	round	11	—
58th	P	196001 to 198900?	medium	11	—
New design, larger lettering (Type III.)					
—	Q	198901 (?) to 199000	medium	11	2.03?
59th	R	199001 to 202000	"	11	2.03
60th	S	202001 to 205000	"	11	4.03

There is little doubt but that some of the above printings will become scarce; P and R were each in use only a few weeks and Q only a few days. The shortness of life of the recent printings is in strong contrast to the long period M, N and O were in use. In fact, these three and P were the only printings made from Transfer III. (type II.) which was in use from June 1898 to February 1903, and furnished stamps Nos. 124001 to 198900. The fourth transfer (type III.) has been in use eight weeks and has already had three printings. This occurrence is parallel with the early history of transfer I. (type I.) and transfer II. (type II.), of which printings A, B, C and D were all made between January and August, 1891. The stations on the North Eastern Railway are at present chiefly issuing stamps numbered 190000 to 205000, so that there is still an opportunity to procure unused specimens if the station-masters can be induced to sell.

BARBADOS (186 K 187).—We now have definite information of the changes here. On the authority of *Der Philatelist* we record:—

Adhesive. 1892 type, CA 14.
2/6 lilac, value in green.

BERMUDA (183 H 187).—Specimen copies of the new registration envelopes are being circulated by the Postal Union. The following is an illustration of the stamp.



BRITISH SOMALILAND (152 D 187).—After all, it would seem that these stamps are on a par with those of Benadir, as we have heard from three Continental collectors that they either possess the complete set unused, or part of it. On the other hand we are assured by the Postmaster of Somaliland that none have yet been handed over to him for issue. Are these sets obtained by favour, or did the authorities omit to surcharge 'specimen' on the sample sets sent to the Postal Union for distribution? Mr. Hundesvang writes:—"In my complete set of British Somaliland, which I have had since June or July of last year, I notice an error or defective print in the ½ and 2 annas. Both have 'BRITISH' instead of 'BRITISH.' Probably all values have this variety."

CANADA (178 I 187).—The following cutting is from the *Standard* of April 8th (?):—

"Ottawa, Wednesday Evening.—Some time ago the Postmaster-General of Canada made a proposition to each of the British Colonies to receive Canadian newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada at our domestic rates, and expressing his willingness to accept similar publications from the Colonies at domestic rates. If the Colony would not reduce its rates it was asked to accept Canadian newspapers at our rates. The first response has just been received from the Bahamas. The Postmaster there says that he will receive Canadian newspapers and periodicals at our domestic rates."

This scheme could hardly be entirely successful as so few Colonies have any special domestic rate. As Bahamas possesses no stamp of less than 1d., it could not very well introduce cheap newspaper postage.

CEYLON (179 K 187).—"Specimen" copies of the following have been seen, states *Der Philatelist*.



Adhesives. CA. 14.
3c. green.
12c. olive-green and carmine.
15c. blue.
25c. buff.
30c. dark lilac and green.

DANISH WEST INDIES (180 K 187).—The Holton Stamp Co., send us the following translation of an official notice relating to the bisected 4c. stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 180. The notice was published in the *St. Croix Avis* of February 11th.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

For the time being, the Post Offices in St. Croix will admit the use of 4 cents postage stamps cut in half diagonally for the prepayment of postage, say in those cases where the amount of the postage is covered by the payment of two cents or less.

The correspondence thus prepaid should be handed in over the counter, and not dropped in a letter box.

The use of postage stamps thus cut will be disallowed, as soon as 2 cents stamps have been received, about which publication will be issued.

Government, St. Croix, the 10th Feb., 1903.

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ELOBEY, ANNOBEN Y CORISCO (A 187).—These are three Islands situated in the Gulf of Guinea, south of Fernando Poo and west of French Congo. The first has 300 inhabitants, the second, 700 and the last, 2000. They belong to Spain and we believed until now (states *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*) that the stamps of Spanish Guinea were alone employed there. We were, it seems, in error, for it is now announced that a set in the same type with the inscription "Elobey, Annoben y Corisco, 1903" is about to appear. There are to be 18 values, ranging from ½c. to 10 pesetas! But where then will the stamps of Spanish Guinea be employed? Including the series for this colony and Fernando Poo, Spain's Colonial Empire is likely to be responsible for 54 new varieties every year. If things go on at this state, the Empire will soon have as many stamps as inhabitants. In fact, we should imagine, if on the stamp side we reckon the issues of the Empire, both past and present, together with the revenue series, matters would be about even!

FRANCE (186 E 187).—We append some newspaper cuttings on the subject of the 15c. "Roty."



From the *Newcastle Journal*, 13.4.03.—The new French postage stamp, bearing the effigy of Roty's female sower, has been put on sale in Paris, and by the end of the month it will be obtainable in most of the post offices of the country. The fifteen centime stamp, which is to be bronze green in colour, will be first obtainable. The ten and twenty-five centime stamps will be put into circulation in two or three weeks' time.

From the *Sunday Chronicle* (Paris Correspondent), 12.4.03.—Philatelists should look out for the new fifteen-centime postage stamp which has just been issued. The design—Roty's sower, the beautiful figure which is on our silver coins—is a great improvement on the old one and the new stamp will form a welcome addition to the albums of collectors, if only on the score of its beauty. There was great excitement amongst collectors and dealers when it became known that a first batch of 20,000 would be issued at the Senate and Chamber of Deputy post-offices. Hundreds collected around the office, and it was necessary to have a strong force of police to keep them in order. The clerks had been instructed not to sell more than five of the new adhesives to one person, in order to prevent dealers buying large quantities, but this did not prevent the same person making several applications and succeeding in getting more than his proper share. In a few hours all the new stamps had been sold. Most of the post-offices in the city are now well-stocked, and the new stamp can quite easily be obtained. It is said, however, that the first twenty thousand which were issued are much clearer in impression than those which followed.

We take the following notes on *millésimes* from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*:—

The 15c. type Mouchon retouched, surcharged F.M. ("Franchise Militaire") is known with *millésimes* 2 and 3, the latter on a sheet printed 19.1.03. No. 3 is not known in the unsurcharged 15c. as yet.

The 10c. rose Mouchon retouched is the only other value yet known with No. 3.

La Semense 25c. is expected at the end of this month and the 10c. about June.

HONG KONG (185 U 187).—In addition to the 2c. envelope already chronicled, we now learn of the following from *Der Philatelist*.



Envelope Stamps, 120 x 93mm.
4c. carmine on white
5c. pale lilac
10c. blue on white.

INDIA (185 X 187).—"Specimen" copies of the following are referred to by *Der Philatelist*.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward; Star, p. 14.
2½ as. blue.
4 as. olive-green.
8 as. violet.

From the same source we hear of the following additions to the official set (½ and 1a. already noted).

Official Adhesives. Overprinted "On H.M.S." in black.
2 as. violet.
4 as. olive-green.
8 as. violet.

JAPAN (152 F 187).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that this country has issued a large violet stamp inscribed "Réserve pour l'enregistrement." It carries no value, but is sold at the post office at the rate of 5 for 1 sen.

MALTA (186 Y 187).—*Der Philatelist* has seen specimen copies of the 1d. dark red and grey, in the King Edward design. The only other 'specimen' stamps of the set yet circulated are the ½d., 2d., 3d. and 1/-, which have all been issued to the public.



NATAL (182 Q 187).—"Specimen" copies of the following are mentioned by *Der Philatelist*, on the authority of Mr. P. Kosack, of Berlin.



Adhesives. CA. 14.
2½d. blue.
4d. brown, head in red.
4/- yellow, head in carmine.

NEW SOUTH WALES (183 F 187).—The following cutting is from the *Commonwealth Gazette* of January 21st:—

"His Excellency, the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, has approved that, in accordance with the provisions of the thirtieth section of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1901, the sale of postage stamps of the denominations of 7½d. and 12½d., at present in use in the State of New South Wales, be discontinued."

NICARAGUA (180 S 187).—The *American Journal of Philately* notes the following provisionals.

Adhesives
6c. in black on 10c. violet, 1900 (No. 128).
1 peso in black on 10c. violet, 1900 (No. 128).

NEW ZEALAND (183 W 187).—Mr. W. B. Edwards writes:—"You would greatly benefit your readers if you were to give a complete list of the N.Z. pictorials, with all papers, wmk., perfs. and gum. I have the 4d. no wmk., perf. 11, with bright gum and paper decidedly thinner than the usual thick Waterlow. What other values exist with this paper and gum?"

The following is only a rough list and is only approximately correct. As so many printings of some values were made, we cannot be sure of not having missed some of them:—

Local Printings of Pictorial Stamps.

(i.) *Waterlow paper thick, opaque (That used for the ½d., 1d., 1½d., and 2d. is watermarked and that for the other values is unwatermarked.)*

Bright yellowish gum, perf. 11. ½d., 1d. (Terraces), 1d (Universal), 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-

Dull gum, perf. 11. ½d., 1d. (Universal), 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-

.. perf. 14. ½d., 1d.; perf. 14 with 11., ½d., 1d.

(ii.) *Basted Mills paper, thin, transparent.*

Dull gum, perf. 11, 14 or 14 cd. with 11, ½d., 1d.

(iii.) *Cowan paper, No wmk.*

Dull gum, perf. 11, 14 or 14 cd. with 11, ½d., 1d.

(iv.) *No wmk., thin, transparent (very rare).*

Bright gum, perf. 11. 4d., 1/-

Dull gum (?) perf. 11. 3d.

White gum, perf. 11. 6d.

(v.) *No wmk., thin, transparent. Sheets watermarked "Lisbon-Superfine" in centre.*

White gum, perf. 11. 6d.

(vi.) *Cowan paper, wmk. N.Z. and Star.*

Dull gum, perf. 11, 14, 11 cd. w. 14, ½d., 1d.

White gum, perf. 11. 3d., 4d. (very rare), 6d., 8d., 1/-

.. perf. 14. ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d.

Of many of the stamps, several printings exist in different shades, notably in the ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d. and 1/-. The issue (iv.) is at present more or less shrouded in mystery and we are not quite sure the list of values given is correct. We hope, however, before long to be able to furnish further particulars.

G. B. P. enquires:—"What was the date of issue of New Zealand ½d. black and 2d. lilac,

Queen's Head, printed sideways, on paper wmk. double-lined NZ and Star, perf. 11? Did these two values precede or follow ½d. green and 2d. violet, Pictorial Issue, on same paper?"

Touching on the above, we make the following extracts from back numbers of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*:—

No. 6, 4.11.99.—"We now have to chronicle an alteration in the present pictorial series for New Zealand. The supply from London having been exhausted, fresh supplies of the 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 2/- and 5/- values have been printed at Wellington, on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11. The plates of the ½d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. have been altered and it is said that the colours and designs of the 1d. and 4d. will shortly be transposed. The ½d. is to be in green. A specialist collection of this issue made at present day low prices would be very interesting and would prove an excellent investment for a small sum." [Any specialist who has consistently followed this advice given in 1899 has reason to congratulate himself to-day.—ED.]

No. 8, 18.11.99.—"The Colonial prints of the 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 2/- and 5/- stamps chronicled a fortnight ago were issued on June 8th. The altered plates of ½d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. have arrived in Wellington. It is said that the new bi-coloured 4d. . . . was actually issued, but withdrawn immediately, owing to confusion [with the 1d.]. The 4d. (old type) and 9d. local prints are printed but not issued and the former should become very scarce." [The 4d. here referred to was never issued although for some time catalogued.—ED.]

No. 10, 2.12.99.—"The pictorial 3d. has been out of stock for some time at the Auckland Post Office, the 3d. light yellow, old issue, having been sold instead."

No. 13, 23.12.99.—"The new bi-coloured 4d. was issued on August 29th [for one day]."

No. 15, 6.1.00.—"The New Zealand Stamp Co. write from Auckland:—Our New Issue N.Z. London print are quite sold out. The 2½d., 5d., 6d. and 2/- have been printed in N.Z., perf. 11, but even these are not now procurable at the Post Office, the old issue having been brought forward again."

No. 19, 3.2.00.—"Most stamps of this [i.e. Pictorial] issue, whether of the London or Colonial printing, seem to be obtainable with difficulty or not at all, the 1882 issue being now generally in use." The ½d. green and 1d. rose are mentioned as being printed and "not yet issued."

No. 31, 28.4.00.—"We have just received a supply of stamps from this Colony and find several unchronicled varieties amongst them.—Perf. 11, ½d. green, 1d. carmine, 4d. brown and blue, 9d. purple. We note the 2d., 3d. and 1/- local print are catalogued, but we have authoritative information to the effect that no printing of these values has yet taken place in the Colony."

No. 33, 12.5.00.—*From the New Zealand Times.*—The new 2d. stamp is now in circulation and is of a tasteful violet colour instead of dark red, as formerly. The new 6d. stamp, printed in pink, will be ready in a few days."

No. 37, 9.6.00.—The Colonial Stamp Market acknowledges receipt of a consignment, in which the ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 2/- and 5/- alone were local prints. The ½d. and 1d. sheets were numbered respectively 12701 and 24544.

No. 39, 23.6.00.—"Mr. A. Hamilton informs us that the ½d. black (Queen's Head) has been issued on the new thick paper the same as is used for the picture issue. Our correspondent adds that the old 1d. red and 2d. violet are just out concurrently with the pictorial issue on this same thick paper. [We now know that this information was inaccurate as regards the 1d.—ED.]"

No. 42, 14.7.00.—"The *Monthly Journal* chronicles the 3d. orange-brown, 6d. carmine-rose and 1/- brown-red, locally printed on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11."

No. 47, 18.8.00.—"The New Zealand just to hand contain some fine sheets of the higher values. The ½d. and 2d. are quite a different shade to former supplies." The 3d., 5d., 6d., 8d. and 1/-, perf. 11 are offered by the Colonial Stamp Market for the first time. The 3d. is described as buff, the 6d. as pink and the 1/- dull red. The ½d. are dark green and the 2d. dull violet.

No. 56, 20.10.00.—The 1d. is offered in three shades, lake, bright carmine and pale red. The 6d. is pink or pale pink. The 1/- is still red-brown only.

No. 64, 15.12.00.—"A 1½d. postage stamp is now being engraved."

No. 70, 26.1.01.—"The S.C.F. states that 40,000 of the new 1d. New Zealand sent from London by the S.S. San Francisco were due to reach the Colony on December 10th; 60,000 more, shipped on the Waiwera, due between the 15th and 20th; and then a further parcel of 900,000 by the Papanui, due to reach their destination on the last day of the Old Century, so that there can be no doubt the stamps were punctually issued on New Year's Day."

No. 71, 2.2.01.—"Our Colonial Market has just shown us a sheet of an entirely new value, i.e., 1½d. The design is entitled "The Empire's Call."

No. 78, 23.3.01.—"The S.C.F. states that the new "Universal" 1d. has already been printed in New Zealand, on the new watermarked paper, perf. 11."

No. 88, 1.6.01.—"A short while ago it was rumoured that all the Queen's Head issue of New Zealand had been recalled from all the offices in the Colony and destroyed. The S.C.F., however, has had news to the effect that the Postmaster-General kept a small stock for the benefit of anyone who wants them and they will be supplied to the public up to July 31st."

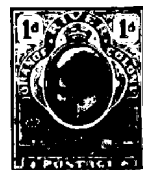
We have given the above extracts at some length, our excuse being the large amount of interest taken in New Zealand stamps at the present day. These notes represent fairly clearly the early history of the local print issue (the first half of series i. in our table) and also that of the closing days of the Queen's Head series. The date of issue of the ½d. and 2d. of this latter set on the double-lined NZ and Star paper (the

question we originally set out to answer) would appear to have been about May, 1900. Further light on the subject is thrown by an examination of corner blocks with sheet-numbers. The Editor has seen the following:—

12701	½d. yellow-green (see above, 9.6.00).
24544	1d. Terraces (see above, 9.6.00).
86244	2d. Queen's Head.
142205	½d. yellow-green, pictorial.
176157	½d. Queen's Head. (2nd ? printing).
183388	Latest printing of the 2d. pictorial, perf. 11 (current till February, 1903).
185609	Ditto.
187252	Ditto, issued 9.6.02.
235643	1½d. Empire's Call, first and only printing.
241123	Ditto.
248567	First (?) printing of 1d. Universal, perf. 11.
293079	½d. dark green, pictorial.
367212	376845, 392142, 1d. Universal, perf. 11, late printings of the bright gum series.
499949	½d. dark green, perf. 11, dull gum (Dec. 1902.)
503721	" perf. 14 × 11, " (")
504116	" " " (")
507170	" " " (")
507406	" " " (")
513250	" perf. 14, " (")
515348	" perf. 14 × 11, " (")

Corner blocks with numbers are very rare, consequently the above list is very incomplete. The 1½d. khaki was issued about the same time as the 1d. Universal London print and the sheet-numbers go to 241123 or higher. Our 1d. Universal, perf. 11, No. 248567, is probably therefore the first local printing of this stamp. Previous to this, there had been at least three distinct printings of the 1d. Terraces. The 2d. 183388 to 187252 is believed to have been the latest printing of the 2d. pictorial, perf. 11; if so, it was preceded by two other printings, at least the earliest, in bright violet, probably having numbers between 24544 and 86244. The period from 248567 to 499949 is probably filled in with the numerous local printings of the 1d. Universal, of which at least one had dull gum.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (185 G 187).—In addition to the 1d. which has already been issued, 'specimen' copies of the following are reported by *Der Philatelist*.



Adhesives. CA14.
½d. green.
2d. brown.
2½d. blue.
3d. lilac.
4d. olive-green, head in red.
6d. lilac, head in red.
1/- brown-yellow, head in red.

It will be noticed that the colours of the body of the stamp are similar to those of Cape Colony.

UNITED STATES (185 S 187).—We illustrate the new 2c. envelope stamp.



'Specimen' copies of the new 15c., 50c., \$1, \$2 and \$5 adhesives have been seen.

VENEZUELA (164 E 187).—The 50c. orange of the 1899 type is mentioned by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, on the authority of M. Hellstern, as known without surcharge "1900." The first issue in this type was in black. The 50c. black was then overprinted "Resellada R.M.S." and followed by the 50c. in orange overprinted "1900."

Interesting Articles

IN THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

Prince Edward Islands, Notes, D. A. King, M.W., 3.03/121.
Bavaria, Reprints, Paper by A. Chelius, D.P., 3.03/73.
Great Britain, Supplement to British Isles, A. B. Creeke, Jr., L.P., 3.03/51.
New South Wales, "O.S." Stamps, M. P. Castle, L.P., 3.03/56.
Denmark, Postmark Numbers, O. Boegh and Th. Hegelund, N.F.T., 3.03/36.
Hong Kong Postmarks, P. T. Deakin, S.C., 4.03/50.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THIS Competition, announced a fortnight ago, will close on Monday, April 27th.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203* " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296* Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Railway Letter Stamps* (187 Y 188).—With reference to our note a fortnight ago that no recent Metropolitan stamps were known to exist unused, two correspondents write to say that they have single specimens of the 13th issue unused and one correspondent has a copy of the 12th in mint condition.

We are informed that the new printing of the Rhymney Railway was obtained in January, 1903, and like the first is numbered 1 to 3000 (50 sheets of 60).

Official Stamps (187 L 188).—Mr. J. Coltman has shown us the complete set of Admiralty Official adhesives and also the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. green post card (court size). The overprint of the latter occupies the same position on the stamp as it does on the adhesives. Mr. Coltman has shown us the 2d. postmarked "Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6.15 p.m., 27.3.03" or four days earlier than the authorized date of issue. The four lower values, $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{4}$ d., and 2d., are already being advertised by dealers at, respectively, 10d., 8d., 2/-, 2/3 used.

AITUTAKI (186 B 188).—The set for this island is to include not only the 1d. value but the $\frac{1}{4}$ d., $2\frac{1}{4}$ d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- and will therefore be similar to the Niue and Penrhyn Island sets. The New Zealand mail due last Wednesday may bring information, but it had not arrived when we went to press.

CANADA (187 J 188).—The following description of the forthcoming King Edward stamps is from the *Connoisseur*:—"I have recently been shown by the engravers a proof of the much talked of proposed new Canadian King's Head series of postage stamps. The general design is very much the same as the current series—severely simple. The oval band containing the words "Canada Postage" and the words of value are retained. The figures of value also appear, as before, in the lower corners, but in a slightly more elaborate setting. The portrait, which is the real item of import in the design, is a very pleasant presentation of the King, with shoulders draped in Coronation robes. The view of the face is very much the same as that of the late Queen on the current Canadians. The portrait is effective and true, and at once recognisable. It is clearly engraved in simple line. There is a studious avoidance of elaboration. Something more ornate might perhaps be more generally acceptable, but for simplicity and faithfulness of portraiture the King's Head cannot fail to give general satisfaction. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., of Fleet Street, E.C., have engraved the die, but they are not to be the printers, for the Canadian Government has a contract with the American Bank Note Co. of New York. That Company designed the double portrait Jubilee issue for Canada, and to secure the printing of the stamps agreed to erect and equip a stamp printing factory in Canada, and they have ever since 1897 been the specially appointed printers of Canadian stamps."

COLOMBIA (186 X 188).—The following interesting remarks are reproduced from the *American Journal of Philately*.

"The flood of new issues from this country [Colombia] still continues. We have reason to believe that many of these stamps are of even more questionable nature than we had hitherto supposed. Merchants of this city having business connections in the Colombian Republic have recently informed us that the currency there is now so debased that it will not be accepted in any other country at any price. In order to make small purchases here, merchants there buy stamps at the post-offices and send them to commission houses in this country to be sold for whatever they will bring, and the money thus obtained is applied to payment of their bills. To assist this scheme, the various States are allowed

to print anything they please and to make as many changes of colour as they see fit, in order to create new varieties which it is hoped will be saleable to stamp collectors."

These remarks seem to be confirmed by the fact that a commission house in Manchester, in no way connected with ordinary stamp dealing, have recently offered the Colonial Stamp Market a small parcel of stamps face value \$178, evidently sent over as a remittance. We have secured from them the following translation of the letter received by them from their correspondent:—

"From (Bookseller),
Medellin, 9 March, 1903.

To Messrs., Manchester.
Dear Sirs,—Without any of your favours to refer to. I write this with a view to informing you that I have sent to you by this post a packet of postage stamps of this department, which if you do not need, I beg you to have them sold for half their value in gold, i.e. for £16.

[Particulars of stamps sent, face value, \$178].
This issue was brought out by a decree of the Government in celebration of the Centenary of Cordoba, and its circulation was very small, for I took up the greater part foreseeing the value that they would in a short time obtain."

The bookseller having had his turn, we suppose the local butcher and baker will next apply to Government for a special issue with which to pay their foreign debts!

The values of the set above referred to are $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 centavos, $2\frac{1}{2}$ centavos and \$1. We have not yet seen them, but the description does not appear to tally with any sets yet chronicled.

EGYPT (177 D 188).—A correspondent asks us to give the history of the "Salt Revenue" stamps which have been assiduously advertised of late, in some quarters simply as "high values" leading collectors to believe they are in the nature of postal-fiscals, a delusion apparently confirmed by the fact that used copies are always postmarked.

A short time since we received a set from a friend at Cairo and as he claimed it to be complete, we give particulars below.

SALT REVENUE STAMPS.

First issue, before 1892. Lithographed; No. wmk., perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

10m. light blue.
"50 MILLIEMES 50" diagonally, in black, on 500m.
"100 MILLIEMES 100" " " on £1.
500m. brown orange.
£E 1, rose.
£E 2, pale green.
£E 5, violet.

Second Issue, before 1893? to before 1900. Engraved by De la Rue, wmk. Two Crescent and Stars sideways, perf. 14.

250m. carmine and ultramarine.
500m. brown and orange.
1L. green and carmine.
2L. mauve and green.
5L. grey and lilac.

They are certainly very interesting as fiscal stamps, but they should be rigidly excluded from a postage collection. The value of a complete set of 12 is about 8/- to 10/- postmarked. The unused remainders were burnt, but a large stock of forms to which the used stamps are attached were disposed of. As regards the object of their issue, it may be stated that until about 1900 salt was a government monopoly controlled by the "Salt Department." When the retailers wished to purchase salt, they went to a post office, filled in a form (printed in Arabic, French, English, Italian and Greek, one line below the other) with the quantity required and attached stamps to the form to the value thereof. The stamps were then postmarked and the form handed back, salt being given in exchange for it on presentation at the Government Stores. (See also S.G.M.J. 10.00/87). About 1900 the Government monopoly was bought by a Company and stamps ceased to be used.

HAYTI (183 K 188).—We take the following supplementary statistical information relative to the recent surcharged issue, from the *Weekly Philatelic Era* (see E.W.S.N. No. 183).

"A correspondent sends us the following information regarding the recent surcharges 'Mai—Gt. Pre.—1902,' which he says is semi-official, under date of 22nd January, 1903. The total number surcharged and sold of each denomina-

tion are given in the following table, from which the remainders can easily be figured. Those marked with an asterisk are reported to have been purchased by the Director of Posts:—



	Surcharged.	Sold.
1c. green.	68,600.	60,000.
*1c. blue.	20,000.	3,000.
*2c. orange	18,000.	4,000.
2c. lake.	67,400.	65,000.
3c. green	20,100.	15,257.
4c. red.	14,800.	8,103.
5c. blue.	21,100.	19,216.
*5c. brown.	17,000.	1,702.
7c. grey.	13,340.	12,200.
8c. carmine.	8,310.	2,815.
10c. orange	12,812.	8,000.
15c. olive.	7,000.	3,300.
20c. black.	7,095.	4,000.
50c. rose-brown.	1,100.	295.
1g. lilac	596.	132.
Unpaid 2c. (in blk.)	6,600.	2,000.
" 2c. (in red)	3,825.	2,515.
" 5c.	5,000.	4,018.
" 10c.	4,700.	3,150.
" 50c.	1,750.	805.

We do not guarantee the accuracy of these figures and should prefer those given in E.W.S.N. No. 183. The figures for the 50c. and 1g. especially appear wrong, but they are correctly transcribed from our contemporary, which seems satisfied with them.

INDIA (187 Y 188).—We illustrate below, the 4 and 8 annas of the King Edward series.



LAGOS (175 E 188).—Although we mentioned the 6d. in the new shade in E.W.S.N. No. 169, we questioned whether it might not be a discoloured specimen. The Colonial Stamp Market has, however, now shown us a number of mint entire sheets, the colour of which is uniform throughout, thus negating the likelihood of discoloration. Further, the sheets have marginal plate-number "2" instead of "1" so that there can be no doubt that there has been a new printing.

Adhesive.—Ordinary Queen's Head type.
6d. lilac and red violet.

The last received by the Colonial Stamp Market in the old shade were issued about September, 1902. The only other values yet printed from plate 2 are the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and 1d., the new impressions being very slightly darker. All values of Lagos are issued in sheets of 60, 10 rows of 6.

ROUMANIA (159 I 188).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* learns that the new issue promised for October, 1901, is expected to appear on the 1/15 May next. It is in two designs:—

Type I. Horizontal, represents a mail coach drawn by six horses.

Type II. Vertical, a more complicated drawing, of which the chief points are a portrait of King Charles I., a view of the new General Post Office and a mail coach.

The following is the scheme of the values and colours and a statement of the quantities to be issued. In the case of type I. a sheet of 80 of each value has been withheld, so that only 499,920 of the 1 ban are available, and so on.

Type I., horizontal.

1 ban, olive brown	500,000
3 bani, brown-lilac	300,000
5 " green	400,000
10 " rose	400,000
15 " black	500,000
25 " blue	100,000
40 " dark green	100,000
50 " yellow	100,000

Type II., vertical.

15 bani, black	50,000
25 " blue	25,040
40 " grey-green	25,040
50 " orange	25,040

1 leu, brown	25,040
2 lei, red	25,040
5 „ violet	25,040

Why two sets of the 15, 25, 40 and 50 are required is incomprehensible. The stamps are all in sheets of 80 and the sheets bear the watermark "Johannot & Cnie, Annonay."

SALVADOR (181 J 188).—The following new stationery is to hand from Salvador.



Post cards. Stamps in above design; 140 x 90mm.
1c. green, buff card.
2c. red „
3c. orange „



Envelopes. Stamps in above design; 159 x 88mm.
1c. dark green, buff paper.
2c. carmine rose „
3c. orange „
5c. dark blue „
13c. dark brown „

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (185 X 188).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the long 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- stamps and we find that the sheets are in all respects similar to those of the other values already described. As they are printed on half sheets of paper, only a certain number of the sheets show the consecutive number at the top right hand corner. We were fortunate, in that the sheets of 3d., 4d. and 6d. were all top-halves. At the same time we received sheets of the 2/6 in the new shade, these like the 1/- being lower halves. Our list of sheet numbers for the 1d. and 2d. values stands as follows at present:—

1d. paper.	Sheet-numbers in red.
1d. 544249 (6mm).	1d. rose (E.W.S.N. 112).
1d. 595003	2/6, perf. 11½ („ 71).
1d. 595026	3d., perf. 11½ („ 71).
1d. 595062	3d., perf. 13 (L. L. R. Hausburg).
1d. 595210	2/6, perf. 11½ (bought 8.02).
1d. 595241	4d., G.P.O. („ 7.02).
1d. 616830	6d., perf. 13 (bought 8.02).
1d. 617123 (7mm).	4d., G.P.O. („ 8.02).
1d. 617164	„ („ 8.02).
1d. 617958	1d. rosine („ 7.02).
1d. 619079	2/6 lilac, "Postage" (9.02 ?).
1d. 619161	9d. lilac-rose (9.02 ?).
1d. 619185	„ (9.02 ?).
1d. 625630	1d. rosine (bought 9.02).
1d. — ?	5/- long (17.10.02 ?).
1d. 646534	8d. blue (17.10.02 ?).
1d. 646599	„
1d. 646751	1/- long (1.12.02).
1d. 647209	10d. (1.12.02).
1d. 647250	£1 (1.12.02 ?).
1d. 648477	1d. King's Head Stamp Duty, pf.
1d. 649507	„ „ roul.
1d. 657501	3d. long (28.11.02).
1d. 657865	„
1d. 657900	„
1d. 658152	4d. long (1.12.02).
1d. 658181	„
1d. — ?	2/6 violet (2.02 ?).
2d. paper.	Sheet-numbers in black.
2d. 645912	2d. violet (bought 8.00).
2d. 651991 (8mm.)	„ (E.W.S.N. No. 112).
2d. 685380	3d., perf. 13 (bought 7.02).
2d. 685490 (7mm.)	„ („ 9.02).
2d. 707531	4d. G.P.O. („ 7.02).
2d. 708200	„ („ 8.02).
2d. 708489	„ („ 8.02).
2d. 720497	1d. rosine („ 7.02).
2d. 725722	2d. violet („ 9.02).
2d. 734068	9d. long (2nd printing ?).
2d. 734153	„ (bought 3.03).
2d. 736610	6d. long (1.12.02).
2d. 737342	„ („).
2d. 737377	„ („).

The above lists are interesting and show that two printings of the long 9d. have been made, as well as two of the 2/6. Capt. G. F. Napier sends us information of the following also.

1d. 60620 (vermilion). 4d. on 1d. green.
S.G. No. 210 (1882).

4d. 008872 (gamboge). 4d. small (bought 7.02).

SOUTHERN NIGERIA (186 I. 188).—Der Philatelist reports the 2d. King's Head registration envelope, colour blue, size G, 152 x 98mm.

SWEDEN (148 C 188).—This very conservative country is going to allow itself one or two new stamps this year. A five krona stamp is in preparation. It will be oblong in shape, about the size of the official stamps, and will show a picture of the new Central Post Office at Stockholm. On the back, the word *Osäljbart* ("Unsaleable") will be printed, to prevent its being used by the public in place of money. Owing to difficulty in distinguishing the colours of the 20 and 50 öre by artificial light, the latter may shortly be changed to a greyish-brown.

SUDAN (185 J 188).—We are informed under date of "Cairo, April 19th" that the Sudan Telegraph stamps have just been withdrawn from use and are likely to become scarce, Egyptian dealers having very few in stock. The 25 piastres had a very short life and is practically unobtainable.

TASMANIA (182 U 188).—The date of issue of the 2d. perf. 11 appears to have been much earlier than we supposed in E.W.S.N. No. 180. Mr. Walter Hull has a specimen postmarked 20.12.02, whilst Mr. N. C. Horwood has one dated actually as early as 29.9.02. We have to chronicle the following for the first time:—



Adhesive. (iv.)—wmk. V. and Crown, perf. 11. (see E.W. No. 169).
1d. (brick-red ?).

Mr. Walter Hull is reported by the *Australian Journal of Philately* to have a specimen dated 14.11.02. All the Colonial Stamp Market's consignments are however still perf. 12½.

Mr. J. N. Mostyn has shown us an interesting surcharged fiscal.

Revenue Stamp.

- "1d." inverted, in black, in heavy block type, on 3d. Platypus overprinted "REVENUE"
(a) Figure "1" 2mm., wide, curved at top; stop 2mm. square.
(b) Ditto, stop 1½mm. square.
(c) Figure "1" 1½mm. wide, rect., at top; stop 3mm. square.

We have only seen a vertical strip of three, so cannot say if other varieties occur.

VICTORIA (184 E 188).—Mr. N. C. Horwood reports the current 4d., perf. 11, postmarked 10.02, the earliest date yet noted. The watermark is now sideways. *Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* says the current 2d. has been surcharged "One Penny" but we think there must be a mistake about this.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (185 M 188).—Several correspondents at Perth send us specimens of the new 8d., 9d., 10d., and the Colonial Stamp Market have found amongst their stock a pair of the 2d. perf. 11, but are unable to say when this printing was made, as all their regular supplies including that received by the last mail are perf. 12½.



Adhesives. — Designs:—8d. type as above; 9d. like the 1/-; 10d. like the new 2½d.

- (i.)—wmk. V and Crown, sideways, perf. 12½.
8d. light-green (25.3.03.)
9d. deep orange (25.3.03.)
10d. vermilion. (25.3.03.)



- (ii.)—wmk. V and Crown, sideways, perf. 11.
2d. yellow (Issued ?)

The 2nd and 3rd lines are missed out. Our description of the sheets of 1d., 2d., 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 stamps in E.W.S.N. No. 175 was quite incorrect. For 60 read 120. The 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, and 10/- are in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12 and the £1 in sheets of 120, 12 rows of 10. The 1d. and 2d. are, like the former, in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12. We are informed on good authority that all these stamps are photo-etched (as are nearly all the blocks used in illustrating E.W.S.N.) and if so that accounts for their coarse appearance compared with those printed in London from engraved plates. We also learn that the De la Rue plates have been sent out to Australia but that at present there are no workmen in Perth sufficiently skilled to print from them. This sounds rather like a libel on the Westralian printers, but we repeat the story as we heard it.

Interesting Articles

IN THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

Monaco, with overprint O.L., D.P., 4.03/54.
Germany, Zählmarken, M.P.Z., 3.03/62.
Victoria, Railway Stamps, M.P.J., 3.03/14.
Great Britain, P.O. Circular of 1841, L.P., 2.03/31.
Bavaria, find of old issues, L.P., 2.03/32.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THE result of the competition announced in E.W.S.N. No. 185, is as follows. Maximum marks obtainable, 10:—

- 1st prize, set of Madagascar, British Inland Mail, value 6/6. M. Armand Dethier (10).
2nd prize, set of Labuan, Crown Colony, 2c. to \$1, value 5/6. Mr. H. L. Bevir (8).

The following is a list of the mistakes. No importance was attached to those of punctuation when making the award, as no serious errors were discovered:—

Par.	Line.	
I.	4.	Divide <i>tripotages</i> at end of line.
I.	5.	Hyphen omitted after <i>Nouvelle</i> .
II.	1.	Read <i>là-bas</i> .
II.	6.	Comma after <i>février</i> .
IV.	4.	Read <i>même</i> .
IV.	6.	Read <i>être à</i> .
V.	1, 2.	Commas after <i>surcharge</i> and <i>tem. poraire</i> .
V.	3.	Read <i>à celle</i> . Le pronom "celle" s'applique au mot "valeur" et non au mot "timbres."
V.	4.	Read <i>émission</i> .
VI.	7.	Read <i>au-delà</i> .
VII.	1.	Comma after <i>de plus</i> .
VII.	2, 1	Read <i>chiffre-taxes à</i> . On dit des "timbres-taxe" mais dans l'expression "chiffre-taxe," le mot "taxe" prend toujours le marque du pluriel.
VIII.	2, 1	
X.	6.	Read <i>vous informer de ce que</i> .

We again offer a prize of a set of Labuan Colony, 2c. to \$1, value 5/6, to the sender of the longest list of mistakes in the following paragraphs. Lists to reach us by Monday morning, May 4th.

We also offer a similar prize to the sender of the longest and most correct list of languages of which at least two words or names appear on adhesive postage stamps. Lists to reach us by Monday morning, May 4th.

Une Affaire Intéressante de Timbres-poste.

Une très intéressante affaire de timbres-poste, dit la "*Deutsch Asiatische Warte*," dans laquelle un ex-chef de gare était accusé de fraude, s'est déroulée au tribunal de Tsingtau, le 22 décembre dernier.

Voici les détails de cette affaire:

Au printemps de 1900 la Poste impériale allemande de Tsingtau était à court de timbres de cinq pfennigs.—Comme conséquence, la Poste a, le 19 mai, réduit la valeur de 50,000 et le 19 juillet de 2,000 timbres de dix pfennig, à cinq pfennig, et les deux lots ont été surchargés "5 Pf" à l'imprimerie de la Mission à Tsingtau. Tout le monde, bien entendu, savait que, sous peu, ces timbres deviendraient des raretés et en acheta. Un médecin-major même pensa qu'il avait le même droit que les autorités postales et donna à l'imprimerie de la Mission une commande de ces surcharges. La commande fut exécutée, mais, d'après les témoignages, il fut acquis que ces timbres ne furent jamais vendus, mais furent soigneusement conservés. Encouragé par ce fait, le chef de gare accusé conclut qu'il avait également le droit de faire surcharger des timbres. Précédemment cependant, l'accusé avait acheté plusieurs de ces surcharges à la Poste, qu'il revendit à des détaillants. Comme l'Imprimerie de la Mission s'était servie de différents types, et comme la surcharge "5 Pf" ne se trouvait pas toujours à la même place sur les timbres imprimés à l'Imprimerie du Gouvernement à Berlin, les acheteurs en Allemagne (principalement Gebrüder Senf de Leipzig et Kosack de Berlin) doutèrent de l'authenticité de ces timbres et envoyèrent à la Cour Impériale à Tsingtau, ceux reçus de Tsingtau et pour lesquels, dans certains cas, de très hauts prix avaient été payés, et communiquèrent les mêmes faits à l'administration des Postes du Gouvernement.

Les débats, où beaucoup de témoins furent entendus, n'établirent pas suffisamment la culpabilité de l'accusé.

L'accusé affirma que les timbres qu'il avait fait surcharger à l'Imprimerie de la Mission furent brûlés aussitôt qu'il apprit que Geb. Senf avaient pris cette affaire en mains, parce qu'il vit qu'éventuellement il pourrait avoir des ennuis, pour la simple raison qu'il avait ces surcharges imitées en sa possession. De la déposition préalable du directeur de l'Imprimerie de la Mission il ressortit qu'il ne se rendait pas compte qu'il commettait un acte punissable. Quoique le procureur demandât un ajournement afin d'appeler à nouveau plusieurs témoins et de recevoir l'opinion d'un autre homme compétent, la Cour clôtura l'affaire à la demande de l'accusé.

Le Procureur était d'avis que l'accusé était coupable de fraude et concluait à une amende de 1000 mark. La Cour, cependant, acquitta l'accusé, aux dépens du Gouvernement.

Le côté le plus extraordinaire de cette affaire nous semble que le directeur de l'Imprimerie de la Mission ne se rendait pas compte qu'il commettait une action punissable en recevant d'un particulier, pour être surchargés, une si grande quantité de timbres-poste.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296* Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12l.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, zopa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " Unpaid, 10, zopa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355	Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	9	—	—
356	Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c...	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (179 R 189).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* reports, on the authority of *Le Courrier de Timbres-poste*, that the sale of the Harbour Works stamp, which we chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 169, fell so very flat that the authorities have found themselves left with a very large stock on their hands. The labels have con-



sequently been surcharged "VALIDO POR 5 CENTAVOS—SERVICIO INTERIOR" and are being used up for ordinary inland postage.

BHOPAL (180 F 189).—In a consignment of stamps just to hand from this State, we note the old 8 anna, No. 171 in the catalogue, are all overprinted in red with a sign similar to the Persian letter s (final). Can any reader explain what this signifies?

CAPE COLONY (186 P 189).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 4d. and 5/- stamps, and we notice that each contains 240 stamps divided as usual into four panes, each of 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6. The panes of the 4d. and 5/- are both surrounded by a series of short lines instead of by one continuous line as in the 1/- and 1d. These latter are the only two values which follow the old system, the 4d., 1/- and 5/- and no doubt the 6d. having the broken lines. The plate-number is in every case "1."

COLOMBIA (186 X 189).—Several of the stamps recently chronicled are again coming over in new colours and as the numerous lists are apt to become confusing, we give a revised one herewith (the additions being made on the authority of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*).



Adhesives. Design as above. Imperf.

50c. vermilion (E.W. No. 185).
50c. brown (E.W. No. 185).
50c. orange, yellowish-orange (E.W. No. 185).
50c. green.
50c. rose.



Adhesives. Design as above. Imperf.

1p. dull yellow (E.W. No. 183).
1p. pink, carmine-rose (E.W. No. 186), 20 x 26 1/2 mm.
1p. blue (E.W. No. 185), 18 x 24 mm.
1p. dark blue, 18 x 24 mm.
1p. brown, pale brown.



Adhesives. Design as above, imperf.

5p. brown (E.W. No. 183).
5p. reddish mauve
5p. blue-green.
10p. emerald green (E.W. No. 183).

The above stamps are on the retail market at the rate of 4d. or 5d. per peso, the present rate

of exchange being only about 2 1/2 d. The 50c. are lithographed in sheets of 25, 5 rows of 5. The other recent issues of Colombia may be summarized as follows:—

- (i). 1902. Oblong; pictorial designs, 2, 10, 20c., various colours.
- (ii). 1902. Rect.; Arms, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 5, 10p. (perforated).
- (i). 1903. Thin oblong, 5c.
- (i). 1903. 50c., 1, 5, 10p., as illustrated and described above.

The latter two are apparently a continuation of the first series, so that there is not so much confusion as appears at first sight. The following are the remaining designs of series (i).



The 5c. is lithographed in sheets of 50, in two blocks, each of 5 rows of 5. There are also the Cartagena provisional issues, for revised list of which see E.W.S.N. No. 155.

CHAMBA STATE (183 E 189).—Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* records the following:—

Adhesive. Overprinted "CHAMBA STATE" on India, King Edward type.
3 pies, grey, black surcharge.

GIBRALTAR (176 D 189).—The stock of the 1d. Queen's Head is practically exhausted. As no information has come to hand concerning the preparation of a King Edward series, it will be interesting to see whether a provisional issue is made or whether the residents will have to make shift with double quantities of halfpenny stamps. These, by the way, are appearing in two very distinct shades.

1/2 d. green (Queen).
1/2 d. pale green (Queen).

GWALIOR (186 H 189).—We record the following on the authority of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*.

Official adhesives. Ordinary service overprint on King Edward Indian stamps.
3 pies, grey.
1/2 anna, green.
1 anna, carmine.

It is only 10 weeks since we chronicled the 1/2 and 1 anna, new colours, of the Queen's Head series, with service overprint.

HONGKONG (187 V 189).—The 50c. on 48c. is now obsolete. The King's Head 50c. will no doubt shortly take its place.

ITALY (179 L 189).—Mr. A. Bertazzini has shown us the following novelty:

Letter Card.—Stamp of current type.
5c. green on grey.

JHIND STATE (116 B 189).—We chronicle the following on the authority of Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*.

Official adhesives. Queen's Head.
1/2 a. pea-green.

This stamp still requires to be met with, with ordinary overprint.

MOROCCO AGENCIES (169, 185 F 189).—The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that the 25c. is obsolete. We note that in the consignment just received, the 40c. and 1 peseta are both local prints, the latter, face value 8d., being catalogued 2/-.

NEW ZEALAND (187 N 189).—Mr. F. Baxter sends us the following, under date 26.3.03.

Post Card. Head of King Edward, same design as letter card.
1d. grey-blue.

NIUE (186 R 189).—The history of the famous first printing of the 1/- for this island is now to hand. As already reported, it bears the overprint "NIUE—Tahae Sileni" (literally "NIUE—Thief shilling").

As has already been mentioned in these columns, the Post Office at Niue is a sub-office within the Auckland postal district (notwithstanding that it is a thousand miles away more or less). Hence following the usual custom, it draws its supplies of (amongst other things) postage stamps from Auckland, where the chief stock is kept. The mail from New Zealand to Europe via San Francisco (the quickest route) runs every three weeks and was due to leave Auckland on March 6th. The day before, March 5th., the 3d., 6d., and 1/- postage stamps were supplied by the Auckland postmaster to a few collectors, including the agent of the Colonial Stamp Market, who it is interesting to note bought considerably more than everyone else put together! This is, however, not saying very much, as apart from those bought for our publishers, only 94 or 96 copies of the 1/- were sold on that day. These quantities only were in time for the outgoing mail. Possibly it would also carry a supply to Niue, but of this we have no evidence.

It seems likely that the stamps were sent direct by the printers to Auckland, or at least without any careful examination (apart from checking quantities) on the part of the authorities at the General Post Office, Wellington, as it does not appear to have been until the following day that the overprint was noticed to be spelt wrongly. Or perhaps the authorities were not skilled in the Niue dialect and the error was not discovered until a specimen fell into the hands of someone who knew it. However this may be, the authorities did their best to stop the sale and recall such as had been sold, immediately their attention was drawn to the misprint. A telegram to Auckland was all that would be required to effect the first of these objects, but the second was more difficult. Official enquiries were at once set on foot and elicited that none of the stamps had been sold to dealers except to the agent of the Colonial Stamp Market. This information is known here in England to be erroneous as another dealer in this country received fifty specimens. This was

NIUE, 1/-

The rare error, with mis-spelt overprint "Tahae Sileni" signifying literally "Thief Shilling."



evidently not known to the New Zealand authorities who volunteered the inaccurate information in the cable which they immediately despatched requesting that the Colonial Stamp Market's consignment be returned intact to New Zealand (the other supply, not having been traced, was not recalled). This has been done, although, needless to say, our publishers only did so under protest. It will be interesting to see whether their right to the stamps will be considered in preference to the desire to suppress the errors. The result will probably make all the difference to collectors who in the one case will have to pay £5 or even £10 for a specimen and in the other only a moderate premium on face value. Meantime the stamps are a pure gamble.

It is wonderful what a lot of difference a vowel makes in Polynesia. In this case "Tahae" instead of "Taha" or "Taha e" turns an honest shilling into a thief! No wonder the authorities are anxious to suppress such a reflection on the character of their postage stamps, even at considerable expense, as witness the cable. If one notes carefully the pronunciation of an English word by the different classes of a city like London, it is wonderful what a variety of sounds represent the vowels. Were the same variations to occur in any island of Polynesia confusion would reign supreme. The following fifty or more words in the Samoan language all have distinct meanings, and are all pronounced differently, although spelt nearly alike to an Englishman:—*faàlaala*, *faàlala* (has two meanings), *faàleale*, *faàleale*, *faàleale*, *faàlali*, *faàloalo* (has two meanings), *faàlualu*, *faàlelele*, *faàlilili*, *faalula*, *faalilili*, *faalulao*, *faalalo* (four meanings), *faàlaolao*, *faàlaulao*, *faàlaulua*, *faàleila*, *faàlete*, and at least 30 more all different in meaning but alike in spelling except for a vowel change. The Samoan natives must have highly trained ears to detect the shades of sound in such a collection. The following specimen words are also from a Samoan dictionary:—*faàaàa*, *faàaàa*, *faàaàa*, *faàaàa*. In the same way, the alteration or addition of a vowel to the word *taha*, one, completely alters its meaning. Although the various Polynesian languages appear to a European to be nearly similar, it is very difficult for the native of one island to communicate with his neighbours.

Note the following (amongst very many other nearly similar words).

Maori (the New Zealand dialect).

Tahà, a calabash.

Tahae, a thief, to steal.

Tahi, one.

Samoan, *tasi*, one.

Tahitian, *tahi*, *atahi*, one.

Hawaiian, *kahi*, *akahi*, one.

Tongan, *taha*, one.

Marquesan, *etahi*, one.

Mangarevan (towards Pitcairn Is.), *tahi*.

Niuean, *taha*.

Penrhyn, *tahi*.

Aniwan (S. of New Hebrides), *tasi*.

Of course, *sileni* is only the English word "shilling" adapted, although its pronunciation must be doubtful, as *s* is a sound unknown in Polynesia, except in Samoa and one or two other places, where it replaces the aspirate *h* popular elsewhere but which the Samoans do not use. Note above *tasi* for *tahi*. Probably the Niueans pronounce the word *hileni*.

NORWAY (148 C 189).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the following:—

Adhesive. Perf. 14½ × 13½.
35 øre green.

The only other values of the current set which have yet appeared with this perforation are the 2, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 60 øre.

PARAGUAY (186 Y 189).—The following new provisionals may be added to the list published in *E.W.S.N.* No. 186.

Habilitado
60 un
1 cent. 1

Adhesive.

5c. in black on 10c. rose.

5c. in black on 80c. pale blue.

The following minor varieties are noted by *Der Philatelist*.

1 on 14c. un.

"1 cent. 1" with comma or without stop after "cent."

"5 cent. 5" with comma or without stop or with thick stop after "cent."

For the following further information relative to the new issue for Paraguay we are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

"The following notice, translated from the *Diario Oficial* of January 4th, 1903, shows that tenders for the supply of these stamps were called for at the beginning of the year, and their preparation must have been carried out very promptly:—

" NOTICE.

" TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

" Tenders for the printing of Postage Stamps.

"The Government calls for tenders for the printing of two millions four hundred and seventy thousand postage stamps, as follows:—

ORDINARY STAMPS.

Quantity.	Value and colour.
300,000	1c. grey.
350,000	2c. dark green.
450,000	5c. mineral blue.
200,000	10c. brown.
150,000	20c. lake.
220,000	30c. dark blue.
150,000	60c. violet.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

100,000	10. grey.
100,000	2c. dark green.
100,000	5c. mineral blue.
100,000	10c. brown.
50,000	20c. lake.
100,000	30c. dark blue.
100,000	60c. violet.

"The above-mentioned stamps are to be of the same design, showing the Arms of the country with the motto 'Paz y Justicia,' and the inscriptions 'U.P.U., Republica del Paraguay,' and the value in figures and letters. The official stamps are to be overprinted with the word 'Oficial' in black.

"The dimensions to be 22 × 26mm.; the stamps to be printed on paper of the quality employed for the current issue, perforated and gummed, and indelible colours to be used.

"Within fifteen days from the date on which the contract is accepted, the contractor shall deliver to the Office of Inland Revenue one quarter of each of the stamps mentioned above and the remainder within the thirty days following.

"Tenders to be in writing, and accompanied by a pattern of the stamp to be made, which will be subject to modification by the Post Office Department.

"Tenders will be opened at the Treasury on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 9 a.m.

"Persons making offers for the work must deposit at the Secretariat the sum of one thousand pesos sterling, which will be returned to them after the contract has been awarded.

"The person whose tender is accepted must deposit at the Agricultural Bank the sum of two thousand pesos, as a guarantee for the carrying out of his contract.

"The Department reserves the right to reject all the tenders.

"Asuncion, January 2, 1903.

"(Signed) BENJ. BUEZ,

"Chief Clerk."

PENRHYN ISLANDS (186 O 189).—The mail just in brought us a letter franked with the ½d. and 1d. stamps on Cowan paper, the first postmarked specimens of the 2nd printing which we have seen. The letter was postmarked "Penrhyn Island, 30.11.02." "Auckland, 20.3.03" and "London, S.E.D.O. 30.4.03" and was in reply to one we wrote in August, nearly 9 months ago!

PERSIA (184 X 189).—We have already referred to the doubtful issue of the type-set series with values in lower-case instead of capitals, and now give a detailed list of them:—

Adhesives. Type-set (Gibbons type 29), Issue of 1902, Nos. 234 to 243, except that "CHAHIS" and "KRANS" are changed to "Chahis" and "Krans."

(i.) Overprinted with lion in red.	(ii.) Overprinted with "Provisoire 1319" in black.
1ch. grey	1ch. grey
2ch. red-brown	2ch. red-brown
3ch. dark green	3ch. dark green
5ch. red	5ch. red
10ch. olive-yellow	12ch. blue
12ch. blue	

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 178 we recorded the 5, 12 chahis, and 1, 2, 5, 10 krans with overprint 'Service' for official use. We now add the following on the authority of *La Revue Philatélique Belge*.

Official adhesives. New type surcharged 'Service' in black.

1ch. lilac.

2ch. grey.

3ch. green.

10ch. brown.

2 toman in blue on 50kr. green.



The *Weekly Philatelic Era* mentions that the 2ch. surcharged "P. L. Teheran" exists in both types, "Chahis" and "CHAHIS." (See *E.W.S.N.* No. 166).

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal describes the beginning of a new set.

Adhesives. Type-set issue, overprinted with a device consisting of the Arms in a circle in the centre, surrounded by an oblong octagonal frame, inscribed "PROVI * SOIRE * " with a fourth star in the centre below, and date 1321 (in Arabic) at left, and "1903" at right, impressed in dark blue.

1 Chahi, grey.

2 Chahis, red-brown.

5 " pale red.

10 " olive-yellow.

12 " dark blue.

1 KRAN (not "Kran"), purple.

The 10ch. in blue provisional chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 184 as being on 10kr. carmine is given by our contemporary as on 10kr. vermilion. The following two provisionals are also noted.

8ch. orange on greenish, surcharged in black with type 26 (S.G. Catalogue).

1ch. grey, surcharged with type 23 in violet and 26 in black.

PHILIPPINES (173 G 189).—The *Metro-politan Philatelist* states that "thus far the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has not overprinted any of the new U.S. stamps for the Philippines, but the next order received will be supplied with the new issue."

SIRMOOR (123 D 189).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports that the copper plates manufactured by Messrs. Waterlow & Son for the stamps of this State are now in the hands of the Director General of the Indian Post Office, and that they will probably be defaced.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (188 Y 189).—We do not seem to have noticed in the Editorial columns the new printing of the 10/- green "Postage and Revenue," which was probably brought into use about last August.

Adhesive. "Postage and Revenue" series, perf. 11½. 10/- green (not yellow-green) iss. Aug. (?), 1902.

A corner specimen before us, has the marginal number "1d. 61****," the last four figures being torn off. The first of the "Postage" series to be printed, the 2/6, was on paper numbered "1d. 619***," so the 10/- was probably one of the last of the old series.

SUDAN (188 K 189).—We now chronicle the actual issue of the following, on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.



Official Adhesive. Overprinted "O.S.G.S." Wmk. multiple Star and Crescent.

1 piastre, blue and brown.

This stamp has not yet been met with unsurcharged, all the set, except the 2 mill., still having Quatrefoils watermark.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (A 189).—In a large consignment of the ½d. value just received by the Colonial Stamp Market we note a considerable variety of shades.

½d. dull yellowish-green.

½d. yellowish-green.

½d. bright yellow-green.

The last is the scarcer, but they all seem to occur promiscuously in one and the same printing. One stamp on most sheets (No. 58) generally escapes the watermark entirely. The only value we have noticed is the ½d. but doubtless the others, up to 1/-, occur.

UNITED STATES (187 T 189).—A fortnight ago we illustrated the new 2c. envelope stamp. We now give a reproduction of the 1c.



We are informed that the new 15 and 50c. adhesives are being sent out to Post Offices, but up to the time of going to press, we have not seen them.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (188 N 189).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelty.

Adhesive. Printed in Melbourne. Design like current 1/- but inscribed "Postage Four Pence." Wmk. V and Crown sideways, perf. 12½.

4d. red-brown (issued 4.4.03 or earlier).

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal chronicles the 8d. (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 188) mentioning a copy dated 23.5.03 (two days earlier than our date) but ignores the 9d. and 10d., so perhaps the 8d. appeared first.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151* French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166* French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167* Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " " 10, 15, 45, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168* Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171* Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180* Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191* Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192* Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193* New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194* Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " " Morocco (not yet issued in Morocco)	—	—	—
220 " " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a* " " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292 Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296* Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/5	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355	Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	9	—	—
356	Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c...	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Variety of 1d. red with outline (182 D 190).—Mr. V. H. Gregory writes:—"I thought it might be of interest to your readers to know that I have just found a block of eight 1d. red English, imperf., showing the distinct outer lines at the sides of the stamps. In several of the stamps in this block the side lines are very much more distinct than in others, which I think clearly proves these lines to be an addition to the individual impressions, viz., a re-touch to the finished plate, especially as it (the block) appears to be in a very worn condition."

Railway Letter Stamps (188 M 190).—We have now been able to approximately identify recent printings of the L. & S.W. Railway.

34th 17.3.02, perf. 10, yellow-green.

35th 12.6.02, dark green, almost same shade as 28th issue, with which we had at first confused it. We have, however, since examined a sheet and find the marks of wear correspond with a later state of the transfer.

36th 9. 9.02, dark yellow-green.

37th 5.11.02, green, thick paper. Evidently printed about 1898 from middle state of transfer; it is a mystery why the printers should have held the sheets so long.

38th 5.3.03. Not yet issued?

We recently wrote to a country station-master, asking if he could let us have some of the letter stamps in use at his station. The following reply is just to hand from his daughter:—

"Station House, ———, May 7th.

"Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter which we received some time ago, we are sorry to say we are not able to get the stamps, as my father has been away from home for some time on holidays and will not be home from Bournemouth for a fortnight yet."

One wonders what would happen if anyone wanted to send a letter by train from this station!

Early Dates (186 Y 190).—The following new record has been shown us:—

1d. red, plate 170. Bradford, 25.11.73. J. W. Stooke.

ANGOLA (179 I 190).—Mr. J. N. Mostyn informs us that he has the 25r. overprinted "Provisorio." He says "current issue" but we presume he means the issue just obsolete.

PROVISORIO

Adhesives. Surcharged (in black?)

15r. chocolate

25r. blue-green and black.

The 50 and 75 reis, old colours, were chronicled with this overprint, in E.W.S.N., No. 172.

BAVARIA (180 S 190).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* reports the existence of the current 5pf. stamp with the wavy line watermark placed vertically.

BHOPAL (189 G 190).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us that the "S" overprint on the 8 anna stamps referred to last week is simply to alter the title or initial of the Begum from "Shah" to "Sultan." The initial letter of the latter is "S" and of the former "Sh," this sound having a separate character in the Indian alphabets.

Adhesives. Overprinted "S" in red.

8as. (No. 171 in the catalogue).

BRITISH HONDURAS (183 L 190).—*Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* says that the King's Head 2c. was not issued to the public until the middle of March, although on sale to dealers since 22nd January, 1903. The 5c. was issued on 10.10.02 and the 2c. single post card on 23.1.03, the reply card being not yet in use.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (187 E 190).—We take the following paragraphs from the public Press:—

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

BERBERA, Monday, May 4th.

The local administration is pestered by philatelists' inquiries regarding the Somaliland stamps at present upon the market. It is hoped that anxiety will be set at rest now that it is made known here that all such stamps are forgeries. No Somaliland stamps has ever yet been issued, and there is no prospect of any issue being made before June 1st at the earliest.

(*Western Morning News*, etc., etc.).

A curious instance of the mania of philatelists is reported from Berbera. A rumour was started that a new Somali stamp had been struck, and many alleged samples were put upon the market. In consequence the authorities were absolutely pestered with letters from philatelists all over the world to know if the issue was authentic. It is an astounding thing that so many people should care to spend their money on stamps as to make such forgeries, which are continually appearing, worth while. After all, man is not badly defined as a collecting animal; and stamps are as harmless as anything else (*Globe*).

Mosquitos have been convicted of causing malaria in West Africa, and now we hear that the local authorities in Somaliland are being worried to death by philatelists. These pests are ravenous at present because there are no Somaliland stamps yet issued, so they have nothing to prey upon but the Administration. (*St. James' Gazette*).

Were it made known that "all such stamps are forgeries," we are of opinion that that is just when anxiety would begin. As a matter of fact, however, Reuter is for once wrong. The local administration, it is true, is "pestered by inquiries" from stamp collectors and dealers and has been much annoyed that several thousand pounds should have been remitted for same. A self-respecting East African Protectorate considers it ought to cost the tax-payers a million or two and anything which tends to reduce the need for such borrowing is apparently a slight to its dignity. The matter is in fact so strongly felt at Berbera that we believe the surcharged issue is to be suppressed in order that collectors' remittances may be returned! We are assured that not a single set of these stamps has been disposed of at Berbera and "therefore" (it does not really follow at all) any on the market must be forgeries.

The authorities overlook the fact that of every new issue of stamps the Universal Postal Union at Berne requires some 600 or 700 sets for distribution as samples to all the countries which are members of it. Any stamps of which samples are not so distributed, foreign countries are not bound to recognise as they can claim to have no official notice of them and letters are liable to be surcharged with unpaid postage. Nearly all the sets so distributed are overprinted "specimen" or with some equivalent. The "British Somaliland" overprint on the Indian stamps was probably made at Calcutta and it is not unlikely the Indian Post Office forwarded the sample sets to "Berne" without surcharging them "specimen" and without drawing the attention of the Berbera postmaster to the fact. But the stamps are none the less genuine on that account and we hear that as much as £10 has been refused for a complete set, face value about £1.

CAPE COLONY (189 J 190).—We now illustrate the new 4d.



We are also informed that the 3d. value of the set has been issued.

Adhesive.—Head of King Edward; wmk. Anchor, perf. 14.

3d. (colour?).

The 4d., 6d. and 5/- chronicled in No. 186 were wrongly stated to be "CA 14"; this should be "Anchor 14."

We are informed that the exact dates on which the various values were issued to the public are as follows:—

King Edward Issue.

1d.	16.12.02.	6d.	3. 2.03.
1d.	2.12.02.	1/-	25.11.03.
3d.	13. 1.03.	5/-	25.11.03.
4d.	13. 1.03.		

It is somewhat remarkable that most of these stamps should have been in use months before the fact was discovered by collectors.

COLOMBIA (189 Y 190).—Last week we described the two most recent issues of Colombia, of which several values had appeared in new colours. We now receive some of the first 1902 series in new colours from Messrs. Champion and Co. To make the matter clearer we recapitulate:—

1902 Imperf. (Arms), 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1 peso.

1902 Perf. (Arms), 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 5, 10p.

1903 Imperf. (Pictorial), 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 5, 10p.

The 1902 issue was illustrated in E.W.S.N. No. 176 and the 1903 issue last week. We now recall the illustrations of the 1901 set and give a revised description to date.



Adhesives. Imperf.

1902. 2c., 4c., 5c., 10c., 20c., 50c., 1p.

Already chronicled.

1903. New colours (just received). Imperf.

4c. blue on yellow.

5c. blue on blue.

20c. blue on buff.

COREA (182 I 190).—The following is the overprint on the 1 cheun provisional chronicled seven weeks ago. The 2 and 3 cheuns have two and three horizontal bars at top respectively.

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COSTA RICA (183 J 190).—The following errors are noted by the *London Philatelist* as occurring in the 2c. provisional chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 172.

Official Adhesive. Overprinted "Provisorio Oficial" in two lines in green.

2c. red and black, 1900, overprinted "PROVISORIO OFICIAL."

2c. red and blk., 1900, overprinted "PROVISORIO OFICIAL."

EGYPT (188 E 190).—We chronicle the following on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

Adhesives. Chalk-surfaced paper.

1 mill., brown

3 .. orange

10 pias. violet

The 2, 5 mill., 1 and 2 pias., have been previously chronicled (E.W.S.N. Nos. 150, 177, 150, 150 respectively).

ERITREA (182 C 190).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesives. Italy, current issue, overprinted "Colonia Eritrea."

1c. brown

25c. blue

2c. orange-brown

40c. brown

5c. pale green

50c. mauve

10c. lake

1l. green and brown

20c. orange

Segnatasse. Italy, current issue, overprinted "Colonia Eritrea."

5c. orange & magenta

50c. orange & magenta

10c. "

60c. "

20c. "

1l. blue and brown

30c. "

2l. "

40c. "

5l. "

We should have chronicled them before, but the packet was mis-sent by the Postal Authorities to New York and thus reaches us a month late.

FERNANDO POO (167 E 190).—The *Postzegelnieuws* chronicles the following:—

Adhesives. Dated "1903."

5c. green	75c. lilac
10c. blue	1p. rose
25c. carmine	2p. olive
50c. brown-lilac	5p. vermilion

FIJI ISLANDS (182 L 190).—We illustrate herewith the type of the King Edward series of adhesive stamps.



FRANCE (187 F 190).—We are indebted to Messrs. Champion & Co. for first sight of the new 10c. and 25c.



Adhesives. Design as above. No wmk., perf. 14 x 13½.
10c. pink
25c. blue

Our earliest dated specimen is postmarked 9.5.03.

GERMAN P.O., LEVANT (177 B 190).—In addition to the 1 plaster with overprint in the new type, *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* records the following:—

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Adhesives. With overprint as in lowest of above types.
"5 PIASTER 5" on 1mk. carmine.
"25 PIASTER 25" on 5mk. black and lake.

GIBRALTAR (189 E 190).—Just after writing our paragraph last week, we received the 1d. King Edward stamp and have now the full set except the high values, of which we will give a description next week.

Adhesives.—Head of King Edward; CA 14.

3d. grey-green and green.
1d. lilac on red.
2d. grey-green and carmine.
2½d. lilac and black on blue.
6d. lilac and violet.
1/- black and carmine

They are inscribed "Postage and Revenue," and supersede the fiscal as well as the postal series.

GUINEA, PORTUGUESE (172 G 190).—Eight new stamps have been issued similar in design and colour to those of Lourenzo Marques.

ICELAND (186 M 190).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the following:—

Adhesive. Old design, unsurcharged.
50 aur. carmine and blue, perf. 12½.

From the same source, we learn that the 3 aur. "1 GILDI" exists both in types I. and II. (large and small figures), but that only one sheet has yet been seen in type II.

Adhesives. Old design, surch. "1 GILDI" in black.
3 aur. type II., small figure
1 .. grey and rose, perf. 12½.
16 .. brown, perf. ?
10 .. lilac, perf. 14 x 13½.
100 .. lilac and brown, perf. ?

Of this issue, we had previously (*E.W.* No 179) only chronicled the 3 (type I.), 6, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 aur., perf. 12½.

Official Adhesives. Old design, surch. "1 GILDI" in black.
3 aur. type I., perf. 12½.
4 .. grey, perf. 12½.
16 .. carmine, perf. 14 x 13½.

Previously chronicled were the 5, 10, 20, 50 aur., perf. 12½.

LOURENZO MARQUES (164 D 190).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesives. Current types, new colours.
15r. green 75r. mauve.
25r. rose 115r. salmon on flesh.
50r. chocolate 130r. brown on cream.
65r. blue 100r. blue on cream

MACAU (172 E 190).—The following new stamps in the current type have been issued.

Adhesives.
2a. green 13a. lilac
3a. lilac 16a. blue on blue
1a. rose 18a. salmon on flesh
5a. yellow-brown 20a. brown on cream
6a. purple-brown 31a. mauve on flesh
8a. brown 47a. blue on cream
10a. blue 78a. black on blue
12a. mauve

MALTA (187 Z 190).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 1d. value in the King Edward series.



Adhesive. CA 14. Head of King Edward.
1d. carmine, head in grey.

It is a handsome addition to the set. The sheets contain 240 stamps, divided as usual into 4 panes of 60, 10 rows of 6. Marginal plate-number 1 at each corner of the sheet and series of short lines round each pane. It was issued at Malta on the morning of May 7th.

MOZAMBIQUE (143 D 190).—Eight new stamps have been issued, similar in design and colour to those of Lourenzo Marques.

NEW SOUTH WALES (187 G 190).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 2/6 stamp.

Adhesive. Wmk. Crown N.S.W., (chalk surfaced paper), perf. 12 x 11½.
2/6 bright green (Emu).

We cannot trace the large 5d. with wmk. sideways, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 172. Both the Colonial Stamp Market's latest consignments have consisted exclusively of the 5d. dark green, wmk. upright, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 164.

From the same source we receive a number of strips and blocks with sheet numbers and machine numbers and reproduce below our list as it now stands:—

Sheet No.	Machine No.	All on chalk-surfaced paper.
13992	—	7½d. brown.
314662	11562	½d. green (<i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 169).
359733	56733	2d. blue (")
422616	***18	½d. green (")
—	142**	1d. rose (")
15815	—	½d. green (")
29270	***61	½d. green (")
33440	—	10d. violet (Issued April, 1903).
48696	13901	1/- choc. (<i>E.W.S.N.</i> No. 169).
18942	6942	6d. deep orange (")
—	838	8d. mauve (")
261273	1701	8d. deep mve. (Issued Apr., 1903).
370047	6405	9d. red-brown (")
370072	6490	9d. " (")
—	5707	9d. " (")
—	61**	2½d. blue (1902).
—	12809	2½d. " (Issued April, 1903).
389046	*26044	½d. green (")
—	**609	1d. carn. (")
402661	6558	4d. red-brn. (")
406639	15437	6d. deep-orig. (")
—	15440	6d. " (")

It is so recently that we commenced to compile this list that there is not yet much evidence of new printings. The two lots of 8d. are, however, in distinct shades, and are no doubt different issues. The 9d. seems to be printed in very large quantities and has already reached sheet No. 6490.

NEW ZEALAND (189 Y 190).—The *Australian Philatelist* chronicles the following, on the authority of Mr. W. F. Howlett.

Adhesive. Vertically-laid paper, perf. 11.
2/- green.

From the same source we learn that 1000 sheets of 80 each of the 4d. perf. 11, wmk. NZ and Star, were issued, almost entirely in Wellington and Auckland.

NIUE (189 S 190).—An Australian dealer is advertising a copy of the 1/- "Thief" Error for 45/-, at which price it ought to be a bargain. The number issued is confirmed as 96.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (187 H 190).—We are informed that the 4d. on 6d. V.R.I., 6d. E.R.I., 1/- V.R.I., and 1/- on 5/- V.R.I. are now all obsolete, but at the moment of writing we have no information as to whether they have been replaced by the King Edward issue.

PATIALA (180 E 190).—Mr. L. Magnée has shown us the following.



Adhesives. Head of King Edward. Usual overprint, "PATIALA STATE" in black in two lines.

1a. grey.
3a. green.
1a. carmine.
2a. violet.
3a. orange-brown.

PERSIA (189 Y 190).—We find we have omitted to chronicle the following provisionals:—



Adhesives. New issue, surcharged as above.
rch. on 3ch. green, in black.
sch. " " in blue.

RUSSIAN LEVANT (169 C 190).—*La Cote Réelle* learns that a new issue is imminent here. It will include high values and the design will represent a portrait of the Tsar.

SALVADOR (188 K 190).—We find we have omitted to chronicle the following provisionals:—

Adhesives. Surcharged on issue of 1900.
"1 centavo" on 2c. rose.
" " 3c. black.
" " 5c. greenish blue.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* says they were issued from 23rd. to 31st. December 1902.

SENEGAL (125 B 190).—Following the example of the Somali Coast, this French colony is reported by *La Cote Réelle* to have a pictorial issue in three types in preparation.

Type I. Statue of General Faidherbe.

" II. Iron bridge joining St. Louis to the mainland.

" III. View of the harbour.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA (186 L 190).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us a sheet of the new £1 stamp and as we had anticipated the panes are surrounded by a series of short lines instead of one continuous line as in the case of all the other values (for which old plates were made use of). Curiously, the sheets of this value are not numbered in the top right hand corner but on the left side, just above the first stamp in the first row. We have seen corner blocks with numbers 8 and 9, the numerals not being preceded by "000" as in the case of sheets of other values.

The sheets of high values just received bear the following numbers:—2/6, 0158; 5/-, 0082; 10/-, 0060; £1 8.

TASMANIA (188 V 190).—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the 1d. and 2d. with compound perforations.

Adhesives. Wmk. V and Crown.
1d. red, perf. 11 x 12½.
2d. violet, perf. 11 x 12½.

The Colonial Stamp Market has had numerous supplies of these values lately, and the 1d. have been invariably perf 12½ and the 2d. perf. 11.

Our contemporary also notes the following:—

Registration Envelope (2 sizes).
2d. bright ultramarine, instead of chalky-blue.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesives. Printed at Melbourne, wmk. V and Crown, perf. 12½.
9d. blue, Queen's Head.

The type is the same as the 9d. wmk. TAS and has not even the word "POSTAGE" added, which is surely a contravention of the Commonwealth regulations. All the new printings of Westralian stamps have "Postage" added.

TIMOR (144 C 190).—The following new stamps have been issued:—

Adhesives.
3a. green. 13a. mauve.
5a. rose. 15a. lilac.
6a. yellow-brown. 22a. salmon on flesh.
9a. purple-brown. 31a. brown on cream.
10a. brown. 47a. mauve on flesh.
12a. blue. 78a. blue on cream.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (189 O 190).—We illustrate the new 8d., 9d. and 10d. stamps below.



ZAMBESIA (144 C 190).—Eight new stamps have been issued similar in design and colour to those of Lourenzo Marques.

Islands to Let.

A PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITY.

Fifty pounds a year is the average rental of a suburban residence. It is also the amount asked by the Colonial Office for each of three uninhabited islands 2,000 miles from anywhere in the South Atlantic Ocean. Their names are Inaccessible, Nightingale, and Gough Islands. (*The Daily Mail*).

Interesting Articles

New South Wales, Crown and N.S.W. watermark, by Dr. A. E. Weightman, AP 4, 03/92.
New South Wales, Notes on the Commoner Stamps, Dr. Weightman, AP 4, 03/94.

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151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
153* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
154* St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
154a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

162*	Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	..	..	..	5	1/4	1/7
163	Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	..	..	4	0/10	1/0
164*	French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	11	2/3	2/8		
164a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/0		
165*	„ 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	11	2/3	2/8		
166*	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8		
166a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/0		
167*	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8		
167a*	„ 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/0		
168*	Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8		
168a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/0		

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

171*	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
171a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ...	.. 4	0/10	1/0
172*	Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c. ..	.. 4	0/6	0/7
173*	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
174*	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	—	—
175*	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
175a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	.. 4	0/10	1/0
176*	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
176a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	.. 4	0/10	1/0
177*	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
177a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	.. 4	0/10	1/0
178*	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
180*	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
180a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	.. 4	0/10	1/0
181*	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
182*	Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
182a	„ New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c. ..	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

191*	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8
191a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/6
192*	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8
192a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/6
193*	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c	..	12	2/3	2/8
193a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	..	4	0/10	1/6
194*	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8
194a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c...	..	4	0/10	1/6

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

201*	(Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	..	..	6	1/8	2/0
202*	„ Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	..	..	6	1/8	2/0
203	„ Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	..	..	3	1/2	1/5
204*	„ Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi. ..	..	..	6	1/8	2/0
205*	(Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1		
206*	„ Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11		
207	Zanzibar, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	..	..	9	2/6	2/11
208*	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	..	..	6	1/9	2/21
209	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	..	..	9	2/5	2/1
210*	Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.,	..	12	2/3	2/81	
211*	Hoi-hao „ „ 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	..	12	2/3	2/8	
212	(1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/3
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218	„ Zanzibar, $\frac{1}{2}$, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/11
219	„ Morocco	—	—	—
220	„ China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1/11
220a*	„ Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr. ..	..	..	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

221	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	..	8	2/8	3/2
222	„ S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
223	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
224	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV. -- GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

231	German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
232	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
233	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
234	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
235	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2
236	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	..	..	9	2/8	3/2
242 Levant, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4, 5pi.	..	..	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	..	..	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.

251*	Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	..	11	1/7	1/11
251a*	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	..	5	2/9	3/2
252*	Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	..	11	1/7	1/11
252a*	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	..	5	2/9	3/2
253*	Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	..	..	11	1/7	1/11
253a*	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	..	..	5	2/9	3/2
254*	Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a*	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

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801*	Angola, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
802*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
803*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
804*	Angra, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
805*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
806*	Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807*	" 500 "	1/9	2/1
808*	" 700 "	2/6	2/11
809*	Funchal, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
810*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
811*	Guinea, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
812*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
813*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
814*	Horta, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
815*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
816*	Lourenzo Marques,		
	300 reis..	1/1	1/4
817*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
818*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
819*	Macau, 47 avos.	.. 1/1	1/4
820*	" 78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
821*	Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822*	" 500 "	1/9	2/1
823*	" 700 "	2/6	2/11
824*	Mozambique Company,		
	300 reis..	1/1	1/4
825*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
826*	" 1000 "	.. 3/6	4/1
827*	Nyassa, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
828*	Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829*	" 500 "	1/9	2/1
830*	Portuguese Congo,		
	300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
831*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
832*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
833*	Portuguese India,		
	1 rupec	.. 1/4	1/7
834*	" 2 "	.. 2/8	3/1
835*	St. Thomas & Prince,		
	300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
836*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
837*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
838*	Timor, 47 avos	.. 1/1	1/4
839*	" 78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
840*	Zambezia, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
841*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
842*	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851*	Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852*	" 16 "	—	—
854	Austrian Levant, 10 piastres 1/8	2.0	
855*	" 20 " 3/4	3.11	

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271*	Lourenzo Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2 11
272*	Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2 11
273*	„ Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2 11
274*	Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2 11
275*	Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2 11

GROUP XX.— PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281*	Macau, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	..	..	9	0/10	1/0
281a*	.. 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	..	..	7	2/6	2/11
282*	Portuguese India, $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 5, 12...	..	..	10	2/6	2/11
283*	Timor, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	..	..	8	0/9	0/10
283a*	.. 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	..	..	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291*	Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	..	..	3	0.5	0.6
292	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	..	..	1	0.24	0.3
293*	„ Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	..	..	1	0.24	0.3
294*	„ Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	..	..	1	0.24	0.3
295*	Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 24, 5, 10as.	..	..	7	2.0	..
296*	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	..	..	9	1.9	2.1

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301*	Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6
302*	Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6
303	Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6
304	Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	6	1 c
305	Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	
306	Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	..	..	5	1/54	1/84
311a	" " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	..	..	4	0/8	0/10
312	Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	..	..	5	0/7	
313	" China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	..	..	6	0/7	

GROUP XXIV. COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355	Antioquia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	9	—
356	Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	5	—
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	0	—
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c	..	..	..	3	—
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	..	..	..	6	—

858*	China, \$1	..	..	2/0	2/4
859*	"	\$2	..	4/0	4/8
860*	"	\$5	..	10/0	11/8
861	Corea, 1 weon	..	2/0	2/4	
862*	"	2	..	4/0	4/8
863*	Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d		1/0	
864*	"	"	3½fr.	2/10	3/4
885*	"	"	5fr.	4/0	4/8
866*	"	"	10fr.	8/0	9/4
867*	Curaçao, 1g...	..	1/8	2/0	
868*	"	1½g...	..	2/6	2/11
869	"	2½g...	..	4/2	4/11
870	Danish West Indies.				
			50c.	2/1	2/5
871*	Dutch Indies, 2½g.	..	4/2	4/11	
872	Eritrea, 1 lire	..	10d	1/0	
873	"	5	..	4/0	4/8
874*	Egypt. 10 piastres	..	2/1	2/5	
875*	Fernando Poo. 40c...	—			
876*	"	60c...	—		
877*	"	80c...	—		
878*	"	1 peso	—		
879*	"	2 pesos	—		
880*	Italian Levant. 2 lire	1/8		2/0	
881*	Japan, 1 yen.	..	2/1	2/5	
882*	Japanese China, 1 yen	2/1		2/5	
883*	"	Corea, 1	..	2/1	2/5
884	Liberia, 50c.	..	—		
885	"	\$1	..	—	
886	"	\$2	..	—	
887	"	\$5	..	—	
888	Persia, 1 kran	..	—		
889	"	2	..	—	
890	"	3	..	—	
891	"	4	..	—	
892	"	5	..	—	
893	"	10	..	—	
894	"	50	..	—	
895*	Siam, 64 atts.	..	1/4	1/8	
896*	Surinam. 1 gulden	..	1/8	2/0	
897*	"	1½	..	2/6	2/11
898*	"	2½	..	4/2	4/11
899	Tunis, 1 franc	..	10d.	1/0	
900	"	2	..	1/8	2/0
901	"	5	..	4/0	4/8

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912	" 5	9/2	10/8
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914*	" 20	36/8	42/8
955	" Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956	" .. 50c.	1/0	1/3
946*	Uruguay, 50c. ..	2/3	2/7
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948*	" 2 pesos ..	9/0	10/6
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Control Letters (172 C 191).—One or two correspondents have lately sent us the rd. control letter B for chronicling purposes. We would point out that both the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and rd. B were recorded by us twenty weeks ago as being then obtainable at head quarters and the following week (E.W.S.N. No. 172) we recorded the issue of rd. control letter B at Lewes on December 31st. It is only however since the beginning of April that letter B has become at all common.

Stamps with Firms' Names (A 191).—Mr. E. Bentley Wood sends us the following note relative to different types of the familiar "Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., London" overprint or rather backprint found on rd. red stamps employed by this firm from November 1867 to July 1880:—"I send herewith for inspection three different types of the Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., overprint."

(i.) The "&" is same height as "TON." I have only seen a single copy (plate 104) with this type, out of nearly 100 examples inspected.

(ii.) The "&" is same height as the "C" of "Co." Occurs in plates 78 to 149.

(iii.) Smaller type, less distinct and lighter in colour, some almost deep orange. Occurs in plates 158 to 211.

Early Dates. (190 Z 191).—The following new record is to hand.

4d. orange-red, pl. 13. Bakewell, 13.1.73. E. Bentley Wood.

AITUTAKI (188 C 191).—The New Zealand mail did not bring us news of these stamps as anticipated in E.W.S.N. No. 188, but we understand that the Colonial Stamp Market had a cablegram last week to the effect that they had not then been received from the printers, so that some considerable time must yet elapse before they can come into the hands of collectors.

AUSTRIA (186 M 191).—Dr. Barclay-Smith writes:—"May I supplement the list of known varieties of the Austrian unpaid letter series given in your last number (No. 186) by the following of which I send examples for verification."

Perf. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5 heller.
" 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 heller.
" 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13. 6 heller.

To be exact this stamp is 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ (top) x 13 (sides) x 13 (bottom).

Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13. 10 heller.
" 13. 10 heller.

"There is one perforation which you do not mention, viz., 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; 1 heller, 2 heller, 4 heller and 12 heller all exhibit this variety.

"I enclose a rather interesting vertical strip of five 3 heller stamps perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and watermarked U N G S in large double-lined Roman capital letters. I shall be much obliged if you will tell me whether any of your sheets in stock are thus watermarked. I presume these stamps were printed on the paper watermarked Zeitungs-marken (newspaper-stamps) and used for the reprints made in 1884 of the 1863 newspaper stamps. Not possessing any of these reprints, I cannot confirm the suggestion.

"It may interest you to learn that in 1901 some of these unpaid letter stamps appeared with a perforation which may be described as intermediate in character between a pin perforation and a roulette gauge 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. I am sending for your inspection used examples in original covers as well as an unused block of 40 heller.

"This perforation was done at the local post offices and was applied to the imperforate issue which the post office officials evidently found very inconvenient; scissors not always being handy.

"In fact before this provisional perforation appeared the stamps were often roughly torn asunder to their obvious detriment. I send you

a used example on piece which illustrates very well the damaging consequence of this rough tearing.

"Of the nature of the mechanical apparatus, by means of which this pin perforation was executed, I am quite ignorant, but I should surmise it was done by some kind of toothed wheel used by hand."

BRITISH EAST AFRICA (162 E 191).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesive. Queen's Head, large type.
1 rupee, bright blue (instead of pale blue).

It was apparently first issued last year.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that a large number of the current B.E.A. stamps, notably the large one rupee, have appeared in the Bombay market. All these show a defacement very like a postmark, but on a close inspection the mark turns out to be inscribed "British Vice-Consulate of Uganda Protectorate and adjoining territories."

CAPE COLONY (190 R 191).—*Le Timbro-philie Belge* chronicles two novelties:—

Letter-card. Queen's head stamp, new shade.
1d. brick red (instead of carmine) on grey.
Post Card. King's Head stamp. Size, 140 x 90 mm.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green on cream card.

CEYLON (187 L 191).—We have already reported the distribution of 'specimen' copies of the 3c., 5c., 12c., 15c., 25c. and 30c. and now hear of the following from *Der Philatelist*.



Adhesives. Design as above, CA 14.
4c. dark yellow and blue.
R. 1-50, grey and dark grey
R. 2-25, brown and green.

It is rather surprising that the rupee values are in the small type. Ceylon has hitherto invariably had larger designs for rupee values.

COLOMBIA (190 Z 191). Last week we chronicled the 4c. 5c. and 20c. of the first 1902 series in new colours and we are now shown new editions of the 1 peso and 20c. Registration by Messrs. T. Champion & Co.



Adhesives. Designs of the first 1902 series printed in new colours. Imperf.
1 peso, violet on buff.
Registration Adhesive. Imperf.
20c. blue on blue.

From the same source we receive the 5 and 10 pesos, thus completing the usual series of values. The first series of 1902 had hitherto contained nothing higher than 1 peso. These two high values are of larger design.



Adhesives. Imperf.
5 pesos, green on blue.
10 " green on yellow-green.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie reports another "No hay."

O O
No hay es-
tampillas.
Pago a—
El Admor
E. O. ORTIZ
O O

The value 10c. is written in by hand. It does

not transpire where the stamp originates or what authority this particular *Administrador* had for issuing it.

COOK ISLANDS (177 T 191).—We have been shown a vertical pair of the 1d. brown with Crown overprint tête-bêche; that is to say, the overprint on the lower stamp of the pair is inverted. Many damaged specimens were over-printed and we have seen one which had evidently stuck to another and had half the printed surface torn off, the Crown being impressed on the white portion.

GERMANY (176 T 191).—*Prussian Railway Stamps.*—The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* (4.03/63) illustrates and describes a series of Railway Parcel Stamps which have just been brought into use on the Prussian State Railways.

Railway Parcel Stamps.

1pf. brown on yellow-brown.
2pf. dark lilac-brown on lilac-brown.
5pf. carmine on lilac-red.
10pf. dark blue-grey on blue-grey.
20pf. carmine-red on rose-red.
30pf. dark blue-green on blue-green.
50pf. violet on bluish lilac.
60pf. blue on pale blue.
1mk. dark grey on grey.
2mk. dark yellow-green on yellow-green.
5mk. red on orange-yellow.
10mk. dark brown on light brown.

These stamps do not rank with the Belgian Railway parcel stamps and it is not necessary for a postage stamp collector to take them. They are more on a par with the parcel stamps introduced during the last year or two on the L. & N.W., Caledonian and other British railways and a degree above the newspaper stamps in use since 1858.

GIBRALTAR (190 F 191).—We now complete our description of the King Edward series.



Adhesives. The low values chronicled last week are in the small type illustrated above. The following high values are in the large type.

2/- green and blue.
4/- violet and green.
8/- violet and olive on blue.
£1 violet and black on red.

Next week we will give a description of the sheets.

The Queen's Head series has been withdrawn and none of the values have been obtainable since April 30th.

GOLD COAST (184 S 191).—The Colonial Stamp Market inform us that in their supply of stamps just to hand, the 1/- value were entirely "Queen's Heads." Are the 1/- King exhausted or is it an attempt to get rid of Queen's Head remainders without burning them?

Judicial Stamps.—A correspondent informs us that in addition to the 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps announced in E.W.S.N. No. 184, there are also 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1 and £5 stamps, colour not stated. The stamps are apparently allowed by courtesy to do postal duty, as we have seen another letter posted from Accra and posted with the 1d. grey and vermilion of the series.

ICELAND (190 N 191).—Errors are of course turning up in the "1 GILDI" overprint. We note the following on the authority of our American contemporaries, *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* and the *American Journal of Philately*.

Adhesive. (Public).
5 aur, "1 Gildi" inverted.
50 " double surcharge.

IVORY COAST (182 D 191).—Messrs. Th. Champion & Cie send us the following. The overprint appears to be different to that chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 182.

Adhesive. Overprinted "Côte d'Ivoire—Colis Postaux," in two lines.

In red on 50c. lilac, Postage Due, imperf.
In black on 1fr. rose " " "

The following is a copy of decree relative to the above published in the *Journal Officiel de la Côte d'Ivoire* of 15th April.

Arrêté portant nouvelle transformation de chiffres-taxes en timbres de colli-postaux.

Le Lieutenant-Gouverneur p.t. de la Côte d'Ivoire.

Vu l'arrêté du 24 octobre 1902 établissant une taxe de transport sur les colis postaux destinés à être réexpédiés d'un point sur un autre point de la colonie; Vu l'approvisionnement en chiffres-taxes de 0.50 et 1 franc; sur la proposition du chef du Service des Postes et Télégraphes.

ARRÊTÉ:

Article premier.—Il sera procédé à une nouvelle transformation de:

1° 1,200 chiffres-taxes de 0.50.

2° 1,800 id. id. de 1.00.

au moyen d'une surcharge avec un timbre humide ayant comme marque distinctive l'empreinte Côte d'Ivoire—Colis postaux.

Art. 2.—Les chiffres-taxes à transformer par l'Imprimerie du Gouvernement seront remis à une commission composée du Chef du Bureau des finances, Président, d'un commis du Secrétariat général à la désignation du Secrétaire général et du receveur des Postes.

Cette commission sera chargée de suivre l'opération de transformation à apporter. Elle dressera procès-verbal de ces opérations pour la décharge du receveur principal de la Poste et la prise en charge par le même fonctionnaire des chiffres-taxes transformés en timbres pour colis-postaux.

Art. 3.—Le présent arrêté sera communiqué et enregistré partout où besoin sera.

Bingerville, le 6 Avril 1903. [Signed] Clozel.

JOHORE (A 191).—It is quite a long time since we had to chronicle the issue of a new surcharged provisional stamp for a British colony or protectorate. However, Johore has now come to the rescue, and the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us two provisionals just received from that city. They were issued on or before 18th April.

10 cents.

Adhesives. Overprinted in black approximately as above.

"3 cents" on 4c. yellow and red.

"10 cents" on 4c. green and rose.

There do not appear to be any varieties, although the length of the bars through the original value in each of the lower corners varies.

LAGOS (180 F 191).—'Specimen' sets of the King Edward series have now been distributed by the Postal Union.



Adhesives. Head of King Edward; CA 14.

½d. green and dark green.

1d. violet and black on red.

2d. violet and blue.

2½d. violet and blue on pale blue.

3d. violet and brown.

6d. violet and lilac.

1/- green and black.

2/6 green and carmine.

5/- green and blue.

10/- green and brown.

LEVANT, RUSSIAN (169 C 191).—According to *Nederlandsche Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* the 10 kop. blue has been overprinted "1 PIASTRE" in red.

LIBERIA (178 G 191).—The following is reported in *Der Philatelist*.

Adhesive.

10c. violet with O.S. in black, overprinted "ORDINARY" in black, for public use.

MEXICO (180 N 191).—*Der Philatelist* records the following.



Adhesives. Current type, new colours.

1c. dark lilac (formerly green).

2c. green (formerly red).

5c. orange-yellow (formerly blue).

10c. blue and orange (formerly lilac and orange).

Postcard. 140 x 90mm.

2c. green (formerly rose), yellow card.

It is not clear whether they have yet been issued or not.

MONACO (116 G 191).—The 5c. is the first value to appear with millésime 3.

NIGER COAST (177 B 191).—Mr. P. G. Waterfield writes us as follows:—

"Has it been noted that the later printings of Niger Coast stamps are on yellow-gum, the first or earlier ones? (of the Crown and CA.) being on white gum."

I cannot say when the change took place, as I bought no stamps between November, 1899, when the gum was white, and last February when the gum was yellow.

A 2/6 stamp that I bought from you in January appears to have white gum, but I am not decided, and a 10/- in the latest shade, bright violet, certainly has, which seems to be evidence in favour of your suggestion in *E.W.S.N.* No. 177, that the bright violet may be an earlier printing than the dark. I have, unfortunately, no specimen of the dark shade to compare the gum.

The darker gum may also perhaps account for the darker shade of some of the later sheet numbers."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (187 H 191).—

The following addition to the King Edward set chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 187 has been seen by *Der Philatelist* overprinted 'specimen.'



Adhesive. CA. 14.

5/- brown, head in blue.

Up to the time of writing this, only the 1d. value has been reported as actually issued.

PERU (163 L 191).—According to *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* the remainders of the 5c. on 10 soles blue-green and 1c. on 10 soles brown-violet (chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 135 and 184) have recently been offered by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. There were 37,000 of the former and 48,000 of the latter and they were only to be sold in parcels of 10,000 each to the highest bidder, the last man getting the odd quantities. It is not recorded if a sale was effected. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 135 we reported that of the 48,894 stamps of 10 soles then in stock, 48,800 had been surcharged, the remaining 94 being reserved for sale unsurcharged to collectors.

PORT SAID (181 F 191).—Completion of the set is announced by *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*.



Adhesives. Type as above.

15c. pale red.

20c. brown-purple.

25c. blue.

30c. lilac.

ROUMANIA (188 J 191).—*Der Philatelist* reports following novelties.

Postcard.

10 bani. red, white card (formerly buff card), 140 x 90mm. Without margin.

Lettercard.

15 bani. grey, white card (formerly buff card), 133 x 81mm.

ST. LUCIA (180 I 191).—We find that we have omitted to record the issue of the King Edward 2½d. and 3d. stamps about April (or before). The 3d. Queen's Head was reported obsolete in *E.W.S.N.* No. 180. A correspondent informs us that the 10/- value is also unobtainable.



Adhesives. CA 14.

2½d. lilac and blue.

3d. lilac and yellow.

The ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 3d. are therefore the only values yet issued.

SAN MARINO (A 191).—A new series of stamps appeared here on April 1st., according to information to hand from Mr. A. Bertazzini.



Adhesives. Perf. 14½ x 14, wmk. Crown

(i) Type of 2c. above.

2c. rose.

(ii) Type of 5c. above.

5c. blue-green.

10c. lake.

20c. orange-brown.

25c. ultramarine.

30c. carmine.

40c. orange-red.

45c. yellow.

65c. chestnut.

1 lira, olive.

2 lire, violet.

5 .. steel-blue.

Express Letters. Oblong.

25c. red-brown.

We have not yet seen them, the Colonial Stamp Market's supply on order being overdue, but may be able to give information as to size of sheets, etc., next week.

SOMALI COAST (183 T 191).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* has seen the following errors in the pictorial issue.



Adhesives.

5c. yellow-green, centre blue-green.
30c. centre inverted.

TAHITI (A 191).—The following provisionals are to hand from Messrs. Th. Champion & Co.

Adhesives. Overprinted on stamps of the *Etablissements de l'Océanie*.

"TAHITI—10—centimes" in 3 lines on 25c. black on rose.

"TAHITI—10—centimes" in 3 lines on 40c. red on yellow.

TASMANIA (190 W 191).—New stationery is recorded by *Le Timbrophile Belge*.

Postcard. Local impression, 121 x 73mm.

1d. dull carmine (instead of orange-red).

Letter-card. Melbourne print, 150 x 94mm.

2d. violet, Hobart. Numerous views at back.

UNITED STATES (189 U 191).—The colours of the high values of the new series will be as follows:—

Adhesives.

15c. olive. \$1 black.

50c. orange. \$2 dark blue.

\$5 dark green.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says the 50c. has been issued.

WEST AFRICA, FRENCH (A 191).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* states that in the last Session of the Council of Sénégal, the Secretary General announced the consideration of a new series of stamps for "l'Afrique occidentale française." (See *E.W.S.N.* No. 190 under Senegal). This, says our contemporary, would pre-suppose the suppression of the present separate sets for Sénégal, Soudan, Guinée, Ivory Coast and Dahomey, which form part of that great Colony.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THE winner of the competition announced in *E.W.S.N.* No. 188 is Mr. H. L. Bevir, to whom the set of Labuan Colony, 2c. to \$1, has been sent.

The following is a list of the mistakes:—

Par. Line

III. 1. Insert comma after 1900.

III. 3. For *pfennigs* read *pfennig*.

III. 4. Insert commas before and after *le 19 juillet*.

III. 21. As *que* refers to *surcharges* it would be better with *à la Poste* after *plusieurs*.

III. 29. For *à* read *à*.

V. 8. Comma wanted after *Mission*.

V. 14. Read *accusé*.

VII. 2. Insert *être* after *semble*.

VII. 5. For *surchargés* read *surchargée*, referring to *quantité*.

We again offer a prize to the sender of the longest list of mistakes in the following paragraphs, lists to reach us by Monday morning, May 25th. The prize this time will be a mint unused pair of the 2/- Queen's Head Western Australia. Sets of South Australia 3d. and 4d. long type will be awarded to the senders of the 2nd and 3rd best lists.

LES TIMBRES DE FRANCE ET DES COLONIES.

AVIS.

Notre collaborateur M. le Dr Voisin, Bagatelle, Aix-les-Bains, serait reconnaissant à nos lecteurs de vouloir bien lui communiquer tous renseignements inédits et toutes pièces inconnues intéressant les fiscaux et les entiers de France et des Colonies française.

Avec lui, nous comptons sur l'obligeance de tous pour contribuer, par leurs communications, au perfectionnement continu de notre catalogue special.

LA SEMEUSE.

Le Ministère des Postes fait étudier actuellement les modifications que l'on pourrait apporter à la gravure du timbre type Semeuse pour en rendre le fond moins uniforme.

Le soleil disparaîtrait probablement; les traits du fond destinés à représenter la terre seraient plus creusés et l'impression serait ainsi plus foncée; le sol trancherait avec le ciel. On avait songé à faire la terre en impression unie, plate; le mauvais effet obtenu a fait rejeter cette première idée. Mais avant de rien adopter, l'Administration écoutera les propositions que l'illustre graveur Roty lui suggérera.

(Also in the paragraph given under heading "Ivory Coast" in Column i).

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, 1892, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
164a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
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175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
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176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
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191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
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193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

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201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
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213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
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223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

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801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
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822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

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852* " 16 "	—	—
853* Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
854* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

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262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

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272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

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281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
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304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/0	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Railway Letter Stamps (190 N 192).—We have just seen a vertical pair of the 19th issue (24.8.01) of London, Brighton and South Coast Railway letter stamps with control numbers printed on the back over the gum. The Nos. are 29 and 30 and as the stamps are the top two in the middle row it is evident that this sheet was numbered from one of the top corners downwards and probably from right to left. All our other specimens of the 19th issue and all of the 21st are without numbering (the 20th and 22nd issues are not yet known to collectors). We hope to have some further information on the subject next week.

Belfast & Northern Counties.—As this line is to be taken over by the Midland Railway Company as from 1st July, there will probably be some changes of interest to collectors of Railway Letter Stamps.

London, Chatham & Dover.—At the time the Editor wrote his *History of Railway Letter Stamps*, only nine copies of the perforated issues of 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 were known to him, and since then, until recently, only single specimens have been met with. Consequently it was very difficult to classify these printings. Fortunately, however, two blocks, each of six stamps, of what is believed to have been the 10th issue of 1893, have just turned up. They are, undoubtedly, of the second transfer, which dates back to 1891, and nine of the twelve sub-types on the sheet have been identified by their aid. For the benefit of specialists of these stamps we give the distinguishing marks of the types below.

SECOND TRANSFER (L.C. & D., 1891).

(i.) First vertical row of sheet, type I. (N.E. triangle indented).

- No. 1.—(Not yet identified).
No. 4.—White blotch on S.E. triangle; line over DO of "Dover" broken.
No. 7.—Wide break in second line to left of top bar in left pillar; line under left foot of second A of "Railway" broken.
No. 10.—Line over S of "Single" broken; spike on right edge of shield.

(ii.) Second vertical row of sheet, type II. (lines in N.W. triangle broken).

- No. 2.—(Not yet identified).
No. 5.—Dot between left pillar and S.W. triangle.
No. 8.—Vertical scratch extending from C of "Chatham" to R of "Railway," from top to bottom of stamp. Scratches usually start very faint but pick up ink as the transfer is used.
No. 11.—Vertical scratch extending from between N and G of "Single" to R of "Railway." Usually very faint. Blot between the two lines under M of "Chatham."

(iii.) Third vertical row of sheet, type III. (3rd bar in left pillar broken).

- No. 3.—(Not yet identified).
No. 6.—Blot on right outline level with Y of "By."
No. 9.—Second line over HA of "Chatham" broken; line under 3rd bar in left pillar broken, etc.
No. 12.—Blot on line over first N of "Conveyance"; second line over first A of "Railway" broken.

We have found specimens showing eight variations in shade, paper, perforation (the gauge is uniformly 11½ but either clean-cut or rough), gum, etc., and provisionally number them issues 4 to 11 (three imperforate supplies in February 1891, being now generally admitted), viz:—

- (4th) 1891, green, very clear impression. We have one copy, dated 22.7.92.
(5th) 1891, bright green. We have one copy, dated 10.11.91.
(6th) 1892? bright green, almost similar. One copy, dated 17.2.92.
(7th) 1892? deep green.
(8th) 1892? dark green.

(9th) 1893? dark green. A reconstructed block of six is known, but it is much torn, creased and dirty. Nevertheless £5 would not buy it!

(10th) 1893? green. Two mint blocks of six.

(11th) 1894? deep green. Mint block of four.

Eight printings from transfer III. are known (1894-97), six being perf. 11½ and two perf. 10½, whilst four had been made from transfer IV. down to 1899, when the Company was merged in the South-Eastern.

Most L.C. & D. letter stamps are now worth, unused, as many pounds as they could have once been purchased for pence.

In fact, it has been estimated that of the 572 varieties of Railway Letter Stamps known to have been issued, the 554 of which specimens still exist would cost about £650 to obtain, buying them at cheap rates with discount for cash. Four or five years ago they could have been bought for about £100 (allowing proportionately for those issued since 1898). And it is only 13½ years since the first one was issued! As showing the really remarkable investment railway letter stamps have turned out to be, we may mention that a collector has just sold for £65 cash a small lot which he had been getting together during the past five years of a cost of probably less than £20 or a profit of over 40% per annum. The Editor bought a sheet of nine stamps from the Belfast & Northern Counties Railway in March 1898 and sold it piecemeal at 9d. per stamp. It was from an early transfer (used for a group of several printings) and £5 would be willingly paid for it were it still in existence intact. At the time it was sold it was not of course known to be anything unusual, nor was it really, as no doubt several dozen similar sheets could have been had from the Company at the price of 1/6 each. But no one else appears to have bought one and a few weeks later the opportunity was lost for ever. The new printing turned out to be from a fresh transfer (to which little interest attaches, as it has been used ever since) and no one at the present day knows how to reconstruct a sheet of its predecessor, only six of the nine types having been distinguished and identified. Even this result has been chiefly attained by the Editor's recent acquisition of a block of four stamps for 50/- (7400% profit on their cost only 5½ years ago!). The advice published in *Ewen's Weekly Circular* of 1898 to buy railway letter stamps as an investment has, we are pleased to say, been the means of putting handsome profits into the pockets of those who followed it.

Varieties of 1d. red. Mr. G. Fox writes:—

"I enclose for your inspection two 1d. rose-reds (Large Crown, perf. 14, die II). Do you agree with me that the left-hand B is reversed? I found one last year in sorting a large number of rose-reds; I waited before letting you see it till I had finished the lot (about 5000), in the hopes of finding another. As you see, a second has turned up."

We have examined the two specimens closely and think there is no doubt they are both from the same plate, the letters BB (the first inverted) being in exactly the same positions in the letter-squares. Owing to the perforation cutting through the right hand side of the inverted B in each case, one might at first glance suppose them to be manipulated H's but we do not think this is so.

BUNDI (163 B 192).—The *Daily Graphic* of 7.5.03 and 21.5.03 illustrates a curious stamp which is apparently a new issue.

Adhesive. Design showing Sacred Bulls.
1 anna (colour?).

Mr. J. V. Desai, writing from on board the steamship Oceana, off Port Said, has kindly sent a translation of the inscription and an explanation of the design. He says:—

"The top line means the State of Bundi. The line under it consists of two letters forming one word, meaning 'one.' The line under the design also consists of two letters making one word, 'anna.' The last line gives the year of the issue, 'Samvat, 1954,' corresponding with A.D., 1898. This is a one anna stamp, issued by the State of Bundi in 1898.

"The design, too, is simple. It is meant to represent the emblem of the particular sect of Hinduism to which the Chief of Bundi belongs. A bull is used as a conveyance by the Hindu god Siva, and the followers of that sect have bulls as their signs."

CEYLON (191 M 192).—We have now seen a 'specimen' copy of the 6c. of the King Edward Series. The design is very similar to that of the King's Head Bahamas, but inscribed "Ceylon—Postage" at top.

Adhesive. CA14. Head of King Edward.
6c. carmine.

COLOMBIA (191 A 192).—*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* says this Republic is contemplating the issue of stamps of 50 and 100 pesos. The highest value ever issued hitherto is 10 pesos.

CRETE, FRENCH (182 H 192).—In connection with our "Foreign Extracts Competition," we quote from *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* to the effect that the new unsurcharged 50c., 1, 2 and 5 francs, chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 164, and distributed through the New Issue Department of the Colonial Stamp Market on 2nd January, at the price of 7/6 per set, are practically unobtainable in France, no less than 150 francs or about £6 being asked for the four stamps!

CURACAO (136 F 192).—A new issue in the same type, as the new Dutch East Indies stamps is expected to be made here shortly.

CYPRUS (181 L 192).—We have seen a 'specimen' copy of the 45 piastres of the King Edward series:—



Adhesive. CA. 14. Head of King Edward.
45 piast., lilac and ultramarine.

The set already described contains the ¼, ½, 1, 4, 6 and 12 piastres, of which the ¼, ½ and 12 piastres have been actually issued.

The ¼ piastre was issued about January and the 12 piastres about April, or before.

ERITREA (190 D 192).—Dr. Emilio Diena kindly writes us as follows:—

"In No. 190 of E.W.S.N. you chronicle the 1, 2 and 5 lire unpaid letter stamps of Erythrea as 'blue and brown.' These three values, as well as the 10 lire, bear the figures in carmine-rose (or magenta, as stated by you for the lower values). In this connection, it will be useful to note that the 2 and 5 lire with figures in carmine-rose are not yet in circulation in the kingdom, no doubt because a good lot of those with figures in brown are still on hand."

Readers are therefore requested to amend the chronicle given in No. 190 as follows:—

Unpaid Letter Stamps (Segnatasse).

- 1, 2, 5l., blue and brown do not exist.
1 lira, blue and magenta.
2 lire, " "
5 " " "
10 " " "

The 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire, blue and brown, were the first printing for Italy and although the 2 and 5 lire are not yet exhausted, the second printing of all four values has alone been used for the Eritrea set.

NEW SOUTH WALES (190 H 192).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* informs us that the 2/6 Emu was issued on 3rd April.

The Colonial Stamp Market has just received several more blocks with sheet numbers to add to the list given a fortnight ago.

Sheet No. Machine No. All on chalk-surfaced paper.
6960 — 3d. A. C. Postage Due, Type 1.
(issued April, 1903).

Sheet No.	Machine No.	Value	Color	Issued
33453	—	10d. violet	(Issued 21.4.03).	
—	4599	9d. red-brown	(" ")	
—	93241	1d. carmine	(" ")	
—	21454	1/- chocolate	(" ")	
—	289	2/6 Emu	(" ")	
—	379	"	(" ")	
312339	350061	2d. blue	(" ")	
362809	123641	4d. green	(" ")	
362871	123628	"	(" ")	

Mr. J. N. Mostyn has shown us some more values of the official set.

Official Adhesives. Perforated "O.S.—N.S.W."
3d. perf. 11 x 11½.
4d. " 12 x 11½.
1/- " 12 x 11½.

The 4d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. were recorded in E.W.S.N. Nos. 174, 171, 172 and 173 respectively. The 5d. was referred to in E.W.S.N. No. 181,

although not formally recorded. Of the set perforated "O.S." only the 1d. value has yet been found (E.W.S.N. No. 171).

NEW ZEALAND (187 N 192).—We are informed by the Hon. W. Sugden that the 8d. London print may be added to the list of O.P.S.O. stamps. We now have a record of the ½d., 1d., 2d., and 2½d. Queen's Head and 5d. pictorial, no wmk., perf. 11. The 8d. stamp, by the way, is postmarked 6.6.00.

NYASSA (167 D 192).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles the following provisionals:

Adhesive. Overprinted in (?) on pictorial issue.
 "Provisorio" on 15r. black and brown (buff?).
 "25r. " " (orange?).
 "65 reis" on 20r. black and mauve.
 "115 reis" on 150r. " brown
 " " (orange-brown?).
 "130 reis" on 300r. " green.

In three cases the colours mentioned by our contemporary are different to those given in Gibbons' Catalogue; these latter we give in brackets.

PERSIA (190 Z 192).—With reference to Mr. J. B. Robert's warning in No. 180 and Messrs. Th. Champion & Co.'s reply in No. 184, we now have the following explanation from the former gentleman:—

"In reply to the remarks of Messieurs Th. Champion & Cie about the so-called '2nd type' of Persia, with values in lower case instead of capitals, which you inserted in No. 184 (April 4) of your weekly, I was perhaps not quite correct in the terms I used in my note. It was a warning, but only for the 'sets' of 'type II.' (?) with a certain *unknown* obliteration. This 2nd type can never be called a *reprint* in the philatelic sense; even if ordered for other than postal purposes, it is from a new setting. The obliterated sets will be the most eminently speaking witnesses against the want or need of it, since before the most ordinary value of that set was known to be issued, the whole sets, including the 50 *kran*s, were to be had *obliterated*! I called the *not postally used* although 'obliterated' sets, *frauds*, and not the stamps officially used on letters and other postal correspondence, although I must remark that postage-labels on envelopes are never *absolute evidences* of stamps officially admitted for postal purposes. I should be glad if any reader of your esteemed paper can give some explanation from official sources about all these unnecessary surcharges of recent date. Are these sets perhaps for the exposition at Teheran, and is the unknown obliterated stamp made for that purpose? I am very desirous to hear some good news from Persia and from the poor Postmaster in that country, whose head will be turned much more with all these stamp orders, than that of the pestered local Administrator of Berbera (Br. Somali-land), according to Father Reuter's telegram, of Monday, May 4th."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (184 K 192).—We have seen a "specimen" copy of a new high value.

Adhesive. CA. 14. Head of King Edward.
 \$100 lilac and blue on yellow.

This is evidently intended to supersede the revenue stamp of the same value, and if so, there will probably be \$25 and \$50 stamps later. The face value of the \$100 stamp at the current rate of exchange is about £8 10s., the value placed on a "specimen" copy being £2 10s.

SURINAM (136 C 192).—Mr. J. B. Robert informs us that a new set is expected here, the name being changed to *Suriname*. A correspondent at Paramaribo says that on May 3rd no stamps of 5c. were to be had in the colony, both the reserve stock at the G.P.O. and the stock issued to town and provincial post-offices being exhausted. If the new issue did not arrive very quickly, no doubt the fact will be announced to us shortly by the issue of a provisional.

TRANSVAAL (186 G 192).—A correspondent has shown us the King Edward Registration Envelope.

Registration Envelope. Stamp with King's Head.
 4d. blue. (Envelope, sizes F and G).

The postmark is dated "Pretoria. 29.4.03."

TRINIDAD (182 W 192).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following:—

Adhesive. Re-engraved? Plate 2, lines of shading in the sky become fainter as they near the horizon.
 ½d. green.

The sheets have marginal plate No. 2 with a series of broken lines round the panes. The 1d. is the only other value yet recorded in the re-engraved type.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (190 P 192).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* says that the ½d. post cards have been withdrawn. They were available for local use only.

Interesting Articles.

San Marino, types of 1892 surcharges. Hugo Krötsch DBZ 4 03/51.

France. Paris balloon-post, 1870-71. A. Maury CTP 5.03/164.

Concerning Official Stamps.

[The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for April has an interesting article under the above heading. We take the liberty of reproducing the statistical portion of it.—Ed. E.W.S.N.]

A study of the official stamps of the world reveals many curiosities and contradictions, and taken by themselves would be found sufficiently interesting to make them worthy the attention of a jaded specialist who is sighing for some field of study which has not been over-run by others. From the table published below it will be seen that there are over 1,200 main varieties of all countries, though if perforations, small variations of type, errors, and inversions of overprints were taken into account they would add up to two or three hundred more. The total number of those given in Gibbons' Catalogue is 1,581. The numberless departmental stamps of South Australia are not included in this total; their inclusion would bring the number much nearer to 2,000.

The following list shows which countries have issued official stamps, and the dates when they first appeared, with the number of main varieties. Most of the stamps are distinguished by a surcharge, though the fashion in recent years seems to be to issue entirely separate designs. Those countries which have ceased to issue official stamps are marked with an asterisk:—

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Name of Country.	Date First Issued.	No. of Varieties.
Great Britain ..	1882 ..	67
*British Guiana ..	1875 ..	10
Ceylon ..	1895 ..	11
India ..	1866 ..	37
Chamba ..	12	
Faridkot ..	9	
Gwalior ..	6	
Jhind ..	11	
Nabha ..	15	
Puttialla ..	16	
Hyderabad ..	20	
Kashmir ..	6	
Poonch ..	5	
Sirmoor ..	10	

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*Jamaica ..	1890 ..	5
New South Wales ..	1880 ..	34
New Zealand ..	1887 ..	14
South Australia ..	1874 ..	31

Includes O.S. varieties only.

*Perak ..	1890 ..	11
*Tonga ..	1893 ..	10
*Trinidad ..	1894 ..	7

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Argentina ..	1884 ..	28
*Costa Rica ..	1883 ..	25
Denmark ..	1871 ..	10
Iceland ..	1873 ..	21
Dominican Repub. ..	1902 ..	4
Ecuador ..	1886 ..	60
Egypt ..	1892 ..	1
German Empire ..	1903 ..	9
*Guatemala ..	1899 ..	1
*Hawaii ..	1896 ..	6
*Honduras ..	1890 ..	22
*Italy ..	1875 ..	8
Liberia ..	1892 ..	39
Luxemburg ..	1875 ..	83
Mexico ..	1884 ..	32
Nicaragua ..	1890 ..	111
North German Confed. ..	1870 ..	9
Paraguay ..	1886 ..	34
Persia ..	1902 ..	15
Peru ..	1880 ..	21
Salvador ..	1896 ..	107
Spain ..	1854 ..	13
Sweden ..	1874 ..	16
*United States ..	1873 ..	92
Uruguay ..	1880 ..	80
Venezuela ..	1898 ..	12
Wurtemberg ..	1875 ..	20

Grand total .. 1,228

The last named still uses official stamps, though its ordinary stamps have given place to those of the German Empire.

Our Postcard Column.

W.H.L. readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

A set of South Australia, Queen's Head, 3d. and 4d. long type will be given for each accepted contribution received on a post card during the next week.

Will some one kindly slay the author of the following:—

"Why are the stamps of Madagascar like the Natives of that Island?"

"Because they got a big licking and went all *Hova* the envelope!"

(P.J.I.).

Penny Postage to Great Britain.

REFUSED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CABINET.

[We take the following from a copy of the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 23rd March, kindly sent us by Messrs. J. H. Smyth & Co.]

MELBOURNE, Sunday, March 22nd.

The British authorities wrote to the Federal Government last month, again urging that the Commonwealth should become a party to the penny postage union, and suggesting that the reduced rate of 1d. per ½oz. to all parts of the Empire should come into force at the end of the year. The papers were referred to the Postmaster General, who went into the subject again. Senator Drake has always held that the rate to Great Britain cannot be reduced to 1d. while the inter-state rate remains at 2d. He found that the permanent heads of several State departments estimated the cost of establishing penny postage throughout Australia would be:—

New South Wales ..	£83,000
Victoria ..	55,000
Queensland ..	58,886
South Australia ..	40,000
Western Australia ..	34,200
Tasmania ..	24,500

Total ... £295,586

It was calculated that if the penny rate were extended to the United Kingdom and all other parts of the British possessions there would be a further loss of £20,924, distributed as follows:—

New South Wales ..	£8,000
Victoria ..	5,400
Queensland ..	2,824
South Australia ..	2,000
Western Australia ..	2,050
Tasmania ..	650

Thus making a grand total of £316,510.

Last year there was a deficit on the work of the Postal Department. This year the expenditure will, most likely, again exceed the revenue. In view of these facts it is understood that the Postmaster-General decided to recommend the Cabinet to decline to accede to the request made by the British Government. At the same time he renewed his offer to permit the residents of the United Kingdom to stamp letters addressed to any part of the Commonwealth with only a penny stamp.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

Such a large number of papers have been sent in this time, that we are obliged to hold over the award till next week. The Editor will have pleasure in devoting bank-holiday to their examination! Meantime, as many of our readers may have leisure to enter for another competition, we offer a prize of a set of King's Head Natal Stamps, ½d. to 1/-, to the sender of the longest list of mistakes in the following extracts, and consolation prizes of sets of S. Australia 3d. and 4d., to the senders of the 2nd and 3rd best lists.

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Echos et Nouvelles.

Les quatre timbres de Crète (Bureau français) sans surcharge, de 50 centimes, 1 fr., 2 fr. et 5 fr., deviennent décidément des raretés de premier ordre. Il se confirme que presque aucun marchand parisien n'en possède et que la plupart des exemplaires sont en mains du fameux Otto Bickel, dont les exodes fameuses à Saint-Marin et au Monténégro firent, il y quelques années, la joie des philatélistes.

Si l'on ne sait pas au juste comment Bickel obtint ce fameux tuyau, on explique assez facilement que les timbres en question manquent aux marchands de Paris. Ceux-ci ne s'approvisionnent pas des nombreuses nouveautés dont s'encombre la collection des Colonies françaises; ils les vendent tous, il est vrai, mais se bornent généralement à en acheter au bureau colonial de Paris, au fur et à mesure des commandes. C'est plus pratique et cela ne requiert aucune immobilisation de capitaux.

Comme personne ne s'attendait à la transformation des timbres de Crète en timbres surchargés de la monnaie turque équivalente, nul ne songea à les accaparer plutôt que d'autres timbres des bureaux françaises à l'étranger.

Et voilà pourquoi les 4 valeurs susdits sont aujourd'hui offertes à 120 Mark, dans les journaux allemands, par l'heureux Bickel.

Un de nos amis de Bruxelles, qui dirige le service des nouveautés d'une importante société, en avait acquis, lors de l'émission, une dizaine de séries qu'il a cédées presque à la valeur faciale, aux membres affiliés.

C'est une agréable aubaine pour ces derniers, mais elle l'est moins pour le directeur en question, qui n'a pas songé à s'assurer une seule des dix séries, croyant toujours avoir le temps de s'en procurer *ad libitum*.

(L'Annonce Timbrologique).

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Gollé de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164 French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1c.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/81
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps. —(188 M 193).—A correspondent has shown us the 1d. Board of Education with forged overprint. The letters are 2½mm. high instead of 2¼mm.

Overprints at back.—The following is from the Times of 27.5.03. :—

INITIALS ON THE BACK OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—Messrs. W. H. Everett and Son (Limited), of Bell's Building's, Salisbury Square, Fleet Street, send us a letter from the General Post Office granting them permission to stamp their stamps on the back and thus prevent them from being stolen. "For 15 years past," they write, "we have been trying to obtain this and have at length succeeded, thanks to the fact that you have from time to time inserted letters from ourselves and the replies to same." The passage in the letter from the General Post Office giving the necessary permission runs as follows:—"If . . . you still consider it necessary, in order to prevent pilfering, to adopt the practice of printing your initials on the back of your postage stamps, the Postmaster-General will not withhold his assent to your taking this course; and in the event of your doing so instructions shall be given to the effect that stamps printed on the back are not to be repurchased at post offices."

At one time the Post Office not only allowed this, but until 1880 used to print the initials and names for firms under the gum.

Railway Parcel Stamps (186 G 193).—We have already chronicled the 4d. blue and 6d. black of the North-Eastern Railway Parcel Stamps with value in words instead of figures. We are now shown the following by Mr. W. A. Foster.

ONE PENNY, bright green on pale blue-green, perf. 11.

FIVE PENCE, bright red on pale rose, perf. 11.

Railway Letter Stamps (192 O 193).—Some of the Railway Companies are not above making a profit when they supply collectors with these stamps. The North Staffordshire Railway make a practice of tearing every sheet in half before issue, thus forcing the collector of entire sheets to the Accountant's Department at Stoke-upon-Trent. He then gets the following reply:—

In reply to your letter I beg to say that I cannot let you have a whole sheet at face value; if you are prepared to give 4d. each [cent. per cent. premium—Ed.] or 6/8 for the sheet I will send you one.

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Collectors may however be thankful they can get the stamps at all, as in the case of some Companies an offer of 10 or even 100 times face value would not buy a sheet. This new printing for the North Staffs. is only the 8th in about 13 years, so that collectors have not much against the Company on the score of multiplication of issues. In practically every railway letter stamp the design has two pillars, one on either side, each consisting of six short upright bars one above the other and separated by sets of three short horizontal bars. Whether by accident or design, every stamp on a sheet of the 7th issue had the top or 6th bar in the left pillar broken in two. By a remarkable coincidence (?), every fifth bar in the new printing is broken and not always in the same place! We must really put this peculiarity down to design this time and can only suppose the authorities wish to provide collectors with a ready means of distinguishing the issues. Nine out of the eleven stamps on the sheet (i.e. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20.) have a blot on the line over "Fee for," but this would appear to be purely accidental. If so, it must have occurred on the die in the process of taking transfers and may be repeated in subsequent issues.

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.—As promised last week, we have some interesting information on the subject of the letter-fee stamps of this line. It seems that Messrs. Waterlow &

Sons have been having a grand clearance of odd sheets left over from previous printings during the past five years or so. Of the L. & S.W. issues, we have already noted the reissue of the 14th printing (11.1.96) and of printing 18a (printed in summer? 1898 but never issued at all till 1902!), these latter being either perf. 10×11 or entirely perf. 11 (the 11 gauge only dates from 1901). We have now to record a like proceeding in the issues of the L.B. & S.C. with the further complication that in the middle of the clearance the company has commenced to have its stamps numbered consecutively on the back. In the first place, Messrs. Waterlow & Sons appear to have found a number of imperforate sheets of the 16th issue (28.10.99). These were perforated with the new gauge 11 (instead of 10) and issued probably as part of the 20th or 21st issue.

We are unable at present to say whether any other old issues accompanied it, but can write more fully of the latest issue, the 22nd., of 10.1.03 (the first to be numbered). It only appears to have been issued in April, so is still well represented at the stations. We have the following:—

Sheet Nos. 25 to 36.	19th printing (24.8.01).
" Nos. 661 to 672.	" "
" Nos. 961 to 972.	17a printing (22.6.00).
" Nos. 1021 to 1032.	" "
" Nos. 1273 to 1284.	15th printing (10.5.99).

The entire issue is numbered 1 to 6000 and it will be interesting to see what happens as it develops. Sheets of the unnumbered 21st printing (23.7.02) are either perf. 10 entirely or have the two middle vertical rows of perforation 11 and the others 10. Collectors are most strongly urged to get these varieties whilst they can; in a year's time, it will be too late.

ASCENSION (A 193).—A correspondent having enquired what stamps are used here, we publish the following letter received a year ago, Captain in Charge's Office.

Ascension, 22.5.02.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 14th April, I beg to inform you that we use English stamps here and the Postal arrangements are the same as on board a Man-of-War. There is no special issue of stamps for this island.

Yours faithfully,

[Signed] H. Rodham,

Asst. Paymaster and Deputy Postmaster.

Let us hope this state of things will long continue! The stamps are cancelled with the Ascension circular date-mark (similar to those in use in England) and are somewhat scarce, values other than the 1d. being rarely seen.

BAHAMAS (183 V 193).—The quantities printed of the recent new issues are as follows:—

(i) Issued for sale on 23.9.01.		
Queen's Staircase 1d.	4115 sheets of 60	246900
(ii) Issued for sale on 19.12.02.		
King's Head 1d.	6085 sheets of 60	365100
" 2½d.	5883 " "	352980
" 4d.	102 " "	6120
" 6d.	202 " "	12120
" 1/-	306 " "	18360
" 5/-	95 " "	5700
" 10/-	100 " "	6000

(iii) Issued for sale on 27.1.03.		
Queen's Staircase 5d.	188 sheets of 60	11280
" 2/-	91 " "	5460
" 3/-	102 " "	6120

Our earliest recorded dates of issue for the latter two groups are 22.12.02 and 21.1.03, the former three days later and the latter six days earlier than the official date of issue for sale.

BERMUDA (187 I 193).—We now chronicle the new registration envelope.



Registration Envelope.
2d. blue, size F (135×83 mm).

BHOPAL (190 H 193).—We take the following from Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, preferring Major Evans' description of the recent novelties imported by the Colonial Stamp Market to our own.

Mr. Ewen sends us a curious assortment of the stamps of this State, consisting of old and new,

some of the former, we regret to say, furbished up so as to form new varieties. As was stated in February, a new form of embossed device has been adopted, which we now find applied to the new ½a. and ¾a. stamps, which are, of course, quite legitimate varieties; it has also, however, been applied to some of the older stamps, but not we fancy, in order to render them available for present use, because we have the 8a. stamp of 1893, with the old form of embossing, surcharged with an Arabic character in red, to denote the change of Belgium.

In regard to this stamp Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. tells us that they have received a letter from Bhopal containing the following explanation: "The sign of the red ink is made from the present Begum of Bhopal, and those stamps are from the time of the late Begum, therefore on those stamps only first word or alphabet has been printed, the price of the any stamps are not decrease up to this time." The explanation is not very clear, but it seems evident that it was thought necessary to mark these stamps in some way, on the face, to indicate the change of ruler, and we therefore conclude that the new embossing is not sufficient for this, and that the old stamps with the new embossing are merely remainders.

But there is worse news still; we have an imitation of type 13, printed in black, in a sheet of thirty-two varieties, and intended probably to represent No. 100a in the catalogue. The design, however, is more like type 13, having the close curved lines in the corners and the letter "A" in the centre at top throughout the sheet. We feel sure that this is something quite new, and therefore a posthumous variety, as our publishers received sheets of 100b after the new stamps appeared, and the new-comer has the new embossing.

8a., green-black (No. 168); with red surcharge.

½a., rose-red; new type, with new embossing.

¾a., black

Old types with new embossing.*

½a., red; perf. (No. 78.)

¾a., black " Nos. 113 to 116.

Type 13 redrawn; 32 varieties. With new embossing.*

¾a., black; imperf. and pin-perf. (small holes).

It is not proposed to catalogue these without some evidence of their having been actually issued for use.

CEYLON (192 N 193).—Mr. W. R. Sirisene writes from Dickoya:—"There are still a large quantity of the old Queen's Head stamps to be disposed of, and that is why the introduction of the new stamps is not hastened. I hear, when the new stamps are issued, the present 5 cent lilac will be surcharged 2 cents. But I cannot guarantee the validity of the statement."

We should fancy this is merely a canard. It is 18 weeks since we illustrated the 5c. King and the delay would lead one to suppose the authorities have thought better of it and intend to exhaust the stock of 5c. Queen's Head by natural means.

CHAMBA STATE (189 F 193).—In addition to the ¼ anna chronicled a month ago, we now have the following:—



Adhesives. Indian stamps as above, overprinted "Chamba State" in black.

¾a. green.

1a. carmine.

Date of issue, about April?

In a consignment of "Queen's Heads" received a short while ago, the Colonial Stamp Market found the following varieties:—

(i) STATE (small A). Top row of lower pane. 1a.; Service, ½, 1, 8as. 1r.

(ii) STATE (Inverted V). No. 56, 2as.

(iii) CHAMBA (B broken at top so as to look like a reversed inverted R). No. 6. 1. 2. 3as.: Service, ½a.

(iv) SERVICE (space between R and V). No. 12, 8as.

(v) SERVICE (second E tall and thin). No. 111, 2as.

(vi) Wide space (9mm.) between SERVICE and CHAMBA. No. 34, ½a.

CHILE (181 N 193).—Mr. G. F. M. Camroux writes:—"Enclosed please find an envelope stamp, which I think is a new issue, as I can't find anything about it recorded in *E.W.S.N.* for a long way back. I received it on Friday last, and it was posted at Coquimbo, 21st April, 1903. Unfortunately I destroyed the envelope, so I can't give the size, which was about ordinary 'business' size."

Envelope. Embossed.
5c. bright blue.

GIBRALTAR (191 G 193).—The lower values of the King Edward series are printed in sheets of 240, divided as usual into four panes of 60, each surrounded by a row of short lines, with plate-number 1 at each corner of the sheet. The higher values are in sheets of 60, 6 rows of 10, with similar marginal marks.

We take the following from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—"As regards the 2½d. stamp of the King's Head series a correspondent on the spot, 'Gibraltarian Philatelist,' writes us as follows:—

"There has been a big run on this value as the inscription reading 2½ 'penny' instead of 2½ 'pence' is popularly believed to be a mistake, instances being brought forward in the shape of the stamps of Cape of Good Hope, St. Vincent both surcharged and subsequent value issued, and Heligoland value 2½d. in which the inscription reads '2½ pence,' though on the other hand there are many Colonies such as Barbados, Turks Islands, Sierra Leone, &c., in which it reads '2½ penny.' Both ways can hardly be correct, and indeed it would be rather an interesting question to thrash out."

One or two collectors have expressed surprise at the high values in the new set, being 4/- and 8/., and we note that one of our American contemporaries in chronicling them places a query after them. These values are no freak however, nor errors for 5/- and 10/- as one might suppose. Their issue is due to the postage and revenue sets of stamps of Gibraltar being merged into one and the old set of the latter, just superseded, contained these values of 2/-, 4/-, 8/- and 1/-.

NORWAY (189 D 193).—Mr. C. L. Larssen sends us the following:—

"I beg to inform you that we are going to try a new way of franking the mail here in Norway as you will see by enclosed advertisement inserted by the Postmaster.

"I made an inquiry at the Postmaster's office to get you if possible a copy of the new stamping but could not get any yet. I was however shown the machine which is to be handled by the people themselves to impress the stamp direct to the envelopes, cards, &c. The colour of the stamp is the ordinary colour on our stamps, 5 green and 10 red.

"The stamps have in an oval centre a standing postman blowing on a horn. Surrounding this is a slightly larger oval and in the frame between them is the name *Norge* and *Frim*. On both sides is a circle with the value and on top a crown and some other decorations. Enclosed you will find a rough sketch to give you an idea of the stamp."

POST.

Försöksvis kan korresponderende ved frankering af indenrigske postsager benytte stemplingmaskine istedetfor frimerker. Stemplerne har vardiangivelse av enten 5 eller 10 öre.

Maskiner faaes tilleie hos postkontoret, mod 20 kroner halvaarlig i avgift. Ved opgjör tilstaaes 2% rabat. Forskudsvis indbetaling av portobelöbet vil blive krævet.

Anmodninger om leie bedes sendt postmesteren helst inden 24 mai.

Kristiania, 15 mai 1903.

Schöning.

The gist of the matter is that as an experiment machines (5 and 10 öre in the slot?) are to be tried at Christiania for stamping inland correspondence, no doubt something after the style of the 1d. in the slot machines for printing one's name on bits of tin. Machines can also be had at the Post Office at a half-yearly rent of 20 kroner. On settlement, 2% discount is allowed (what is the exact meaning of *ved opgjör* here?). Payment in advance of postage amounts is required. Requests for hire should be sent to the Postmaster, if possible, before 24th May.

SAN MARINO (191 B 193).—Numerous correspondents point out that the 2c. was wrongly chronicled as rose instead of lilac. Mr. R. T. Morgan writes:—"They have been printed at the Italian Printing Office at Torino so that we still find the curious anomaly of the postage stamps of a Republic watermarked with a crown. The 10c. and 30c. values are of almost identically the same colour, whilst the 45c. yellow is of a shade that makes it quite impossible to see anything of the design on the stamp by gaslight."

SEYCHELLES (184 S 193).—Mr. J. D. Le Conteur writes:—"In a letter from Seychelles to-day I am informed by a friend that as there are R40,000 worth of Queen's Heads stamps in the treasury vaults at present, there is no prospect at present of there being King's Heads issued."

On this subject, we shall have something of interest to state next week.

ZANZIBAR (148 F 193).—The following letter is from a correspondent at Zanzibar:—

"The 4½ anna orange of the late Sultan, Hamoud bin Mohamed, who began to reign on 27th August, 1896, and died this year, will soon be out. There are only 350 more left, and I have laid in a supply for myself. No more of these will be printed, and they, in my opinion, should well repay investment now. I bought a number for a gentleman in South Africa a few days ago and sent them to him in block form, some postmarked, others unused. The Regent, Mr. A. S. Rogers, is in England, and I was asking him before he left, what he intended to do about the New Sultan's stamps and he told me that it was one of the first things he intended doing after his arrival, having the new issues got out. In further conversation I also learnt that the reason of the hurry is that there was only 3 months' supply in stock, and the new ones will be required. I also elicited from him that if the supply gave out before the arrival of the new issue, that he had arranged for a surcharged issue of other stamps pending their arrival.

There will be no more of the late Sultan's stamps printed, and the die will be destroyed. Although these arrangements are not generally known, I on subsequent enquiry at the Post Office, found them to be correct, although even there they didn't know about the proposed surcharged temporary issue."

No doubt when the Regent arrived in England, he would find his plans somewhat upset. The King Edward series of Gibraltar, for instance, was ordered in 1901, and only sent out to the Colony in March, 1903, so there is not much prospect of an entire new series for Zanzibar being obtained at three months' notice. As no sign of any provisionals has come to hand, we should think a fresh supply of the old design has been printed and sent out. The late Sultan commenced his reign in 1896, but did not get his set of stamps till 1899, whilst his predecessor succeeded to the throne in 1893 and had to wait till 1896, so the present Sultan will probably have to wait till 1905.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. R. Porter sends us the following interesting extract from the advertisement columns of the PORT OF SPAIN GAZETTE, for 9th June, 1846.

"STEAMER

Woodcut of a Steamer.

LADY MACLEOD

Parties wishing to continue Subscribers to the Steamer, for conveying their Letters, &c., to and from San Fernando, are respectfully requested to pay their Subscriptions, for the next quarter, on or before the 10th instant, to Messrs. Turnbull, Stewart & Co., here, or to Messrs. McGregor and McKechnie, San Fernando.

Non-Subscribers Letters must be Pre-Paid.

DAVID BRYCE,

1st June, 1846.

Proprietor."

[Presumably at the time the above notice appeared, stamps were not in use, as Gibbons' gives the date of issue as 1847. The stamps were of the value of 2½d. and in blue. A few years later, in 1851, the Government of Trinidad issued two 1d. stamps, one in red or brown and the other in blue or grey. It is a mystery why two were required, seeing that Trinidad stamps were only available for prepaying postage on local letters. Was the 1d. blue, by any chance, connected with McLeod's steamer post? No doubt, when the Government commenced to issue stamps, the "Lady McLeod" would be suppressed, but the steamer service may have been retained. Was McLeod paid by means of a share of the postage on letters conveyed by him? If so, that might account for the issue of a special Government 1d. blue stamp from 1851 to 1860.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

Mr. H. S. Firbank writes:—

"I enclose what I believe to be rather a novelty, a pair of 1d. V.R.I. Transvaal, no stop after 1. I always thought these varieties only occurred at any distance to each other, and not in pairs. I have never seen a pair before."

A Fortunate Society.

The following remarkable paragraph appeared in the *Morning Leader*, of May 29th:—

"The Herts Philatelic Society is able to plume itself on the fact that no stamp displayed in the exhibition after its annual dinner, was worth less than £1,000."

The word "collection" is of course omitted, but even so, the record is a very creditable one.

Some Philatelic Grumbles.

How few collectors ever study their stamps sufficiently to gain a special knowledge. Of those that do so, how few give the benefit of their knowledge by contributing to the philatelic magazines!

One of the rules of a philatelic society should be that every member is required to write at least one intelligent article each year, either on the stamps of a whole country, or, if his resources are limited, on a single stamp or issue. Members would not then go to sleep or lead useless philatelic lives.

Of course, the Society would have to maintain a first-class reference library for the use of members, and what is equally important, would have to compile an index to its contents. An article would not be accepted from a member unless he could acknowledge having read all that had previously been written on the subject, thus ensuring to some extent that his article would mark some advance in our knowledge of the subject treated. At the same time, mere resumé would not be eligible.

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When compiling indexes to philatelic journals, we have often wondered why the paging begins at "1" with each volume. Why not run on? This would be a distinct boon to the indexer, who does not want to be bothered with the publisher's private divisions into volumes or numbers. The essential particulars for reference purposes are the date and the page number. This distinction into "volumes" is of no use whatever, except to indicate the extent covered by each index issued by the publisher. Its old signification of a separate book has been lost, as more often than not, two or three volumes are bound into one book. In these cases, where it is desired to compile a new index, great inconvenience results from the page-numbers repeating themselves. In our chronicle of "Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press," we give the initials of the journal, date and page, e.g., *E.W.* 6.03/506 (=Ewen's Weekly, June 1903, page 506). The date is not really necessary in our case, except to give an idea of when the article was published; the page-number is sufficient to find it, as we have never had a page No. 506 before and do not expect to again.

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Wanted, a specialist's catalogue, which will give under the heading of each issue, or in foot-notes, reference to the most reliable articles or books which have appeared on the subject. Kohl's Catalogue approaches in a small degree to this ideal, as it gives the authority on which new issues or doubtful stamps are catalogued.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

THE prize of a mint unused pair of 2/- Queen's Head Western Australia offered in our Competition in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 191, will have to be divided, two competitors being bracketed first equal. Whilst congratulating these gentlemen on their continued success, we are somewhat disappointed that the prize should not have gone to a new competitor, of whom many ran the winners very close. The maximum number of marks obtainable was 15.

(Mr. H. L. Bevir, the only competitor who pointed out all mistakes in the Ivory Coast paragraph. Overlooked special.

(M. Armand Dethier. Overlooked on.

(13) Major Biddulph, Messrs. C. F. Dendy Marshall, R. S. Dyer-Bennet.

(12) Messrs. W. G. Williams, H. Redgrave, M. Sandbach; Rev. E. D. Crawhall; Dr. H. Armstrong.

The principal words spelt wrong were as follows:—

Ivory Coast:—*colis, réexpédiés, remis, composée, procès, opérations, où.*

France:—*pièces, françaises, contribuer, spécial, suggirera; "type Semeuse" should be between inverted commas.*

It may be remarked the ARRETE had no accents because our printers do not stock capital letters with accents. *Chiffres-taxes* is masculine and both sections require an s in the plural; *où besoin sera* is the usual ending of decrees. For the sake of uniformity *colis postaux* and *chiffres-taxes* should have a hyphen everywhere, but they are not very consistent. Three sets of 3d. and 4d. S. Australia are being awarded instead of two.

As regards the competition announced last week, the first prize of a King's Head set of Natal and the two consolation prizes of S. Australia 3d. and 4d. are awarded as follows. (Maximum marks, 5):—

5 Major H. Biddulph.

4 Messrs. R. S. Dyer-Bennet and H. L. Bevir.

The mistakes occurred in spelling the words: *Crète, fameux, il y a, français, and susdites.*

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164 French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 to avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12r.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

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291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1r.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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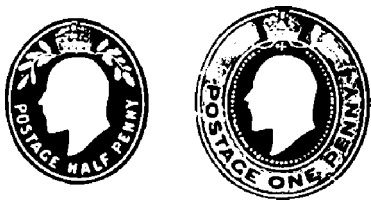
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (182 K 194).—At last, after an interval of three months, we have a new die to chronicle. The Colonial Stamp Market's 1d. envelopes, after a long run of duplicates, were stamped last week with die 46. The 4d. envelopes were die 22 again. The list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die numbers known.

4d. Dies 7 to 25 except 13; 43, 44.
1d. Dies 7 to 29 except 19; 43, 44, 46.

The complete set therefore comprises to date 20 dies of the 4d. and 25 of the 1d., total face value, 2/11. It would, however, now be difficult to obtain an unused set under 15/-.

Stamps with Firm's Names (191 B 194).—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes:—

"With reference to Mr. E. Bentley Wood's note in your issue of May 23rd, about stamps bearing the overprint of 'Copestake, Moore, Crampton and Co., London.' I beg to forward you the following further information.

(i). In plates 71 to 96 a uniform type seems to have been employed.

(ii). Of plates 98 and 104 I have copies showing not only the & of the same height as the 'rampton,' but the 'rampton' larger by nearly half a mm. than in the earlier plates. The '&' is consequently not so much smaller as at first sight seems to be the case.

(iii). Plates 100, 101, 102, and 103 and from 107 onwards show a thinner, more clearly printed type than that hitherto employed.

(iv). From 152 onwards a smaller type was used.

I should be much obliged if any information can be given as to the overprint on plates 97, 99, 105, 106 and a few numbers just before 152. I have no copies of these so am uncertain when some of the changes were introduced, but I think it is clear that the type described by me as existing on plates 98 and 104 was used but little."

Variety of 1d. red with outline (182 D 194).—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes further:—

"May I add one word on the controversy raging about the variety of 1d. red imperf. with thickened side lines. Mr. Gregory has a block of eight, all showing the variety. I have five copies on entires posted by one London firm on virtually the same date, and all showing a like condition of plate. Do not these facts go far to prove, pace Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, that on one plate at least every impression was treated in this way before the plate hardened. Major Evans scoffs at the idea, so I write in fear and trembling, but I quote his own words, 'assertion is not proof.'"

Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall contributes the following interesting and authoritative note to the *London Philatelist*:—"By the courtesy of the Secretary for Inland Revenue I have been allowed to look through the registration sheets, and find that on Plate 90 every stamp has an added outline. I had not time to make a detailed examination of every sheet, but I feel fairly safe in saying that this peculiarity does not occur on any other sheet except that of Plate 88, on which there are about a dozen stamps with outlines, some on one side only. The stamps 'KG' and 'LG' have it on the right only and the adjacent ones 'KH' and 'LH' on the left side only. This proves what I said before, namely, that it is not a retouch, but a minor variety issued in 1849."

Railway Letter Stamps (193 P 194).—*Somerset and Dorset*.—In plating a number of Somerset

and Dorset Railway Letter Stamps we found that there are 24 types on the sheet. In the *History of Railway Letter Stamps* only 12 types are acknowledged and it is there assumed that the stamps were lithographed in sheets of the same size as those issued. It takes two issued sheets, however, to make a printer's sheet. The same transfer of 24 types has served for every printing.

Midland. A new transfer, the 3rd, has been used in the last printing and like its predecessors contains 24 types in 6 rows of 4. The first transfer was in use over 5 and the second about 6 years.

Railway Parcel Stamps (186 G 194).—The South Eastern 4d. 'Farm Produce' now comes in a new printing in very pale rose, with large instead of small control figures (over 2,000).

Foreign Postmarks (A 194).—Mr. H. G. Watson writes:—

"The enclosed stamp (the 1/- of 1847) bears a postmark which I have never seen on these stamps before; it looks like a French Colonial obliteration, and so far as I can see bears the letters P.Bo. Can you tell me if it is Porto Bello or what place, and if it is at all an uncommon thing for stamps of this issue to be so obliterated?"

The Octagonal issue is rare with foreign postmarks. This one has probably franked a ship-letter posted at some French port.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (189 S 194).—Miss E. J. Hirschberg has shown us a new postcard.

Postcard. Very large stamp, 74½ x 39mm. (roughly 3 x 1½ in.), occupying greater part of left half of card.
5c. brown.

The stamp is inscribed 'Republica Argentina' at top and 'Centavos—5' in two lines at foot. In the centre the design is somewhat similar to that on the postage stamps, but the sea is replaced by a large rock inscribed 'Congreso Constituyente Santa Fe, 1853-1903,' and the lady is standing up, placing a horse-shoe of laurels on a large open book. The postcard measures 95 x 150mm., and is inscribed at top 'Tarjeta Postal—1º de Mayo de 1903' in capitals, and under the stamp 'Escribase en este lado la dirección solamente.' On the back is a portrait labelled 'F. José Manuel Pérez—Constituyente por Tucumán.' The card is franked with 6c. in adhesive postage stamps, so is presumably only good for inland postage. It is postmarked 'Buenos Aires, May 1st.'

Since writing the above, we see in the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* (3,4,03/53) a full account of the new postcard, together with the official resolutions and decrees relating to it. No fewer than 26 varieties occur, all with different Portraits, to the reproduction of which our contemporary devotes three full pages.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (181 N 194).—We take the following from the *Australian Philatelist*:—"There is a rumour afloat that the various States will be supplied with one uniform design of the De La Rue type with King's head with the name of each State inserted in the name label at top, and that these stamps shall continue in use until the expiration of the book-keeping period. This change may be due, perhaps, to the fact that an intimation, or Order-in-Council, has been received from the Home authorities, desiring that the King's head should be substituted for the design now in use."

BARBADOS (187 L 194).—We now record the actual issue of the new 2/6 lilac and green. Mr. E. W. Williams, of Bay St., Barbados, writes:—"I herewith enclose the new 2/6 issued this morning (23rd May) for first time. Size of sheet, 240 stamps. In great haste to catch mail, further particulars follow."

The Colonial Stamp Market, however, most undoubtedly received its first supply on May 11th so the new stamps must have been obtainable as early as the end of April, although perhaps not on sale over the Post Office counter.

CHINA, RUSSIAN (A 194).—The 'Ketao' issue of Russian China is likely to become commoner, as letters sent from China by the Trans-Siberian Railway require to be franked with both the stamps of the Chinese Imperial Post Office and Russian China.

A letter has been shown us which was sent

from China to Sunderland by the new route and it bears the following stamps and marks.

- Sender's superscription 'Via Siberia.'
- Chinese Imperial Post, 10c. green; postmark illegible but some date in April and possibly 'Wei-Hai-Wei' at foot.
- At back, Chinese postmark, postmark 'Shanghai, 24 APR 03.'
- At back, Russian postmark 'Porto Artur'—18 (?) IV.03—Potshtov. Kont.' (Port Arthur, opposite Wei-hai-wei, is a terminus of the Railway).
- On front, near the Chinese stamp, Russian China 10 kop. postmarked apparently 'Shanghai—19 III 03—Potshtovaya Kontor.'
- On back, 'Sunderland, 7 a m. MY.22 03.'

The time in transit between Port Arthur and Sunderland would therefore be about 22 days, which compares favorably with the 40 days occupied in transit of letters sent by the mail steamers.

GUATEMALA (176 T 194).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles some new provisionals on the authority of Mr. H. Cornack.

Adhesives. 1900 series (new colours, S.G. 141-145) overprinted, in (colour?), '1903—25—centavos' in three lines.
25c. on 1c. deep green.
25c. on 2c. rose red.
25c. on 6c. pale green.
25c. on 10c. pale brown.

INDIA (188 Z 194).—We have now to record the actual issue of the King Edward 4 annas, probably at the beginning of May.



The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us two mint sheets of the 1½ anna Queen's Head in distinct shades of brown.

ITALY (189 M 194).—We are now able to publish a much longer list of the plate numbers, a considerable number of additions having been sent us by Mr. C. de Grave Sells. There are also watermark numbers as in the case of British stamps. They are in every case 4, 5 or 6, except one, the 10c. plate 4303 having '12.'

TYPE OF 1863-1865.

1614 1c. overprinted for Eritrea.
3044 2c. " "

TYPES OF 1843-97.

2632 25c.	3260 1c.	3418 20c.	3723 2c.
3178 20c.	3298 25c.	3421 5c.	3764 5c.
3211 10c.	3301 5c.	3428 5c.	3822 2c.
3244 2c.	3308 5c.	3530 2c.	3857 10c.
3245 10c.	3325 2c.	3531 10c.	3884 2c.
3246 20c.	3347 2c.	3619 10c.	3910 5c.
3257 2c.	3049 2c.	3 89 10c.	

TYPES OF 1901.

4197 5c.	4285 2c.	4303 10c.	4384 2c.
4213 1c.	4290 50c.	4314 2c.	4435 2c.
4214 25c.	4296 5c.	4335 2c.	4561 2c.
4254 10c.	4298 20c.	4339 20c.	

Nos. 4370, 4373 and 4376 are Benadir plate numbers.

We are informed by Mr. A. Bertazzini that the following is about to be issued:—

Express Delivery. Large stamp inscribed 'Espresso.'
25 cmi. (colour?) (perf.?) Wmk.?)

No particulars beyond the above are apparently yet to be had.

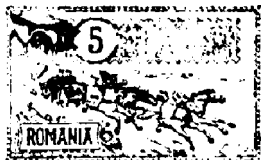
A 'Cartolina postale telegrafica' is to be instituted, whatever that may be.

LIBERIA (191 H 194).—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* quotes Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy to the effect that the new 3c. Liberia Inland Postage Stamp is watermarked 'Jas. Wrigley & Son, Ltd.—Bury—Extra Strong,' in three lines, covering 21 stamps on each sheet in 3 rows of 7.

PERSIA (192 A 194).—The following is the type of the 1903 overprint described in E.W.S.N. No. 180.



ROUMANIA (191 K 194).—We are now able to formally chronicle the issue of the new pictorial issue.



Adhesives. Postillion design. Thin wove unwatermarked paper, perf. 14 x 13½. Sheets containing 80 stamps in 16 rows of 5; plain margins, except for vertical dash in middle of lower margin. Some of the sheets show the watermark "Sohannot et Cie., Annonary," or part of it, reading up one side, in a single line of small double-lined capitals.

- 1 ban, olive-brown.
- 3 bani, brown-lilac.
- 5 .. pale green.
- 10 .. rose.
- 15 .. black.
- 25 .. dark blue.
- 40 .. dull dark green.
- 50 .. orange-yellow.



King's Head Design. Thick (very distinct from paper of the Postillion issue) wove unwatermarked paper, perf. 13½ x 14. Sheets containing 60 stamps in 5 rows of 12; plain margins. Apparently no watermark anywhere on the sheets of paper.

- *15 bani, black.
- *25 .. bright blue.
- *40 .. bright green.
- *50 .. orange.
- 1 leu, sepia.
- 2 lei, pale brick-red.
- .. bright orange-red.
- 5 lei, dark violet.

The Postmaster of Bucarest writes as follows:—"The stock of vertical stamps with portrait of the King, which has been issued in very restricted quantities, has been completely exhausted and only a few specimens remain for the purpose of satisfying demands received by post from collectors."

Our Colonial Stamp Market was perhaps fortunate in being allotted a fifth of the quantities of the King's Head 15, 25, 40 and 50 bani applied for, although all others were supplied in full.

SIERRA LEONE (184 O 194).—Mr. H. C. Horton informs us that he has received the King Edward rd. stamp and that it was probably issued in May.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (189 Z 194).—The long expected 10/- in the "Postage" series is reported, as issued, by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.



Adhesive. Design as above.
10/- green.

UGANDA RAILWAY (169 B 194).—In *E.W.S.N.* of December 20th we illustrated and chronicled a series of type-set telegraph stamps for use on the Uganda Railway.

We have now some further interesting information on the subject from Mr. B. Eastwood, who was Chief Accountant to the Railway Company at the time the stamps were introduced (date of issue, 1.6.02). Our correspondent writes:—

"I send herewith for your inspection a complete set of entire sheets of Uganda Railway telegraph stamps and also a set of proofs (all perforated)."

"The stereo plates were broken on 4th March, 1902, and I enclose a piece of the Rs. 20.—plate for you to see. The type was set up in a row of six stamps for each of the rupee values and in a row of seven for each of the anna values. One proof impression of each row of type was printed and the mould was then taken for the stereos, of which in the case of each value eight were made. They were placed in four rows of two and nailed to a board, thus forming the plate. It consequently follows that sheets of the anna values each contain 56 stamps in 4 rows of 14, and sheets of the rupee stamps 48 stamps in 4 rows of 12. All sheets are however of about the same size, owing to the rupee stamps being slightly

larger than the others. Before breaking up the stereos, one impression was taken from each, and received the imprint, in heavy type, on the upper margin 'Last impression' and '[Not for Issue.]' This set is now in my possession.

"As regards the proof impressions taken from the original type, the seventh set of the anna values was destroyed. The six remaining complete sets were divided into singles, each stamp having margin at the top, on which the word 'PROOF' was printed. Each set was then mounted on a separate sheet of paper and endorsed by me 'Proof Set Uganda Railway Telegraph Stamps. Six sets printed. B. Eastwood, 14/5/02.' The difference in my signature is due to my having lost my right arm in October last. These sets, except two which I hold, were used for presentation purposes."

It is interesting to note that the series of sheets and proofs include a 20 rupees value. The highest value which we chronicled was 10 rupees. The proofs were taken from the original type before it was corrected and show several misprints which do not occur in the stamps as issued. If the margin (with imprint "PROOF") were torn off, they would be indistinguishable from the issued stamps as they are similar as regards colour, paper and perforation. We accordingly chronicle:—



Railway Telegraph Stamps. Perf. 11½.
20 rupees, black on white.

Proofs. Only six sets made. Perf. 11½.
"TWO RUPEE" black on yellow.
"THREE RUPEE" black on bright green.
"FOUR RUPEE" black on lake.

"Rupee" is of course a misprint for "rupees" which appears correctly in the stamps as issued. The proofs of the 5, 10 and 20 rupees have the word spelt correctly.

We may perhaps conclude this rather voluminous history with a copy of the printed circular issued to station masters on the line.

UGANDA RAILWAY.

CIRCULAR.

On and from the 1st June, 1902, the present triplicate form of receipt in use for public telegrams will be discontinued and Uganda Railway Telegraph stamps will be substituted.

Stamps will be issued of the following values:—
Annas 2 4 6 8 12
Rupees 1 2 3 4 5 10 20

Anna stamps will be in sheets of 56 and rupees stamps in sheets of 48 of each value. Every sheet will have the Uganda Railway crest stamped on each side of the border, and all unissued stamps must have at least one stamped border of the sheet attached.

Stamps to the value of the message sent must be given to the sender, who will affix them to the message in the space provided. The upper portion of the stamps must be dated and numbered so that reference at any future date is facilitated and the stamps must be cancelled with the Station stamp and the portion of the message above the black line in the centre of the stamps must be cut off and given to the sender as the receipt for the message received.

A monthly statement must be submitted with the station accounts, showing the balance of stamps in hand.

No message with stamps already affixed may be accepted, except in special cases where arrangements have been made to issue stamps direct from this office; full particulars of all and any such cases will be duly advised.

Signallers are responsible for the value of the stamps issued to them.

Chief Accountant's Office, [Signed] B. EASTWOOD,
May 21st, 1902 Chief Accountant.

UNITED STATES (191 V 194).—Mr. G. Marples is the first to show us the new 5c. envelope. It is dated "South Omaha, 21.5.03." *Envelope.* 5c. blue ("1809—Lincoln—1865.") It has already been described, see *E.W.S.N.*, No. 185.

VICTORIA (188 F 194).—Mr. C. B. Donne has shown the following to the *Australian Philatelist*.

Adhesive. Wmk. and Crown, perf. 12½.
1/- orange, re-engraved.

The main difference, states our contemporary, is that "they are much whiter looking owing to

the engine turning at the sides being in broader white lines. The words 'Postage' at sides are also in larger type. This is noticeable by looking at the first and final letters of the words; in the present case they point more towards the top and bottom of the stamp respectively than the preceding issue."

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. J. W. Lowson writes:—

"First Penny Post in Britain—In an after-dinner speech in Edinburgh, on Friday night, 22nd ult., Mr. F. Braid, Ex-Postmaster of Glasgow, said that to Glasgow belonged the honour of instituting the first local penny post in Britain. The minutes of the Burgh, in 1663, stated that the postman was to receive as the reward of his labours "three pounds Scots per week, and he only to receive a penny sterling for ilk letter he receives, and as much for ilk letter homewards."

A Stamp Collector's Competition.

WHOSE PORTRAIT WOULD YOU PLACE ON
BRITISH POSTAGE STAMPS?

As all philatelists are aware, the suggestion has often been made that Great Britain should have a series of portrait postage stamps as a memorial of the greatest heroes of British history. It would be an innovation, for hitherto the postage stamps of our own country have borne nothing but the head of the reigning sovereign. Still, supposing the thing were possible, to what British heroes would you assign the various values of British stamps? That is the question the competitor is invited to answer.

These are the values composing the set:—½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 10d., 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., £1, and £5.

One most important condition: The celebrities you select must be persons no longer living. In the United States, where the nation's postage stamps are used as a national portrait gallery, there is a well understood condition that the head of a living person shall not appear on a postage stamp; it is an honour conferred only on the dead. In Great Britain probably the same course would be pursued. Therefore the names of such notabilities as Lord Kitchener, Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Rosebery, and indeed all living persons, are ineligible for this competition.

The plan followed in America is to award the stamp most extensively used to the man of greatest renown. Thus we find the head of George Washington, the "Father of his Country," on the 2 cents stamp, Benjamin Franklin on the 1 cent and so on. Follow this plan in the competition, and assign our penny British stamp to the man who, in your estimation, stands highest in the annals of British history. Both male and female celebrities may be cited.

Make a list of the seventeen values of stamps mentioned above, write against each value the name of the famous Briton whose head should appear thereon, and then post the list, with your full name and address to the Stamp Editor, HOBBIES, 12, Paternoster Square, London E.C., not later than June 20th.

The prizes—First, Ten Shillings; second, Five Shillings; third Half-a-Crown—will be awarded in accordance with the total vote of the competitors. Several Postage Stamp Albums will be given as Consolation Prizes.

[Note by Editor of *E.W.S.N.*—We have taken the liberty of reproducing particulars of the above competition thinking that it might possibly interest some of our readers. It must be understood however that we do not invite solutions to be sent to us, nor do we offer any prizes. Competitors should send their attempts direct to *Hobbies*.]

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Afghanistan, Plating of the Shahi Tablets, D. P. Masson, PJI 4.03/111.
Holland, Colonies, Auction sale of Schäfer collection, PJI 4.03/112.
Belgium, Railway Parcel Post stamps, AT 5.03 1871.
Holland, notes on 3rd issue, E. W. Wetherell, PR 5.03/84.
Greece, Note on 11. printing H, PR. 5.03/90.
Portugal, Adhesives of J. N. Marsden, I.P. 5.03 100.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2 1/2	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2 1/2	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	15	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164 French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

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291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1c.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

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302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	6	1/0	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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Stamp Collecting as an Investment.

As showing the remarkably small quantities of current unused colonial stamps imported now-a-days compared with the huge supplies which have at times been bought up by mad speculators in the past, it is interesting to note the evidences of extreme scarcity exhibited by the Colonial Stamp Market's latest experiment.

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 191, a list of 138 sets of stamps was given, which the Colonial Stamp Market was willing to purchase at premiums which would make a collector, if he continued to buy and sell for 54 years, a millionaire. These 138 sets were the commonest which have gone out of issue in recent years and which might be expected to be offered in quantity, but during the month the advertisement has been widely circulated, examples of only 17 of these sets have been offered for sale! The following is a typical example:—

JULY 1902 (Selling).

Northern Nigeria, Queen. In July, 1902 (11 months ago) a large stock of all values was advertised for sale, and of course, any quantity could have been had from the Colony a short while previously, at face value.

JUNE 1903 (Buying).

Having no sets left, and a large demand, the Market advertised, offering to pay 50% premium, with the following result:—

		Premium on sets.	Premium on high v.	Quantities received.
Week ending	May 24th	50%	50%	0
"	May 31st	50%	50%	0
"	June 6th	50%	50%	0
"	June 13th	50%	50%	0

This is exactly typical of 121 out of the 138 sets we advertised for! No better evidence than this, could, we believe, be afforded, of the fact that sets of colonial stamps are not being put by in nearly sufficient quantities to meet the demand when they become obsolete. The above result is not due to defective circulation of *E.W.S.N.*, as during the same period it has been the means of selling freely of all sets advertised for sale, chiefly in singles and blocks of four to collectors.

See the other side of the question. Mr. C. J. Phillips takes collectors into his confidence in the May number of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* when he says:—"Our publishers have for some years been putting aside a certain proportion of all stamps imported by them, and they are only one of many who are accumulating a reserve. In the case of my firm, our vast demand and facility of disposal justify this investment."

Compare this with sundry advertisements now going the round of the philatelic press, advising collectors "what to avoid in stamp investments" and incidentally mentioning "new issues" and one begins to see daylight. Certain dealers are "accumulating reserves" of all new issues and one of these fine days collectors will wake up to the fact that they have got to pay many times cent. per cent. for what they might have bought about face value when current. Meantime an attempt to frighten them off "new issues" is being made to serve the double purpose of getting them to buy older issues on which dealers have already earned handsome dividends and to ignore "new issues" so that these dealers' reserves may become equally rare.

Mr. C. J. Phillips honours our Colonial Stamp Market by reproducing their announcement "£1,000,000" in extenso, remarking, by way of comment "Oh dear, how simple this is! What fools we must all be who are not millionaires!"

Truer words were never written. And it is pretty certain that he refers, not to himself, but to the collectors he is trying to frighten away from the "New Issue" Market.

New issues, collected properly and not wildly speculated in, are one of the finest investments anyone could make.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. Manghirmelandè, writing from Berbera under date of June 5th, says the new issue of Somaliland stamps was expected "in a fortnight or so."

The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of *E.W.S.N.* in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Official Stamps (188 M 195).—Mr. M. C. P. Ward has shown us a 1d. King's Head overprinted "ARMY OFFICIAL." The first C is perfect, although no doubt due to break in the letter O.

Cheque Dies (182 L 195).—We have seen cheque die EC, dated 16.3.03. Dies not yet reported are DK, DL, DN, DP, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DZ, EA, EB. The D series dates back to the end of 1901.

Railway Letter Stamps (194 Q 195).—The following new printings are notified to us by Capt. Connolly:—

Belfast and County Down, 17th (?) printing, ordered from lithographers 23.3.03, same transfer as before (6th), bright emerald green, margins clipped.

Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties, 8th printing, bright emerald green, margins clipped. Evidently printed at same time as the B. and C.D. listed above and the B. & N.C. already chronicled (*E.W.S.N.* No. 185).

Has the Wigan Junction Railway ceased to issue special stamps? A collector who forwarded 6d. to the Secretary of the Great Central Railway (who also acts for the smaller joint lines), received the following reply, under date February 18th:—

"This Company's system being worked as part of the Great Central Railway they have no separate issue of Railway Letter Fee stamps and I accordingly return the 6d. in stamps you enclosed in your letter of the 12th instant.

Yours truly,
(Signed) O. S. HOLT, Secretary."

Ewen's History of Railway Letter Stamps (page 257) states that the Wigan Junction Railway ordered 240 stamps (20 sheets of 12) from Messrs. Blacklock & Co. Ltd., lithographers, etc. of Manchester, on 6th. July 1900 and these were undoubtedly delivered and issued, as both entire unused sheets and single used specimens have come into the hands of collectors. If the stamp is really obsolete it will rise from the rank of "catalogued gd." to become one of the rarities of railway philately.

Collectors who start at once still have a chance of getting a fair proportion of the older issues of Railway letter stamps. Some stations used up their supplies more slowly than others. For instance, in a recent week we posted 18 letters at different stations on the L. & S.W. system and they were stamped with L. & S.W. letter stamps of the following issues:—27, 28, 30, 31, 31, 31, 31, 33, 33, 34, 35, 35, 35, 36, 36, 36, 37. The 27th was the only issue ever made for this Company in sheets of 3 rows of 4 (instead of 4 rows of 3).

BRITISH SOMALILAND (190 F 195).—The philatelic event of the week has certainly been the arrival in London of the surcharged Somaliland stamps. The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the various values up to 1 rupee, so that we are able to give a complete list of the minor varieties in the lower values.

Adhesives. Overprinted on Indian Queen's Head stamps.

(i) Wmk. Star, perf. 14. Sheets of 240 in 2 panes of 120.

1a. pea-green (bright shade, intermediate (?) printing).

1a. carmine (first shade).

2a. pale violet (first shade).

2a. ultramarine.

3a. brown-orange.

4a. slate-green.

8a. mauve.

12a. brown on red.

1r. carmine and green.

(ii) Wmk. star, perf. 14.

2r. yellow-brown and carmine.

3r. green and brown.

5r. violet and ultramarine.

(iii) Wmk. Elephant's Head, perf. 14. Sheets of 320 in 4 panes of 80.
6as. pale olive-brown.

Official Adhesives. Overprinted on "On H.M.S." stamps of India.

(iv) Wmk. star, perf. 14. Sheets of 240.

1a. pea-green, (bright shade).

1a. carmine (first shade).

2a. pale violet (")

8a. mauve.

1r. carmine and green.

We have not been able to examine sheets of the official stamps because the sale to the public is forbidden, but as regards the ordinary issues, values up to 1 rupee, we can report as follows:—

(i) Sheets of 240, 20 rows of 12; horizontal margin running through centre of sheet dividing it into two panes (as in British stamps).

No. 5. The 4, 8 and 12as. have small "L" in "Somali."

No. 18. The 1a. has ! instead of second I in "British"; the 1a. and 2a. show the variety "BRIT SH," the second "I" being represented by the faintest of dots level with the top of the other letters.

Nos. 22, 30. The 1/2, 1 and 2as. have small L in "Land."

No. 33. The 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12as. have small N in "Land."

No. 43. The 1/2, 1, 2, 3as. have small L in "Land."

No. 80. The 1 and 2as. have small L in "Somali"; the 1a. has two ! in "British."

No. 109. The 1/2 anna has apostrophes instead of I's in "BRIT SH," etc.

No. 116. Wrong fount D in "Land," much too thick; all values.

No. 127. Short second I in "British," 1/2 anna.

No. 132. The 1/2, 1 and 3a. have 'dropped' S in "Somali."

No. 169. Error "BRIT SH." In the 1/2, 1 and 2 annas the second I is omitted; in the 3as. it prints faintly, and in the other values clearly.

No. 172. Small wrong fount L in "Land"; all values.

Nos. 218, 233, etc. "Somali" has ! instead of I in the 1/2 anna.

No. 228. "Somali" has : instead of I in the 1/2 anna.

No. 236. The S of "Somali" and left stroke of M are almost entirely missing.

(ii) Sheets of 320, 20 rows of 16; margins divide into four panes, each 10 rows of 8.

Same varieties as above.

Type 116 (Nos. 152 and 160) and type 172 (Nos. 228 and 236), same as above.

Type 172 (Nos. 228 and 236), small L in "Land."

The above are the more permanent minor varieties but in addition almost any single sheet will show a broken letter here and there particular to itself. In many cases, however, even the varieties we describe only occur on sheets of one or two values.

The most striking variety is the "BRIT SH" error, with second I omitted. But it appears to occur only in the three lower values.

The only two errors or varieties which occur on every sheet of all values are the thick D on No. 116 (8th in lowest row of upper pane) and the small L on No. 172 (4th in 5th row of lower pane). There are many small L's dotted about the sheets, but this one on No. 172 appears to be the only one due to wrong fount; the others are likely to be due to defective type or defective printing. In the former "L," both strokes are shorter; in the latter "L's" only the upright stroke is shortened. The ! and : instead of I's occur frequently in the rough, but "finished" examples—those that really look under the microscope like what they appear to be to the unaided vision—are rare.

The sheets of 6as. are surcharged with the same type as the other values, but the four right hand vertical rows of type are removed, and the 20 vertical rows of eight which remain are placed close together. Two impressions of the surcharge are therefore required to complete the sheet of 320 stamps.

DANISH WEST INDIES (187 S 195).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a new 2c. stamp.

Adhesive. 2c. rose.

New 8c. stamps were received by the same mail from Denmark, but will not be issued till the surcharged stamps are used up.

ITALY (194 N 195).—Mr. D. M. Politoff has shown us what appears to be a genuine imperforate 5c. of the current issue used on entire envelope, postmarked "Firenze—28.9.02—Ferrovie." The margins are large on all four sides and are very even, leading one to suppose that the stamp has been unusually carefully cut—perhaps from a proof sheet? The stamp is valued at £1.

MOROCCO AGENCIES (189 G 195).—We have seen a "specimen" set of the King Edward series. The Gibraltar head plates are used, together with probably the old duty plates (the values requiring to be in centimos and pesetas). "Morocco—Agencies" is overprinted as usual, the old plate being no doubt employed.



Morocco
Agencies.

Adhesives. King Edward type of Gibraltar overprinted as above in black. CA 14.

- 5c. grey-green and green.
- 10c. lilac on red.
- 20c. green and carmine.
- 25c. lilac and black on blue
- 50c. lilac and violet.
- 1p. black and carmine.
- 2p. black and ultramarine.

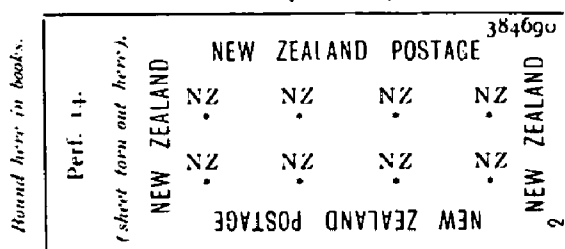
NEW ZEALAND (187 X 195).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the current 1/- in quite a distinct shade.



Adhesive. Cowan paper, NZ star, perf. 11.
1/- bright red (instead of rather dull vermilion), 2a.

A sheet shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market has the corner number 383974, whilst a sheet of the same stamp surcharged for Niue has No. 384690. It may be remembered that sheets of the first printing of the 1/- on the new paper had numbers 244929, 244976 and 245126, proof, if any were needed, that the printings are distinct. The new 1/- stamps are printed in the same way as those of the first printing, the sheets of which were fully described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 174. It may, however, be of interest to new readers to repeat the description, and to old readers, to do so in a new form.

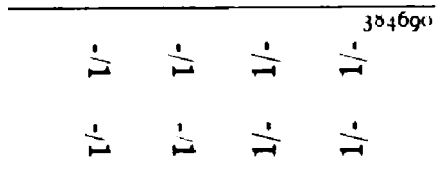
(i) Illustration of sheet of paper, looking at the side to be printed upon.



Explanation.

- "New Zealand" and "N.Z. Postage" are watermarked.
- Each NZ Star represents 30 watermarks, as there are 10 rows of 24.
- The figure 2 in the S.E. corner is watermarked.
- Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 are known.
- The number 384690 is printed on the sheets of paper in black, like numbering the pages of a book.

(ii) Illustration of sheet of stamps, as printed, before being cut up for delivery, and looking at same side of paper as before.



Explanation.

"1/-" is printed on the underside of the paper and is seen by looking through the paper, as all our examinations must be made by looking at the same side of the paper. The figure "1" should of course be reversed, but our printers cannot reproduce this with ordinary type. Each of the eight "1/-" represents 30 stamps, as each of the two panes (left right hand) is printed sideways and contains 10 rows of 12 stamps.

The only thing, which then remains to be done, is to cut the sheet, as described in the last diagram, in two and to gum it, dry it and send it to the Stamp Department for ultimate issue to the public. The object of printing the left hand panes on the under side of the paper is to pre-

vent the occurrence of watermarks both sideways and sideways inverted, whilst at the same time rendering it still possible to finish printing before cutting the sheets in two.

We have now seen a few more of the 1/- stamps described in No. 187 under heading iv. and are of opinion the gum is 'white' rather than 'bright.' This distinction would translate the date of issue from 1901 to June 1902 or later. We think there can no longer be any doubt that in the summer of 1902 an issue of the 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/- took place on thin transparent 'No Wmk.' paper, (distinct from the 'Lisbon Superfine'). The Waterlow 'No Wmk.' paper is opaque.

Stamp Duty.—The following values are now issued perf. 11 and have not, we believe, been chronicled before.

- 7/6 bistre-brown.
- 8/- blue.
- 10/- marone.
- 30/- brown.
- 35/- yellow.
- 40/- mauve.

In *E.W.S.N.*, No. 159, we noted that the Colonial Stamp Market had received a supply of the values 2/6, 3/- 4/-, 6/- and 7/-, and that of these the 2/6, 4/- and 6/- had thick brown gum, the 3/- dull white gum and the 7/- the old shiny gum. In the supply just received, the 2/6, 3/-, and 10/- have the new bright white gum (introduced in the summer of 1902), thus indicating quite new printings. The 4/- and 6/- have ordinary dull gum (in use 1901-02) and the £1, the rather remarkable variety of dull colourless gum which is best described as "no gum," as it is almost invisible and no one but an expert would recognize its character. The 7/-, 7/6, 8/-, 15/-, 30/-, 35/- and 40/- all have the old "shiny" gum, which we believe has not been used since the autumn of 1901, so that the above new issues are chronicled somewhat late. All these values we have just mentioned are perf. 11; in fact, the only value up to £2 still current with old perforation is the 9/-, perf. 12½. The 11 gauge varies greatly in the size of the holes, those on the 4/- being "blind," whilst those on the 15/- are large and clear-cut.

The 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/- values which are also catalogued in the set by Gibbons are no longer current, their places being taken by stamps of the ordinary postage set. Both series seem to be equally available for either postage or revenue use and one is the complement of the other, no values being duplicated. Both series ought to be inscribed "Postage and Revenue," but the authorities seem never to have thought it worth while to remove the words "Stamp Duty" from the long set. The words "Postage" on the small set were altered to "Postage and Revenue" in 1882 when the last "Queen's Head" set appeared. It is worthy of note that the long set, although still inscribed "Stamp Duty" is still used far more largely for postage than the majority of "high values" issued by our various Colonies. The 10/- stamp, used, is catalogued 2/- only and the £1 rose, 4/- only. How many other 10/- and £1 stamps are quoted so low? Not even our own British stamps!

Early Dates (184 D 193).—We are indebted to Messrs. W. A. Bois, J. W. Branwhite and M. E. Ward for further lists of early dates and now give the revised list.

EARLY DATES OF USE (shown by postmarks).

(Issue 1882.)	Perf. 12 x 11½.	Perf. 10.	Perf. 10 x 11.	Perf. 11.
4d.	—	8.91	10.95	15.796
1d.	11.82	7.91	10.95	1.96
2d.	7.82	12.81	4.96	27.797
2½d.	19.391	2.593	1.97	7.98
3d.	8.90	11.91	13.197	3.98
4d.	2.83	21.294	23.1296	1.96
5d.	8.93	19.693	6.97	16.200
6d.	9.82	27.592	—	7.98
8d.	—	—	—	—
1/-	12.84	9.892	24.1296	23.398

(Issue 1874.)	Perf. 12½.	Perf. 12½ x 11½.	Perf. 10 x 12½.	Large Star.
1d.	7.574	—	—	—
2d.	16.1078	—	—	—
3d.	2.78	—	—	—
4d.	5.80	—	—	—
6d.	6.74	8.381	—	—
1/-	2.76	11.782	—	—

We should be greatly obliged to any collector, possessing earlier dated specimens, who would allow us to inspect.

Newspaper Stamp.—Mr. F. J. Baxter, of Auckland, writes as follows: "A new halfpenny newspaper wrapper has appeared. The design of the stamp looks like an oval green medallion with King Edward's portrait in the centre, the Crown being in the scroll work of the margin, with the Maltese cross on, same standing out above the stamp. The words "N.Z. Postage" circle round the King's portrait and beneath is "1d." The scroll work margin is similar to Maori carving and the whole is circled with white dots, leaving a small margin of the green background unoccupied. The watermark of the wrapper is "Star—Crown—Star" single lined. On the line below appears "One Halfpenny" in

large letters, and the third line is "New Zealand." On good paper the stamp might come out all right, but on the wrapper it is by no means effective.

"A new style of paper is being used for New Zealand oblong stamps. The 2½d. blue has now appeared on paper bearing a watermark similar to that on the Cowan paper, but as each stamp has only the Star, N.Z. on it near the centre, it is evidently different paper from that used for the rectangular ones of the 1d. size. Most probably in future, the 2½d., 5d., 9d., 2/- and 5/- stamps, all of which are oblongs, will appear on this paper.

"A collector in the south got a sheet of 6d. rose N.Z. stamps the other day, current issue and single line Star, N.Z. watermark, imperforate vertically. The 1½d. khaki has also been found imperforate horizontally."

NIGER COAST (191 C 195).—Mr. W. B. Edwards writes:—

"With reference to Mr. Waterfield's remarks, I find my 10/- violet which was bought on the spot by my cousin last year, has white gum. The 6d. and 1/- values have also white gum, and are comparatively recent purchases; but all shades of the 5d. have yellow gum, which rather seems to disprove the theory of two separate issues distinguishable by their gum. The ½d. and 2d. values have also yellow gum, the 2/6 apparently white."

NIUE (190 T 195).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the following:

Adhesive. Overprinted on N.Z. 1/-, 2a (see above).
1/- bright red, overprinted "Taha e Sileni" instead of "Tahae Sileni."

The stamp is in the new shade, noted above as distinguishing the second printing of 1/- New Zealand stamps on Cowan paper. The "thief" error was on sheets of the 1/- in the first shade.

Under date of May 7th, Mr. F. J. Baxter writes us from Auckland:—

"To-day the Niue 1/- corrected type was on sale here at the Post office. I enclose a specimen. You will notice the value overprinted is 'Taha e Sileni' whereas the error that was recalled was 'Tahae Sileni.' Two distinct shades are to be found—red and brown-red. Owing, I presume, to different mixings of the blue ink for the surcharge, specimens exist with quite a light blue surcharge, while others are dark enough to be classed as indigo. I have only noticed this in the Niue stamps."

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (191 U 195).—Mr. W. H. Maunders shows us a new telegraph stamp which does not appear to have been yet noted. It is the ordinary 3d. blue V.R.I. raised stops, overprinted "One Shilling" with "T" above and a thin continuous bar below passing through the "3d." A pair before us is postmarked "Ficksburg 9.5.03" and shows two types, the g's of "Shilling" differing distinctly. They apparently franked (with generosity) a reply card stuck together and treated as a letter, but on turning the card over, we find five ordinary 1d. stamps, so that the claim of the 1s. on 3d. to rank as anything but a telegraph stamp cannot be held to have been made good.

SEYCHELLES (193 T 195).—We are now told that the King Edward stamps were to have been issued at the end of May.

This information contrasts strangely with the very definite statement sent us by a correspondent two weeks ago and shows how difficult it is to get reliable information of new issues in advance. However, we shall see whether the stamps are issued or not, when the mail arrives on June 26th.

TRANSVAAL (192 H 195).—Messrs. N. Yaar & Co. inform us that they have the following curiosities:—

½d. green Z.A.R., in a mint pair, one stamp of which is overprinted V.R.I. whilst the other is unsurcharged!

1/- ochre, Z.A.R. overprinted V.R.I. once normally and again diagonally across the N.W. corner.

Possibly they may be only printer's waste and in any case have little value to the student of philately. Although there are rabid enthusiasts after freaks who will be willing to collect them at high figures.

With reference to the ½d. on 2d. E.R.I. variety with no stop after R, Mr. E. Hardy writes:—

"I possess a similar stamp to that of Mr. H. S. Firbank's chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 182. There is clearly no stop after R. It is the fourth stamp from the end of bottom row of left pane of sheet."

As the stamps are printed in sheets of 60, which are not divided into panes, perhaps Mr. Hardy would kindly explain further.

TRINIDAD (192 X 195).—With reference to our note in *E.W.S.N.* No. 182, Mr. J. Dixon writes:—"I have the 1d. lilac and rose, 4d. and 6d. with shield clearly defined all round." Apparently this variation is of no philatelic importance, being due merely to the amount of ink put on the plate, or some such cause. The faintly shaded sky variety is however of first importance and will almost certainly be recognised in the next catalogue.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
162* Golfe de Bénin, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164 French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
172* Diego Suarez et Dépendances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
173* Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
174* Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	—	—
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
178* Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
181* St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
182* Soudan, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
182a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschow, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Stamps (194 L 196).—We now illustrate the design of the new 2d. envelope die.



The Colonial Stamp Market's 1d. envelopes were stamped at Somerset House last week with another new die, 50. The list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

1d. Dies 7 to 25 except 13; 43, 44.

1d. Dies 7 to 29 except 19; 43, 44, 46, 50.

We sincerely wish someone would send along those two missing dies, 1d. 13 and 1d. 19.

Cheque Dies (195 M 196).—We have DZ, 24.3.03.

Registration Envelope Dies (161, 179, G 196).—The Colonial Stamp Market have shown us a fine example of the 3d. Reistration Envelope stamp die 4. The following is a list of die-numbers already recorded, with the dates of earliest post-marked copies.



Die 1 13.2.02 | Die 3 20.10.02.
" 2 17.6.02 | " 4 16. 6.03.

Collectors who wish to have complete sets would do well to obtain dies 1, 2 and 3 at once. The cost is only 10d. now, but the opportunity will not last for ever.

Early Dates (191 A 196).—Messrs. C. F. Dendy Marshall and F. J. Cowan have shown us the following.

id. red, pl. 89	Gosport.	17.6.04	C. F. D. Marshall.
133	Douglas, I. of Man.	25.1.70	F. J. Cowan.
171	Manchester.	2.1.74	"
142	Liverpool.	31.8.70	"
178	Wolverhampton.	5.4.75	"
200	Birmingham.	3.5.77	"
213	?	30.9.78	"
223	London, S.W.	6.9.79	"

Variety of 1d. red with outline (194 E 196).—Mr. F. Grove Powell writes:—

"With reference to Mr. Dendy Marshall's statement in the *London Philatelist* that this variety does not exist except on plates 88 and 90, may I be allowed space in your most interesting paper to say that this is not quite correct? Mr. Dendy Marshall says that in plate 88 the stamp lettered K.G. shows the thickened outline on the right side only. I have a copy lettered K.G. and showing it on the right side only, but my copy is on a letter-sheet posted in London, and showing on the heading, endorsement, and dated post-mark the date of December 16, 1848, i.e., more than three months before the date of registration of plate 88."

"E.W.S.N." No. 195.

LAST week's issue of E.W.S.N. was unfortunately numbered 194, like its predecessor (on the front page). Immediately the error was detected, a fresh supply correctly numbered 195 was printed and any subscriber who received the former can have it exchanged for the latter, free of charge, if application is made within one month.

BAVARIA (190 T 196).—5pf., wmk. vertical wavy lines.—*Der Philatelist* (6.03/152) furnishes further information on the subject of this variety. It is informed by Herr A. Chelius that 480 sheets of the paper (either manufactured by error or possibly left over from the 1881 issue) were made use of, 48,000 stamps being thus printed. They were issued at various post offices; a sheet, for instance, was sold at the G.P.O., München, on the 8th October, 1902, whilst a specimen has been seen postmarked "Dürkheim, 19.12.02." At the G.P.O. however, knowledge of the stamp is disclaimed. We therefore now formally chronicle:—

Adhesive. Wmk. perpendicular wavy lines
5pf. green.

BERMUDA (193 J 196).—Quite a surprise for collectors has just come over from this little island. The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us:—

Adhesive. Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 14 x 12½.
6d. violet (rather brighter than the CC. 14).

The Colonial Stamp Market received a supply a little over a month ago, but did not notice the difference in perforation until this week! Bermuda's first 6d. stamp, issued in 1865, was perf. 14, and printed in dull lilac, similar to the English 6d., without or with small corner letters. Sometime between then and about 1875 (?) two more printings seem to have been made. If we may be permitted to make a guess, we should say that the first of these was made about 1869 and is the "CC. 14" variety which has remained in use ever since. In 1873 a new value was added to the set, 3d. yellow-buff, and this supply was perf. 14 x 12½ as well as perf. 14, both varieties being equally common or rare. Probably a supply of 6d. (the 3rd) was sent out at the same time, but early in 1879 the single letter rate on out-going correspondence was reduced from 6d. to 4d., and the demand for the former value fell off to nearly nothing. Consequently the CC. 14 issue, 2nd print, remained in use till this year, a period of 35 years, and it is only now that the perf. 14 x 12½ issue has been able to make its bow to the public, 21 years after the "CC." wmk., and still longer since the 12½ perforating machine ceased to be employed.

The above information will, we hope, save our readers from paying a high price for the 6d. CC. 14 x 12½ (the 3d. of the issue is cat. 15/-, but the 1/- is 3/- only) and should alone be worth a year's subscription to E.W.S.N.

BOLIVAR (114 B 196).—The following new issues are described by the *American Journal of Philately*.



Adhesives. Imperf.; laid paper.
1p. orange on salmon.
5p. rose on lilac.
10p. (colour?).

The face value of these stamps is not very alarming, as it takes about 200 Colombian dollars or pesos to make £1 sterling.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA (186 E 196).—Mr. L. Colucci has shown us a very pretty "specimen" set of the King Edward stamps for this Protectorate.

Adhesives. Small Design, CA. 14.
1d. carmine, head in grey.
2d. mauve, head in lilac.
4d. black, head in grey-green.
6d. buff, head in grey.
Large Design, perf. 14, wmk. illegible.
2/6 green, head in grey-green.
4/- mauve, head in lilac.
10/- black, head in grey-green.
£1 carmine, head in grey.
£10 blue, head in grey.

The latter are very fine stamps. All are somewhat similar to our own 1d. stamps in design, but "One Penny" is replaced by "British Central Africa Protectorate" and "Postage and Revenue" by the value, "1d." "2/6," "4/," etc. in each upper corner. A further description will be given when the stamps are issued.

CANADA (188 K 196).—The British North American Stamp Co. advertise in the *Canada Stamp Sheet* of May 1st, to the effect that King Edward stamps of the values of ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 15, 20, 50c. and \$1 were to be issued there on June 1st. This prophecy would not seem to have been fulfilled, although no doubt the new stamps will be soon to hand.

COSTA RICA (190 K 196).—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* (6.03/190) says that a notice has appeared in the Official Gazette of 14th April to the effect that, in consequence of the postcards of 2c. becoming exhausted and the non-arrival of those of 4c., it has been decreed that 20,000 cards of 3c. shall be surcharged "INTERIOR—2 CENTIMOS" and another 20,000 with "EXTERIOR—4 CENTIMOS."

Our contemporary is also informed that the name inscribed on the 10c. adhesive should be spelt "Braulio" Carrillo, not "Branlio."

Regarding the official provisional 2c. black and red, chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 180, the *Weekly Philatelic Era* says that it was made on account of a shortage of the ordinary 2c. official and the supply was limited to 3,000 or just enough to serve until a further supply of the regular stamp could be received from the printers.

The present handsome pictorial set comprises ten values, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10 col. Our contemporary learns that new values of 4 and 6c. have been ordered from London and are expected about the end of July, as also a 25c. Registration Envelope and a 4c. postal card.

NABHA (180 D 196).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* chronicles the following as having been supplied to Nabha about the end of April.



Adhesives. Head of King Edward. Indian stamps overprinted as usual in black.

½ anna, grey (96,000).
1 " green (48,000).
1 " carmine (24,000).
2 " violet (12,000).
3 " buff (6,000).

The stamps of Nabha, like those of the other States, are not only good for postage locally, but frank a letter throughout the Indian postal system.

NEW SOUTH WALES (192 I 196).—We regret the error in describing the new 2/6 stamp as being printed in the design of the 2d. Emu. The design adopted is that of the 8d. Lyre bird. We illustrate it below.



We cannot hear of anyone in New South Wales who has seen the new 5d. chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 172, on the authority of a contemporary. The Colonial Stamp Market's last supplies have all been the 5d. dark green, new shade, chronicled in No. 164. In the supply just to hand, one sheet has been printed slightly off centre, with the result that a corner stamp (last in last row) just escapes the watermark, the first time we remember to have seen such an error on New South Wales stamps.

NORTH BORNEO (168 Q 196).—After an interval of 42 weeks, we have two more new issues to report, on the authority of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

Unpaid Letter Stamps. Vertical overprint.

"POSTAGE DUE" in black on 2c. "British Protectorate."

"POSTAGE DUE" in black on 5c. "British Protectorate."

NORWAY (193 E 196).—We are indebted to Mr. C. L. Larssen for first sight of an envelope with a stamp struck by one of the new franking machines and we now formally chronicle them as *un fait accompli*.

Envelope Stamps. Printed from stamping machines supplied on hire to the public.

5 öre, emerald green.
10 öre, carmine.

Our correspondent informs us that the machines are not "penny in the slot," but has on one side a row of five figures which change at each impression.

0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	2

and so on. The use of little discs of tin, etc., is thus prevented, and the exact number of impressions registered has to be paid for, even though, like the gas meter, we may occasionally doubt its veracity. On settling up, 2% discount is allowed, which is the same allowance made to the public when purchasing adhesive stamps in whole sheets of 100.

Unfortunately it is very difficult to get a clear impression of these machine stamps. The *Official Circulaire fra den Kongelige Norske Regjerings Departement for de offentlige Arbeider, Poststyrelsen* is dated May 6th.

PATIALA (190 F 196).—The following quantities of the King Edward series are stated by the *Philatelic Journal of India* to have been supplied about the middle of March:— $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ a., 60,000 each; 1, 2, 3as., 1,200 each. [Is there an error in the latter quantities? They seem very small. We note, however, that in both consignments recently received by the Colonial Stamp Market, the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna was the only King's Head value. Post cards, reply cards, $\frac{1}{4}$ a. envelopes and service post cards have also been furnished.

The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of 240 of the $\frac{1}{4}$ a. King's Head and we note the following minor varieties:—

- No. 194. First T of "State" has a short vertical stroke with dot beneath.
No. 208. First A of Patiala is slightly smaller, with a bar or serif at top.

The new $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1a. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 130 and 180 (Queen's Head, new colours) are also overprinted with this setting, as we notice on sheets submitted to us:—

- $\frac{1}{4}$ a. Queen, yellow-green.
No. 208. First A of Patiala, as above.
1a. Queen, carmine.
No. 71. Left half of first A of Patiala broken off.
No. 90. Stop after Patiala.
No. 208. As above.
No. 216. Small A in State.

The following minor varieties were also met with:—(All in the Queen's Head issue).

- $\frac{1}{4}$ a. carmine.
(No. 23). Small A in State.
(No. 134). No bar to first T of State.
(No. 199). P of Patiala somewhat like F.
(No. 208). E of State like an inverted reversed F.
(No. 212). "State" too much to right.
(No. 229). T's of State without cross-bars.
(No. 235). Second T dropped.
11. carmine and green.
(No. 160). Small T in Patiala.
(No. 199). Error "Patiala," more distinct than in $\frac{1}{4}$ a.
(No. 235). First T of State like inverted reversed L.
2as. blue.
(No. 160). As in 11.
3as. orange-brown.
(No. 25). Small T in Patiala, with dot beneath.
(No. 32). Small second A in Patiala.
6as. bistre.
(No. 5). Small L in Patiala.
(No. 10). Error "Patiala," very clear.
12as. on red.
(No. 104). Right foot of second A in Patiala missing.
(No. 108). Left foot of third A in Patiala missing.
(No. 125). Small L in Patiala.
(No. 144). Inverted V for second A of Patiala.

In *E.W.S.N.* No. 180 we chronicled this latter variety on the authority of a contemporary as occurring on No. 44, but ours is certainly on stamp No. 144 (last in 12th row, i.e., 2nd row of lower pane).

RUSSIA (176 Q 196).—Mr. D. M. Politoff has shown us the following:—

Adhesive. Vertically laid paper.
3 kop. carmine.

The set already chronicled contained the 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 20 and 35 kopeks.

The Commemorative set, "expected" in *E.W.S.N.* No. 128, will probably be limited to the 5 and 7 kopeks values (representing respectively local and inland postage).

SALVADOR (190 L 196).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles a new official set of stamps.

Official Adhesives. With "Franqueo Oficial" in small capitals diagonally across the centre of the current issue of stamps. The words are not overprinted but engraved on the plate, and consequently printed in the same colours as the stamps.

1c. dark green.	13c. red-brown.
2c. red.	24c. red.
3c. orange.	26c. yellow-brown.
5c. dark blue.	50c. yellow.
10c. dull lilac.	100c. light blue.
12c. slate.	

They are stated to have been issued at the same time as the ordinary set, on January 1st last. We illustrate the design of the new set for public use, described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 178.



SOMALI COAST, FRENCH (191 U 196).—We have already recorded the 30c. of the new set with inverted centre. *L'Annonce Timbrologique* mentions also similar errors of the 4, 20 and 25c.

It is proposed, learns our contemporary, to alter the colour of the centre of all the values to grey.

ST. HELENA (141 F 196).—We are shown a "specimen" set of the new series by Mr. L. Colucci. They are exceedingly handsome stamps, similar in size to the Queen's Staircase Bahamas, but superior in design and engraving.

Adhesives. Perf. 14, wmk. Crown CC. (not very distinct).

- (i). View of Government House, with Head of King Edward in oval above.
4d. green and brown.
2d. sage-green and black.
1s. yellow-buff and brown.
(ii). View of the Wharf, St. Helena, with Head of King Edward in oval above.
1d. carmine and black.
8d. brown and black.
2/- violet and black.

The three highest of these values are not contained in the current set—viz., 8d., 1/- and 2/-—whilst the 4d., 1d. and 2d. are probably required owing to the present stocks running low. These three low values would naturally be in large demand. Whether it is intended to alter the 24d., 5d. and 10d. values remains to be seen, but as they must be very little required since postage to England was reduced to 1d., it is possible they are not going to be reprinted. The parcel rates to England—1/- for 3lbs., 2/- for 7lbs., and 3/- for 11lbs. (limit)—no doubt account for the issue of 1/- and 2/- stamps, but the 8d. is for the time being unexplained.

Later.—Mr. K. Wiehen has shown us the 1d. value of the new series postmarked "St. Helena, 30 May 03," and we learn that the whole set has been issued.

ST. KITTS—NEVIS (181 D 196).—The Presidency of St. Kitts—Nevis has at last issued the set of stamps which had been expected as long ago as 1901 (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 117). The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the complete set.

Adhesives. Small rect., CA 14. Two designs, both inscribed "St. Kitts—Nevis, Postage and Revenue."

- (i) Columbus sighting land.
4d. green, centre in lilac.
2d. brown " lilac.
24d. bright blue, centre in grey-black.
6d. mauve, centre in grey-black.
1/- orange, centre in green.
2/6 violet, centre in grey-black.
(ii) Copied from design of Nevis, 1st issue.
1d. carmine, centre in grey-black.
3d. orange, centre in green.
2/- black, centre in green.
5/- sage green, centre in grey-lilac.

We understand that they were issued on June 1st. The sheets contain 120 stamps in 2 panes of 60. The panes are surrounded by a series of short lines and each has four plate-numbers. Hence we may assume that the duty plates print 120 and the view plates 60 stamps at a time. It will be noticed that a 2/- value has been added to the set as originally announced.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (192 L 196).—About two years ago we reported that the 2c. Queen's Head was obsolete. It seems however that although it was obsolete at Singapore, large stocks were still held in the Federated Malay States, where ordinary stamps of Straits Settlements are in use along with the special stamps. With a view to getting rid of them, the issue of the 4c. Federated Malay State stamp was suspended some months ago, and will not be re-issued until the 2c. Straits are exhausted.

The latter, we are told by a correspondent, at Kwalalumpur, are likely to last until October. The stock had mostly stuck together and has had to be separated and regummed locally. A rare provisional with De la Rue ink and local gum!

UNITED STATES (194 W 196).—We are now able to illustrate the higher values of the "Series of 1902."



We believe none of these have yet been issued. The 1 and 2 cent envelope stamps were illustrated in *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 187 and 189 and we now present the complement of the set.



The *Weekly Philatelic Era* (9.5.03/279) says that the current 2c. adhesive was first issued to Postmasters on January 20th, and that some 7,000,000 were distributed on that day. The earliest date of use yet recorded is January 24th.

VENEZUELA (187 F 196).—A presumably "revolutionary issue" is described by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (6.03/279).

Adhesives. (i). Representation of a ship, with inscriptions "Correos de Venezuela—Estado Guyana" in a frame round it.

- 5c. black on grey.
10c. " red.
25c. " rose.
50c. " blue.
1 bol. " yellow.
(ii). Large design, 46 x 46mm., Arms.
5c. black on rose.
10c. " red.
25c. " blue.
50c. " yellow.
1 bol. " grey.

As to the status of these stamps, we prefer at present to be silent. From the same source our contemporary is shown two stamps on "pieces of original" fiscally used. They are the 10c. red postage with "VALE 25cs." in violet, and the 5c. orange (Instruccion) with "VALE BS 1" also in violet, but the overprint is only partly on the stamps and partly on the paper to which they are attached.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (192 Q 196).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 4d., 8d., 9d. and 10d. in sheets and we can now publish a revised list of all the varieties and minor varieties of the Melbourne printed adhesives of "Swan" type with which we have as yet met.

- (i) Wmk. V and Crown sideways, perf. 12½ (normal).
(a) Wmk. sideways, 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 9d., 10d.
(b) Wmk. sideways inverted, 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., 9d., 10d.
(ii) Wmk. V and Crown upright, perf. 12½ (abnormal).
(c) Wmk. upright, 1d., 2d.
(d) Wmk. upright inverted, 1d., 2d., 4d.
(iii) Error, no wmk. (due to off-centre printing), perf. 12½.
(c) 8d. The top row of a sheet seen by us was watermarked only with a line gradually slanting to the lower edge of the stamps and missing altogether the last stamps in the row.
(iv) Wmk. V and Crown sideways, perf. 11 (abnormal).
(f) Wmk. sideways, 1d., 2d.

The sets *a* and *b* are the only ones in regular use and are about equally represented in the stocks at post offices. Here and there sheets of the other varieties may be picked out. There is a rather strong likelihood of a regular issue of (*f*) being made at some period or other.

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164 French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5	2/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a* " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/4

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 17 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854* Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1, 8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/6	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV. COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

ABYSSINIA (151 E 197).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (6.03/306) says that the sets overprinted "Ethiopie" and "Posta," the latter in Amharic characters, have been superseded by a new set overprinted with ETHIOPIE in Amharic characters.

AFGHANISTAN (183 D 197).—Three months ago we mentioned that seals were being placed on letters in lieu of stamps. We now learn from the *Philatelic Journal of India* that "the same old stamps have re-appeared on Kabul letters, after having been superseded by a seal for a short time. The Amir has probably decided not to introduce new stamps for the present."

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (194 O 197).—As has already been mentioned in E.W.S.N. the new postage due set, supposed to be in common use throughout Australia, consists of the following. Type I. has a blank space at foot, where the initials "N.S.W." have been erased, the New South Wales die having been employed.

Type I. ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 5/-.
" II. 1d., 2d., 3d., 5d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-.

The Australian Postal Guide, published in February, contains an announcement that "Complete sets of Postage Due stamps, lightly postmarked, may be purchased at their full face value; they may not be sold singly unless postmarked." This extract, which we give on the authority of the *Australian Journal of Philately*, is very ambiguous, as the stamps cannot be obtained unused in any quantity, small or large, and complete sets, on purchase, turn out to contain only a portion of the values. We can only characterize the sale of incomplete sets postmarked under the mis-description of complete sets as utterly discreditable to the Federal Government, and it is encouraging to learn that sales are infinitesimal.

Our contemporary learns further that applicants for the sets have to take them just as they come, whether type I. or type II., and in the case of New South Wales, ordinary N.S.W. Postage dues are likely to form part of the set; the 10/- and 20/- are of course bound to be the N.S.W. issue. The General Post Offices of the States keep the following values:—

N.S.W.	½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 5/-, 10/-, 20/-	37/00
Queensland	½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-	10/4
S. Australia	½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 5/-	6/1
Tasmania	½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1/-, 2/-	5/5
W. Australia	(Particulars not yet to hand)	

To get the complete set of the Commonwealth series one must go to Tasmania as well as Queensland, pay altogether 15/10 and be saddled with odd values in duplicate to a face value of 4/6½. Even then, one can't be sure whether types I. or II. will be supplied.

In Victoria, the ordinary Victoria set—½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/-—is on sale.

AUSTRIA (191 N 197).—*Envelope Stamp*.—We are indebted to Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* for the interesting information that, although the only envelope sold at Austrian post-offices is the 10 heller, carmine, yet other values are impressed to order.

Envelope Stamps.	Struck to order.
3 heller,	pale brown.
5 "	blue green.
6 "	orange.
10 "	carmine.
20 "	brown.
25 "	blue.

BARBADOS (194 M 197).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 2/6 violet and green just issued. It contains 240 stamps in four panes, each with 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6, with single continuous line round each pane, and plate number 1 at each corner of the sheet.

BOLIVAR (196 C 197).—We now illustrate the new 50c. stamp and the usual accompaniment of every new set for Colombian provinces, namely, Registration, Too Late, and "A.R." stamps.



BRITISH SOMALILAND (195 G 197).—Mr. H. H. Manghirmalani, writing from Berbera under date of June 5th, says that "The British Somaliland Protectorate Post Office was inaugurated here on the 1st inst., and the day previous the Indian Imperial Branch P.O. ceased working. The regular issue of the Protectorate stamps is expected from England within the next fortnight or so. In the meantime they have Indian stamps surcharged 'British Somaliland' in black. The same day (1st June, 1903), British Somaliland was admitted into the Universal Postal Union and the Imperial Penny Postage League. The inland rates are:—

For a letter not exceeding 10z., 1 anna.
Every additional 10z. or fraction, 1 anna.
Single Post card ½ anna.
Reply ditto 1 anna.

"The post cards are not issued yet."

Our correspondent's letter was posted at the Military Post Office, and bears ordinary Indian unsurcharged stamps, postmarked "Base Office—5 JU. 03—Berbera."

By the way, what is the correct pronunciation of Berbera. Most people put the accent on the first syllable, but we are told it should be on the second, "Ber beer-a."

CAPE COLONY (191 S 197).—We now illustrate the designs of the 6d. and 5/- King Edward stamps, chronicled in No. 186.



CEYLON (193 O 197).—Mr. G. Alston informs us under date of June 2nd, that the 4 and 30 cents King's Heads have been issued, but had not reached the local post office, so the issue is probably not general at present. We illustrate the 6c. described in E.W.S.N. No. 192.



The above paragraph was written a week ago. The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the new 4c. and 30c. stamps. Each contains 120 stamps in two panes of 60, 10 rows of 6. Round each pane is the now usual series of short lines, square at the inner corners of the panes but with short curves at the four corners of the sheets; plate-number 1 in yellow (or violet) at each corner of the sheet.

As regards the Queen's Head stamps still in use, the 2c. and 5c. are in sheets of 240 (four panes of 60), the 3c., 6c., 12c., 15c. and 75c. in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60, 10 rows of six) and the 1r. 50c. and 2r. 25c. in sheets of 60 (five rows of 12). All have a continuous outer line round each pane, except the 75c. which has none, and all have plate-number 2 except the 5c., plate 6, and the 75c., 1r. 50c., 2r. 25c. plate 1.

CHINA, Italian P.O. (A 197).—From *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* we take the interesting information that "an Italian Post Office has been opened at Tien-tsin. At present, ordinary unsurcharged Italian stamps are employed, four

values being in stock, 2, 5, 10, 20 cmi. These are obliterated with a postmark of 29mm. diameter, which carries the inscription 'Comando Truppe Italiane in China' and date, which is struck in blue."

From this, the Post Office would appear to be only a military one, and the fact that stamps of 25 cmi. are not stocked, indicates that it is not at the service of civilians.

CRETE (168 M 197).—*L'Annuaire Timbrologique* says that the following quantities only were issued of the unsurcharged issue (now quoted by Parisian dealers at 100 francs the set of four):—50c., 1200; 1fr., 750; 2fr., 450; 5fr., 375.

DEDEAGH (182 E 197).—We have already chronicled the 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 1, 2, 4 and 8 piastres for this French Post Office, and we can now add a 20 piast. on the authority of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* (6.03/193).



Adhesive. Merson type.

20 piast., on 5fr. blue and yellow.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie says the 10 and 15c. and 1p. have millésime 2.

FRANCE (190 G 197).—*Millésimes*.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports the current 2c. and 5c. with No. 3. The 10c. 'Mouchon retouché' has been already chronicled.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Amongst the various sets of French Colonial Stamps which are on sale in Paris, there have been for several years a number of remainders of obsolete sets. We now learn from *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* (5.03/1873) that, "by order of the Ministère des Colonies. The remainder of eight sets were withdrawn on March 1st., namely, Benin, Golfe de Benin, Diego Suarez et Dépendances, Nossi-bé, Sainte-Marie de Madagascar, Soudan Français, Congo Français (all types of allegorical group). The stock, representing a total face value of fr. 2,000,000, will be burnt in the presence of specially appointed witnesses."

GUATEMALA (194 U 197).—The list of 25c. provisionals chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 194 was, it appears, incomplete. We mentioned the 25c. as surcharged (in black) on 1, 2, 6 and 10c.; *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* (6.03/212) adds:—

Adhesives. Overprinted "1903—25—Centavos" in three lines.

25c. in black on 75c. carmine.

25c. in carmine on 150c. dark blue.

25c. in black on 200c. orange-yellow.

These three are rare, as but few were printed and they were at once bought up by speculators.

Minor varieties are reported with (1) surcharge inverted; (2) centavos missing from surcharge; (3) off-centre surcharge reading "CENTAVOS—1903—25."

HONG KONG (185 U 197).—Messrs. Grace and Co. inform us that the 30c. King's Head was issued on May 21st. It is printed in sheets of 240, divided into 4 panes of 60, each pane being surrounded by two rows of broken lines, the inner in black and the outer in green. The plate number, in green, is at each corner of the sheet, once to each pane.

INDIA (194 A 197).—In addition to the ½, 1 and 4 annas, we are now able to record the actual issue of the 2 and 8 annas, about the beginning of June. Our earliest 8 annas is postmarked 4th June.

ITALY (195 O 197).—Mr. C. de Grave Sells writes:—"I send you the new 10c. card just issued of this year's date. They have now dropped the 9 (902), now 03. As to your Italy (No. 195), they are proofs. You can see them in six colours, and the green are very nearly the colour of the current ones, and pass through the post. I had blocks offered me on Saturday. The green are 3.00 each, and the other five colours at 50 cents each."

Mr. A. Bertazzini sends us the following:—

Post Card. Stamp in type of current adhesives.
7½ + 7½c. rose, rose card.

It was issued on 15th June.

LABUAN (167 G 197).—It may be of interest to quote the following from a letter recently written by the Postmaster of Labuan respecting the "Postage Due" set chronicled by us in *E.W.S.N.* No. 101, values 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents.

"The Postage Due stamps current are 2c., 4c., 8c. and 12c., the other values having been withdrawn as not being necessary. The 2c. ones have run out, and there is only a small stock of the 4c., 8c. and 12c."

One might reasonably doubt whether there is any use for the 2c. value either, seeing that it has been allowed to run out.

We understand that the 1c. of the old series has also become exhausted and that a 1c. is likely to be added to the Crown Colony set.

MALAY STATES (169 F 197).—The 4c. value of the current set was withdrawn about the beginning of the year and is not expected to be re-issued until October. In the meantime, 2c. Queen's Head Straits stamps are being used (see under Straits Settlements).

MEXICO (190 O 197).—The *American Journal of Philately* says that the 10c. blue and orange (described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 191), has been issued.

MOROCCO AGENCIES (195 H 197).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 25c. King's Head, which has just been issued. As anticipated it is overprinted from the same type as were the Gibraltar stamps of the Queen's Head series. We therefore now chronicle



Morocco
Agencies.

Adhesive. King Edward type of Gibraltar overprinted as above in black. CA 14. 25c. lilac, value in black, on blue paper.

(a) Variety, "Agen-cies" (No. 5 in 3rd row of right pane).

(b) Long topped M (No. 3 in 7th row of left pane).

Each sheet contains 120 stamps, in 2 panes of 60, 10 rows of 6. Each pane is surrounded by a series of broken lines, with plate-number 1 in lilac at each corner of the sheet.

NATAL (187 R 197).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 4/- and 30/- of the King Edward series, the latter being a very handsome stamp. The 4/- yellow and carmine is rather too bright. We understand that the £5 value is also issued. Date of issue, early in June?

NEW ZEALAND (195 Y 197).—Mr. L. A. Sanderson writes us that the 2½d., 5d. and 2/- have now been issued on N.Z. and Star paper, perforated 11. The values, 9d. and 5/-, are also printed, but are waiting till the No. Wmk. stamps are exhausted. This completes the set on the new paper, perf. 11, with the exception of the 1½d.

The Secretary to the G.P.O. writes by the same mail, under date of 27th May, that the "postage stamps at 2½d., 5d., 9d. and 2/- are now being printed on watermarked paper. The 5/- on watermarked paper, it is expected, will be ready next month."

No specimens of these stamps have come over by this mail, but may be expected about the middle of July.

OCEANIC ESTABLISHMENTS (152, 191 D 197).—We recently chronicled two provisionals, 10c. on 25c. and 10c. on 40c. (under the erroneous heading of Tahiti) and think that the following entertaining history of their issue, instructive as it is of the methods of French Colonial post offices, may interest our readers. We quote from *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste* (6.03/194):—

"Le bureau de poste manquant de timbres à 10 centimes, par arrêté du 14 mars dernier, le gouverneur autorisait la transformation de 40,000 timbres de 40 cent. en attendant le renouvellement de l'approvisionnement. En présence d'une Commission ces timbres ont été surchargés le 17 mars, de 5h. à 2h. 1/2. Arrivés à 2h. 45 au bureau de la poste, ces timbres étaient épuisés à 3 heures, sauf 800 réservés pour le bureau de Berne; ils avaient été vendus à seize personnes qui étaient présentes au moment de l'arrivée."

"Le lendemain un commissionnaire pour une maison étrangère en a racheté 800 au taux de 1 franc pièce; aujourd'hui un juif les revend avec succès à des collectionneurs au prix de 1 fr. 50 pièce."

"Naturellement il y a eu de nombreuses réclamations de la part de ceux qui n'avaient pas été favorisés; ainsi un second arrêté du gouverneur en date du 24 mars autorisa une nouvelle transformation de 100,000 timbres de 25 centimes. Ces timbres furent mis en vente le 31 mars à raison de 20 fr. par personne et il est inutile de vous dire qu'aujourd'hui (7 avril, date de la lettre) il n'y en a déjà plus, sauf quelques-uns que l'on vend sur présentation de la lettre à expédier."

On voit par là que tous les anciens appétits se sont rouverts comme au beau temps où florissaient les surcharges coloniales et nous espérons bien que le ministère des Colonies blâmera le Gouverneur des Etablissements de l'Océanie pour avoir favorisé une

spéculation éhontée, témoin cette circulaire que nous avons reçue d'une couturière de Papeete, qui prouve que le commerce des timbres compris de cette sorte, rapporte plus que les travaux d'aiguille.

"La presque totalité de cette émission a été enlevée quelques minutes par quatre ou cinq personnes qui les détiennent et ne veulent s'en défaire qu'à un prix très élevé, assurées qu'elles sont d'en tirer un bon parti en Amérique d'ici peu de temps. Le lendemain de la vente, le timbre a atteint sur place le prix de 1 franc et aujourd'hui il se paie jusqu'à 3 fr."

"Je détiens 4,800 de ces timbres qu'il ne me convient pas de vendre en détail, mais que j'offre à raison de 2 fr. le timbre, à condition que la demande ne soit pas inférieure à mille timbres..."

Inutile d'ajouter que nous ne sommes pas disposés à souscrire à ces conditions et la menace de vendre ces timbres en Amérique ne nous émeut pas.

La surcharge consiste en: "TAHITI—10—centimes"; elle est noire pour le 40 centimes et rouge pour le 25c.

The text of the degree is given in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (6.03/279).

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (191 I 197).—A correspondent has shown us a hitherto unchronicled variety of the 1/- V.R.I. It was evidently Catalogue No. 167, 1st. printing, "figure of value omitted," but a figure "1" of the correct size has been stamped in afterwards by hand from ordinary type. The "1" is in grey whereas the rest of the overprint is in black; it is slightly slanting or italic; and is "dropped" so that as much of the figure is below the foot of the 'S' as above the top of it. We can only suppose that the authorities, after the error was discovered, got tired of removing the errors from the sheets and adopted the expedient of stamping the missing figure in.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (189 H 197).—The Colonial Stamp Market has several times been indebted to correspondents in the United States who frank their letters with U.S. stamps overprinted "Philippines," instead of the ordinary issues, and they are always passed without question. We now read as follows in the *American Journal of Philately* (quoting from the *New York Times*):—

"The Postmaster-General has ordered that on and after October 1st, United States postage stamps overprinted 'Philippines' shall not be accepted for postage on matter mailed within the United States, and United States postage stamps without the Philippine overprint shall not be accepted for postage in the Philippine Islands."

SERVIA (186 O 197).—If we may believe the public press, stamp collectors and dealers are not slow to take advantage of the recent tragedy at Belgrade, a rather remarkable state of things considering the manner in which the Government has been urged on all sides to break off diplomatic relations with Serbia. The newspapers cannot have influenced public opinion very strongly, as stamp collectors "in all parts of the world" are only too anxious to recognize the new order of things, if they can thereby benefit their own pockets to the extent of a few shillings.

From the *Daily Mail*, 23.6.03:—

Belgrade, Monday, June 22. — Various curious changes in the administration of the Servian Government are announced for the day of the new King's arrival. All postage stamps bearing the picture of King Alexander will be cancelled on Wednesday. The new stamps will bear a plain Servian eagle. Large orders for both new and old issues are arriving hourly from stamp dealers in all parts of the world.

From the *Globe*, 20.6.03:—

PHILATELISTS AND REGICIDE.—The recent atrocities in Belgrade may find a momentary sympathy in the bosom of the gentle stamp collector. All the issues of the murdered Alexander are being withdrawn from today, and in their places a provisional stamp appears, to be replaced later on by those of the new reign. They will be of ten different values, slightly larger than the present issues, and replacing the murdered King's effigy by the Servian arms, with outspread white eagle, the word "Servia," and the value of the stamp.

From the *Newcastle Chronicle*, 25.6.03:—

Philatelists should hurry up. Servia has produced a new postage stamp without waiting for the arrival in Belgrade of the newly-elected Sovereign. The Servian Government has withdrawn from circulation all the stamps bearing the effigy of the butchered Alexander Obrenovitch, and issued a new stamp with the arms of Servia engraved upon it, surmounted by a Royal mantle and crown. The new issue closely resembles that of 1866, which had only a brief run of a few months, and has become in consequence a great rarity. As there is no telling how many more issues there may be in a country which disposes of its rulers in so lively a fashion, postage stamp collectors should not neglect the present opportunity.

On the other hand, in some quarters a surcharged stamp has been proposed.

E. G. H. writes:—

"No doubt you have already heard of the proposed alteration of the stamps of Servia, viz., that (so rumour has it) instead of issuing a new set at present, the current ones are to be made use of, by having the Servian Coat-of-Arms surcharged thereon. Whether the above information is true, I cannot, as yet, positively say, but I think you may depend upon it as being right."

SEYCHELLES (195 U 197).—Last Saturday's mail duly brought us the King Edward series and we understand that all values were issued at the end of May. It may be noted that only those values have been issued which are actually required for postal use. The parcel rates are:—Up to 3lbs., 1r. 50c.; up to 7lbs., 2r. 25c.; up to 11lbs. (limit), 3rs. The latter rate is presumably made up with a pair of the 1r. 50c., or the 75c. and 2r. 25c. The parcel insurance rate is 30c. up to £12 and 45c. up to £20, the limit. The 12c. and 18c. are multiples of the 6c. (1d.) British Empire letter rate, and the 30c. and 45c. multiples of the 15c. (2½d.) foreign letter rate, whilst the 2c. and 3c. are local or newspaper rates. The 1 rupee value has been dropped as unnecessary, as also the 4c. The latter value is largely used for revenue (or fiscal) purposes and there seems a tendency to go on surcharging various values of the Queen's Head postage set (the 6, 8, 10 and 15c. having already suffered), rather than have a special new stamp. The most dyspeptic collector, therefore, can hardly cavil at this latest addition to the series of King Edward sets.

All the values are issued in sheets of 120, divided by the usual vertical margin into two panes of 60.

VICTORIA (194 G 197).—We take the following from the *Australian Journal of Philately*.

"A question having arisen as to the why and wherefore of the improved appearance of the new printing of the new 1/- Victorian stamp, and an assertion having been made that the die was re-engraved as against our contention that an electrotpe had been taken from the original die and had been re-touched, we wrote to Mr. Brain, the Victorian Government Printer, and append his reply.

Government Printing Office,
Melbourne, 7th May, 1903.

Dear Sirs,—In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, in regard to the Victorian shilling stamps recently issued, I beg to inform you that the electrotypes have been re-touched.

I am, yours truly,
(Signed) ROBERT S. BRAIN,
Government Printer."

ZANZIBAR (193 G 197).—We have received a circular from Messrs. Bright & Son announcing their purchase of the remainders of the 1896 issue. As has been well known, this set was never withdrawn from sale, and has been issued to collectors side by side with the 1899 set, although the latter only was used by the public. We believe that the remainders now sold comprise the entire stock that was left in the Post Office at the beginning of this year, except as regards the ½ anna, which is still on sale at post offices, owing to the ½ anna of the 1899 set having become exhausted.

We understand that the quantities disposed of were roughly in the following proportion:—

½, 2 annas	12,000 each.
1 anna	25,000 "
2½ annas	50,000 "
3, 4, 4½ annas	8,000 "
4½, 5, 7½ annas	4,000 "
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees	2,000 "

A very small number were sold unused, practically the whole lot being "lightly postmarked." Our chief object in referring to this matter here is to draw attention to the fact that Messrs. Bright & Son "recommend these stamps as an absolutely safe investment," at a discount of 45% off face value (but one must take a £100 lot to secure this). If "postmarked to order" stamps are a safe investment at 45% off face value in huge quantities like the above, how many times more so must be mint unused specimens of current issues at about face value? It is very doubtful if a new issue of a Colony has ever been put on the market in unused condition in such large quantities.

We should say that the chief result of Messrs. Bright & Son's purchase will be to make Zanzibar, philatelically, a much more popular country. The average collector dislikes bother and now that he will be asked on all sides to buy the set and have it sent him on approval, he will no doubt buy it where otherwise he would not have troubled. The unused set will become much rarer by comparison and may be expected to advance rapidly in catalogue value. The average collector never seems to realize that the reason why many stamps are catalogued high is not because they are rare but because they are plentiful. Somewhat of an anomaly, but so long as a stamp is "25% off cat." and easy to get, the collector of used stamps is sure to buy it sooner or later, and consequently there is a steady demand. If a stamp is really rare, the collector will not be worried looking for it when other equally interesting stamps can be had without trouble, and the lack of demand, plus the catalogue publisher's desire to buy cheap, keeps the price low. As soon as big remainders come on the market, this order of things is reversed, and prices go up. Certainly an anomaly, but undoubtedly true.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV. COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	9	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.
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RAILWAY Letter Stamps have been receiving so much attention from collectors of late that the time seems propitious for the publication of a complete priced catalogue, which will give the values of all varieties and printings. The Editor accordingly undertook the compilation of such a work, and it is now published by the Colonial Stamp Market. Although only consisting of 48 pages, it contains a great deal of information which should be of interest to every collector of British stamps. In fact, anyone might do worse than invest in a copy, as there are large numbers of rare varieties still on hand at out-of-the-way stations. A wait at a junction may often be profitably employed by a visit to the parcels office (where the stamps are usually kept). But it is necessary to know what to look for; hence the advice to purchase the present catalogue.

As many of our readers may not understand the subject, we reproduce the following extract from the Preface:—

"It will perhaps surprise collectors who have not hitherto taken any interest in Railway Letter Stamps to know that of the 570 varieties described in this Catalogue, no fewer than 29 are completely unknown and something like 100 others are in unused condition as rare or rarer than the two famous 'Post Office' Mauritius stamps, of which a pair are reported to have been recently sold for £2600. In the system of valuation adopted for this Catalogue I have taken £25 as about the maximum value at the present day of the rarest Railway Letter Stamp, but in two instances where the issue in question was the sole known issue of a Company which has ceased to exist and of which there is but the remotest possibility of any further examples being found—I allude to the Barry Dock and Finn Valley Railway Companies—I have ventured as high as £75 and £50, and think that, if at all, I have erred on the side of moderation. Most of the minor varieties—printings which are distinguishable only by slight varieties in shades—I have limited to £5, even though only a single copy is known, but in some few cases I have exceeded this where there is but little likelihood of further copies being found. The following analysis of the values, in unused state, of Railway letter fee stamps may be of interest.

ANALYSIS OF CATALOGUE VALUE OF UNUSED RAILWAY LETTER STAMPS.

£75	1	80/-	16	7/6	19	9d.	17
£50	1	60/-	32	5/-	49	6d.	20
£25	5	40/-	28	4/-	29	New Issues	
£20	16	30/-	23	3/-	37	Unseen	5
£15	3	20/-	38	2/-	58	Obsolete &	
£10	15	15/-	23	1/6	12	Unknown	29
£5	34	10/-	30	1/-	32		

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The 100 cheapest varieties are valued at	£5 12 9
The 200 "	£19 19 9
The 300 "	£54 3 3
The 400 "	£172 18 3
The 500 "	£570 18 3
The 538 known varieties are valued at	£1295 18 3

"As illustrating the difficulty of collecting railway letter stamps, it may be mentioned that the most complete collection now in existence contains, in unused condition, only 474 of the 572 varieties known to have been issued.

The 572 issues were made in the following years:

1891	104	1895	32	1899	51	1903	(4
1892	33	1896	47	1900	40	months)	8
1893	37	1897	42	1901	36		
1894	42	1898	67	1902	33	Total	572

"The sudden demand in 1898, on the part of collectors, caused many Companies to have new printings; since then, the tendency has been to order larger supplies and consequently less frequently.

"Of the 572 issues, 570 were of the face value of 2d. and one of 1d.; 54 were printed in green, 2 in blue and 29 in red or carmine; 525 were perforated, 9 left imperforate and 38 rouletted; 391 were unnumbered, 1 was numbered in manuscript and 180 had printed numbers.

"The largest number of stamps issued by any one Company to date is the 205000 of the North Eastern

Railway Company; the largest number of varieties, the 71 of the same Company. The smallest number of stamps printed for a Company is 200, for the North Pembroke and Fishguard Railway. The largest number of stamps ever printed at one time for a Company is 120,000, for the Great Western Railway; the smallest, about 60, for the East London Railway. The largest sheets in which railway letter stamps are printed contain only 60 stamps; the smallest, 2; the stamps of one Company are not sold in sheets but are bound into small books with counterfoils.

"The highest price for which a collection of Railway Letter Stamps alone was ever sold is £1500; the highest price ever paid separately for a single specimen, £16, but no specimens of the great rarities have yet been offered for sale. These figures need not, however, discourage anyone from attempting a collection of these most interesting stamps. There are still numbers of bargains to be picked up and one may sometimes find the scarce varieties at out-of-the-way stations. Although the most complete collection ever formed contains only 473 of the 536 known varieties in unused condition, close on 500 varieties may be obtained by almost any diligent collector, if used specimens are accepted, and the cost will probably not exceed £100 if favourable opportunities of buying are taken."

The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Variety of 1d. red with outline (196 F 198).—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall writes:—

"It would not particularly surprise me to hear that I had overlooked some stamps with outline when at Somerset House. My 'statement' was in the form 'I feel fairly safe in saying,' etc. It is impossible to examine 50,000 stamps carefully in the course of an afternoon. But the extraordinary feature of Mr. Grove Powell's discovery is that he should have precisely the same stamp as one I remarked upon, showing the same peculiarity. It seems as if his stamp must be from plate 88. His postmark appears to be corroborated, or I should suggest it was erroneous; occasionally a wrong figure creeps into a postmark. If he will kindly send me the specimen to see, I will write further on the subject."

Cheque Dies (196 N 198).—We have EB, 6.4.03.

Railway Letter Stamps (195 R 198).—We have now seen another unused specimen of a recent Metropolitan issue, No. 11167 (shown by Mr. L. W. Crouch). This makes three unused copies known of the issues of the last two years. In another column, we have something more to say on the subject of Railway Letter Stamps.

We chronicle the following new issue:

Metropolitan, Nos. 14401-15600. Perf. 10 (16th issue).

Postal Orders.—On 1st July a new series of postal orders was inaugurated. They are smaller than their predecessors and have counterfoils at the left side, which are retained by the sender. The values already issued are 6d., 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/-, 8/-, 8/6, 9/-, 9/6, but very few examples have yet passed through our hands. Sixpenny postal orders bearing date of the day of inauguration are being sold at a premium as curiosities. We are unable as yet to say what index letters are assigned to the orders, but we have 6d., A; 6/-, G; 6/6, G; 9/-, K; 9/6, K; so we presume they go in groups of two, 1/- and 1/6 having the same letter, 2/- and 2/6 ditto, and so on. The highest numbers we have in the old series are 1/-, A97; 1/6, B67; 2/-, C81; 2/6, D75; 3/-, E63; 3/6, F—; 4/-, G73; 4/6, H32; 5/-, J67; 7/6, K53; 10/-, L43; 10/6, M37; 15/-, N43; 20/-, O78.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (194 T 198).—The announcement of the 5c. Port Rosario surcharged "Valido por 5 Centavos—Servicio Interior," chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 189 on the authority of two contemporaries, turns out to be a canard. There is no intention of surcharging the stamp.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (197 P 198).—In addition to the varieties chronicled last week we now record the following on the authority of *The Australian Philatelist*.

Unpaid Letter Stamps. Type II.

4d. green.

5/- green.

The 5/-, type I., bids fair to become a rarity.

BOLIVAR (197 D 198).—We now give a revised description, on the authority of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, of the three stamps chronicled a fortnight ago.



Adhesives. Imperf.; laid paper.

1p. orange on salmon.

5p. carmine on azure.

10p. deep blue on green.

All three are badly lithographed on coloured laid paper, the 1 and 5 pesos in sheet of 25 (5 rows of 5) and the 10 pesos in sheets of 28 (4 horizontal rows of 6 and one row of 4 laid horizontally at the bottom).

BRAZIL (148 J 198).—Forged stamps made to defraud the Government of a country are always of special interest to collectors and above all to specialists. In fact, we would go further and say that to the latter class of collectors, or such of them as form their collections with intelligent thoroughness, it is as necessary to take forgeries and reprints as genuine originals; otherwise the complete history of a stamp is not illustrated. It is worthy of remark that at the last Exhibition of the London Philatelic Society, the fine collection of St. Helena, formed by the Earl of Crawford, not only showed examples of originals, but also of reprints, forgeries, etc., for comparison. We need, therefore, make no apology for devoting our space to the reproduction of the enclosed note from an American contemporary:—

"In the *American Journal of Philately* for August, 1901, we described counterfeits of the 300 and 500 reis of the 1894-97 issue, which had been used to defraud the Government. We also mentioned that a counterfeit of the 200 reis was said to exist. The same correspondent who sent us the previous information has now kindly shown us a counterfeit of the 200 reis, blue, on the original cover, and cancelled March 28th, 1903. For the benefit of our readers we will describe a few of the points wherein this counterfeit differs from the genuine stamp:

"The impression is cleaner and sharper. This is particularly noticeable in the ruled lines which form the background of various parts of the stamp, which are usually blurred in the originals. The lines behind the words 'REIS' are especially distinct, while on the originals these words often appear as though on a solid panel. In the spandrels above 'REIS' the counterfeits have crossed vertical and horizontal lines, while the genuine stamps have only horizontal lines, the lower ones being broken and irregular.

"The white face of the numerals '200' is ornamented with dots and dashes. These have nearly disappeared in most originals, but are very distinct in the counterfeits, making the figures appear bluer.

"The shading lines of the face are heavier, more regular, and less broken to represent lights and shadows. The central oval is surrounded by a thin, sharp line in the counterfeit and a broad, heavy one in the genuine stamps.

"The leaves of the laurel wreath have each a strong, dark outline, and the one at the right forms a straight line with the stem.

"The letters of 'UNIDOS DO BRAZIL' are 1½mm. high, instead of 1¼mm.

"The colour is a dark blue, which does not differ materially from that of the genuine stamps. The perforation, like that of the counterfeits described in 1901, gauges 11½."

BUNDI (192 C 198).—The 1 anna "Sacred Bulls," chronicled in E.W.S.N., turns out to be a receipt stamp, and was first described in *Stanley*

Gibbons' Monthly Journal of June, 1900 (p. 253). As the stamp bears date 'Samvat, 1954' (A.D. 1898), it may date back even earlier than that.

CHAMBA STATE (193 G 198).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* says that the following quantities of King Edward stamps have been printed and were supplied to the State at the beginning of April.

3 pies, grey	24,000.
$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, pea-green	24,000.
1 anna, carmine	12,000.

The Colonial Stamp Market bought the last of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamps on 11th June, and they are not now to be had in the State.

We note the following varieties:—

King Edward Issue, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, 1a. Sheets of 240.

No. 6. "Chamba" has the letter B broken so as to look like an inverted reversed R, but the letter is closed up at the top rather more than in the printings of Queen's Head stamps and is not a very striking variety.

No. 120. "STATE" wide space between A & T.

No. 128. Small A in "State."

No. 230. The M of "Chamba" is broken so as to look something like "N."

No. 235. Dropped second T in "State."

The varieties on Nos. 6 and 128 are the same as on sheets previously described (*E.W.S.N.* No. 193).

Queen Victoria Issue, $\frac{1}{2}$ a, pink. Sheets of 240.

No. 47. Narrow second T in "State."

No. 82. Some sheets have "I" instead of second T.

No. 128. Small A in "State."

No. 227. The "C" of "Chamba" is filled in.

No. 235. Dropped second T in "State."

No. 240. "STATE" spaced out and measuring 8mm. instead of 7mm.

The varieties on Nos. 128 and 235 are the same as on the King's Heads.

CRETE, AUSTRIAN P.O. (175 B 198).—The *Monthly Circular* says that the stamps with surcharged value in *centimes* are in use not only in Crete, but in all the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant, and are so overprinted in order that they may be sold at the same prices as the French stamps used in those parts.

DANISH WEST INDIES (195 T 198).—A correspondent at St. Croix informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that he has met with a used specimen of an error of the provisional 10c. of 1895, namely the 1c. (No. 18) surcharged instead of the 50c. He adds that he was told that only one sheet was thus overprinted, in error.

GOLD COAST (191 T 198).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 184 we chronicled four "Judicial" stamps, 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-, with Head of Queen Victoria. Mr. O. Marsh has now shown us the following:—

Judicial Stamps. Ordinary postage stamps of the King's Head series printed in new colours and surcharged in black "JUDICIAL" in block capitals. CA. 14.

- 1/- lilac and green on yellow.
- 2/- lilac and red on yellow.
- 2 6 lilac and violet on yellow.
- 5/- lilac and black on yellow.

The 2-6 is a value which does not appear in the postage series. Presumably there are also 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- £1 and £5 values in the Queen's Head series, but they are at present unknown.

GUATEMALA (197 V 198). *Le Timbrophile Belge* says the following quantities of the recent 25c. Provisionals were made.

25c. on 1c.	110,000.	25c. on 75c.	6200.
25c. on 2c.	58,000.	25c. on 150c.	6200.
25c. on 6c.	31,000.	25c. on 200c.	5700.
25c. on 10c.	8,000.		

The type-set series of official stamps chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 176 now have a regular 25c. stamp.

Official adhesive.

25c. orange-vermilion.

Its predecessor was printed 20c., presumably by mistake, a "5" being afterwards printed on the "0" in black.

ICELAND (191 O 198).—In addition to the 5 aur with "I Gildi" inverted and 50 aur with double overprint, we now learn of the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

- (i) with surcharge inverted.
 - 3 aur, yellow (Type 1); perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 - 100 aur, lilac and brown, perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (ii) with "I" or "I Gildi" omitted.
 - 16 aur, brown, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The error with the "I" omitted occurs on No. 6 in the first and sixth horizontal rows, showing that the surcharge was printed on half the sheet at a time.

Of the Official issue, we had chronicled the 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 aur, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, and the 16 aur, perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, and now note the following on the authority of our contemporary.

Official adhesives.

- 3 aur, ochre, perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 5 .. brown, ..

JOHORE (191 B 198).—We have now had an opportunity of examining a number of sheets of the new provisionals and find that there is a variety in the 10c. on 4c.

Variety. Wrong fount "1" in "10," 3 instead of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. tall, and with straight instead of slanting serif.

"10 cents" on 4c. green and rose (No. 108 on the sheet).

There are several other peculiarities about the sheets. All sheets we have seen, both of the 3c. on 4c. and 10c. on 4c., contain 120 stamps in 10 rows of 12, with plate-number 1 at each upper corner only. The sheets are numbered in manuscript at the lower right hand corner, the highest numbers we have seen being 3c. on 4c., No. 58, and 10c. on 4c. No. 109, and the lowest number, 1 in each case. These numbers may or may not have any signification.

Perhaps the most remarkable fact about the stamps is that the bars are ruled in by hand, a most laborious process, one would have thought. They are done extremely neatly and vary very slightly in size or length. In fact, they are done so well, that when we chronicled these provisionals seven weeks ago, we did not detect their nature.

NEW ZEALAND (197 Z 198).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 2/- stamp on laid paper. It comes over in two shades, pale and dark bluish-green rather than yellowish-green, but the difference is not very great in this respect. The chief distinction, at first sight, is the smooth and bright white gum. The vertical watermark lines in the paper occur about 18 to the inch and are crossed by single horizontal lines one inch apart. On many stamps it is very difficult to detect the nature of the paper from its appearance. The best method is to hold the stamp on a level with the eyes and look along it. Looking through the stamp, the usual method, is not of much use.

Each sheet contains 120 stamps in 12 rows of 10. The stamp will probably be scarce, as it is already obsolete, and was superseded by the 2/- wmk. N.Z. and Star during May or June. Mr. L. A. Sanderson is reported to have shown a copy to the *Australian Philatelist* (6.03/124).

The New Zealand Stamp Co. have shown our contemporary a copy of the new wrapper with the King's Head. The head is contained in a small oval within an elongated oval, in solid colour, with the words "New Zealand Postage" in white letters in the smaller oval. The figure $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in a shield with scrolls on each side occupy the bottom space of the larger oval. A crown joins the two ovals at top. An inscription occupying three lines in an oblong rectangular frame, formed with a wavy line, occupies the space to the left of the design.

News wrapper. Head of King Edward.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. dark green on white.

NIUE (195 U 198).—The *Australian Philatelist* states that the 1/- Taha e Sileni has been surcharged on both printings of the 1/- New Zealand. We have already chronicled the 1/- bright red and now add:—



Adhesive. Stamp of New Zealand as above, overprinted "NIUE—Taha e Sileni" in dark blue.

1/- orange-red, N.Z. star, perf. 14 (already chronicled in bright red.)

It will be remembered that in our history of the "Thief" error (*E.W.S.N.* No. 189), we stated that the Colonial Stamp Market was virtually compelled to return its stock to the New Zealand Government. As some consolation, the Market has been presented with a block of four of these stamps by the New Zealand authorities, thus bringing the total number issued up to 100. The highest price for which we have heard a copy has been sold is £5 10s.

We are assured on very good authority that the word "Peni" in the overprint is spelt wrong and should be "Pene." Also, if "One Shilling" is translated "Taha e Sileni," why should "One Penny" be "Taha Peni" and not "Taha e Peni" (or as Tonga has it "Peni e Taha")?

PACKHOI (A 198).—Messrs. Th. Champion and Cie. have shown us the current set of Indo-China overprinted "PACKHOI" with Chinese characters beneath. Most of the values only have two characters but the 4c. has six, the 1c. and 2c. four each and the 30c. and 40c. three.

Adhesives. Overprinted in black.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1c. black on azure. | 25c. blue. |
| 2c. brown on buff. | 30c. cinnamon on drab. |
| 4c. purple-brown on grey. | 40c. red on yellow. |
| 5c. yellow-green. | 50c. carmine on rose. |
| 10c. rose-red. | 75c. brown on orange. |
| 15c. grey. | 1fr. olive-green on toned. |
| 20c. red on green. | |

PERSIA (194 B 198).—We chronicle the following on the authority of *Le Timbrophile Belge*.



Type as above, without "P. L. Teheran."

Adhesives. Overprinted with Lion "1319" in blue. Imperforate.

- "10 tomans 10," yellow-green on grey.
- "20 tomans 20," blue on grey.
- "25 tomans 25," dark green on grey.
- "50 tomans 50," violet on grey.
- "Cent tomans" gilt on grey.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal chronicles the following:—

Adhesive.

4ch. vermilion of 1898, with the violet surcharge across two stamps (No. 209) and further overprinted with Type 26, in black.

QUEENSLAND (181 N 198).—We take the following from the *Australian Philatelist* relative to the 6d. with figures of value in lower corners only:—

"QUEENSLAND.—An English journal, in discussing the further information we gave regarding the 6d. Queensland postage stamp with figures in the lower corners only, question the statement we made, and obtained from an official source that only four specimens, in a block, were printed. It deems it improbable that one single impression only of a block of four should have been printed on watermarked paper, and perforated. In reply to this we can inform our contemporary that we have seen many of these blocks of four, essays and trial colors, in the collection of one of our most advanced philatelists, and from him we learn that for a number of years past new issues were submitted in that state to the Under Secretary of the Post Office, direct from the stamp printing office. Sometimes they were perforated and on watermarked paper, but more often they were printed on plain coloured or white paper without watermark. Under present regulations it is now well nigh impossible for anyone but the officer directly associated with the issue of new stamps to obtain proofs, etc."

SERVIA (197 P 198).—Collectors need not be surprised at philatelic developments here. Mr. Otto Bickel announces his departure for Belgrade on 1st July. This gentleman is a well-known German dealer, whose business is to do for small European States what the late Mr. Seebeck did for Central American Republics. Mr. Bickel was behind most of the issues of San Marino and Montenegro during the last decade of the 19th Century. It is therefore a significant fact when he announces his departure "for the Source"—"Reise ich heute, 1 Juli, an die Quelle nach Belgrad."

In his circular he already invites orders for three new sets:—

Alexander. Type of 3 dinars. ("In use a few days only"). 15, 20, 25, 50 st., 1 dinar Arms. To be issued on 8th July.

Peter I. Expected shortly.

Clients can have any of the stamps postmarked on payment of 1/8 per 1000 extra.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (194 A 198).—The date of issue of the new 10/- is given by the *Australian Philatelist* as the end of April.

ST. KITTS—NEVIS (196 E 198).—We illustrate herewith the design of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d., 1/- and 2/6 values, "Columbus sighting land."



Sir William Laird Clowes writes: "On some of the values of the new St. Kitts—Nevis stamps Columbus is shown in the act of sighting land through a telescope. Those who are responsible for the issue might have discovered, had they chosen to make enquiries, that the telescope was not invented until after Columbus's time. The error is as anachronistic as that of the artist who depicted Abraham as about to shoot Isaac with a pistol."

UNITED STATES (196 X 198).—We are indebted to Mr. M. H. Lombard for first sight of the new 15c. and 50c. stamps, which may be now formally recorded as issued.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (196 R 198).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* says that a rumour is current to the effect that owing to the unsatisfactory colour of the 8d. and the similarity of the shades of the new 9d. and 4d., further changes are likely to be made soon.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

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801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

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292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

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301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/0	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/0	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/0	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

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311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (198 Q 199).—It seems likely that the Federal issue will not be long delayed. We have quite a budget of cuttings from Australian Journals on the subject.

From the *Adelaide Register*, 10.6.03.

NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS.

For some reason, not yet explained, the Postmaster General (says *The Melbourne Argus*) intends to shortly issue complete sets of Federal stamps in all the States. It was suggested that this should be done last year, but the central postal authorities explained that the idea was impracticable in view of the bookkeeping provisions of the Constitution Act. At the present time each State Postal Department is carried on as a separate institution so far as its revenue and expenditure are concerned. If a Federal stamp, exchangeable throughout the Commonwealth, was sold in Melbourne and used in Sydney, Victoria would gain the revenue, and New South Wales would have to perform the service of transmission and delivery. This would not be in consonance with the bookkeeping sections, and consequently the suggestion made over 12 months ago was not entertained. Since then some of the State Premiers, fearing that the central administration might be tempted to introduce uniform stamps, have protested against the idea, and pointed how their interests might suffer by such a departure. Sir Drake, however, sees his way not to interfere with state rights, and yet to introduce what he describes as "Australian stamps."

Designs have not been called for publicly, nor for that matter departmentally, but a design has been received by the Postmaster-General, and it will probably be accepted. "It is the work of an Australian," he remarked on Saturday. "We might get finer draftsmanship by going abroad, say to the United States, but I prefer to have the stamp designed, engraved, and printed in Australia, so that it may be in every sense Australian." It is understood that the King's Head, which at present figures on all State stamps, will not appear on the Federal stamps, but that something symbolical of the Commonwealth will be substituted. Beneath this symbol the name of the State within which the stamp will have currency and its value will be printed. By this device of issuing sets for each State separately, the Federal stamps will not be interchangeable, and therefore the constitution will be observed. The stamps now sold in the various States will not be withdrawn, but no more will be printed, and as the sheets are exhausted Federal stamps will be sold instead.

From the *Fremantle Courier*, 8.6.03.

It is proposed by the Federal Postmaster-General to issue pictorial postcards in each State, and also to issue a Commonwealth postage stamp. The King's head, which at present figures on all the State stamps, with the exception of Western Australia, will not appear on the Federal stamps, but something symbolical of the Commonwealth will be substituted. Beneath this will appear the name of the State in which the stamp has been issued. No more State stamps are to be printed. After the existing stocks are exhausted the new stamps will be introduced.

BERMUDA (196 K 199).—A correspondent writes to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that the 3d. Queen's Heads are running low and that in all likelihood the 4d. will be the next stamp to be issued here in the Arms type.

An American contemporary reports that the remaining stock of the 3d. value has been bought up by speculators.

CANADA (196 L 199).—We take the following cutting from the *Canadian Gazette*, of 2nd July.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS ON DOMINION DAY.—An Ottawa despatch states that the Post Office Department will issue new postage stamps on Dominion Day of which those who have had an opportunity of seeing copies speak most approvingly, both as to design and to workmanship. The stamps bear the likeness of the King copied from the latest portrait of his Majesty painted since his accession to the throne, representing him in royal robes, scarlet and ermine, and now in York House, the London residence of the Prince of Wales. In each of the upper corners of the stamp is a Tudor crown, and in the lower corner a maple leaf with a numeral indicating the denomination of the stamp. The portrait of the King is declared to be a striking and admirable likeness of his Majesty.

Later.—The King Edward stamps have been issued. The first information reached us indirectly, as we are indebted to Mr. C. Rule, of Nuneaton, for advising us of the 2c. King's Head postmarked Montreal, 3rd. July. The registered mail brought the Colonial Stamp Market sheets of the 1c., 2c., 5c., 7c. and 10c. King's Head.

CEYLON (197 P 199).—Mr. W. R. Sirisene writes from Dickoya under date of June 24th:—On the 29th of May the long expected King's Head stamps were placed in circulation, the 4c. and 30c. being, however, the only values to make an appearance. The *Times of Ceylon* of 20th June supplements the list of issued values with the 3c.

Of the new stamps with the King's Head, received from home, those of the values of 30cts., 4cts. and 3cts. have now been issued. There yet remain to be issued stamps from 5cts. to Rs.25. The remainder of the old stamps are now being given out and by August all stamps issued will bear the King's Head."

It is strange that many post-offices in Ceylon have not yet been served with the new issues, although it is nearly a month since the Commissioner for Stamps announced that the new stamps were available to the public.

HONG KONG (197 V 199).—We have already described the full King Edward series and noted the actual issue of the 1, 8, 12 and 30 cents (E.W.S.N. Nos. 179, 182, 182, 197 respectively).



The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 20c., 50c., \$1, \$5 and \$10, the only values of the Queen Victoria set still current being the 2, 4, 5, 10c. and \$3.

NEW ZEALAND (198 A 199).—Just as we are sending these lines to the printers, the mail (via Italy) brings us the 2½d., 5d., 9d. and 2/- stamps on the new watermarked paper.

Adhesives. Wmk. N.Z. Star perf. 11.

2½d. blue
5d. brown.
9d. purple.
2/- green.

We shall give full particulars next week, including a description of the sheets. They were sent us under date of Wellington, 28th May.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (197 J 199).—We take the following from the *South African News*, of 20th June.

"BLOEMFONTEIN NEWS.

New 4d., 6d., and 1s. stamps bearing the King's Head will be on sale from July 16th next." We should not however be surprised to see them sooner.

SEYCHELLES (197 V 199).—We are now able to illustrate the design of the King Edward series.



SIAM (167 C 199).—We take the following paragraph from the *Daily Express* of July 8th:—Philatelists will be interested to learn that as a result of the recent change in the postal tariff of Siam, a new set of stamps has been ordered.

The "Official Stamps" Case.

[We have not hitherto referred to this case as full accounts have been published in the daily papers, but as readers residing abroad are anxious to have a report of it, we hope our subscribers at home will not take exception to the appropriation this week of a certain amount of our space.—Ed.]

Tu., 9th June. At Bow Street Police Court, London, Henry John Richards, Cycle Dealer, Alfred Waterhouse, a Clerk in the Admiralty, and Alfred Buck Creeke, Solicitor, were charged with being concerned in stealing and receiving a number of stamps.

Mr. R. D. Muir, who prosecuted, said that on the 30th January last, Henry Richards sold some Office of Works stamps to a dealer named Field, for £20, although their face value was very small. On the 14th February he offered other official stamps. Mr. Field asked him where he got them from. He replied that he was a motor car manufacturer, and got the stamps from Somerset House Officials, whom he was in the habit of driving. At the same time Richards volunteered the information that he could obtain any kind of stamps from the Somerset House Officials of his acquaintance. Mr. Field did not however make a further purchase.

The second prisoner (Waterhouse) was arrested by Sergeant Ward without a warrant. He was a clerk in the Works Department at the Admiralty. A quantity of Government Parcels stamps had been missed from the room in which he worked.

The third defendant, Mr. A. B. Creeke, is already well-known to stamp collectors as co-author, with the late Mr. Hastings E. Wright, of the London Society's work on British Stamps, in connection with the compilation of which, both gentlemen had been accorded access to the archives at Somerset House. In February of this year Creeke was in communication with another philatelist named Bigold, and asked him to sell for him a set of Office of Works stamps. These stamps, of the face value of about 5/-, were sold to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for £64. Detective-Sergeant Ward arrested Creeke outside the Law Courts, and found in his possession eight I.R. Official 1d. stamps; one £5 stamp marked "specimen"; one 9d. Govt. Parcel stamp; two halfpenny mis-perforated stamps, and some old stamps.

M., 15th June.—At the second hearing, a fourth prisoner, Percy Tidd Richards, brother of the other Richards, was charged. It was also stated that Creeke and Henry John Richards were only charged with receiving.

Percy Richards had been previously arrested by Detective Sergeant Palfrey of Scotland Yard on another charge and had in his possession a cheque for £10 drawn by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

William Henry Hiscox, shop manager to Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., stated that on the 5th May Percy Tidd Richards called there and produced some Office of Works stamps which he wanted to dispose of. There were about 90 of them altogether and they all bore the head of the late Queen Victoria. The total price asked was £17. Mr. Hiscox was examined closely on his suggestion that the number of unused official stamps on the market could only be accounted for by the supposition that when they were served out to be used ordinary stamps of the same face value were substituted.

Mr. Muir (re-examining).—Do you regard the substitution of Official stamps for ordinary stamps as legitimate?

The Witness.—Certainly, to a certain extent.

Mr. Muir.—If the exchange is legitimate, why are halfpenny stamps worth £3?

The Witness.—Because the number would be small.

Further evidence was given by stamp dealers as to considerable purchases of official stamps from Percy Richards, Henry Richards and Waterhouse.

Mr. Frank Moore, a Villiers Street dealer, was especially examined as to his "good bargains."

Mr. Lincoln Reed.—Did you think it extraordinary that stamps should be brought to you in this way?

The Witness.—No; I thought I was rather lucky. When he purchased stamps from Henry Richards in March and April he did not think he had been criminally guilty with respect to previous transactions.

Mr. Lincoln Reed.—I suppose you would not have purchased these stamps from Richards if you thought that to obtain them he had to do something criminally or even morally wrong.

The Witness.—I won't say morally, but I am certain I would have had nothing to do with him if I had thought there was anything criminally wrong.

Mr. Lincoln Reed.—I see, you are prepared to do something immoral, but not criminal.—(Loud laughter).

The Witness.—No; but, like every other stamp dealer in London, I am prepared to make a good bargain.

Mr. Moore said he bought 80 6d., 132 1d. and 120 2d. "Govt. Parcels" stamps on January 16th from Waterhouse for £7 9s. 6d. He also bought from him a whole sheet of 1d. and a sheet of 120 2d. "Govt. Parcels" stamps at double face value.

Mr., 22nd June. Walter John Richards, father of the other two Richards, was "reluctantly" added to the list of defendants. Mr. Muir said that he (Richards) was, until recently, a principal clerk at Somerset House. In the course of inquiries, it was ascertained that the great bulk of the official stamps sold to dealers came from him, in circumstances which compelled the Board of Inland Revenue—"although with the greatest possible reluctance and regret"—to include him in the charge with the other prisoners. As a principal clerk at Somerset House, he had—together with a Mr. Denvey—the actual custody and control of vast quantities of postage and official stamps. On the 23rd of January last he decided that four sheets of stamps should be taken out for cancellation—namely, two sheets of halfpenny stamps (one red and one green), one sheet of fivepenny stamps, and one sheet of tenpenny stamps. These were the stamps from which were sold, among others, four sets to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for the 'enormous' price of £64. These stamps should have been included in a cancellation warrant made out at Somerset House on 30th January, but in point of fact they were not so included. Walter John Richards was at first entrusted by the Inland Revenue authorities with the task of making enquiries and is alleged to have abused his trust by informing his sons as to what was being done.

S., 27th June. At the next appearance of the five prisoners an interesting witness was Mr. H. J. White, well-known through his possession of the finest collection of British stamps ever formed. He gave evidence of having purchased from Creeke two each of 5/-, 10/- and £1 "I.R. Official" stamps for £42.

In reply to Mr. Reed, the witness said he had known Creeke for many years as a stamp collector. He understood that Creeke himself told the Inland Revenue authorities that he had sold these particular stamps to him. The witness had bought official stamps on many occasions from dealers and at auctions, but he did not know how they got on the market.

Some time since, continued Mr. White, he bought a 10d. King's head Office of Works stamp at Ipswich for £5, and since then he had been told that those particular stamps were not issued until a month ago. Detective-Sergeant Ward had told him that it might prove to be a forgery.

Mr. Reed.—Sergeant Ward appears to have a very fertile mind.

Mr. Muir (speaking with an air of authority.—You may take it from me that the stamp is a forgery).

Mr. Stonestreet, a clerk in the office of the Controller of Stamps, Somerset House, said that Walter Richards was a principal clerk in that department. Early in February he accompanied the witness to the shop of Mr. Healey, a stamp dealer, in the city, who had written to Somerset House to know if he was at liberty to purchase certain stamps which had been offered to him. Mr. Healey was very indignant because his private letter to Somerset House had been shown to the prisoner Creeke. He said that soon after the letter was written Mr. Creeke called upon him and wanted to sell him some official stamps, but he did not like to buy any, and did not like the look of the man (laughter, in which Creeke joined). When Mr. Healey complained that his private letter had been shown to an outsider, Walter Richards said, "Creeke is frequently at Somerset House; he must have seen your letter on my table while my back was turned." On leaving Mr. Healey's shop, Walter Richards asked witness not to say anything to the Controller as to the complaint that had been made about Creeke seeing the letter. He said Creeke had been very useful to him, and had given him information about stamps which he could not have obtained as an official. As senior clerk, Walter Richards reported the interview to the Controller. He said nothing about Mr. Healey's complaint, but reported that Creeke had offered to sell official stamps to him.

On the following day Richards reported the complaint to the Controller, and showed him a letter he had received from Creeke to the effect that he had not told Mr. Healey that he had seen the letter he had sent to Somerset House. On another occasion Walter Richards told the witness that his son Henry knew where the Government parcels stamps came from, but he "would not give the game away." About a week after this conversation Walter Richards said to the Controller, "When I was coming from Charing-cross Station the other day, I noticed for the first time the name of Healey on a stamp dealer's shop. It struck me that this place was connected with Mr. Healey's business. I therefore sent my son Henry to the shop to see if he could find out anything about Government parcel stamps, but he obtained no information." The Controller told him he had no right to do that, and

Richards replied, "I am very sorry if I have done wrong. Of course, it is amateur detective's business. I was anxious to find out as much as possible."

Mr., 6th July.—The examination of witnesses was continued.

Tasker Brown, a clerk at the Works Department of the Admiralty, Northumberland Avenue, said Waterhouse was employed in the same room as himself. The stamps required for official use were kept about four yards from where Waterhouse worked. At the end of January last Waterhouse, a Mr. Stansfield, and witness had luncheon together in Villiers Street. After the meal Waterhouse said he had a stock of stamps—chiefly Brazilians—which he intended to sell in Villiers Street. When Waterhouse returned to the office about half an hour afterwards he said he had sold his stamps for 1s. 6d.

John Moore Mallet, the registrar of the Works Department of the Admiralty, proved that Waterhouse had been employed there since December, 1901. Fifteen clerks were engaged in the same room. Witness was supplied with a stock of parcels stamps for official use only. No one was allowed to use the stamps for any other purpose. He kept them in a locked drawer in his desk. At night the key of the drawer was put in a box at the back of his table. The place was supposed to be known only to witness and a Mr. Birch, who acted for him when he was away. It was possible, however, for clerks to see him take the key from the box when he arrived in the morning. When stamps were required witness issued them to a despatching clerk. Waterhouse had nothing to do with stamps. On February 10th witness went to his drawer for some stamps, and found they had all disappeared. He ought to have had there 404 penny, 357 twopenny, and 67 sixpenny Government parcels stamps. He had never discovered what had become of the lost stamps.

At the request of Mr. Muir, the chief clerk read the evidence given by Mr. Moore, stamp dealer, Villiers Street, as to having purchased from Waterhouse a large number of unused Government official parcel stamps. On one of his visits to the shop Mr. Moore asked Waterhouse if he had any shilling parcel stamps, and the latter replied that they were out of them at present, but were expecting some shortly, and he would do his best to get some.

Mr. Mallet said it was quite true that about that time he was out of shilling stamps.

In another part of Mr. Moore's evidence it was stated that Waterhouse said the heads of the department had remarked that the stamps were of little value, and in all probability, therefore, had not been stolen. They were therefore written off the books.

With regard to this Mr. Mallet said the chief clerk in the Accountant-General's Department said the stamps were of no value, and could not have been stolen. The stamps were marked in the quarterly returns as having been stolen, and for all practical purposes they were written off.

In another part of Mr. Moore's evidence it was stated that Waterhouse said his conscience was perfectly clear with regard to the stamps, as he was so miserably paid.

THE USES OF GOVERNMENT STAMPS.

Mr. Mallet said that in January last Waterhouse received 4s. 6d. a day. On April 1st his pay was increased to 5s. 6d. a day. He knew from something that had happened that Waterhouse was very hard up.

Mr. Frampton cross-examined the witness with the object of showing that Waterhouse was not necessarily the thief, other clerks in the department having an equal chance of stealing the stamps if they wished to do so. Witness had never given official stamps to anyone in his department. On one occasion an official in the Coastguard Department sent a messenger to witness saying he had had to purchase some ordinary stamps for parcels. Witness told the messenger he could not give him money, and added that he only had official stamps, which would be of no use to the gentleman who had sent him. Witness had no idea that official stamps were of any value except for the purpose for which they were intended.

In answer to Mr. Lincoln Reed, witness said he knew of no regulation prohibiting the use of official stamps for private correspondence. Neither was he aware of any regulation prohibiting the substitution of ordinary stamps for official ones.

Mr. Reed.—If you had wanted to send a private letter in a hurry would you have thought it wrong to use an official stamp and replace it with an ordinary postal stamp when you had got one?

Witness.—Certainly it would have been wrong. Why?—Because the stamps were not mine to deal with.

If you had substituted an official stamp for an ordinary one of equal value do you think it would have been criminal?—I do not know that it would have been a criminal offence, but it would have been wrong.

Re-examined, the witness said he would not use, or allow anyone else to use, official stamps for anything but official purposes. When the stamps were stolen from his drawer they were in a large envelope, which was left behind.

Mr. Healey, stamp dealer, Wormwood Street, whose letter to Somerset House asking if he might purchase official stamps which had been offered to him led to inquiries being made, was recalled for cross-examination. Answering Mr. Reed, he said he had been a stamp dealer for many years, but had purchased very few unused official ones. He had some of them in his possession now, and had undertaken to sell them at the expiration of this case. He bought them from a young fellow he did not know for 10s. Two of them were halfpenny greens, and he expected to get £6 for them. There were two other halfpenny ones for which he wanted £6 or £6 10s., and there were two penny ones which would realise £1 10s. or £2 each. Although he bought all these Office of Works stamps for 10s., he

thought the young man who sold them had come by them honestly. He considered that he did not know their value, and witness thought he was making "a fair little deal." Unused parcel stamps were always under a cloud, and dealers were suspicious of them. It was when he was offered Govt. parcels stamps in a block that he sent his manager with a letter to Somerset House. The answer the manager brought back was that the Somerset House officials said they could not prevent witness purchasing the stamps, but if they saw a large quantity offered for sale they would seize them. After that witness bought a sheet of 240 penny Government parcel stamps from Mr. Moore, of Villiers Street. He did not think it necessary to communicate with Somerset House before purchasing that sheet. His suspicions, however, were aroused, that there had been some irregularity. He did not suspect that the stamps had been stolen, but after purchasing them he communicated with Somerset House. It did not occur to him that he could make a profit by turning informer. He wrote to Somerset House telling them what he had purchased, and saying there were five other sheets of stamps of different denominations for sale, and asking if he was at liberty to buy them. Mr. Moore was really an agent for witness, who gave him £6 for the sheet of 240 stamps. He had not been promised a reward if he disclosed the name of the man from whom the stamps were originally obtained. He asked the authorities, however, to allow him to retain the stamps he had bought, and some others which had been offered him, in return for any assistance he might be able to render them in tracing their source.

If handled judiciously, those stamps would be worth some hundreds of pounds, but if they were sold altogether the market would be flooded, and they would not fetch nearly so much. The statement made that witness did not purchase stamps from Creeke because he did not like the look of him was not correct.

Mr. Reed.—I suppose you do like the look of him?

Witness.—I consider he is very good-looking.—(Laughter).

The prisoners were remanded.

SALE OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENTAL STAMPS.

(From the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, 4.7.03).

APPROPOS the "Official Stamps" Case, it may interest collectors of the present generation to learn how a similar situation was met when Congress decreed that each of the eight departments and the Executive should be provided with postage stamps of a special design. An act of this nature had to be fully debated by Congress, so collectors were well aware of what was coming, and, of course, were extremely anxious to secure early copies of the new stamps. How were they to be obtained? The law said they were not to be sold to the public and to be used exclusively on official correspondence. To get single used stamps of the low values was easy enough, because it was only necessary to write some "fool question" to each department and get a reply. The writer was determined to be first in the field and the day before the stamps were available for postage wrote to the chief of each department, enclosing the face value of his special set of stamps and requested that he would kindly send a set of stamps for the amount enclosed.

The President of the United States (Gen. U. S. Grant) and the eight eminent men he had selected as his official advisers were certainly competent to understand a simple law, passed for the express purpose of facilitating public business! The answers to my letters show that very different views may be taken of the same subject.

My first answer was from the President, who stated, through his private secretary, that the stamps were intended for official correspondence and could not be sold, but that he was pleased to send me a few specimens which were inclosed in his letter together with the money I had sent him.

The Secretary of the Interior wrote and stated that the stamps were issued to keep account of the amount of postage used by each department, and so long as this object was attained the exact method was immaterial. He enclosed the desired set and stated that I could have all I wanted, provided I sent an equal amount of regular stamps, which would be used in place of those I got.

The Secretaries of the Navy and War sent all the stamps I sent cash for.

The Secretary of State returned the cash and stated that on no account could the stamps be used for any other purpose than that designated by Congress.

I do not recollect at this late day the exact answers of the other departments, but the letters above quoted show practically every view that could be taken of the subject.

ALLEGED THEFT OF STAMPS.

(From the *Western Mail*, 4.7.03—Cardiff Quarter Sessions).

THE Recorder (Mr. B. Francis-Williams, K.C.) intimated that it was not his intention to take that day the case of William Pomeroy Peter, 43, clerk, who was indicted for stealing a number of stamps, the property of the Inland Revenue, at Cardiff, on different dates, because several of the witnesses were in London. He would hear the case this (Saturday) morning.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4	
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1	
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7	
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1	
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4	
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11	

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—	—
854* Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0	
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11	

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6 gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.			
301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.			
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20p., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20p., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.			
355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Dates (196 B 200).—We have received quite a number of new record dates this week, all sent by Mr. F. J. Cowan, who seems bent on getting to the head of the list. As regards the 1d. red plate-numbers, he now holds 19½ records, as against Mr. P. P. Wood's 28½ and Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall's 20½. Mr. Wood was at one time *facile princeps* (his total on 11.8.02 being 41), but during the last year 13 of his records have been bettered and one tied.

1d. red, pl. 96	Birmingham,	28.12.64 (tie).
" 111	"	7. 5.68
" 112	Birkenhead,	17. 7.68
" 123	Liverpool,	2. 3.69
" 130	London, S.E.	19. 8.69
" 136	Wolverhampton,	12. 3.70
" 149	Newton-le-Willows,	20. 6.70
" 175	West Bromwich,	30.10.74
" 183	Liverpool, S.,	10.11.75
" 198	Exchange, Liverpool,	19. 3.77
" 214	Birmingham,	20. 9.78
" 219	Dublin,	1. 3.79
" 220	Navan,	1. 3.79
½d. red, pl. 1	Liverpool,	1.11.70

As 41 out of the 150 records have now been broken since we last published the complete series of records (11th August, 1902), we shall probably publish a fully revised list in an early number. The copy of 1d. plate 130 which establishes the above new early date record is exceptionally interesting, as it is clearly post-marked "TOO LATE—C.A.—19.8.69—LONDON, S.E." in a circle.



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

½d. Dies 7 to 25 except 13; 43, 44.
1d. Dies 7 to 29 except 19; 43, 44, 46, 50, 51.

Railway Letter Stamps (198 S 200).—Captain Connolly has shown us a copy of the 56th issue, of the North Eastern Railway Company, Nos. 190001 to 193000, and we note that it is similar to the 57th, printing P., with round or "skeleton" control figures. The following new issue is also shown us:—

Caledonian, 11th issue, 18.11.02, dark green, perf. 11. This is the first printing to have the 11 gauge of perforation.

We notice that Ewen's Priced Catalogue of the Railway Letter Stamps of the United Kingdom, just published, catalogues two old varieties which have only just been discovered.

Waterford and Central Ireland, 1st issue, yellowish-green, £20 unused, £5 used. The issue hitherto supposed to have been the first must now take second place.

Great Western and Great Central Joint. Current issue of Great Western Railway overprinted in fancy rubber type "G.W. & G.C. Jt."

The latter is the only surcharged Railway Letter Stamp ever issued.

Since writing the above, we have received some more new varieties:—

L. & S.W., 38th issue, from new transfer; 2d. green, perf. 10. Sheets of 12 (?), 3 rows of 4. Nearly every stamp has two white dots on figure 2.

L.B. & S.C. In addition to the 19th., 17th and 15th printings numbered, we now have the 20th issue, numbers over 2000.

North Eastern The first issue, Nos. 205001 to 208000 is another new printing, T, but still from transfer V. Printings Q, R and S are likely to become very scarce.

Collectors would find unused blocks or sheets of the above a first-rate investment of £1 and £2.

The following letter was received last week from a station master to whom a collector had applied for half a dozen unused stamps. We give it verbatim:—

"Dear Sir,—I herewith enclose two Railway Letter Stamps, which is strictly against the rules and if you would please say what you require them for I might send you the other four, Yours truly, ———."

Cheque Dies (198 O 200).—Somebody must be writing a lot of cheques! We have just seen die ED 31.3.03 and Mr. H. T. Jenner advises the following:—DL 2.2.03; DP 19.2.03; EA 2.4.03; EF 5.5.03; EH 5.5.03; and EJ 8.6.03. The as yet unrecorded dies are DK, DN, DS to DW, DZ, EC, EE, EG, EI.

Postal Orders (162, 198 I 200).—The system of account letters adopted for the new postal orders is as follows:—6d., A; 1/-, 1/6, B; 2/-, 2/6, C; 3/-, 3/6, D; and so on, missing out "1." The even shillings have the letter over the million-figure and the odd values have the letter under it. The complete new set is not likely to appear for another six or twelve months.

Envelope Dies.—Mr. T. S. Tyrrell has shown us the 1d. die 51 so the list now stands as follows:—

AITUTAKI (191 D 200).—We have at last received the set of stamps for this island. As in the case of Nine and Penrhyn Island, it comprises six values, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-. Our variety expert went most carefully through sheets of each value and reported there were no errors or varieties of any description but when tearing up the sheets into sets it was noticed that one of the 1/- stamps had the stop after *Tiringi* omitted. It is evident, however, that great care has been executed by the printers, as the variety is one that might easily be passed over by the most careful proof reader.

The overprint is spelt out in words on all the stamps (see below). All are on watermarked paper, including the 2½d., so that varieties of paper are reduced to a minimum. Of course, the 3d., 6d. and 1/- from corners of sheets have occasionally escaped watermark.

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AITUTAKI. AITUTAKI.

Ava Pene. Tai Pene.

In red on ½d. green, wmk. N.Z. and Star upright, perf. 14 (2d). Issued in half sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12, with margins on three sides. The two corner sections of the margin have been torn out, to assist in "registering" the sheet during the process of surcharging. The sheet-numbers are therefore missing.

In dark blue on 1d. carmine, wmk. N.Z. and Star upright, perf. 14 (2d). Issued in half sheets like the ½d.

(a) Variety, No wmk., from corner of sheet.

AITUTAKI. AITUTAKI.

Rua Pene Ma Te Ava. Toru Pene.

In red on 2½d. blue, wmk. N.Z. and Star upright, perf. 11 (2a). Issued in full sheets of 120, 12 rows of 10, with margins all round, but each of the four corner sections of the margin has been removed, no doubt to assist in "registering." The overprint is probably done on 60 stamps at a time.

In dark blue on 3d. yellow-brown, wmk. N.Z. and Star sideways, perf. 11 (2a). Issued in full sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12; margins as in the 2½d.

AITUTAKI. AITUTAKI.

Ono Pene. Tai Tiringi.

In dark blue on 6d. rose, wmk. N.Z. and Star sideways, perf. 11. Issued in sheets of 120 as in the 3d.

(a) Variety, No wmk. A sheet before us has this variety on Nos. 97 and 109.

(b) A sheet before us has a broken O like a C making "Cno," on Nos. 25, 29, 61 and 97. In dark blue on 1/- bright red, wmk. N.Z. and Star sideways, perf. 11. Issued in sheets of 120 as in the 3d.

(a) Variety, No wmk., from corner of sheet.

(b) Error, no stop after "Tiringi," No. 84.

It may be of interest to some of our readers to reproduce from Tregear's *Maori Comparative Dictionary* the following table of interchanges of consonants amongst the various Pacific dialects.

Maori of NZ	Samoa	Tahitian	Hawaiian	Tongan	Rarotongan	Marquesan	Mangarevan	Puamotu
H	S or F	H	H	H	—	H	H	H
K	(a break)	—	—	K	K	K	K	K
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
NG	G*	—	N	G*	NG	K	G*	G*
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
R	L	R	L	L	R	—	R	R
T	T	T	K	T	T	T	T	T
W	V	V	W	V	V	V	V	V
WH	F	Hor F	H	F	—	F or H	H	F or H

* G is pronounced like ng. A dash signifies the sound is 'wanting'.

Probably the first human being who ever learnt to speak made use chiefly of vowel sounds eked out by gestures and ultimately by two or three simple consonantal sounds like M or P. From such a beginning, however, it is evident different races developed along different paths. The Kafir introduced his clicks and the Russian disposed of his vowels, whilst the Polynesian retained the simplicity of a-e-i-o-u. It is remarkable that sounds like the English s, sh, z cannot be pronounced by the Pacific Islanders, except in Samoa, where one occasionally hears an 's.' The 's' is almost invariably reproduced by h, but in the Cook Islands, the natives have no aspirate either. The New Zealand Printing Office must therefore have had difficulty in translating the English 'shilling.' The Aitutakan also substitutes r for the sounds of l and r, whereas with the Tongan (as with the Chinaman) the sound l is preferred. Consequently the Niuean *tolu* becomes *toru* and shilling or *silungi* the almost unrecognisable *tiringi*. The word *ava* for half, we cannot find in the dictionary nor does there appear to be any translation for 'half', the nearest approach being *te ava* signifying "the entrance between two reefs," which may perhaps carry with it the idea of division.

By the same mail we have a letter from a correspondent at Aitutaki and we notice his letter is franked with a 1d. pink Cook Islands (2nd. printing, no watermark), and cancelled in violet with a small rubber stamp consisting of one inner and two outer concentric circles inscribed between "COOK ISLANDS" round the top and "AITUTAKI" round the bottom, with "P.O." in the centre.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (197 H 200).—We take the following most interesting account of the provisional issue from the *Philatelic Journal of India* (6.03/1903).

"So long ago as 1900, it had been proposed that the British Somaliland Protectorate should have a postal system of its own, and the details were worked out in 1901. It was proposed to start the new order in July, 1902, but the expedition against the Mullah has delayed its introduction, and it was not introduced till the first of this month. Up till then the Indian Post Office served Berbera and Zaila, both of which places had Indian Post Offices. In order to start the new Postal Administration, the Government of India was asked to supply the Protectorate with certain Indian postage stamps surcharged "British Somaliland" in the same way as certain court-fee stamps already supplied had been surcharged. This was agreed to. The denominations and numbers of each supplied were:—

Ordinary Stamps.

½ anna, 200 sheets.	8 annas, 100 sheets.
1 " 200 "	12 " 100 "
2 annas, 200 "	1 rupee, 100 "
2½ " 200 "	2 rupees, 50 "
3 " 200 "	3 " 50 "
4 " 200 "	5 " 50 "
6 " 100 "	

Service ("On H. M. S.") Stamps.

½ anna, 30 sheets.	8 annas, 10 sheets.
1 " 30 "	1 rupee, 10 "
2 annas, 20 "	

plus 722 of each value for supply to the British Post Office for sending to Berne to be distributed by the Postal Union Office.

"The stamps were surcharged in Calcutta, in September 1901. The main supply was sent to Berbera, and the 722 specimens of each kind were sent to the India Office in London. These 722 sets were distributed by the Postal Union Office at Berne on 26th May, 1902.

"As I have said, circumstances delayed the formation of the British Somaliland Post, and, of course, it issued no stamps till 1st June, 1903. I have no knowledge as to whether the Protectorate intends to have a design of its own. Even if it does not, some of these stamps are bound to be rare, as many of the stamps current in India in 1901 are not so now, so that an exact "repeat order" would be impossible. The four lowest values are on the new colours, but all are on Queen's Head stamps."

BOYACA (133 B 200).—Messrs. T. Champion & Co., show us the following novelties.

Adhesives.—The 10 and 20c. have Arms in centre; the 50c. has a Portrait and the 1 peso a large figure 1 on ornamental ground. All lithographed on thin white wove paper.

- 10c. grey, imperf.
- 10c. black, perf. 12.
- 10c. bluish-grey, perf. 12.
- 20c. brown, imperf., perf. 12.
- 20c. red-brown, imperf., perf. 12.
- 50c. dark blue, perf. 12.
- 50c. deep greenish-blue, perf. 12.
- 1p. dull lake-red, perf. 12.
- 1p. bright vermillion, perf. 12.

CAPE COLONY (197 T 200).—A correspondent at Capetown sends us the following novelties:—

Revenue adhesive. Large type, same size as Sudan current issue postage stamps. Wmk. Anchor, perf. 14. Head of King Edward. 6d. lilac and violet (the first value of the set).

Envelope stamp. Oval, embossed; Head of King Edward.

1d. pink, 145+90 mm. (Commercial size.)

Registration envelope. Round, embossed; Head of King Edward.

4d. blue.

Post card. Head of King Edward.

½d. green.

The registration envelopes are of four sizes.

F 5½ x 3½ in. I 10 x 7 in.

G 6 x 3½ in. K 11½ x 6 in.

H 8 x 5 in.

ELOBEY, ANNOBEN Y CORISIO (187 B 200).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the expected set of stamps.

Adhesives. Type of Fernando-Poo 1899, dated "1903." Control numbers at back.

- ½ de c. carmine
- ¼c. dark violet
- 1c. black
- 2c. vermilion
- 3c. dark green
- 4c. blue-green
- 5c. violet
- 10c. claret
- 15c. orange
- 25c. dark blue.
- 50c. red-brown.
- 75c. dark brown.
- 1 peseta, orange-red.
- 2p. violet-brown.
- 3p. olive.
- 4p. garnet.
- 5p. green.
- 10p. blue.

FERNANDO POO (190 F 200).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles quite a different set to that given nine weeks ago on the authority of the *Postzegelnieuw*.

Adhesives. With date "1903."

- ½ de c. dark violet
- ¼c. black
- 1c. vermilion
- 2c. dark green
- 3c. blue-green
- 4c. violet
- 5c. claret
- 10c. orange
- 15c. green
- 25c. red-brown.
- 50c. dark brown.
- 75c. rose.
- 1p. brown-violet.
- 2p. olive.
- 3p. garnet.
- 4p. blue.
- 5p. blue.
- 10p. red.

FINLAND (160 D 200).—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* (6.03/92) claims to have discovered two sets of the current set of Finland showing slight variations in the design. "The values [states our contemporary] in which alterations are observed are the 20 penni, 1 mark and 10 penni during 1902 and 5 and 2 penni during 1903, all in the order named. Of the 10 marks we have had so few examples to examine that we cannot decide whether this value also undergoes any change, but we believe it unlikely."

The differences in paper, perforation, etc., are either slight or nil, but the dies would appear to have been faintly retouched. We cannot give our contemporary's description in full, as translating word for word with a dictionary is a somewhat laborious process, requiring plenty of spare time, which we do not possess, but the following few notes may be of interest.

2, 5 & 20 pen. Type i.—The letters of "PEH 2 PEN." are small and contracted. Type ii. The letters are more substantial.

10 Pen. The ornamental design is more clearly lined.

1 mk. In type ii. the figure "1" after "MARKKA" has a serif at foot and the centre oval is taller.

FRANCE (197 H 200).—The famous *La Semeuse* stamps appear to be no longer in issue, post-offices being again supplied with stamps of the Mouchon retouched type. The 25c. of the latter has just appeared with millésime 3, which indicates a recent fresh printing. On all sides, the type *Mouchon retouché* is replacing *La Semeuse*, states *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.

GUINEA, SPANISH (156 D 200).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 135 we chronicled a new set of 8 stamps in the design shown below.



L'Echo de la Timbrologie now chronicles a set of 18 stamps dated "1903" and inscribed "Guinea Contial Española."

- ½ de c. black
- ¼c. green
- 1c. garnet
- 2c. olive
- 3c. violet-brown
- 4c. orange-red
- 5c. dark brown
- 10c. red-brown
- 15c. dark blue
- 25c. orange.
- 50c. claret.
- 75c. violet.
- 1p. blue-green.
- 2p. dark blue.
- 3p. vermillion.
- 4p. blue.
- 5p. dark violet.
- 10p. carmine.

INDIA (197 B 200).—In addition to the actual issue of the ½, ¼, 1, 2, 4 and 8 annas, we can now record the receipt of the 2½ annas.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* reports a rumour that there will be 10a., and 1½ and 2½ rupees stamps, but this does not seem very necessary or probable.

NEW SOUTH WALES (196 J 200).—With reference to our note in *E.W.S.N.* No. 196, we have now seen a sheet of the 5d., wmk. sideways, sent us by a Sydney correspondent. We note, however, that the 5d. stamps in the Colonial Stamp Market's consignment received last week were again the ordinary issue with watermark upright and the Market seem fated not to get the new issue. They have now tried five times and in each case had the old issue sent!

NEW ZEALAND (196 B 200).—The mail via San Francisco brought us the 5/- on the new paper, with watermark N.Z. and star. We chronicle:—

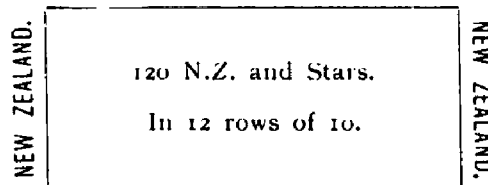
Adhesive. Wmk. N.Z. and Star (multiple) sideways, perf. 11, 5/- deep red.

They were sent us under date of June 17th. It is somewhat remarkable that these 5/- stamps are printed sideways on Cowan's "penny" paper (watermarks closer together) and not on the new paper, but this is no doubt due to the smaller size of the plate. A sheet of the 5/- stamps before us has marginal number 439860 and contains 60 stamps in 6 rows of 10.

The 2½d., 9d. and 2/- oblong stamps, chronicled last week, are printed in sheets of 120, 12 rows of 10, on paper with 120 "N.Z. and Star" watermarks, so that each stamp has just one watermark. The 5d. are printed in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12, on the same paper sideways.

The sheets of new paper are watermarked as follows, the inscriptions being in double-lined capitals.

NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE.



The sheets are not numbered in any way, nor have they any watermark figures, as in the large "penny" sheets of Cowan watermarked paper.

Mr. R. J. Kingsley has shown us the following, and says it was only issued from Wellington and is already obsolete.

Envelope. "ONE PENNY" in carmine on 2d. violet, Queen's Head.

We take the following interesting notes on New Zealand stamps from the *Philatelic Journal of India* (6.03/174).

"Only a limited number of the 4d. on watermarked paper were perf. 11, and it is accordingly a scarce stamp. I have seen the 4d., perf. 14, with the centre varying from Prussian blue to indigo. The 1/- exists in two very distinct shades, viz, dull red and bright red. The latter is likely to be very rare, as this colour was rejected, and it is stated that all the stock printed in it were destroyed with the exception of two sheets, which were inadvertently included in a supply of about 500 sheets issued to the Stamp Department by the Government printer. The 2s. stamp is now appearing on laid paper, and is worth securing, as the next printing is almost certain to be on the watermarked paper. Some 28,000 of the 2d. stamped envelopes have been overprinted "one penny" in black, as owing to the reduction in the rate of postage the 2d. is rarely used now. The various varieties of the ½d. and 1d. New Zealand are very troublesome, and some are decidedly

hard to find. The rarest appear to be the ½d. and 1d., on "Basted Mills" paper, perf. 11, and the ½d., on "Cowan unwatermarked" paper, perf. 11. I hear that specimens of the current 2½d., unperf. horizontally, have turned up."

The report as to the 1/- bright red is either incorrect, or more probably a fresh printing in this shade was made, as it was used for the latest Niue, Penrhyn Island and Aitutaki stamps.

The "Official Stamps" Case.

(Continued from last week.)

M., 13th July. Evidence for the prosecution was continued.

Ernest Henry Douett, a principal clerk in the accounts department of the office of Controller of Stamps said that towards the end of last year Walter Richards made a suggestion that they should take away from the office a few Office of Works' official stamps. The witness fell in with the suggestion. On January 23rd four sheets of "O.W. Official" stamps, one each of ½d. red, ½d. green, 5d. and 10d., were taken from the safe for the purpose of cancellation. Richards had the power to decide which stamps should be cancelled, and he could have carried out the whole of the cancellation without the witness's knowing anything about it. When he and Richards took out these official stamps ordinary ones were substituted, so that the money totals would agree. They divided the official stamps between them. The witness handed Richards in cash the face value of the stamps he received. They both agreed to lock their stamps away. Nothing was said about putting them on the market. The witness took from his portion a block of four stamps from each of the four half-sheets and locked the others away. Those which he retained he put into his collection of official stamps.

On May 23rd, the witness was at his home at Epsom on leave when Walter Richards called upon him. He told him of his son's (Percy) arrest on another charge, and said that a cheque for £10 drawn by Stanley Gibbons, Stamp Dealer, had been found on him. The cheque, he added, had been given in exchange for some of the stamps which he took home, and which he alleged had been stolen by his son from the box in which he locked them. On May 26th, Richards again called upon him. He said he had been asked for an explanation with regard to these stamps, and added that the "fat was in the fire." He also mentioned that he expected to be arrested when he got home, and told the witness that very likely the same fate would be awaiting him that evening. The witness afterwards gave up the whole of the stamps he had received, and he and Richards reported the facts of the case to the Controller. The witness once received from Mr. Gore, the Assistant Controller, 40 1s. "Govt. Parcels" stamps, giving him 1d. postage stamps in substitution for them. He afterwards exchanged these with Walter Richards for two 10s. and one £1 "I.R. Official" stamps. Richards told him those three stamps had been returned for cancellation, but he had kept them and cancelled some 6d. ones of the same total value. No inquiry was ever made, for the total value in the books agreed with the stock.

In examination the witness said he did not think he was guilty of theft when he agreed with Walter Richards to take these stamps. He knew of no official regulation forbidding the substitution of ordinary stamps for official ones. He understood that either of the late Controllers, Mr. Purcell and Mr. Cosens, would have given anyone in Somerset House an official stamp for the asking. Some years ago the witness gave evidence in a case against a surveyor of the taxes, who was charged with substituting ordinary stamps for official ones. The case went to the Assizes, but the judge directed the jury that there was no felonious intent, and the prisoner was acquitted. When the present matter was under investigation, witness and Walter Richards attended before the Board of Inland Revenue, and Sir Henry Primrose told them that value had been given for value and that, although they had been guilty of an error of judgment, no fraud had been committed. They were each reduced from the position of principal clerk to senior clerk, and £60 a year was deducted from their salary. The witness was still being employed at Somerset House. Mr. Reed.—And Walter Richards is here charged with felony. Further cross-examined.—He had not been offered any reward for giving evidence in this case. Re-examined.—The chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue also told them that it would depend upon how much they had made out of the stamps as to what their salary should be in the future. Evidence was then given that in May last Creeke sold three pairs of Inland Revenue stamps of the face value of 5s., 10s., and £1, respectively, for £28; and one set of three "O.W. Official" stamps of the respective denominations of ½d., 5d., and 10d., for £8 10s., to stamp dealers in the Strand. Other formal evidence was given, and the prisoners were again remanded.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

No. in
Set. Value. Our
Price.

GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.

151	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/1 1/2	2/6
151a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
152	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
152a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
153	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/1 1/2	2/6
153a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
154	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	.. 11	1/10	2/2
154a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

163	Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
164	French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
165	1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 9	2/2	2/7
166	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
166a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
167	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
167a	10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
168	Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/2	2/7
168a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

171	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
171a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
175	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
175a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
176	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
176a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
177	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
177a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
180	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
180a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
182a	Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
183	Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

191	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
191a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
192	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
192a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
193	New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/3	2/8
193a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
194	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
194a	New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

201*	(Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
202*	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
203	Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 3	1/2	1/5
204*	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
205*	(Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 13	2/6	2/1
206*	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 13	2/6	2/11
207	Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	.. 9	2/6	2/11
208*	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	.. 6	1/9	2/21
209	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	.. 8	1/7	1/11
210*	Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/81
211*	Hoi-hao " " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
212	(1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	.. 3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213	Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	.. 3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214	Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	.. 8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215	Vathy, expected ..	..	—	—
216	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 1fr.	.. 8	1/8	2/0
217	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 1fr.	.. 8	1/8	2/0
218	Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	.. 4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219	Morocco ..	..	—	—
220	China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a	Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	.. 6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

221	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	.. 8	2/8	3/2
222	S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
223	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
224	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

231	German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
232	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
233	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
234	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
235	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
236	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

241	China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
242*	Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	.. 9	3/0	3/6
243*	Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	.. 8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.

251*	Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
251a*	115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
252*	Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
252a*	115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
253*	Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
253a*	115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
254*	Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
254a*	115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801*	Angola, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
802*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
803*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
804*	Angra, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
805*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
806*	Cape Verde, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
807*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
808*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
809*	Funchal, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
810*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
811*	Guinea, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
812*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
813*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
814*	Horta, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
815*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
816*	Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
817*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
818*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
819*	Macau, 47 avos.	.. 1/1	1/4
820*	78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
821*	Mozambique, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
822*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
823*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
824*	Mozambique Company, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
825*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
826*	1000 "	.. 3/6	4/1
827*	Nyassa, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
828*	Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
829*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
830*	Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
831*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
832*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
833*	Portuguese India, 1 rupee	.. 1/4	1/7
834*	2 "	.. 2/8	3/1
835*	St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
836*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
837*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
838*	Timor, 47 avos	.. 1/1	1/4
839*	78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
840*	Zambezia, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
841*	500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
842*	700 "	.. 2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851*	Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852*	16 "	—	—
853*	Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
854*	20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261*	Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
262*	Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
263*	Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
264*	Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
265*	St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271*	Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
272*	Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
273*	Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
274*	Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
275*	Zambezia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281*	Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	.. 9	0/10	1/0
281a*	12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	.. 7	2/6	2/11
282*	Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	.. 10	2/6	2/11
283*	Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	.. 8	0/9	0/11
283a*	12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	.. 6	2/1	2/9

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291*	Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	.. 3	0/5	0/6
292*	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293*	Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294*	Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295*	Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	.. 7	2/0	—
296	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	.. 9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301*	Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
302*	Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
303	Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
304	Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	.. 6	1/6	—
305	Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	.. 10	—	—
306	Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	.. 6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	.. 5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a	Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	.. 4	0/8	0/10
312	Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	.. 5	0/7	—
313	China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	.. 6	0/7	—

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356	Bolívar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	.. 5	—	—
357	Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	.. 6	—	—
358	Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	.. 3	—	—
359	Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	.. 6	—	—

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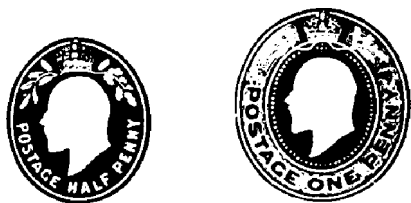
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (196 200 N 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market's last lot of envelopes were stamped at Somerset House with 1d. die 53 (the 4d. being die 23 again) and Mr. W. Hartree has shown us the 1d. die 49, so the list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

4d. Dies 7 to 25 except 13; 43, 44.

1d. Dies 7 to 29 except 19; 43, 44, 46, 49 to 51, 53.

Early Dates (200 C 101).—Mr. W. Denison Roebuck has shown us the following new records:

1d. red, pl. 97.	London, N.W.	5. 6.65
" pl. 168.	Exchange, Liverpool	22. 7.73
3d. rose, pl. 20a.	Lincoln	23. 9.79
" pl. 20b.	Aylesbury	3. 1.81
3d. lilac, pl. 21b.	Folkestone	6. 2.83
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" pl. 15a.	Slough	28. 8.76
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4d. brown, pl. 17a.	Chichester	25. 8.80
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5/- rose, pl. 2.	Fleet Street, London.	29.10.73

Railway Letter Stamps (200 T 201).—Some very interesting developments are taking place in the letter stamp issues of the Railway Companies just at present, and several varieties which can be had during the present month at the cost of face value and a little trouble are likely to become rare. The L.B. & S.C. Railway 22nd issue, as already reported, is numbered on the backs of the stamps, and consists of odd sheets left over from preceding printings. We now have:—

Printing.	Lowest No.	Highest No.	Perf.
19	25	804	11
17a	961	1065	10
15, 15a	1165	2280	10
20	2353	2964	11
21	3133	3432	10 x 11, 10, 11
15	3553	3564	10

The numbers are the lowest and highest we have yet seen. We also have the following novelties:

London & South Western, 5th Transfer, 39th issue (second of 5th Transfer), perf. 10, dull green (the 38th issue was yellow green). Some sheets are on surfaced paper, the stamps being very similar in appearance to the 3rd issue of 1891, or 4th issue, 1892.

North Eastern. The 61st issue, printing T, appears to include some sheets of printing R.

AITUTAKI (200 E 201).—We have seen a sheet of the 6d. which by a fortunate circumstance had had the corner margin torn and turned up, so that it escaped being removed during the operation of over-printing. It shows sheet-number 415613, thus indicating a new printing of the 6d. value (which, however, does not differ in any respect from its predecessor).

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (199 R 201).—We take the following from the *Adelaide Register* of 25th June:—

Several hundreds of pounds (writes *The Melbourne Argus*) were expended in obtaining suitable designs for the first Commonwealth flag and seal. But no invitation was publicly extended, or even issued departmentally, to anybody to submit designs for the first federal stamp to be printed in the union. The new stamp of which we publish a copy, is not therefore the choice of the

Postmaster-General after examining specimens of the best draftsmanship that Australia can produce, but simply a selection made by Sr. Drake from a few designs which were furnished to him by persons whose names have not been disclosed. The stamp cannot be regarded as an artistic triumph, and regret will probably be felt that the postal authorities should issue what is claimed to be a distinctly Australian stamp without taking the trouble to obtain designs from the best artists available.

The new stamp will be issued in New South Wales and Queensland almost immediately. Ninepenny stamps have never been printed in those states, and as they are required in large numbers for telegrams the federal stamp will probably be welcomed. Victoria has a large stock of stamps of all denominations on hand, so none of the new stamps will be issued in that state for the present. The general colour of the federal stamp will be brown, but the name of the state in which it is to be current and the figure denoting its value will be printed in blue on a white background.

A rude critic describes the design as "Britannia seated on a barrel, on the end of which is printed a large '9d.' under an arch labelled 'Commonwealth,' the pillars of which are formed of biscuit tins labelled 'VIC. 1851,' 'S.A. 1856,' etc." At top is "9d. Postage 9d." and below "Victoria," "New South Wales," etc., as the case may be.

The following is from the same journal of June 24th:—

"Melbourne, House of Representatives, June 23rd.—Printing New Stamps.—Sir Philip Fysh told Sir Langdon Bonython (S.A.) that enquiries were being made whether arrangements could be made for printing in Adelaide a portion of the new federal stamps."

CANADA (199 M 201).—We now formally chronicle five values of the new set as issued on 1st July (Dominion Day).

Adhesives. No wmk., perf. 12. Head of King Edward.
1c. green.
2c. rose.
5c. blue.
7c. dull yellow.
10c. purple-brown.

They are issued in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10, and have the plate number printed on the top margin, "OTTAWA, No. 1" in each case except the 2c. rose, which (in the case of the sheet before us) has "OTTAWA No. 3."

We take the following from an American newspaper:—

"Ottawa, Ont., June 30.—At the different post offices throughout Canada to-morrow the first issue of King's head stamps will take place. For the present only five denominations will be offered to the public, namely, one, two, five, seven and ten cents, and after a month's circulation the sale will be suspended until the present issue of Queen's head stamps is disposed of.

"The new stamps are regarded by philatelists as the most artistic that have ever appeared in Canada. The King's face is turned to the left. He is represented without the Crown, and a portion of his coronation robes is shown. Under the rules of the Berne convention the same colours are used as in the issue which will soon be obsolete. There is, however, a slight change in the colour of the seven cent stamp, the yellow having given place to a pronounced olive colour.

"Specimen sheets of the new stamps were mailed to the High Commissioner some days ago, and to-morrow Lord Strathcona will deliver a sheet of each of the five denominations respectively to His Majesty the King and to the Prince of Wales. It is said His Majesty was asked to select the photograph to be placed in the hands of the designer, and the King cannot but therefore be pleased with the efforts put forth to produce an artistic stamp. — *Mail and Express*."

FRANCE (200 I 201).—We take the following note from the *Morning Advertiser* (23.7.03). "For some time now the postage stamps have been subjected to a deal of hostile criticism. The drawing of the sower is not to the liking of stamp collectors and others. Considering that France is an artistic nation, it is urged that the postage stamps of the country should be more attractive. M. Sandier, director of the art works of Sèvres, is amongst the critics of the poor sower, and has essayed to furnish a substitute for her. He has therefore designed a new stamp in case "La Semeuse" is definitely condemned.

"It shows a charming figure of a young woman

with Phrygian cap. An oak branch serves as a collarette, and a garter, like that of the English arms, encases it, with the regulation inscription, "Republique Francaise." Marianne is, therefore, prettily clothed. At one corner of the vignette is the value of the stamp set forth in large figures. At the other corners are the dates of the three Republics—1792, 1848, 1870."

L'Echo de la Timbrologie makes further additions to the list of stamps with millésime 3. It now stands:—

Millésime 3.

(i) Low values, 2, 5c.

(ii) Mouchon retouched, 10c.

(iii) La Semeuse, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c.

(iv.) Franchise Militaire, 15c.

(v.) Taxe, 1, 5, 10, 15, 30c.

The 20 and 30c. *La Semeuse* were first issued on 20th June.

HONG KONG (199 W 201).—We have now received the King Edward stamps of \$2 and \$3. This leaves only the 2, 4, 5 and 10 cents.

Messrs. Graça & Co. send us the 1c. King's Head postcard, which was issued to the public on 15th June.

INDIA (197 B 201).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* gives the official dates of issue of the King Edward stamps as follows:—2as., 13.5.03; 4as., 20.4.03; 8as., 20.5.03; 2as. On H.M.S., 11.6.03.

LAGOS (191 G 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 1/- Queen's Head printed from plate 2. Each sheet contains 60 stamps as heretofore, and there are now lines round it in addition to a plate number at each corner. The 4d., 1d. and 6d. are the only other values yet issued from plate 2. The 1/-, plate 2, is slightly darker in shade than plate 1, but the difference is not striking.

LEVANT, AUSTRIAN P.O. (197 O 201).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is informed by M. Hissard that the 20 paras rose now has the overprint twice, once at top and once below.

MALAY STATES (197 G 201).—The \$2 of the current set has become exhausted and is no longer on sale in the Federated States.

MALTA (190 A 201).—The 2d. King's Head is now out of stock. The authorities say it will be some weeks before they can supply this stamp, and they attribute the cause to the heavy demand for stamps made by all Colonies to the manufacturers in London. Messrs. De la Rue & Co. must be doing a fine business.

NATAL (197 S 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the King Edward 4d., 4d. and 4/- stamps as described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 187. They were issued on 26th June or earlier. Each sheet contains 240 stamps as usual.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (199 K 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the King's Head 4d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- (described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 187). We understand they were all issued on 6th July.

PATIALA (196 G 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the King Edward ½, 1, 2 and 3 annas, and we note they show the same varieties as the sheets of ½ anna King's Head described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 196.

No. 124. Small A in "State."

No. 194. First T of "State" has a short vertical stroke with dot beneath.

No. 208. First A of "Patiala" is slightly smaller, with a bar or serif at top.

PENRHYN ISLAND (189 P 201).—A correspondent informs us that a fresh printing of the 1/- stamps has been made, and that they are in the second or bright red shade.



Adhesives. Stamps of New Zealand overprinted as usual. Wmk. N.Z. and Star, perf. 11.
1/- bright red (2a).

We have a sheet with corner number 384429.

SERVIA (198 Q 201).—We are indebted to various correspondents for specimens of the provisional stamps, with Arms printed over the Head of the late King Alexander.



Adhesives. Designs as above (they may or may not have been issued unsurcharged, but have not yet been so chronicled). Perf. 13½. The head in black on all.

- 1 para, claret (Arms in blue).
- 5 „ yellow-green (blue).
- 10 „ carmine (black).
- 15 „ olive (black).
- 20 „ orange (black).
- 25 „ blue (black).
- 50 „ grey (red).
- 1 dinar, green (brown).
- 3 „ violet (red-brown).
- 5 „ brown (blue).

It is reported that orders to the amount of over £4,000 have already been sent in by dealers to the Belgrade Post Office and that there is little immediate prospect of attention being given them, as the temperature at Belgrade on the eve of issue of the new stamps to the public was 100 in the shade, and the whole work of supplying 4,000 provincial post offices and 39 offices in Belgrade devolved on two officials!

The enterprising German dealer, Otto Bickel, arrived at Belgrade on the 6th inst., and reports having secured £100 worth of the provisionals on that day, chiefly through the fortunate circumstance that he speaks Servian (no doubt picked up whilst in Montenegro, where a very similar dialect would be spoken).

The stamps were placed on sale to the public on the 8th inst., and the 1 para had all been bought up by the afternoon of the following day and were being offered by speculators at 2 or 3 francs each, 200 or 300 times their face value!

The Arms overprint is lithographed in original sheets of 150, and the stamps are issued as quickly as they come from the printers. Large quantities cannot be bought even on the spot. Fifty times as many 5 paras as 1 para were issued, but a new 1 para provisional may be made by surcharging remainders of a previous issue, as the value is required for use on printed matter. Orders for 70,000 or more of the 1 para are on hand in Belgrade. The lowest retail quotation is 1/6 each.

SEYCHELLES (193 T 201).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a new provisional, "3 cents" with two bars beneath, overprinted on 15c. King's Head.

3 cents

Adhesive. Overprinted as above in black. "3 cents" on 15c. ultramarine. King's Head.

We understand that they were issued on 3rd July and that 34,000 were printed.

Miss Elisée Crow writes:—"The 3c. being exhausted, 34,800 of the 15c. King's Head stamps have been overprinted '3 cents.' The provisional has been bought up by three or four speculators."

From another source we learn that 33,173 of the 3c. on 15c. were issued and that one purchaser secured nearly 20,000.

It would appear that someone went to the Post Office, Mahé, Seychelles, and bought up the entire stock of the 3c. King's Head to the number of 25,000 or so then remaining on hand, out of a total issue of about 40,000. It thus became absolutely necessary to make a surcharged 3c. stamp, as this is a value in daily use. Consequently the 3c. on 15c. was issued. But this was also bought up, so what will happen next, we are unable to say. The Post Office would appear to be absolutely at the mercy of a speculator with a few hundred pounds. In a small island, £100 worth or 48,000 ½d. stamps is an ample supply to keep on hand for ordinary needs, but it is not by any means a large enough quantity to deter speculators from buying it up, and one might compel the Post Office to go on surcharging all its stock, value after value, as probably the entire stock of any one value would not make more than £100 worth of ½d. stamps.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS (198 F 201).—We now illustrate the type of the 1d., 3d., 2/- and 5/- values. As will be noticed, the centre design is borrowed from the first issue.



SIRMOOR (189 E 201).—Mr. D. M. Politoff has shown us the 6 pies, on S.S.S. (S.G. No. 62) with overprint in red inverted.

TRINIDAD (195 Y 201).—The previous early date record for the 1d. lilac and carmine, type II, was Mr. Maingot's 25.9.00 (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 178). Mr. J. W. Branwhite has however now shown us a copy clearly postmarked "Port of Spain—A—SP 6—00—Trinidad." He examined no less than 7000 unsorted 1d. lilac and carmine and found about 5% to be type II.

VENEZUELA (196 G 201).—We now illustrate the two Revolutionary issues chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 196.



Mekeel's Weekly gives the following description of the first of these provisionals. It is of oblong shape, and apparently type-set.

"In the centre is a steamer, with the words 'Estado' and 'Guayana' on either side. Across the top is the inscription 'Correos de Venezuela,' and at the bottom '50 Centimos 50.' An ornamental border completes the design, which is printed in black on blue paper, perforated. The Venezuela Coat-of-Arms is imprinted on these stamps, viz., half of it on the two before us, the supposition being that the surcharge is applied on blocks of four. Any further information will be gladly welcomed."

The supposed surcharge (or obliteration ?) is in blue.

The "Official Stamps" Case.

(Continued from last week.)

Mr., 20th July. Evidence for the prosecution was continued.

Ernest Cleave, controller of stamps and stores at Somerset House, stated that some time ago 20 specimen copies of each of six denominations were printed. Only one of each specimen was issued officially. When Walter Richards went on leave in May the witness found that many of these specimen stamps were short. He therefore examined what purported to be torn stamps forming part of Richards' stock. He found among them five stamps purporting to be five shilling Inland Revenue Officials. On examining them, however, he found they had been "pieced" together. In fact, one of them contained more than a complete stamp. There were five stamps purporting to be ten shilling Inland Revenue Officials and others had been "pieced."

Mr. Cleave went on to say he had known Mr. Creeke officially for about 18 months. On one occasion Mr. Creeke asked him to let him have a shilling 1 R Official over printed specimen. Witness declined to do so, and shortly afterwards the secretary of Inland Revenue sent to him for a stamp of that description, saying it was for Mr. Creeke. On having his request refused by witness he had apparently gone to the secretary.

On May 20th Walter Richards told witness that his son Percy had been arrested, and that there were serious complications, as the police had evidence that he had been trafficking in Official stamps. Witness found that 800 Official stamps which, according to the books, ought to have been cancelled, had not been treated in that way. He called upon Richards for an explanation, and he said he could not explain without consulting Mr. Douet, one of his colleagues.

On May 27th Walter Richards and Mr. Douet went to witness's office and said they had divided the stamps between them, and replaced them with postage stamps of the same value which had been cancelled. Mr. Douet said he had not parted with any. Richards said that he personally had not parted with any of his, but had handed them to his son Henry, who placed them in the bottom of an old sea chest. From there they were taken by his son Percy. Subsequently Walter Richards said he had seen his son Percy in prison, and he assured him that none of the family received any benefit from the stamps or knew anything about them. Speaking as to the stock witness said that (taking the torn stamps into consideration) there was £1 short.

In answer to Mr. Williams, the witness said after the stamps were taken out of bulk they were entirely under the control of Richards. Before they were taken out of bulk they were kept in a safe, which could only be unlocked by Walter Richards and Douet acting together.

Sometimes there were millions of pounds worth of stamps in stock, and it was not considered wise to have them under the control of one man.

Mr. Williams.—Is Mr. Douet a friend of yours?—Yes.

Is that why he is still employed at Somerset House?—Certainly not. I had nothing to do with the decision.

The witness explained that there were printed regulations to prevent Official stamps getting into the hands of the public, but he knew of none forbidding the substitution of stamps.

Percy Richards cross-examined the witness at great length, and asked if in his opinion the substitution of postage stamps for Official ones was a fraud.

Mr. Muir again objected.

Answering other questions by Percy Richards, the witness said it was contrary to regulations to substitute one stamp for another. Witness was a stamp collector, and had in his collection some unused Official stamps issued last year. He obtained them by purchase, with the authority of the Board of Inland Revenue.

Percy Richards.—Had Mr. Gore, the assistant controller, authority to deal in Official stamps?

Witness.—Certainly not. I wish to be perfectly frank. Last year I had five official and four Government parcels stamps, for which I substituted ordinary stamps.

Percy Richards.—What does a sheet of stamps cost to produce?

Witness.—About one penny.

Percy Richards.—So that the Inland Revenue gained £9 6s. 8d. by the transaction minus the cost of a penny a sheet?—I cannot say.

When you substituted these stamps for others did you think you were doing wrong?

No, I did it by virtue of my office as Controller. I wanted a memento of the stamps I brought out. My action was afterwards approved by the authorities.

Mr. Reed.—So was Mr. Douet's action. Do you consider that Walter Richards, as principal clerk, had a right to do what you did?

No, I do not. He could not do it without my authority.

In answer to Mr. Lincoln Reed, the witness said he was assistant controller 17 years and three years ago succeeded Sir John Purcell as controller.

Witness said he had heard that Sir John Purcell let the defendant Creeke have three sets of Inland Revenue stamps. He did not know if that was true, but Sir John Purcell admitted that he had let Mr. Creeke have some stamps. He did not know that the stamps he had taken for others were worth £34. The power he claimed for himself to exchange stamps did not extend to his subordinates.

Mr. Reed.—What is the difference between the controller who exchanges stamps and the principal clerk who does the same thing? Is it because he had 400 and you only three—three little ones.—Yes.

If you obtained stamps to stick in an album for the benefit of future generations of Cleave's it would not be an offence, but if the stamps were for sale it would be?—Yes.

The witness went on to say that last year by the authority of the board, five sets of overprinted Office of Works, Board of Education, and other stamps were obtained for high officials.

Mr. Reed.—Who were they for?—The Chairman: Sir Henry Primrose, myself, Mr. Bartlett, the assistant secretary, Mr. Gore, the assistant controller, and Mr. Douet. The stamps, which were of the face value of 27s., were paid for in cash.

The witness was closely examined as to how this 27s. was entered in the books, and disagreed with Mr. Reed when the latter suggested that the accounts had been "cooked."

Mr. Reed.—Are they fictitious entries?—You may call them so if you like.

They could not be called honest entries?—Oh, yes, I think they could.

Were you surprised to find that lower officials were doing exactly what was being done by higher ones?

Mr. Muir.—It does not matter whether he was surprised or not.

In reply to other questions, the witness went on to say that he had obtained 24 halfpenny Office of Works stamps for Sir Henry Primrose's son. He did that at the request of Sir Henry Primrose. Mr. Reed.—But that was a breach of the regulations.

The Witness.—The authority that has power to make the regulation has power to make the exception.

Mr. Reed.—I see; on the principle that the king can do no wrong. The board makes regulations which Sir Henry breaks.

The witness was questioned as to something supposed to have occurred in Sir John Purcell's time, and replied that as Sir John was going to give evidence he could speak for himself. In answer to Mr. Muir, he denied ever having sold a stamp.

The further hearing of the case was adjourned.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1 1/2	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1 1/2	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/1
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/1
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/1
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/1
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

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301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (201 S 202).—We are informed that the new 9d. stamp was expected to be issued in Brisbane early in July.

The following newspaper cutting has been sent us:—

THE COMMONWEALTH POSTAGE STAMPS.

At a meeting of the council of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects, to-day, it was resolved that the council desires to place on record its deep regret that the first Commonwealth postage stamps should be so utterly weak in artistic design, and also expresses the hope that they will be withdrawn from issue, in order to prevent Australian designers being held up to ridicule.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA (191 F 202).—A correspondent writes us from Mombasa under date of 12th June:—"I think there is a possibility of their being a provisional issue here, unless the King's Head stamps come forward shortly.

The 2 annas Queen's Head is already exhausted at the G.P.O., although some of the outlying offices still have supplies."

CAPE COLONY (200 U 202).—On another page we give an extract from the Post Office Report for 1902.

From the same source we gather that the following revenue stamps were sold at Post Offices during the year ending 31.12.01.

4d.	584	2/6	34,500	£1	24,289
1d.	1,424,434	3/-	58,787	£2	9,059
3d.	99,178	5/-	57,498	£4	2,491
6d.	609,667	7/6	13,651	£5	3,878
1/-	215,317	10/-	31,917	£10	1,321
2/-	87,038	12/-	1,262	£20	1,039

A total of 2,676,007 stamps value £196,990 os. 8d. At one time we understand that the Cape set of revenue stamps comprised something like 100 different values!

The following paragraphs are also from the 1902 report of the Postmaster General of Cape Colony:—

"New Issue of Postage Stamps.

"In the month of November the first issue of Postage Stamps of the King's Head series was made. The stamps have been effectively designed and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., of London, and have been most favourably received. It will, however, be some considerable time before the stocks of the previous issues are exhausted and every denomination of the new stamps obtainable at all offices."

"Private Postcards and Sale of Official Cards at Face Value.

"During the year arrangements have been made with the other South African Colonies for the admission of Postcards of private manufacture into the S.A. Postal Service, and these cards may now be used for transmission to any part of the world provided that they conform in general with the regulations applying to official postcards.

"This arrangement dates from the 1st of January 1903, from which date it has also been agreed to sell the official cards at face or stamp value. The price of the illustrated cards issued by the Post Office remains unaltered."

HONG KONG (201 X 202).—We have received the \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 of the new "Stamp Duty" set. They are of the same large size as the Queen's Head series and distinctly handsome in design.

Our correspondents write that they can't be obtained uncanceled. On making application for them at the Stamp Office, the buyer has to sign a certificate, declaring for what documentary purposes they are required. The stamps are then affixed by the clerk and cancelled with an embossed design (about 1½ x 1 in.) in red, inscribed "Hong Kong—(Crown)—Stamp Duty" in centre, with date at top and bottom. All the specimens received by us are dated 30.6.03, and

fortunately the cancellation only just overlaps, leaving most of the stamp clear.

Revenue Stamps. Design of \$1.50 to \$5 as above, Head of King Edward, CC. 14. Other values not yet seen.

1c. olive and violet	\$ 2 violet and black
2c. red-brown and black	\$ 3 green and sea-green
3c. violet and green	\$ 4 blue and black
5c. dark blue and black	\$ 5 brown and violet
10c. brown and black	\$ 6 blue and green
15c. green and violet	\$ 10 rose and violet
20c. brown and violet	\$ 20 black and violet
25c. dark green and light green	\$ 25 violet and black
30c. indigo and violet	\$ 40 orange and green
50c. yellow and green	\$ 50 red-brown and black on yellow
75c. brown and green	\$100 red on rose
\$1 rose and black	\$200 blue and black on blue
\$1.50 olive and green	

The following Government Notice has been published:—

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Sale of POSTAGE STAMPS at the Stamp Office will be DISCONTINUED after the 30TH INSTANT.

All such Stamps for Revenue purposes can be obtained at the General Post Office.

A. M. THOMPSON,

Collector of Stamp Revenue.

Hong Kong, 10th June, 1903.

The following is taken from Notification No. 214 in the Hong Kong Government Gazette of 9th April, 1903:—

- 1.—On and after the 1st day of May, 1903, the over-embossing process is authorized for all documents chargeable with stamp duty, other than Bank Cheques and documents upon which stamp duty exceeding \$1000 is payable and documents exempted by rule 9.
- 2.—The following method shall be adopted in over-embossing stamps used under these rules, that is to say:—

On the presentation at the Stamp Office of a document chargeable with stamp duty, the collector shall have affixed thereto an adhesive stamp, or stamps, denoting the amount of duty payable in respect of such document, and shall then cause a stamp, or stamps, denoting the date of stamping, to be embossed on the document in such a way that the impression of such embossing stamp, or stamps, falls partly on such adhesive stamp, or stamps, and that such adhesive stamp, or stamps, is, or are, cancelled by such embossment.

- 3.—Bank Cheques shall continue to be stamped with an impressed stamp only, showing the duty paid and the date of stamping.
- 4.—Instruments chargeable with a stamp duty exceeding \$1000 dollars shall have the stamp duty denoted by an impressed stamp, or stamps, and the collector shall further certify in writing on such document the amount of stamp duty paid.
- 5.—No document stamped after the 1st of May, 1903, shall be deemed to be duly stamped unless it has been done in the manner described in these Rules.
- 6.—(1.) The adhesive stamps to be used under these Rules shall be of the following values: [List as given above.—Ed., E.W.S.N.]
(2.) Bills of Exchange drawn out of the Colony, Renewals of Policies of Insurance, Receipts and Compradore's Orders may continue to be stamped with postage stamps without over-embossment.
- 7.—The impressed stamp to be used under No. 3 of these Rules shall be of the value of 5 cents, and the impressed stamp or stamps to be used under No. 4 of these Rules shall consist of at least one stamp of the value of \$1000 and of such other impressed stamps as may be necessary to make up the duty payable.
- 8.—The above stamps, together with the over embossing stamps and the stamp denoting that the adjudication fee has been paid, shall be of the form, size and design of the specimen stamps enclosed in a case for public inspection at the Stamp Office.

ICELAND (198 P 202).—A correspondent of the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain reports having in his possession sheets of the 3 aur. ordinary and 3 and 10 aur. official with "GILDI" error ("i" omitted before "GILDI"), as well as the 16 aur. ordinary chronicled last week. Of the 100 aur. with inverted surcharge, he says only 75 are in existence.

The 25 and 100 aur. ordinary and 50 aur. official are reported to be now very scarce unused and unsurcharged.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (171 N 202).—The following is taken from the Leeward Islands Gazette of 2nd July, 1903.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands at Government House, Antigua, on Monday the 29th. June, 1903.

Whereas by Section 3 of the Leeward Islands General Stamp Act 1890 it is provided (inter alia) that there shall be a uniform stamp or stamps for use throughout the Colony whereby all postage rates and stamp duties shall be expressed.

And whereas by Section 3 of the Leeward Islands Stamp Act, 1902, it is provided that the Governor may from time to time by Order in Council direct that a special stamp or stamps may be used in each or any Presidency concurrently with such uniform stamp or stamps as aforesaid.

Now therefore it is hereby ordered by the Governor in Council as follows:—

On and after the third day of July, 1903, special stamps may be used in the Presidencies of Antigua, St. Christopher-Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat, concurrently with the uniform stamps now in use throughout the Colony of the Leeward Islands.

The several values of the said special stamps in the said Presidencies shall be ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, and 5/-. The Post Cards shall be, single ½d., 1d., Reply 2d. The wrappers shall be, ½d., 1d. The envelopes shall be, 1d., 2½d., and Registration Envelopes shall be, large and small.

The design of the special stamps for the Presidency of Antigua shall be the same as that on the Public Seal of the Presidency for all values with the exception of the 5/- which stamp will bear the design of the Head of His Majesty the King.

The design of the special stamps for the Presidency of St. Christopher-Nevis shall be as follows:—

For the ½d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1/- and 2/6 values, the design to be Columbus sighting land, taken from the Public Seal of the Presidency.

For the 1d., 3d., 2/- and 5/- values, the design to be the group emblematic of the Sulphur Bath of Nevis, also taken from the Public Seal of the Presidency.

The design of the special stamps for the Presidency of Dominica, shall be a design showing a view of Dominica from the sea, for all values with the exception of the 5/- which stamp will bear the design of the Head of His Majesty the King.

The design of the special stamps for the Presidency of Montserrat shall be the design of the central figure in the Public Seal of the Presidency for all values with the exception of the 5/- which stamp will bear the design of the Head of His Majesty the King.

The Post Cards, Wrappers and Envelopes of the several Presidencies shall bear designs similar to those of the minor values of the postage stamps.

Made in the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands this 20th day of June, 1903.

A. E. ELDRIDGE, Acting Clerk of the Council.

The following Circular Letter has been received by the Colonial Stamp Market:—

LEEWARD ISLANDS.

Obsolete Postage Stamps, Wrappers, Cards, Envelopes, &c.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested by the Secretary of State to ascertain on what terms the undermentioned obsolete Victorian Postage and Revenue Stamps, Post Cards, News Wrappers and Stamped Envelopes, which comprise the whole stock remaining in the hands of the Leeward Islands Government, could be disposed of.

The Crown Agents therefore give the leading stamp dealers this opportunity of stating before the 10th August next, at what price and in what quantities they would be prepared to purchase the stamps which, not being demonetized, cannot be sold at less than their face value. The stamps are at present in the Colony and as the dies from which they were manufactured have been destroyed, no further supplies can be printed.

Duty.	Nature of Article.	No. for Sale.	Wmk. Crown.	Colour.
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2½d.	"	"	7,523	carmine & "
4d.	"	"	55,165	blue & "
6d.	"	"	21,850	orange & "
7d.	"	"	27,927	brown & "
1/-	"	"	28,163	grey & "
5/-	"	"	13,171	carmine & green.
1d.	Postcards	1,831		blue & "
1½d.	"	1,082		carmine.
2d.	"	880		brown.
3d.	"	1,204		carmine.
1d.	Wrappers	240		brown.
1d.	"	12,987		green.
2½d.	Envelopes	18,509		carmine.
2½d.	"	17,864		embossed pink.
3d.	Registration Envelopes	383		" light blue.
3d.	"	398		

The "Official Stamps" Case.
(Continued from last week.)

M. 27th July. Evidence continued.

Sir Henry William Primrose, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, stated that in the early part of this year the attention of the board was directed to the sale of unused Government parcel stamps, and they ordered inquiries to be made into the matter with the object of tracing the vendors. On the 26th of May, in consequence of a report made to the board as to the arrest of Percy Richards, the witness called upon Walter Richards for an explanation as to certain entries in the books of Somerset House. On the following day witness received a report from Mr. Cleave. As a result he had an interview with Walter Richards and Mr. Douet, another principal clerk. He asked them if they had anything to add to the controller's report. They both assured him they had no intention of disposing of the stamps they had obtained. Mr. Douet said the stamps he took were still in his possession. Mr. Walter Richards said the stamps he had taken had been stolen out of his box by his son Percy. He disclaimed any knowledge of their having been placed on the market.

The witness accepted those statements, and told Douet and Richards that what they had done was at the least a most serious breach of trust. They assured him that they had paid for the stamps indirectly, and the witness told him the board were disposed to give as much weight as they possibly could to that fact. He pointed out that the fact of their having given money for the stamps had obscured their judgment as to the true nature of the transaction. The board, he pointed out, had come to the conclusion that they could not do less, by way of punishment, than reduce them from the position they held. They would therefore be reduced to the rank of senior clerks. The witness added that the order of the board was made subject to the reservation that it would be reconsidered if the inquiries then in progress in regard to certain other overprinted Official Government stamps should lead to further disclosures affecting them. At that time the board were dealing solely with Office of Works stamps so far as Walter Richards and Mr. Douet were concerned.

Some time later the board got further information from the police affecting Walter Richards. The board then felt bound to reconsider his case, and ordered him to be included in the list of defendants being prosecuted at that court. While stamps were under the control of Walter Richards it was for safe custody and issue only. After issue by him the stamps were subject to the regulations of the respective departments to which they were issued.

These regulations were put in and read by Mr. Muir. They provided that official stamps should be used only for official purposes.

Continuing his evidence, Sir Henry Primrose said official stamps were not issued to the public except in the cases provided for by the regulations. In certain exceptional cases it had been the practice to allow stamps to be issued to a few authorised individuals known to the board. In such cases payment was made by the persons who received them. The stamps were charged from stock to the salesroom, and the money went to the revenue in the ordinary course. Walter Richards would have no right to appropriate any of the stamps under his charge, even on payment.

By Mr. Stewart.—There would be nothing on the face of the accounts to show that the money paid under exceptional circumstances for overprinted stamps was not paid for ordinary stamps. He considered that in withdrawing the stamps referred to at the last hearing Mr. Cleave, the controller, did not exceed the limits of his discretion. Number, value, motive, and other circumstances had to be taken into consideration in these matters. He would admit that there was no minute of the board authorising the controller to withdraw, for himself or anyone else, overprinted stamps.

Questioned as to the effect of withdrawing stamps in the way Walter Richards was alleged to have done, the witness said it would lead to an illicit profit being made out of Government property.

In answer to further questions Sir Henry Primrose said that when this matter was first reported to him he regarded it as a breach of trust—not dishonesty. That was his view then, but it was not his impression now.

Mr. Lincoln Reed.—It was on the 9th or 10th of June that he began to think that Walter Richards had committed a felony.

How do you distinguish between 24 stamps being taken out for your son, and stamps taken out for anyone else?—They were not taken out for my son; they were taken out for me. In the second place, I had authority, and the other person had not.

Whose authority?—My own. I still have 20 of the stamps out of the 24 I received. I sent two to my son, and put two on the envelope. I only wanted to use a few.

Why did you have so many?—When I asked for them a shilling was the smallest coin I had, so I purchased 24 halfpenny stamps. I quite admit that if I had given the matter more consideration I should not have taken so many. Certainly not if I had at all realised at that time the sort of prices I now learn are given for these stamps.

Are you aware now that those 24 halfpenny stamps could have been sold on the market for £96?—I know now. I knew stamps were appreciated by collectors, but I had not the slightest conception that they realised so much money.

Mr. Lincoln Reed questioned the witness as to whether Walter Richards had not been included in the case because without him it would have been impossible to sustain the charge against Creeke, but Mr. Muir objected, and the question was not pressed.

Mr. Reed.—If you were to sell the stamps you have would that convert an innocent act into a felonious one?—Yes.

If Sir John Purcell (the late controller) gave Walter Richards three sets I.R. stamps bearing the Queen's Head, and he exchanged them for Creeke for three sets bearing the King's Head, would it be wrong?—It would be irregular.

Mr. Stewart was allowed to put further questions to the witness, who said that if he allowed anyone to have the twenty stamps now in his possession it would not be felony, but he would consider that he had not taken proper precautions.

Re-examined, the witness said the issue of overprinted stamps to the public ceased finally in 1857. It was always a restricted sale.

W. 29th July.

Detective-sergeant Ward (recalled) said that after the arrest of Walter Richards he examined his desk at Somerset House. He found there two stamp catalogues. In one issued by Stanley Gibbons (Limited) there were pencil marks against entries referring to Inland Revenue official stamps. When Percy Richards was arrested in May he had in his possession a cheque for £10 from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, which he said was for stamps representing the remainder of his collection. Witness afterwards told Percy Richards that the cheque was for Office of Works stamps, and he said his brother had given them to him to sell.

(Conclusion of Report next week.)

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Colombia, 50c. red error of 1863, Note by T. W. Hall and E. D. Bacon, SG 6.03/268.

Bergedorf, remainders, SG 6.03/269.

Saxony, remainders, SG 6.03/269.

Prussia, remainders, SG 6.03/269.

Schleswig-Holstein, remainders, SG 6.03/270.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Strelitz, remainders, SG 6.03/270, 271.

Lubeck, remainders, SG 6.03/270.

Oldenburg, remainders, SG 6.03/271.

Bavaria, remainders, SG 6.03/272.

Baden, remainders, SG 6.03/272.

Chinese Stamps, surcharged "B.R.A.," SG 6.03/274.

Nicaragua, early issues, ASMC 7.03/53.

Tchong-king, provisionals, ET 6.03/329

Extract from Cape Postmaster-General's Report for 1902.

APPENDIX No. 16.—RETURN of Postage Stamps, &c., issued to Postmasters during the Years 1877-1902.

Year	5s.	1s.	6d.	4d.	3d.	2½d.	2d.	1d.	½d.	Post Cards.	Newspaper Wrappers.	Registered Letter Envelopes.	Embossed Envelopes.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1877	881	3,876	8,044	31,816	..	..	..	14,408	141	..	..	..	..	59,166 0 0
1878	623	4,020	8,880	33,848	..	..	..	16,136	598	9	..	..	..	64,144 0 0
1879	838	5,356	10,260	30,288	10,005	..	..	18,208	141	..	..	..	..	75,096 0 0
1880	999	4,792	11,265	3,995	47,072	..	..	14,614	168	..	..	..	..	78,905 0 0
1881	2,147	6,568	15,494	4,427	51,501	..	..	19,993	228	..	240	..	..	100,598 0 0
1882	1,905	5,502	17,782	4,033	29,608	..	10,436*	29,494*	4,867	1,000	2,197	265	..	107,089 0 0
1883	2,070	5,008	15,452	3,492	986	..	40,484*	14,993*	6,344	491	1,732	127	..	91,179 0 0
1884	2,040	5,292	16,062	2,460	822	..	42,654*	17,925*	6,428	680	1,444	101	..	95,908 0 0
1885	3,657	21,574†	18,545	1,759	5,339	..	41,750	21,769	6,631	680	1,480	263	..	123,465 0 0
1886	4,014	30,780	21,356	1,548	11,931	..	40,490	20,916	6,428	760	1,162	115	..	139,500 0 0
1887	5,280	36,294	25,134	2,074	8,829	..	44,046	21,022	8,114	890	1,168	136	..	152,987 0 0
1888	7,303	49,440	33,525	16,812	3,093	..	45,624	25,094	8,490	941	1,382	129	..	181,833 0 0
1889	6,718	69,821	34,092	12,966	1,521	..	8,230	51,991	9,100	791	1,497	219	..	196,947 18 9
1890	5,699	56,611	24,173	15,051	1,413	..	7,132	55,971	9,690	1,035	1,547	265	..	179,587 18 5
1891	5,626	56,565	23,763	5,801	2,377	5,473	8,724	59,710	12,262	794	1,762	308	..	183,168 11 1
1892	6,278	55,897	22,998	4,424	1,683	7,561	6,387	63,105	13,085	1,145	2,615	308	241	185,728 15 0
1893	7,056	54,835	23,751	5,163	1,296	9,600	7,081	67,585	15,690	1,181	3,391	395	874	197,899 4 6
1894	7,134	52,547	21,024	8,968	4,839	10,900	4,820	72,026	17,120	1,337	3,306	374	829	205,225 12 5
1895	9,986	68,790	27,057	6,723	2,007	11,465	4,262	80,523	18,954	1,538	3,188	405	681	235,482 5 2
1896	14,222	80,664	31,203	7,711	8,748	14,220	4,953	91,009	21,428	1,678	3,213	552	612	280,215 14 4
1897	14,396	66,525	31,290	9,974	8,199	16,817	18,108	100,853	24,311	1,856	3,855	615	652	297,453 17 6
1898	12,749	77,772	33,626	10,160	5,127	17,400	12,182	103,065	28,501	2,165	3,545	641	691	307,627 3 0
1899	11,218	76,443	28,944	11,120	7,101	13,360	10,586	111,076	28,493	2,859	3,048	725	594	305,568 2 10
1900	16,763	82,533	33,540	11,508	19,326	6,590	15,190	135,405	30,705	2,530	2,787	1,222	845	358,946 16 7
1901	30,090	101,367	38,637	14,154	18,030	7,482	10,220	145,334	30,122	2,521	2,871	1,507	856	403,193 17 3
1902	34,400	127,872	45,396	17,756	15,828	8,150	5,684	166,934	35,318	2,706	2,400	1,780	1,021	465,246 19 10

NOTE.—Threepenny Postage Stamps were issued first in October, 1879; Newspaper Wrappers in December, 1881; and Registered Letter Envelopes in 1882.

*The Twopenny Rate of Postage within the Colony came into operation on the 1st July, 1882; to the Orange Free State on 1st July, 1883; to Natal 14th May, 1884, and to the Transvaal, 1st April, 1885. †On the 1st July, 1885, Postage Stamps were affixed to Telegraph Messages. The Stamp distribution generally was transferred to the Principal Distributor of Stamps at the Treasury, in May, 1884. ‡The Fourpenny rate on letters to the United Kingdom was substituted for the Sixpenny rate from 1st October, 1888. The Penny Rate of Postage within the Colony came into operation on the 1st January, 1889. || The 2½d. rate on letters to the United Kingdom and the 4d. rate to Europe took effect from the 1st January, 1891. The 2½d. rate on letters to all parts of the World outside South Africa took effect from the 1st September, 1892. Embossed Envelopes were first introduced on the 1st May, 1892. The Penny Rate of Postage to the Orange Free State came into operation on the 1st September, 1892, to Natal on the 1st November, 1896, to the South African Republic on the 1st January, 1898, and to Delagoa Bay on the 1st April, 1899. The letter rate to the Bechuanaland Protectorate was reduced from 4d to 2d on the 1st April, 1899, and the letter rate to Rhodesia was similarly reduced on the 5th July, 1900. Imperial Penny Postage for letters addressed to the United Kingdom, Canada, India and other British Colonies and Dependencies, came into operation on the 1st September, 1899. The Parcel Post was commenced on the 1st July, 1882, and extended to the United Kingdom on the 1st, December, 1885.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1 1/2	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1 1/2	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0 1/2	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambesia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

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301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Dates—(201 D 203).—The following new records have been sent in.

3d. red, plate 5	Belfast, 10.11.70	C. F. D. Marshall.
1d. red, plate 125	Birmingham, 5.5.69	F. J. Cowan.
" "	Liverpool, 14.11.70	"
" "	London, E.C., 25.7.72	"
" "	Gosport, 9.6.64	W. D. Roebuck.

At the present moment the ownership of the various records stands as follows (comprising those of all plate-number stamps, value $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 1/-).

	1d.	Plates.	Others.	Total.
H. L. Ewen ..	6	52	64	
P. P. Wood ..	29½	—	29½	
F. J. Cowan ..	23½	4	27½	
W. Denison Roebuck ..	9	16½	25½	
C. F. Deny Marshall ..	17½	2	19½	
Unknown ..	—	13	13	
H. P. Stewart ..	10	—	10	
G. Gaffe ..	10	—	10	

Holders of less than 10 words:—

7 H. W. Harrison, J. J. Thorpe.
6 G. Verméeren.
5½ M. Raffalovich.
4 A. W. Chambers, H. L. Bevir.
3 O. Firth, S. G. Dudley, E. B. Wood, C. F. Gwynn, Executors of late R. Holliday.
2 R. Humphrey Jones, Miss C. Hoblyn.
1½ F. Grove Powell.
1 J. R. W. Clark, H. J. Crocker, P. R. Devis, H. G. S. Fell, G. C. Gardner, Capt. Hancock, H. T. Jenner, F. W. Knight, J. Neech, No claim, Official Source, J. C. Rowley, F. C. Scarr, S. H. Toole, F. West, N. Yaar & Co., J. R. Yeates.

No fewer than 36 of our readers are record holders. We have to give formal notice of the transfer of 55 records from Mr. H. L. Ewen to Mr. W. Denison Roebuck, who has purchased the Editors collection of early date records (chiefly formed in 1893-94.) This will make Mr. Roebuck's total, 81½, and will place him easily at the head of the list. The records so transferred are:—

3d. 4, 6; 1d. 82, 153; 2d. 9, 14; 2½, 3a, 3b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23; 3d. 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; 4d. pl. 3, 7, 8, 9, 9a, 10, 14; 6d. 6a, 6ba, 6bb, 8, 9, 12c, 13, 14, 15; 9d. 4b; 1/- 5, 8, 10, 12, 14.

Cheque Dies (200 P 203).—We have seen DS, 23.12.02, DZ 24.3.03, and EM, 20.6.03, and still await DK, DN, DT to DW, EC, EE, EG, EI, EK, EL.

ANTIGUA (180 C 203). The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the complete new set of stamps for this Colony.

Adhesives. Large design (same size as Barbados Jubilee); CC. 14. Two types.

(i.) Circular design in centre with Arms of the Colony, inscribed "EDWARDUS VII., D.G. BRIT: OMN. REX, F.D. IND.: IMP:" at top and "SIGIL. INSS. ANTIGUAE ET BARBUDAE" at foot, and "Honi soit qui mal y pense" and "Dieu et mon Droit" on the Royal Arms. The duty portion of the stamp is inscribed "Antigua" at top, value at foot and "Postage" and "Revenue" at the sides.

3d. green	centre black.
1d. carmine	" "
2d. red-brown	" violet.
2½d. ultramarine	" black.
3d. orange	" slate.
6d. lilac	" mauve.
1/- red-violet	" blue.
2/- violet	" slate.
2½d. mauve	" violet.

(ii.) Centre design, a small oval with head of King Edward. Duty portion inscribed at top "5s. Antigua 5s." and "Postage" and "Revenue" and at foot "Five Shillings." 5/- violet, centre slate.

They were issued during July (the official date of issue having been previously announced as August 3rd).

BOSNIA (145 G 203).—The new 40h. reported as expected in E.W.S.N. No. 121 was issued on June 10th, states *Die Post*.

Adhesive, Perf.?
40h. orange, figures in black.

BOYACA (200 C 203).—We illustrate the four new stamps described three weeks ago.



The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the following quantities were made:—

	PERF.	IMPERF.
10c. grey ..	68,000	2,000
20c. red ..	58,000	2,000
50c. green ..	48,000	1,500
1p. red-brown	38,000	1,500

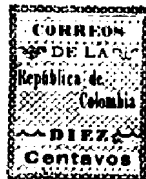
BRITISH EAST AFRICA (202 G 203).—*Alfred Smith's & Son's Monthly Circular* says the 1 anna is now printed in bright rose, like the 1a. Uganda. It has seen a copy dated in April.

CAVALLE (182 E 203).—*Alfred Smith and Son's Monthly Circular* chronicles the 5c. deep green with vermilion overprint, which does not appear to be catalogued. It has millésime "5" and was bought at Cavalla in 1898.

CANADA (201 N 203).—We illustrate the type of the King Edward stamps.



COLOMBIA (192 B 203).—We illustrate the latest provisionals (stated by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* to be for the province of Cauca).



Adhesives.
10c. black on red.
20c. black on orange-brown.

As much as 6/- each is asked for them.

ELOBEY, ANNOBON Y CORISCO (200 C 203).—We illustrate the design of the stamps described in E.W.S.N. No. 200.

ERYTREA (192 F 203).—The 7½ + 7½c. postcard of Italy, 1903, has been surcharged for this Colony, states *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular*.

FERNANDO POO (200 C 203).—We illustrate the design of the 1903 set chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 200.



FRANCE (201 J 203).—Mr. S. Bovy sends us the following cutting from the *Paris Journal* of July 23rd:—

Il est inexact qu'il soit question de remplacer les timbres-poste à l'effigie de "La Semeuse," mis récemment en circulation, par un type différent dont certains artistes seraient autorisés à présenter le modèle à l'administration des postes.

Loin de songer à substituer un type nouveau à "La Semeuse," de Roty, le ministre du commerce et le sous-secrétaire d'Etat des postes et télégraphes s'occupent d'assurer, dans le plus bref délai possible, l'approvisionnement en timbres du nouveau type de tous les bureaux de poste de France.

Jusqu'à ce jour, les ateliers du boulevard Brune ont pu livrer à la consommation:—

28,200,000 nouveaux timbres à 10 centimes;
69,900,000 timbres à 15 centimes;
7,300,000 timbres à 20 centimes;
30,000,000 de timbres à 25 centimes;
6,000,000 de timbres à 30 centimes.

Quant à la réserve des anciens timbres, elle se monte encore à environ 242 millions. Ce stock sera épuisé dans les premiers jours d'août pour les timbres à 30 centimes, fin septembre pour les timbres à 10 et 25 centimes et fin octobre pour les timbres à 15 et 20 centimes.

HONG KONG (202 Y 203).—The complete "King's Head" set from 2c. to \$10 has now been issued. All have been chronicled except the four lowest values. It is a matter of regret that the same small design has been used for the dollar values as for the cents.

IVORY COAST (191 E 203).—The stock of 50c. and 1fr. Postage Due stamps having been used up three months ago to make parcel post stamps (see E.W.S.N. No. 191), the stock of 5, 10, 15 and 60c. Postage Due stamps is now following suit. Messrs. Th. Champion & Cie., have shown us the following (we append the prices asked which may be of interest).

Parcel Post Adhesives. Imperf. Overprinted in black "Côte d'Ivoire—50c. [1fr.]—Colis Postaux" on Unpaid Letter stamps. Thin line above and below, network to left of 50c.

"50c." on 15c. green. (a) The 'o' is 2½mm. wide. (5f.)
" " (b) The 'o' is 3½mm. wide. (40f.)
" " (c) Var. a, no accent on Cote. (8f.)
"50c." on 60c. violet. (a) The 'o' is 2½mm. wide. (10f.)
" " (b) The 'o' is 3½mm. wide. (50f.)
" " (c) Var. a, no accent on Cote. (15f.)

Similar overprints, but no network.

"fr 1 fr" on 5c. blue. (a) "1" with serif. (5f.)
" " (b) "1" without serif. (20f.)
" " (c) Same as b, but no accent on Cote. (35f.)
"XX 1 FR." on 5c. blue, the XX being sideways. (75f.)
"UN FR" on 5c. blue. (a) "UN" is 6½mm high. (25f.)
" " (b) ditto, no accent on Cote. (25f.)
" " (c) "UN" is 7½mm. high. (125f.)
"fr. 1 fr." on 10c. lilac. (a) "1" with serif. (6f. 50c.)
" " (b) "1" without serif. (20f.)
" " (c) same as a, but no accent on Cote. (30f.)

All are postmarked 29th June and have full gum except the four marked *.

Our correspondents kindly send us the following copy of the decree.

LE LIEUTENANT-GOUVERNEUR DE LA COTE D'IVOIRE
CHEVALIER DE LA LEGION D'HONNEUR.

Vu l'arrêté du 24 octobre 1902 par lequel est établie une taxe de transport sur les colis postaux destinés à être réexpédiés d'un point sur un autre point de la colonie;

Vu l'extension du service des colis postaux;
Vu le rapport du chef du service des Postes et Télégraphes en date du 15 mai 1903,

ARRETE:

Article premier.—Est autorisée la transformation en vignettes spéciales au service de colis postaux de:

5,000 chiffres-taxes de 0.05 en vignettes de 1 ..	
6,000 ——— 0.10 ——— de 1 ..	
6,000 ——— 0.15 ——— de 0 50	
3,000 ——— 0.60 ——— de 0 50	

Art 2.—Les chiffres-taxes à transformer par l'Imprimerie du Gouvernement seront remis à une commission composée du chef du bureau des finances, Président, d'un commis du Secrétariat général à la désignation du Secrétaire général et du receveur des postes.

Cette commission sera chargée de suivre l'opération de transformation à apporter. Elle dressera procès-verbal de ces opérations pour la décharge du receveur principal de la poste et la prise en charge par le même fonctionnaire des chiffres-taxes transformés en timbres pour colis postaux.

Art 3.—Le présent arrêté sera enregistré et communiqué partout où besoin sera.

Bingerville, le 17 juin 1903.

CLOZEL.

NEW ZEALAND (200 C 203).—Our Wellington correspondent sends us, by the mail just in, the significant information that two new 14 perforating machines arrived lately at Wellington. The Government Insurance Department is calling shortly for designs for a new issue.

Envelopes.—We have received the new envelopes bearing stamps with head of King Edward. The design and general appearance of the ½d. is so extraordinary as to defy adequate description.

The shape is approximately an upright rectangle, with corners rounded. The design of the 1d. is something like that of our own oval 1d.

Envelope Stamps. Head of King Edward. Embossed.

½d. green (Envelope, 138 x 79mm.).

1d. rose (92 x 12 mm. and 138 x 79mm.).

Date of issue is not stated by our correspondent.

PENRHYN ISLAND (201 Q 203).—We note that the 6d. are from a new printing, as the sheets have numbers 360548, 360628. There is no difference from the first printing, which had sheet numbers 200,000 to 202,000.

ROUMANIA (194 L 203).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says a new printing of the King's Head stamps is to be made. It will be remembered that the 25,000 sets of the 15, 25, 40 and 50 bani values were rapidly bought up by speculators. There is likely to be a further issue of 500,000 sets and 25,000 more each of the 1, 2 and 5 lei.

SENEGAMBIE ET NIGER (A 203).—Messrs. Champion & Co. have shown us the following new set:—

Adhesives. Ordinary design (same as Sénégal, 1892).

1c. black on azure. 25c. blue.

2c. brown on buff. 30c. cinnamon on drab.

4c. purple-brown on grey. 40c. red on yellow.

5c. bright yellow-grn. 50c. brown on azure.

10c. rose-red. 75c. brown on orange.

15c. grey. 1fr. olive-green on toned.

The values 1, 5, 15, 25, 75c. and 1fr. have name in carmine; the others have it in blue. All have *millésime* 3. The 57th and 108th stamps of the left panes of sheets of 1c. have error "Séné-gambie," no accent on first E.

SERVIA (201 R 203).—*Correction.*—The 3 and 5 dinars of the set chronicled a fortnight ago are perf. 11½, not 13½.

There are two sizes of the Arms overprint.

12 x 14 mm. 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50p.

10 x 13 mm. 1, 3, 5 dinar.

The 15 para is in olive-grey, not olive.

SOMALI COAST (196 V 203).—Next printings of the low value stamps will have the colours changed, the centres being all in black, says *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. The 1c. will be dark violet, the 4c. will have the frame in rose, instead of blue, and the 5c. will be blue-green.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (198 B 203).—Our Adelaide correspondent writes as follows:—

"On November 4th, 1902, one pane of 60 stamps of the current long type 9d. lilac-rose was issued with two bottom rows imperforate between; that is to say, there were six vertical pairs of this variety.

"I also obtained a block of six (3 rows of 2) of the 1/- brown, wmk. Crown SA, imperforate vertically on the two lower rows; of these I can only trace one block of four besides above-mentioned, and was told that the remainder had been severed by the Postal officials with scissors before being issued."

TASMANIA (191 X 203).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* mentions that the 9d. on V and Crown paper is coming over in two distinct shades of blue.

TONGA (164 C 203).—A correspondent writes us as follows:—

"We are threatened at present time with some sort of a political change. I do not exactly understand what it means. The High Commissioner is expected daily on a Man of War, and the Acting Consul tells me there will be changes made. May this involve a new issue of stamps or a surcharge?"

UGANDA RAILWAY (194 C 203).—The set of Telegraph stamps chronicled in *E.N.S.N.* Nos. 169 and 194 has been abolished and will probably rank high in rarity, as very few appear to have come into the hands of collectors. We reproduce copy of the circular to station masters.

TRAFFIC AUDIT CIRCULAR, No. 7, of 1903.

1.—Station Masters are informed that on and from 1st July, 1903, the former system of granting receipts for telegrams received for transmission on Form L.T. 16, will be re-introduced, and the present system of affixing telegraph stamps will be discontinued from the 1st proximo.

2.—Telegram accounts for June, 03, should be made up on 30th June on Form U.R. 102 (Statement of Receipts and Sales and balance of Telegraph stamps) and the balance in hand being verified by actual count should be at once despatched to this Office.

3.—The reverse of the balance sheet will be posted as heretofore, with the exception that the L.T. 16 number will be substituted for the Telegram number.

4.—Supply of forms No. L.T. 16, in book form, is in course of supply to the station.

Please acknowledge receipt.

A. L. COOPER,

Assistant Chief Accountant.

Chief Accountant's Office, Nairobi, 26.6.03.

UNITED STATES (198 Y 203).—The \$1, \$2, and \$5 stamps of "Series 1902" have now been issued.

The "Official Stamps" Case.

(Continued from last week.)

On the 11th of June, Mr. Creeke (who was on bail) called at Scotland Yard and asked witness to give him some advice as to the matter with which he was charged. The witness said, "What advice do you want?" Creeke said, "If I give you the connecting link between me and the person from whom I got the stamps, do you think it would assist me?" The witness said, "I can hold out no favour to you, but if you wish to make a statement I will take it down." Mr. Creeke then made a statement.

Mr. Muir read the statement, in which Mr. Creeke said he wrote a book on English stamps, and at that time made the acquaintance of Walter Richards. He had kept up a casual acquaintance with him, and, about 18 months ago, asked him if he could get some Office of Works official stamps for him. Walter Richards said he could not do it. Subsequently Henry Richards told him that he had got some Office of Works stamps which had been accumulated by a big official at the Office of Works.

He (Creeke) bought four sets of these, and sold them to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons for £64, making a profit of £3 10s., or £4 a set. He afterwards obtained six more sets from Henry Richards, and sold them to dealers. When the bother arose at Somerset House, Henry Richards admitted to him that he had received the Office of Works stamps from his father, and said, "I suppose you guessed that." He (Creeke) said, "I accepted the first statement as correct." He did not even then connect his father with it.

The witness said he asked Mr. Creeke if he had anything to say about Inland Revenue stamps. Mr. Creeke then said, "The Inland Revenue stamps (I.R. Official) which I sold to Ginn I got from Hy. Richards. I believe I gave him £21 for them." He added that he had had five sets of Inland Revenue official stamps, and sold them for £85.

Detective-sergeant Ward, cross-examined by Mr. Lincoln Reed, said that in May last he went to Mr. Creeke's office, and asked him about some Office of Works stamps. He said he could not give any information without obtaining the permission of a friend. After that witness never expected to obtain any information from him.

The witness was shown a telegram sent from Highgate to Mr. Walter Richards—"See me at my office, 10.30. Important.—Creeke." It was dated June 20, and witness admitted having written it.

Mr. Reed.—What do you mean by signing Mr. Creeke's name?—I don't acknowledge that it was Mr. Creeke's name.—(Laughter).

Mr. Muir.—Say why you sent the telegram.

The Witness.—I wanted to get Mr. Richards out of his house.

Mr. Reed.—So you resorted to the trick of signing the name of Creeke?—Yes.

Do you consider that a respectable thing to do?—Yes.

I suppose you mean for a police officer?—Yes, for a police officer. It was a trick?—I suppose so.

After this you expect your word to be taken before Mr. Creeke's.—I must leave that to someone else to decide.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Muir asked for the committal of Walter Richards (as a public servant of His Majesty) on the charge of stealing 400 stamps; and the committal of Henry Richards, Percy Richards, and Creeke, for receiving these stamps. He also asked for the committal of Walter Richards for stealing five sets of "I.R." stamps on February 12, and Henry Richards and Creeke for receiving them; the committal of Waterhouse for stealing and receiving parcels stamps; the committal of Walter Richards under the Larceny Act of 1901 for as a public servant entrusted with public property unlawfully converting it to his own use, and Henry Richards and Creeke with aiding and abetting him; and Walter Richards and the other defendants for conspiring with him to commit divers breaches of trust as a public officer.

Mr. Stewart contended that there was nothing to show on the part of Walter Richards any felonious intent. He knew that stamps were taken by certain high officials, who paid money for them or substituted for them stamps of equal value, and he saw no harm in doing the same thing himself. He might have been guilty of an impropriety, which rendered him liable to dismissal, but that was all.

Sir Henry Primrose, the chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, had himself had stamps, and he had said that the principal clerk Donet (who had done exactly the same as Walter Richards, and was still retained at Somerset House) had not been guilty of felony. It had been said that the authority who made the regulations could dispense with them, but he thought that principle had been disposed of by the petition of rights. The only difference between what Walter Richards and high officials had done was in degree—not kind. If young Primrose, who had received stamps from his

father, chose to sell them, surely that would not make his father a felon. Walter Richards gave his stamps to one of his sons and told him to put them away and not let him see them again, as they would be valuable some day. Surely, there was nothing felonious in that. It was admitted that Percy Richards broke into his brother's box, and sold for £10 stamps of the market value of hundreds of pounds, thus showing clearly that he had no idea of their value.

Mr. Lincoln Reed, on behalf of Creeke, submitted that there had been no felony, and therefore no felonious receiving. Walter Richards and his colleague had put into the till £9 6s. 8d. in exchange for pieces of gummed paper worth about 2½d., and the Government therefore gained by the transaction.

Creeke could have had no guilty knowledge. He knew for a fact that most of the high officials at Somerset House had these stamps, and it would not strike him as strange that someone else had some.

Mr. Frampton submitted that there was no evidence whatever against Waterhouse, and pointed out several discrepancies in the evidence given against him.

Sir Albert De Rutzen said he had listened to the speeches for the defence with great attention. He was not going to say anything about the facts of the case or to express any opinion as to its merits, but he thought it one which could not be withdrawn from a jury.

Mr. Lincoln Reed said, in the hope of influencing the magistrate's opinion, he would call one witness for the defence.

Sir John Purcell, the Controller of Stamps from 1883 to 1900, said Mr. Creeke was introduced to him in 1885. From that time he had known him as a very prominent member of the Philatelic Society. It was quite possible that in 1885 he let Mr. Creeke have a set of Inland Revenue official stamps—5s., 10s., and £1. At that date there was no difficulty in getting Inland Revenue stamps on payment of the face value, and witness let members of the Philatelic Society have many.

He thought it would be as well to be on friendly terms with the members, and events proved that he had acted wisely, as the members had assisted him on several occasions. On one occasion they enabled him to detect a very grave forgery. About 1896, when the present Lord Milner was at Somerset House, an alteration was made with respect to the disposal of official stamps, the reins being drawn very much tighter.

It was quite possible that he had given Mr. Creeke three sets of Inland Revenue stamps. He remembered on one occasion some £1 stamps being printed on paper with a three orb wmk., whereas the wmk. should have been three crowns, or the other way about, he was not quite sure.

It never occurred to him that in letting Creeke have stamps he was making him a receiver. In 1896 or 1897 Mr. Creeke wanted some unused stamps for illustrating his book. Witness told him he could not get them out of stock, but he got some for him from a friend. The witness did not know that Mr. Creeke gave £30 for them. He certainly gave something which witness handed to the owner of the stamps. He did not think that the sale of these stamps, after they had gone out of stock, was a dishonest transaction. Mr. Creeke was a constant visitor at Somerset House, and sometimes bothered when he was there by asking questions about stamps.

By Mr. Stewart.—He had no express authority, written or otherwise, for allowing anyone to have official stamps, but the Board of Inland Revenue knew very well what was done.

The prisoners were committed for trial on all the charges, the magistrate saying they might go out on their own recognisances.

Mr. Muir.—They had to find sureties before.

Sir Albert De Rutzen.—It will save trouble to allow them out on their own recognisances.

Mr. Anthony Buck Creeke, jun., solicitor, who stands committed for trial on the charge of feloniously receiving official stamps said to have been stolen from Somerset House, applied for a summons against Det.-Sergt. Ward, of Scotland-yard, for sending a forged telegram in his name.

In reply to the magistrate, he said his application was made under the 47 and 48 Vict., chap. 76, which made it a misdemeanour to send a telegram in another man's name, even when there was no intent to defraud.

Sir A. De Rutzen said that if Mr. Creeke would lay an information he would consider the matter.

The telegram referred to was sent from Hollo-way to the private house of Walter Richards, a Somerset House official, who is charged with Mr. Creeke, and read, "Meet me at office 10.30. Important. Creeke."

At the last hearing of the case, Detective-Sergeant Ward admitted having written the telegram and said he did it for the purpose of getting Mr. Richards to leave his house. At a previous hearing it was stated that the house was being watched by detectives when the telegram was delivered.

August 9th. It is understood that Sir Albert de Rutzen has granted the summons against Detective-Sergeant Ward.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Ségégál, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségégambia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, ½, 1, 1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801* Angola, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
802* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806* Cape Verde, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
807* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811* Guinea, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
812* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816* Lourenço Marques, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
817* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821* Mozambique, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
822* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830* Portuguese Congo, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
831* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835* St. Thomas & Prince, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
836* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840* Zambezia, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
841* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261* Angola, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
262* Cape Verde, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
263* Guinea, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
264* Congo, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

271* Lourenço Marques, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
272* Mozambique, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

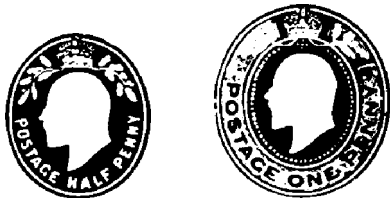
GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Dates (203 E 204).—Mr. W. D. Roebuck has shown us the following two new records:—

1d. red, pl. 97. London, N.W., 31.5.65.

6d. grey, pl. 18. London, W.C.D.O., 8.4.82.

Mr. F. J. Cowan claims a tie only in respect of 1d. pl. 125, stating that Mr. C. F. Gwynn had already sent in a copy postmarked "London, 5.5.69" but we cannot trace the latter.

Envelope Dies (201 O 204).—Die 13 of the ½d. King's Head has at last been found, the honour falling to Mr. E. Bentley Wood, who has also shown ½d. die 27. Mr. T. S. Tyrell has shown us 1d. die 48 and the Editor has found a copy of 1d. die 52 postmarked 6th August. The list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

½d. Dies 7 to 25, 27; 43, 44.

1d. Dies 7 to 29 except 19; 43 to 53 except 45, 47.

In E.W.S.N. No. 145 we published a list of the earliest and latest dates known on the dated series of embossed envelope stamps (1d. to 1/-). Mr. E. Bentley Wood has found the following new records:—

	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
1d. rose, die 91	—	28.11.62
" 101	22. 8.56	—
" 105	16. 2.63	—
" 140	—	6. 1.68
" 145	28.12.66	—
" 149	—	4. 3.69
" 153	1.10.68	—
" 202	—	15.11.78
" 222	—	27. 6.83
" 223	—	8. 8.82

We shall be glad to hear of any new records readers may possess in these stamps.

AITUTAKI (201 F 204).—The Pacific mail via San Francisco brought us as usual a large budget of interesting correspondence from New Zealand and her islands.

Our Rarotonga correspondent writes:—"The Aitutaki stamps did not reach the Post Office there until 29th June and, so far as I know, none have yet been used there with the exception of three sets which I had specially sent me. I enclose you two of these sets as unique specimens, being the earliest of the new issue postmarked. There is not yet any date stamp at Aitutaki, but the Rarotonga dated postmark, being struck on the letters on arrival here, fixes the date. The Aitutaki stamps were sold at the Auckland P.O., New Zealand, during the month of June, the Aitutaki Post Office being deemed to have been opened on 1st June, notwithstanding that the new stamps did not reach the island until the 29th!"

Three weeks ago we described in E.W.S.N. an envelope received from Aitutaki and noted that it was franked with a Cook Islands stamp. It may be added that the letter contained in the envelope was dated 29th May and the only dated postmarks on the envelope were Rarotonga, 2nd June; Auckland, 11th June; and Norwood, 17th July. The stamp was simply cancelled "Cook Islands—P.O.—Aitutaki" in violet, as already described, and the stamps on the envelope sent by our Rarotonga correspondent are similarly obliterated. Doubtless before long Aitutaki will have a dated postmark.

A correspondent sends us the following description of Aitutaki:—

"The island of Aitutaki is one of the Cook group of Islands recently included in the boun-

daries of New Zealand. It is distant from Rarotonga 120 miles, has an area of about seven square miles and a population of about 1200, including about ten Europeans. The chief productions of the Island are Oranges, Pineapples, Copra and Lime Juice, all of which are exported to Auckland, New Zealand. A steamer from New Zealand calls regularly at the Island once a month, while there is also frequent communication with Rarotonga, the seat of Government, by sailing vessels. The Aitutakians are a very hardy race and make very good sailors. Many of the inhabitants cultivate their land and the produce of the Island has doubled within the last five years. The women make fans and mats and also hats from plaited fibres. The New Zealand Government is represented on the Island by a Resident Magistrate who also acts as Customs Officer and Postmaster."

The *New Zealand Graphic*, of 13.6.03, in an article headed "Our Parliamentarians in the Pacific" gives an interesting account of a visit to Aitutaki. There are also a large number of interesting photographs of the Cook Islands.

Back again after six weeks through summer seas, and although the change of climate is not one that any of us altogether relish, I suppose that no one is sorry to be once more on New Zealand soil. When I last wrote we had just arrived at Aitutaki, after calling at Rarotonga and some of the smaller islands of the Cook Group.

Aitutaki differs from any of the other islands we have visited, in having the reef much further from the shore, the width of the lagoon varying from three to four or five miles.

The island is not very large, and has no high peaks, although the land is more elevated than Mauke. We landed about nine o'clock in the morning, and word was passed round among the natives that a meeting would be held in the meeting house at Arotangi, where we had landed, at 10 o'clock.

After the usual salutation the Minister explained the interest which the members of Parliament took in the natives, and which had induced them to undertake such a long voyage to see the people and to try to find out what was best to be done in their interest.

They have no great chiefs in Aitutaki, so the talk which followed was of a general kind; in fact, you could easily have mistaken the gathering for a deputation of New Zealand settlers (except for the colour) pushing the claims of some road or bridge in their own district.

They wanted money to open up their island, better means of communication, and they thought the Government ought to appoint an agent in Auckland to see that their fruit got into the best markets.

The Government agent here is named Large, and is not very popular with many of the natives. No doubt he has ruled them with great firmness; but whether his administration has always been judicious is at least open to question.

On one point, at any rate, he has striven to protect them from themselves, and has succeeded in keeping the island freer from drink than probably any other island we have yet visited.

Some amusing stories are told of the tricks played by the dusky maidens of Aitutaki on their sweethearts in connection with the liquor traffic. The drink is mostly got from the ships, which have to lie outside the reef, and when the young man comes ashore in his boat after having had a nip or two on the ship, his loving Hinemoa is waiting to embrace him, and smells the nectar from his breath. A quiet hint is then dropped to the policeman, who takes a similar method of investigation. Next morning the youth is tried and fined five shillings, or two days' work for somebody willing to pay the authorities a small sum for his labour. Hinemoa then gets her father to engage the young swain, and she has the pleasure of sitting round and bossing him at his work. Poor thing, it is her only chance; she might as well enjoy it now, for he will lord it over her by-and-bye when he gets her as his own.

Aitutaki may be considered the Democratic Republic of the Pacific—a curious exception to the Kings and minutely graded aristocracy of most of the surrounding islands. Many years ago they abolished all forms of aristocratic rule, and are rather proud in telling visitors that they are all equal; in fact, they appear to have carried their democracy to such an extreme that they had no executive at all, the missionary probably acting for them to some extent before the advent of New Zealand's representative.

The native custom in connection with the land has also been harmonious with the democratic principles, each family having its own land, and a fresh apportionment being made whenever a marriage takes place, both bride and bridegroom's father contributing a portion, according to their several stations.

The Aitutakians have been great sailors, many of them going long voyages in the old whaling days in American and British ships. Quite a number of them could talk quite freely about New Zealand ports which they had visited.

One of the stories which every voyager in the South Seas hears is about the Aitutaki people catching sharks in the lagoon by diving down under the coral reefs and lassoing the sharks' tails. Three boatloads set out after the meeting to see the verification of the story. Unfortunately, none of the boats succeeded in landing a shark, but the diving of the natives was a revelation to everybody. They actually disappeared for what seemed minutes into cavernous holes in the reef, and with sticks in their hands tickled the shark into position to get his tail into the noose. In several cases they got the rope over the shark's tail, but it invariably slipped before the monster could be landed in the boat.

In the lagoon were seen some most beautiful coloured fish; one especially, a very bright blue, was much admired. Where the water was shallow enough the bottom could be seen strewn with bech de mer, which forms an article of export from several of the islands, and which might very easily be largely increased.

The products of Aitutaki are very much the same as the other islands of the group, and, like the rest, it is capable of producing from five to ten times as much as it is doing at the present time.

After loading themselves with curios, many of them imported from New Guinea, the party returned on board the steamer about six o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

One feature about Aitutaki should not be omitted. Right round the island they have fenced off a strip about 20 or 30 yards wide, which is used as a pig, cattle and fowl run, and while there is room for the application of any quantity of sanitary science, there can be no doubt that this provision must be more healthy than having the pigs and poultry all round and even in the houses, as is the case at some of the other islands.

Mangaia, the other Republican island of the group, is fast falling under the dictatorship of Daniela and his co-operative company. The aristocratic system of Rarotonga, with its Arikis, Matapos, Kiatos, Rangitiras, Komonos and Ungas may have many drawbacks, but for many years to come they will remain a force which no Government Resident can ignore, and their influence in most cases will be exerted for the good of their people.

BERMUDA (199 L 204).—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* learns that the remainders of the 1d. Queen's Head have been burnt.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal takes us to task for our remarks in E.W.S.N., No. 199.—"Ewen's Weekly is quite mistaken in stating that the supply of the 3d. sent out in 1873 was perf. 14X12½ as well as perf. 14." The whole of that supply was used up in less than twelve months, causing the issue of provisional 3d. stamps in 1874; in July of that year a second supply of 3d. was received, part of which was converted into 1d. stamps the following year. The fact that three different values were then used for this purpose seems to indicate that there was no great stock of any one value on hand at the time, and we have little doubt that further supplies of 3d., 6d., and 1s. were printed between 1875 and the date of the discontinuance of the use of 'CC' paper."

BUSSAHIR (163 G 204).—The following is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.—"Mr. Ewen shows us copies of a fresh reprint of the 1s., Type II. It is from the stone without a frame round the sheet, and shows considerable signs of wear; the impression is on thin laid paper, in pink, like the 1s. of the first issue, which it is probably intended to represent, as this value of the second series was never issued in this colour. The overprint is in mauve, and is printed from the old 'R.S.' monogram, which is evidently in very bad condition. We fear that the present Tika Sahib is not unwilling to add to the State revenue by doubtful methods."

CEYLON (199 Q 204).—We have seen the King's Head wrapper.



Wrapper. Design of stamp as above.
2c. violet on buff.

The copy is postmarked "Colombo, 17.7.03."

GUATEMALA (198 W 204).—Concerning the 25c. on 20c. brown-orange type-set stamp, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 176, we read as follows in *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*:—

"It will be remembered that Mr. Focke in No. 640 demonstrated to our readers' satisfaction that the official issue was not printed in strips containing all the values, but each value separately in panes of 100. Also that no 20c. stamp has been issued with the zero changed to a 5. *Der Philatelist* thus defends the position originally taken:—

"If the author of this article pretends that the five values announced in our paper do not exist on one strip, one below the other, and if he furthermore pretends that there is no stamp on which the zero of 20 has been transformed by a black surcharged '5' into 25, we should like to know how he comes to such a conclusion, as we possess the said strip and herewith give a reproduction of the same.

"It may be that the stamps also appear in sheets of 100, as *M. W. St. N.* now report, but that does not exclude the fact that the stamps had also been printed on strips, like the one referred to.

"Upon which Mr. Focke comments:

"I still repeat that the strip of five different values has never been sold at any Post Office in Guatemala, nor has there been any surcharge of a 5 on the 0 of 20; the strip is most likely a proof, which by one way or the other has come into the possession of a person connected with the printers."

GUINEA, SPANISH (200 E 204).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 200 we illustrated the 1902 issue and we now reproduce the design of the 1903 set.



ICELAND (202 Q 204).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. mention a curious sheet of 100 of 4 aur. "I Gildi." In the upper half of the sheet the surcharges are too low down, so that whilst the two top rows are normal, the third row shows the words "I GILDI" only, date being omitted, and the fourth row has the date '02-'03 at top and "I GILDI" at bottom. The lower half of the sheet is surcharged upside down and these also are a little too low, so that the two halves overlap and the two middle rows have double surcharges, one reversed.

MONTSERRAT (A 204).—This island has, at last, after a lapse of 13 years, started to issue special stamps again. The values are 1/4d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 and 5/-. The first specimens came over by the last mail and we shall give a full description in an early number.

NATAL (201 T 204).—Mr. O. Marsh has shown us a sheet (or half sheet) of 120 of the "Half Penny" on 6d. mauve provisional of 12th March, 1895, of which Gibbons' catalogues eight types. It may be of interest to record that these types occur in the following positions, the sheets being surcharged 5 rows of 60 stamps at a time.

B B F F B A D B C D H F	Types.	
C B F B G A A F A A E C	A 18	E 6
H E G F G A A E A A E E	B 7	F 7
F B H G H A A H A A C E	C 7	G 5
D C A G H A A H A A C C	D 3	H 7

The types are fairly evenly proportioned except for the shortage of D and preponderance of A. The S.W. corner block of nine contains all the eight types, plus a duplicate of H which shows the "no stop" variety.

The varieties are as follows:—

2nd row, No. 1.	C	Tall P in Penny.
3rd row, No. 1.	H	No stop.
4th row, No. 2.	B	"Pennv."
" No. 4.	G	"Pennv."
5th row, No. 10.	A	"Ealf."

The London Society's work also mentions a variety with comma, but we did not notice it, but the surcharge is very indistinct on so dark a ground.

NEW SOUTH WALES (196 J 204).—Mr. D. M. Politoff has shown us a strip of three O.S. 2d. blue, perf. 11x12 (S.G. No. 557), the third stamp of which is surcharged "S." only, the space for the "O." being quite blank.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (201 L 204).—Messrs. Yaar & Co. write us:—

"We have just received two panes of the O.R.C. 'One Shilling' on 5/- green V.R.L. Perhaps the following varieties, which have not yet been catalogued, have escaped the observation of collectors in general up to now, viz.:—In the bottom row of the panes of the 4th stamp the 5 and S of 5s. are two (2) mm. apart, whereas all the others are 1 mm. apart. Also the last stamp of the bottom row has a broken S. This does not happen only on the two panes sent us this week, but all panes we have in our possession. The shades of both panes are also different, one being light yellow-green, the other dark green."

Postcard Stamps.—Dr. H. Armstrong points out that we have not yet mentioned that the privately

printed 1/4d. postcards have the stamps in several shades, generally a pale shade quite distinct from the dark green of the official cards.

QUEENSLAND (198 O 204).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 9d. stamp,

Adhesive.—Commonwealth design; perf. 12 1/2 wmk. V and Crown upright.
9d. red-brown and blue.

It is very disappointing in appearance.

The following cutting is from the *Adelaide Register*, of 9th July:—

THE FEDERAL STAMP.

Although the designer of the proposed new federal stamp, of which a facsimile was published in a recent issue of *The Register*, maintained a discreet anonymity behind the Postmaster-General, what seems to be the original fountain of his artistic inspiration (says *The Melbourne Argus*) has appeared in the shape of a medal struck by Messrs. Stokes & Sons, 264, Little Bourke Street, for the State of Queensland during the federal celebrations of 1901. The obverse of this medal, which was designed and executed entirely by the firm, is almost exactly reproduced in the stamp. The only alterations made are that on the ball where the figure is seated the Commonwealth stamp replaces a relief outline of Australia by a numeral showing the price. There is a little scroll work filling up the corners, and, while the arch on the medal has a keystone, inscribed "Federation, 1901," the stamp dispenses with any such architectural necessities, and bears the word "Commonwealth," in a plain unbroken curve; otherwise, the designs are identical. The medallist firm has no knowledge of the origin of the other design, which bears so unmistakable a resemblance to its own work.

The *West Australian*, of Perth, 24th June, reports:—

"Melbourne, June 23.

"The new ninepenny postage stamp, which is to be used only in Queensland and New South Wales, does, it is generally agreed, little credit to either the designer or to the Department. It is pronounced a clumsy and ugly production, and will, it is understood, not be adopted generally either in Queensland or New South Wales. A quantity will be struck off for immediate use in both States.

"At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects to-day, the following resolution was passed:—'That this Council desires to place on record its deep regret that the first Commonwealth postage stamp should be so utterly weak and inartistic in design; and also to express the hope that it be withdrawn from issue, to prevent our Australian designers being held up to ridicule.'"

The *Melbourne Age* of June 23rd, describes the new stamp in detail:—

"To-day the Federal Government will issue the first Federal stamp printed since the inauguration of the Commonwealth. It is a ninepenny stamp, for circulation in New South Wales and Queensland only, as far as is at present determined; though the sketch here given carries the word 'Victoria' that is a mere trial essay, and the sketch moreover is considerably larger than the actual size, which is that of an ordinary postage stamp. The design is the work of 'an Australian outside Victoria'—those are the vague words beneath which the postal officials timorously hide the light, such as it is of the artist—but it is only fair to say that it was originally made for 'quite another purpose.' Its central feature consists of a draped female, representing Australia, holding in her right hand a distaff, while the left hand rests on a shield blazoned with the Southern Cross on the Union Jack. Australia sits beneath a massive arch which bears the word 'Commonwealth' on its span, and the names of the six States, with the date of their foundation, on the stones of the two supporting pillars, thus:—

Queensland, 1859.	Victoria, 1851.
W. Australia, 1826.	S. Australia, 1836.
Tasmania, 1803.	N.S. Wales, 1788.

The foundation stone of the left hand pillar has depicted on it a pair of scales, representing Justice, while that of the right hand pillar portrays a hive, representing Industry. At the foot of the matronly looking Australia is a circle within which the denomination of the stamp is announced by a bold "9d." and below this a space is provided for the name of the State within which the stamp may circulate. Smaller circles are cut out of the top corners of the stamp for additional indications of the postal value. Two colours are used in printing the stamp. The name of the State and the figures in the small circles are printed in blue. The large "9d." appears in white on a blue ground, and the rest of the design is given a bright brown colour. The work has been executed at the office of the Victorian Government Printer, who has made the best of a rather inartistic design.

Whether future Federal stamps shall be mere adaptations of the Postmaster-General's latest

experiment is a matter for future consideration. Federal members declare, and very properly too, that before any standard design is adopted there should be an appeal to the artistic talent of all Australia by means of an open competition."

SALVADOR (196 M 204).—We illustrate the new Unpaid Letter Stamp, "Franqueo Deficiente."



SEYCHELLES (201 U 204).—The following further information on the subject of the King's Head provisional is furnished by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—

"Regarding this issue, the following is an interesting extract from a letter received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:—

"The 2c. and 3c. stamps of the new King's Head type are completely exhausted, and the 6c. nearly so, and as it is not expected that fresh supplies could reach the Colony before the end of August, a provisional issue of 3c. stamps became necessary, and in consequence the 15c. stamp was surcharged as per enclosed specimen; a notice was published by the Post Office that no one person would be permitted to purchase more than one sheet of 60 of these stamps, but our correspondent in sending us a few specimens writes us as follows:—'By mail I send you a few surcharged stamps—all I could get. I am sorry they are so few, but I did my best. I was in town before the Post Office opened in the morning and gave different people money to buy sheets for me, but no one could get near the door. I am afraid they have nearly all got into the hands of one man, who had a crowd of 50 niggers there. I do not think there is anything worse than to get among a crowd of unwashed niggers. I only succeeded in getting one sheet. There were 33,000 stamps surcharged, of which I know 500 were destroyed, as they were not well done.'"

The monthly mail from the Seychelles is due on Monday, 26th inst., so we shall hope to describe the sheets in our next issue. It will not be surprising if further provisionals are found to have developed.

VENEZUELA (201 H 204).—Mr. E. Stanjer has shown us an envelope posted at Ciudad Bolivar and franked with an unsevered side pair of the 25c. ship chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 196. The second stamp is doubly printed, the second print being just over the first, one "Correos de Venezuela" resting on the top of the other. The stamps are perf. 12.



Adhesives. Perf. 12.

25c. black on rose paper, pair; second stamp double printed.

ZULULAND (A 204).—We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"We are shown a copy of the 2d., 1888, with the surcharge inverted, and although we are, as a rule, sceptical on the subject of abnormal varieties of comparatively simple overprints, we believe this to be perfectly genuine. The stamp is on the entire original envelope, which it seems to have helped to frank from Rorke's Drift to London, E.C., in November, 1888. The envelope bears a 4d. stamp of the same issue, with surcharge normal, by the side of the 2d.; both stamps are postmarked 'RORKES DRIFT—NATAL—6.11.88,' and the postmarks overlap, so that portions of each appear upon each stamp. There is also the postmark of the 'G.P.O.—NATAL—E NO 9 88' on the envelope, and there are two London postmarks dated 'no 30 88.' There seems to be no room for doubt as to the genuine nature of the surcharge, which has been very carefully measured and examined, though it is curious that such a variety should have remained so long unknown to collectors."

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

- Anjouan, error in sheet of 50c. stamps inscribed "St. Pierre et Miquelon," ET 6.03/331.
- Chile, 5c., lithographed, LP 6.03/150.
- German Colonies, shades and minor varieties of the Eagle-type issue, IBJ 8.03/282.
- Portugal, 1880 issue, R. Ehrenbach, SGMJ 1.03/142.
- Réunion, Timbres d'Engagement et de Rengagement, ET 8.03/387.
- Victoria, Possible undiscovered varieties of watermark of the Laureated Series, by C. B. Donne, PJGB 7.03/112.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségambie, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 4, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8	
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4	
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1	
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7	
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1	
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4	
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
843 Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8	
844 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
845 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—	
852* " 16 "	—	—	
854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0	
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11	
858 China, \$1	2/0	2/4	
859 " \$2	4/0	4/8	
860 " \$5	10/0	11/8	
861 Corea, 1 weun	2/0	2/4	
862* " 2 "	4/0	4/8	
863* Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d	1/0	
864* " 3½fr.	2/10	3/4	
865* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8	
866* " 10fr.	8/0	9/4	
867* Curaçao, 1g.	1/8	2/0	
868* " 1½g.	2/6	2/11	
869 " 2½g.	4/2	4/11	
870 Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5	
871* Dutch Indies, 2½g.	4/2	4/11	
873* Eritrea 5 lire (1903)	4/0	4/8	
874* Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5	
875* Fernando Poo, 40c.	—	—	
876* " 60c.	—	—	
877* " 80c.	—	—	
878* " 1 peso	—	—	
879* " 2 pesos	—	—	
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0	
881* Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5	
882* Japanese China, 1 yen	2/1	2/5	
883* " Corea, 1	2/1	2/5	
884 Liberia, 50c.	2/1	2/5	
885 " \$1	4/2	4/10	
886 " \$2	8/4	9/0	
887 " \$5	20/10	21/2	
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—	
889 " 2 "	—	—	
890 " 3 "	—	—	
891 " 4 "	—	—	
892 " 5 "	—	—	
893 " 10 "	—	—	
894 " 50 "	—	—	
895* Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8	
896* Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0	
897* " 1½ "	2/6	2/11	
898 " 2½ "	4/2	4/11	
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0	
900 " 2 "	1/8	2/0	
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8	

United States and Colonies.			
981 United Sts. 50c. (1902)	2/1	2/5	
982* " \$1	4/0	4/8	
983* " \$2	8/0	9/4	
984* " \$5	20/0	21/4	
991* Philippines, 50c.	2/0	2/4	

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262 Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263 Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264 Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
270 Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272 Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 to avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/0	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN—Early Dates (204 F 205).

—The following new record is sent in.

4d., plate 15 (red) Scarborough, 31.7.76
(W. D. Roebuck).

So much interest having been evinced in this subject lately, we are reproducing next week the complete list of records to date.

Inverted Watermarks (A 205).—Mr. L. W. Crouch informs us that he has the 1d. red, plate 82 with inverted watermark, which is not catalogued. We have no exact list to hand of all the varieties of British stamps which have been found with inverted watermark. Can any reader supply it? It would be interesting to know on whose authority each variety is recorded, and who holds the most "inverted watermark" records.

Firm's Names.—Mr. Crouch has also shown us the current 3d., 1d. and 2½d. overprinted on back over the gum in violet from rubber type "W H —E & S—LTD" in three lines, for Messrs. W. H. Everett & Sons, Ltd. They have a passing interest, but we are afraid not a permanent one.

BOLIVAR (198 E 205).—We find we have omitted to complete our description of the new stamps illustrated in Nos. 197 and 198, but find some difficulty in doing so as every journal we consult gives the colours differently! We have compiled the following list from *Mekeel's Stamp Collector* (MS), *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* (MW), *Die Post* (DP) and *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* (SG). *Die Post* does not describe paper or perforation. The list includes those previously noted.



Adhesives. (i.) Laid paper, imperf.

50c. blue on pink (MW); ultramarine on rose (DP).

50c. blue on bluish (MW); blue on grey (DP)

50c. purple on brown (MW); slate-grey on rose (DP).

1p. orange on salmon (SG); orange on chamois (DP).

5p. carmine on azure (SG); carmine on lilac (DP).

5p. scarlet on yellow (MW); carmine-rose on brown (DP).

10p. deep blue on green (SG).

10p. lilac on pale blue (DP); purple on bluish (MS).

(ii.) Laid paper, pin perf.

5p. carmine on lavender (MS).

5p. " on brown (MS).

10p. dark blue on blue, small perf. (MW); blue on pale blue (DP).

(iii.) Wove paper, pin perf.

50c. blue on pink (MS).

50c. purple on greenish-blue (MS); 50c. purple (MW).

1p. orange on salmon (MS).

1p. bronze-green on lavender (MS).



Registration Envelope. Laid paper, pin perf. (unless otherwise noted).

20c. orange on rose, imperf. (MW).

20c. carmine-rose on rose (DP); red on salmon (MS).

20c. red on salmon (DP); ditto (MS).

Acknowledgment of Receipt ("AR.") Wove paper, pin perf. (unless noted).

20c. dark blue on yellow, laid, imperf. (MW); blue on yellow (DP).

20c. orange on yellow (DP); 20c. red on yellow (MS).

20c. dark blue on lavender (MS).

Too Late Adhesive ("Retardo.") Wove paper, pin perf.

20c. violet on white (DP); purple on bluish (MS).

20c. carmine-rose on white (DP); carmine on bluish (MS).

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (203 H 205).—Three weeks ago we reported that the 2 annas Queen's Head of British East Africa was obsolete and we have now received a 2 annas King's Head, inscribed "East Africa and Uganda Protectorates."

Adhesive. Head of King Edward, CA., 14.

2a. violet and lilac.

Our earliest dated specimen is postmarked "Foreign Registration Department, Mombasa, 29 J.L. 03."

A correspondent writes that a supply of King's Head stamps was received at Mombasa per the "B.I. Boat Fulwell" on Wednesday, 22nd July, and consisted of the values ½ anna, 2 anna, 1 and 2 rupees of the adhesive series, and small and large registered envelopes. Our correspondent reports that he purchased the last of the 2 annas Queen's Heads on "Friday, 23rd [24th? Ed.] July" (which somewhat conflicts with our statement of three weeks ago, but the latter was expressly confined to the G.P.O. and did not take account of stock at outlying offices). Immediately on exhaustion of the Queen's Head stamps, the 2 annas King's Head was issued, so that we may formally record the date of issue as 24th July, 1903.

An innovation has been made in the size of the sheets which now contain 160 stamps divided into two panes of 80, instead of sheets of 120 divided into two panes of 60, as is Messrs. De la Rue and Co.'s present system. The Queen's Head stamps were all in sheets of one pane of 60 only. The new 1 and 2 rupees are still in sheets of 60.

As there is a fair stock of Queen's Head ½ anna, 1 and 2 rupees still on hand, the new stamps of these values are not expected to be issued for several weeks.

We cannot find anyone in Mombasa who has seen the 1 anna Queen's Head in the new shade mentioned on the authority of a contemporary a fortnight ago. All our correspondence by last mail was franked with the old shade and we must beg leave to doubt its existence until a specimen is produced for our inspection.

FIJI ISLANDS (190 M 205).—The ½d. of the Queen's Head series is now quite obsolete in the Fiji Islands.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The following is from the *New York Herald*, of 9th August:—

PARIS, Saturday.—Philatelists will shortly have a chance to add considerably to their collections, as the French Government has decided to introduce a special stamp for each Colony, instead of having as hitherto a single stamp for the Colonial service.

Each stamp will be ornamented with a characteristic design, very different from the commonplace thing which has hitherto existed. The first has already been issued for Somaliland.

GWALIOR (189 I 205).—We have chronicled the ½a. yellow-green and 1a. carmine Queen's Head with service overprint but not without. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. report having received the ½ anna.

Adhesive. Queen's Head.

½a. pea-green.

JHIND (189 C 205).—The following are chronicled by *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

Official Adhesives. King's Head.

½a. pea-green.

1a. carmine.

JOHORE (198 C 205).—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* mentions that the 3c. on 4c. and 3c. on 10c. have been found without value cancelled.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (202 N 205).—Mrs. Few, of Jamaica, writes us that she has been told that Leeward Islands stamps are now obsolete. We think, however, it is probable our correspondent's informant intended to refer only to the Queen's Head series, but we give the rumour for what it may be worth.

MONG-TZE (122 B 205).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following:—

Adhesives. Stamps of Indo-China overprinted "MONGTZE" in black.

1c. black on blue.

2c. red-brown on chamois.

4c. " on grey.

5c. yellow-green.

10c. rose-red.

15c. grey.

20c. red on yellow-green.

25c. blue.

30c. brown on brownish.

40c. red on chamois.

50c. rose on rose-toned.

75c. black-brown on orange.

1f. olive-green on greenish.

5f. lilac on lilac-toned.

MOROCCO AGENCIES (197 I 205).—The following stationery is shown by Mr. P. Kosack to the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*.

Postcards. Overprinted "Morocco Agencies" on Gibraltar cards.

5c. in black on ½d. green, cream card, 115 x 89 mm.

10c. in black on 1d. rose, cream card, 140 x 89 mm.

Newsbands. Ditto.

5c. in black on ½d. dark green, chamois paper, 126 x 300 mm.

10c. in. black on 1d. rose-red, ditto.

NABHA (196 E 205).—We take the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.—

Mr. A. H. Stamford kindly shows us blocks of the new ½a., 1a. and 2a. with the *Service* overprint. He tells us that he finds no irregularity in the surcharge upon the stamp in the right lower corner of the upper pane of the ordinary stamps, as mentioned in *The Ph. J. of L.*, but on the corresponding stamp in the lower pane of the *Service* stamps there is too much space between the letters "H" and "A," and the latter is too low down in the setting, as if the type had been a little loose in this corner and got misplaced. Mr. Stamford has found another variety, the ninth stamp in the top row of the lower pane having the letters "SE" of "SERVICE" too widely spaced, and the "S" rather taller and narrower than usual. This also occurs on all the three values.

Service Stamps. ½a. pea-green.

1a. carmine.

2a. mauve.

NEW ZEALAND (203 D 205).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following:—



Newspaper. King's Head in oval.

½d. green on ivory white, 125 x 280 mm.

NIUE (198 V 205).—A correspondent at Niue informs us that the latest supplies of stamps received at Niue have been in mutilated sheets, the assumption being that the authorities are removing the varieties, after having so successfully raided the "Thief" errors. Or it may be only that some dealer obtained permission to have the varieties picked out, but we should think it extremely unlikely that such permission would be granted. Collectors would do well therefore to be on the safe side and get the varieties whilst they can.

PACKHOI (198 B 205).—We have already chronicled thirteen values, from 1c. to 1fr., and now learn of the following on the authority of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*:—

Adhesive. Overprinted in black on Indo China.

5f. lilac on lilac toned.

SERVIA (204 V 205).—Mr. O. Bickel informs us that a 1 para provisional has been issued.



Adhesive.

1 para on 5 dinar brown (?).

They were only in use two days (date not mentioned) and their sale unused was forbidden. The present retail price of used copies on the London market is about 1/6 to 2/- each.

They were issued at two offices in Belgrade only and were only allowed to be placed on circulars addressed locally, one stamp on each circular, so that the collector of pairs and blocks will mourn in vain. Every sheet and block will presumably have been separated into singles. A prominent official is reported to have supervised the sale, so as to prevent leakage.

After two days, the sale was stopped and the stock on hand withdrawn (where?), their use being prohibited. At the same time a notice was posted to the effect that in future circulars are to be paid for in bulk by weight, no postage stamps being placed on the circulars themselves. For every 100 circulars handed in, a 1 dinar stamp is placed in the Post Office Account Books. The rule seems to be extended also to other correspondence, as we have been informed by the recipients of several registered letters that whilst they are charged one dinar on each letter, the envelopes bear no stamps.

Mr. Otto Bickel informs us that the following errors have been met with:—

Adhesive. Overprinted Arms.

25p. blue, Arms double printed.

Our correspondent also mentions another value, but omits to say which! A ½ sheet (50 stamps) and a whole sheet of 150 are respectively reported to have been discovered, and the price runs to about 25/- or if one is lucky 15/- to 20/- each.

SEYCHELLES (204 V 205).—Mr. H. L. Bevir writes us, under date of August 22nd:—"I was shown about ten days ago or so a further provisional '3 cents' on 45c. King's Head. The surcharge is similar to that on the 15 cents, and this provisional was no doubt issued as soon as the '3 cents' on 15c. was sold out. No one person was allowed to have more than five copies of the 3c. on 45c."

3 cents

Adhesive. Overprinted as above in black.

"3 cents" on 45c. brown and carmine, King's Head.

We are also informed that a 2c. on 15c. provisional has been issued.

No doubt the mail due on Wednesday, 26th August, will bring us full details.

ST. HELENA (196 G 205).—We appear to have omitted to mention that the new stamps—½d., 1d., 2d., 8d., 1/-, 2/-—are issued in sheets of 60, five rows of 12, with plate No. 1 at each corner.

We are also informed that some six months ago the 3d. mauve of 1884, catalogued 10/-, was re-issued at the St. Helena Post Office!

VENEZUELA (204 I 205).—The *American Journal of Philately* gives further particulars of the type-set Ship provisionals:—

Adhesives. Ship type. Perf. 12.

(i.) Inscribed "Estado Guayana."

5c. black on grey.

10c. " red.

25c. " rose.

50c. " blue.

1b. " yellow.

(ii.) Inscribed "Estado Maturin."

5c. black on rose.

10c. " blue.

25c. " yellow.

50c. " red.

1b. " grey.

(iii.) Inscribed "Distrito Mariño."

5c. black on red.

10c. " yellow.

25c. " grey.

50c. " rose.

1b. " blue.

It seems that Zulia may also have had stamps, if we may rely on the following from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*.

"The following letter has been received with two values of the stamps:—

"DEAR SIR,—I forward you specimens of stamps of the State of Zulia, which were in use for about three months only and went out of circulation on account of the revolution.

"There being no roads or railways from the capital (Caracas), it is necessary to go by steamer via Curacao, or by sloop along the coast; and the communication being very dilatory, it was a

common occurrence to run out of stamps, so it was decided to have a special issue for the State of Zulia, of which Maracaibo is the capital, and about which I send you extracts of the official decree from the *Gazette* in my possession, obtained from the Treasury archives in Maracaibo. (The full decree occupies six pages of foolscap as to regulations and the postal system, and being in Spanish is not worth translating now). The *Gazette* publishing the arrival and issue of these stamps being in another archive could not be obtained.

"I should be glad if you would publish the extracts sent, in your journal, as I think it may interest collectors.

"Yours faithfully,

"F. E. HARWOOD.

"Caracas, June 26, 1903."

The extracts need not be given in full, but the main portions are as follows:—

Official *Gazette* of the State of Zulia, Maracaibo, March 10, 1891. No. 55.

Rafael Parra, Constitutional President of the State of Zulia—considers—that owing to the great distances and insecurity, &c., &c., which interrupt the welfare of the Public Administration—Decrees, &c. There are then given regulations as to offices and men, and Cap. III., Article 9, says:—"The stamps of the State shall be of the same size and conditions as the National ones, with the difference, at the top shall be printed 'Venezuela' at the bottom, the value expressed in letters, and in centre the Arms of the State in an oval with the following inscription:—'Correos del Estado Soberano del Zulia.'" The next article gives the two classes and colours as "0.05 centimos of a Bolivar, violet; 0.10 centimos, in red." There are further regulations as to Treasury verifying emissions, &c., and the rates are to be 10c. for 15 grammes and 20c. for 30 grammes. "Given in the Government Palace, in Maracaibo, 24th of February, 1891, Year 27 of the Law and 33 of the Federation." Duly signed and countersigned by the President and Secretary-General. The stamps are well engraved, and bear in margin "The Homer Lee Bank Note Co., New York," whose first consignment was put in circulation in May, 1891, and franked letters to all parts of Venezuela and to Cucuta in Colombia. The second consignment was burnt in the Custom House when the revolutionists took the place three months later.

5 centavos, deep violet, perf. 13½.
10 " light red "

VICTORIA (197 H 204).—We are in receipt of the following communication from Mr. Lindell, writing under date of Melbourne, 10th July:—

"The 3d. and 6d. Victoria current are now out, both perf. 11, and the 6d. with comp. perf. 12½×11. All stamps printed by the Victorian Government printer are likely to turn up with the 11 perf., as the machines are used indiscriminately. In consequence of the projected Commonwealth issue, all Victoria printed stamps are closely scrutinized for 11 perfs., and the splendid uncertainty is making the hunt general and quite delightful to all concerned. In fact if we could but arrange for a few varieties of papers and watermarks, we should be in a fair way of depriving New Zealand of its unenviable honour."

We accordingly chronicle:—

Adhesives. Current type.

1d. perf. 12½×11.

3d. perf. 11.

6d. perf. 11.

6d. perf. 12½×11.

These are likely to be scarce, as the Govt. Printer appears to use the 11 and 12½ perforating machines together and, the same supply which contained the 6d. perf. 11 and 12½×11, probably consisted largely of the ordinary 6d. perf. 12½. Also, the applicant for stamps has to take what is given him, the Post Office not allowing the stock to be picked over. The popular idea that these varieties are made for collectors and that the dealer with bank-notes in his hands is welcomed and given all he likes to ask (and pay) for is all wrong. In reality, he will probably be told that stamps are made for use and that all the 6d. stamps (or whatever may be the value applied for) in stock are all alike—the official is generally quite sure they are all alike and is not open to argument. In fact, rather than show a little courtesy, we have known a £500 order to be refused. Perhaps, however, the Post Office Official has his side of the question, so we must not be too hard on him.

Official Adhesives.—In addition to the 1d. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 179, Mr. G. F. M. Cairnoux has shown us the ½d. and 1d. and the Colonial Stamp Market a set of six others.

Adhesives. Perf. 12½. Perf. "OS" (the ½d. and 5/- sideways).

½d. green.

2d. violet.

3d. orange-brown.

4d. olive-bistre.

6d. bright green.

1/- orange-yellow.

2/- blue on rose.

5/- carmine and blue.

YUNNAN-SEN (A 205).—As regards French Colonial stamps, the *reductio ad absurdum* has surely been reached when treaty ports, like

Yunnan-sen, Tchong-king (No. 205), Packhoi (No. 198), Mong-tzé (No. 206), Canton (No. 197), and Hoi-hao (No. 122), all have separate sets, each containing fourteen values, ranging from 7th of a penny to about 4/-. The vagaries of three little Pacific Islands may surely be forgiven if collectors recognize the above!

Adhesives. Overprinted "YUNNAN-SEN" in black on stamps of Indo-China.

1c. black on blue.

2c. red-brown on chamois.

4c. " on grey.

5c. yellow-green.

10c. rose-red.

15c. lilac-grey.

20c. red on yellow-green.

25c. blue.

30c. brown on brownish.

40c. red on chamois.

50c. rose on rose toned.

75c. black-brown on orange.

1fr. olive-green on greenish

5fr. lilac on lilac toned.

Senf's Catalogue.

MESSRS. GEBRUDER SENF have favoured us with a copy of the 1903-04 edition of their well-known Catalogue, just published.

Some idea of the labour expended in compiling and printing such a catalogue may be gained when we say that there are 1377 pages, devoted to cataloguing 26,000 stamps, with the help of 4,500 illustrations and 1,400 foot-notes. No fewer than 47,600 prices are quoted.

It is somewhat surprising that of the 1,324 pages devoted to the catalogue proper, the proportion of those devoted to stationery to those set apart for adhesives is as much as 436 to 888. The very complete list of stamped stationery makes it, in fact, a welcome addition to the library of every catholic collector.

What we believe is an innovation is the small booklet accompanying the above volume. It consists solely of the name of each colony, followed by the index numbers of all the stamps in the catalogue. The collector who wishes to make up an extensive want-list has therefore only to put a cross through the numbers he wants and forward it to Messrs. Senf—plus of course the necessary cheque.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

A Correspondent writes:—

"I thought it might perhaps be of interest to mention a strange mistake of the Inland Revenue authorities. On the back of one of their Income Tax forms is a green ½d. wrapper stamp printed through with the words 'This page not to be used, as provision is made at the back for the return of this form post free.'"

Detective's Forgery—Result.

SIR A. DE RUTZEN gave his decision at Bow Street a few days ago in the case in which Detective-sergeant Ward was summoned at the instance of Mr. Anthony Buck Creeke, jun., a solicitor, for forging his name to a telegram sent to Mr. Walter Richards, with the object of facilitating his arrest.

The magistrate said the facts were perfectly simple and were undisputed. As a matter of law, he thought that an offence had been committed, but it was an offence of a technical character pure and simple. The summons would therefore be dismissed.

Index to Vol. X.

THE Editor regrets that the Index to Volume X. has not yet materialised, but he has been quite unable to find the necessary spare time, as it is practically a day's work. If any competent reader would care to do it for him, the Editor would have no objection to alienating a guinea in his favour. Should this suggestion fail to suitably recommend itself to anyone, the task will probably be postponed till Christmas when the Editor is usually allowed a few days' light recreation of this description.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Danish West Indies, TB 8.03/237.
Argentine, Portraits on 5c. Postcard, RSFA 6.03/81.

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151a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
152*	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
152a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
153	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/1 1/2	2/6
153a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
154	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	.. 11	1/10	2/2
154a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

163	Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
164*	French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
165	" 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 9	2/2	2/7
166	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
166a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
167	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
167a	" 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
168	Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/2	2/7
168a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
169	" Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

171	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
171a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
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177	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
177a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
180	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
180a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
182a	Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
183	Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

191	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
191a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
192	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
192a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
193	New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 11	2/3	2/8
193a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0
194	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
194a	" New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	.. 4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

201*	(Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
202*	" Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
203	" Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 3	1/2	1/5
204*	" Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	.. 6	1/8	2/0
205*	(Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 13	2/6	2/1
206*	" Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 13	2/6	2/11
207	Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	.. 9	2/6	2/11
208*	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	.. 6	1/9	2/21
209	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	.. 8	1/7	1/11
210*	Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
211*	Hoi-hao, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	.. 12	2/3	2/8
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213	" Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	.. 3	1/10 1/2	1/3
214	" Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	.. 8	1/5 1/2	1/9
215	" Vathy, expected	..	—	—
216	" Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 8	1/8	2/0
217	" Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 8	1/8	2/0
218	" Zanzibar, 1/2, 4, 5, 10 as.	.. 4	1/7 1/2	1/11
219	" Morocco	..	—	—
220	" China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	.. 4	1/7 1/2	1/11
220a	" Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	.. 6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

221	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	.. 8	2/8	3/2
222	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
223	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
224	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.

231	German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
232	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
233	Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
234	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
235	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
236	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.

241	China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	.. 9	2/8	3/2
242*	Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 5pi.	.. 9	3/0	3/6
243*	Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	.. 8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.

251*	Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
251a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
252*	Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
252a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
253*	Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
253a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2
254*	Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	.. 11	1/7	1/11
254a	" 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	.. 5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801	Angola, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
802	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
803	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
804*	Angra, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
805*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
806	Cape Verde, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
807	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
808	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
809*	Funchal, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
810*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
811	Guinea, 300 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
812	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
813	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
814*	Horta, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
815*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
816	Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
817	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
818	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
819*	Macau, 47 avos.	.. 1/1	1/4
820*	" 78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
821	Mozambique, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
822	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
823	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
824*	Mozambique Company, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
825*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
826*	" 1000 "	.. 3/6	4/1
827*	Nyassa, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
828*	Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	.. 1/1	1/4
829*	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
830	Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
831	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
832	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
833*	Portuguese India, 1 rupee	.. 1/4	1/7
834*	" 2 "	.. 2/8	3/1
835	St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
836	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
837	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
838*	Timor, 47 avos	.. 1/1	1/4
839*	" 78 "	.. 1/8	2/0
840	Zambezia, 400 reis	.. 1/5	1/8
841	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
842	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11
843	Inhambane, 400 "	.. 1/5	1/8
844	" 500 "	.. 1/9	2/1
845	" 700 "	.. 2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851*	Abyssinia, 8 guerches	..	—
852*	" 16 "	..	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261	Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
262	Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
263	Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
264	Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
265	St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270	Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
271	Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
272	Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10
273*	" Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
274*	Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	.. 12	2/7	2/11
275	Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	.. 8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281*	Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	.. 9	0/10	1/0
281a	" 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	.. 7	2/6	2/11
282*	Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	.. 10	2/6	2/11
283*	Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 avos	.. 8	0/9	0/11
283a	" 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	.. 6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291*	Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	.. 3	0/5	0/6
292*	Italian Levant, 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293*	" Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294*	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	.. 1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295*	Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5, 10as.	.. 7	2/0	—
296	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	.. 9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII. DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301*	Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
302*	Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
303	Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	.. 11	2/6	—
304	Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	.. 6	1/6	—
305	Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	.. 10	—	—
306	Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	.. 6	—	—

GROUP XXIII. AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

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311a	" " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312	Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313	" " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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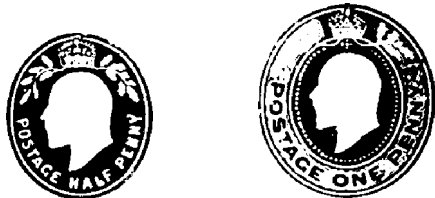
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (204 P 206).—The Rev. C. T. Wakefield has shown us $\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 28 and 1d. die 30 of the King's Head series, so the list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. Dies 7 to 25, 27, 28; 43, 44.

1d. Dies 7 to 30, except 19; 43 to 53 except 45, 47.

It is probable the series run as follows:—

"B.R." unnumbered dies:—Six of each value (Nos. 1 to 6?).

Numbered dies (Somerset House):—Two dozen dies Nos. 7 to 30 each of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d.

"B.R." unnumbered dies:—A dozen of each value (Nos. 31-42?).

Numbered dies:—A dozen (?) of each, Nos. 48-54.

If so, the following have not yet been recorded: $\frac{1}{2}$ d. dies 26, 29, 30, 45 to 54; 1d. dies 19, 45, 47, 54.

Early Date Records (204 F 206).—Mr. W. Denison Roebuck, F.L.S., submits the following new record of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. red, plate 1:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. red, plate 1. Aberdeen, 1.10.70.

This is the official first day of issue and curiously, the stamp is obliterated with postmark-number "1."

Railway Letter Stamps (201 U 206).—We are officially informed that the "G.W. & G.C. Jt." surcharged stamps were brought into use in March, 1901.

ALBANIA (160 D 206).—Mr. Chas. de Grave Sells writes as follows to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—

"I send you one of the new stamps just issued for the Italian office at Janina in Albania, to take the place of those first issued. These, as you will remember, were issued in virtue of a royal decree and had the word 'Albania' printed across the face and the value in paras, and they were catalogued generally under the heading of Albania and were spoken of as Albanian.

"It would appear that His Imperial Majesty the Sultan did not approve of his territory being thus appropriated (even although it was only philatelically) and must have made known his disapproval, for the stamps were quietly withdrawn and others substituted with a surcharge of value only."

Adhesives.

10 paras on 5c. green.

35 " 20c. orange.

40 " 25c. blue.

Mr. Sells informs us that they were issued at Rome, on 30th June, and have following plate numbers; 10p. 4442, 35p. 4339, 40p. 4214.

AUSTRIAN P.O., LEVANT (149 F 206).—The following new varieties have been issued.

Adhesives. Figures denoting heller values omitted; overprint "Para" or "Piaster" both at top and bottom. Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ (?).

10 para, dark green, value in black.

20 " rose "

1 piaster, ultramarine "

2 " pale blue "

BRITISH SOMALILAND (200 I 206).—We have now most carefully examined entire sheets of the 2, 3 and 5 rupees, but found nothing more exciting than a slightly raised D and a lightly chipped I in Somaliland. The sheets contain 96 stamps divided by margins into 8 panes of 12, each pane in 3 rows of 4 and the panes themselves in four side-by-side pairs, one under the other.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (205 I 206).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the 1a. rose-pink of the Queen's Head series of British East Africa, the existence of which we doubted last week. They also send us one of the old shade for comparison, and curiously, neither shade tallies exactly, with that received by us last mail. These latter are more like the old shade than the new, but are darker and a little redder! We now formally chronicle:—

Adhesive. Queen's Head, CA., 14.
1a. aniline pink.

INDIA (201 C 206).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the first of the King Edward fiscal stamps, a 1 anna lilac, wmk. Crown, perf. 14. It is somewhat similar to its predecessor, but, of course, with King's Head.

ITALY (197 P 206).—*Die Post* states that the "Express" stamp has been issued and gives an illustration, from which it would appear to be a handsome addition to the collector's album.

Express Adhesive. Oblong (41 x 23mm.), perf. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
25c. carmine.

The following cutting is from *Il Corriere della Sera*:—

IL NUOVO FRANCOBOLLO PER GLI "ESPRESSI."

Ci telefonano da Roma, 12 giugno notte:

La *Gazzetta Ufficiale* pubblica il decreto che istituisce il nuovo francobollo del costo di 25 centesimi da applicarsi sulle lettere che si devono inviare per espresso e che si possono così impostare come corrispondenza ordinaria.

JHIND (205 D 206).—This Indian state was supplied about the end of May with the following quantities of King Edward stamps, states the *Philatelic Journal of India*.

ORDINARY STAMPS.

$\frac{1}{2}$ a.	24,000	3a.	2,400
$\frac{1}{2}$ a.	24,000	4a.	1,200
1a.	6,000	8a.	1,680
2a.	4,800		

SERVICE STAMPS.

$\frac{1}{2}$ a.	24,000	4a.	2,400
1a.	24,000	8a.	1,200
2a.	2,400		

LAGOS (201 H 206).—We are in receipt of the following letter from the Colonial Postmaster, under date of "Lagos, 5th August."

"With reference to your letter, dated 17th April last, I have the honour to inform you that the King Edward VII. postage stamps of this Colony will be issued on the 22nd January, 1904. The denominations are as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-."

January 22nd has no doubt been chosen as the date of King Edward VII.'s accession.

MONTSERRAT (204 B 206).—We illustrate the design of the new series.



The values and colours are as follows:—

Adhesives. CA 14.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.

1d. carmine and grey-black.

2d. brown and grey-black.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue and grey-black.

3d. mauve and brown.

6d. olive and mauve.

1s. violet and green.

2s. chestnut and green.

2s. 6d. black and green.

(ii). New design, with Head of King Edward VII.

5s. carmine and grey-black.

NEW SOUTH WALES (204 K 206).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the new 9d. stamp.

Adhesive. Commonwealth design, wmk. V and Crown upright, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Inscribed "NEW SOUTH WALES" at foot.
9d. red-brown and blue.

The sheets contain 120 stamps in 10 rows of 12. It is a matter of surprise that the stamps are printed at Melbourne, the first instance, we believe, of New South Wales stamps being printed outside the Colony. The *London Philatelist* learns that 1000 sheets of the new 9d. have

been printed for New South Wales. We believe the consumption of this value is about 2000 to 3000 sheets annually.

SEYCHELLES (205 W 206).—The niggers in this happy island must be having a fine time of it! The 3c. on 45c. provisional, which followed the 3c. on 15c., was so restricted in sale that no one was allowed to have more than five and the total daily sale was limited to 400. As 20,000 or so were printed, it was calculated the supply would last until a fresh stock of the ordinary 3c. could arrive from England. Nigger tactics enabled the local agent of the Colonial Stamp Market to secure over a thousand of the stamps and they are hardly likely to become rare as there are no large blocks or sheets to be absorbed by specialist collectors. The 3c. on 45c. is reported to have first appeared on 22nd July; the rumour concerning a 2c. on 15c. turns out to be a canard.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Buenos Aires & Argentina, destruction of plates. PR 8.03/144.

Brazil, varieties of type in the 100 and 200 reis of 1894 and 1900, by Dr. Pirl. PR 8.03/146.

St. Vincent, a few notes on, by R. B. Tardley. LP 8.03/186.

New South Wales, Further notes on the Issues of 1871 and 1884, by L. L. R. Hansburg. LP 8.03/189.

Austria, Hungary, Die Jahning der Marken von, Prof. J. Cermak, MPZ 8.03/121.

Mecklenburg, Eine Studie für Spezialisten von Dr. F. S., MPZ 8.03/124.

Curaçao, Notes on, PJI 7.03/186.

The Valhalla Incident.

LORD CRAWFORD, the Vice-President of the Philatelic Society, London, has metaphorically wiped the dust of Australia from his feet and shown a clean pair of heels to the Customs authorities of the Commonwealth. And the reason for this flight? Well, it is a curious story, and its relation will cause many an English philatelist to thank his lucky stars (or star watermarks) that he can collect Australian stamps at a distance from the Commonwealth Minister for Customs and his works.

Lord Crawford owns the *Valhalla*, a magnificent steam yacht in which he is touring the world, and in the course of his travels he touched at the northern-most point of Australia—Thursday Island—staying there some two or three days. As might have been anticipated, during that period both owner and crew yielding to the cravings of a perfectly natural appetite, stimulated by the pure Australian air, partook of certain meals, to wit, breakfast and dinner with occasional snacks in between, and something to wash them down with, all being taken from the ship's stores.

This, in the eyes of Mr. Kingston and his Revenue officers, was an offence, inasmuch as no Customs Duty had been paid on the eatables devoured and the potables absorbed. A demand was made for the payment of "Fifty bob"—which estimate was probably arrived at by measuring the cargo capacity of the captain and the crew, and multiplying the result by three days. Lord Crawford, having found no authority for this proceeding in any of his philatelic handbooks of Australia, declined to pay up, and telegraphed to Mr. Kingston for guidance. That Minister being apparently too busy to reply, a further wire was sent, and failing any answer to this and yet a third telegram, Lord Crawford

Put his helm hard a-lee,

And promptly steered for the open sea.

Should he come back, it is dreadful to contemplate the fate in store for this intrepid sailor. Captains have ere this languished in Darlinghurst for breaking seals on their own ship's stores; but what adequate punishment can be devised for such a flagrant act? Perhaps Mr. Kingston will condemn the Lord of Crawford and Balcarras to purchase one of Drake's new nine-penny stamps. This however, would be mere vindictiveness.

—(The Australian Journal of Philately).

Early Dates of Use of British Stamps with Plate-Numbers.

As it is now just over a year since we published any lists of early dates of British stamps, and as in the meantime *E.W.S.N.* has gained many hundreds of new readers, some of whom may be interested in the subject, we take this opportunity of publishing the lists as they stand at present. The idea, it should be explained to readers who have not seen our previous lists, is to find the earliest postmarked copy of each plate-number.

ONE PENNY.

Plate No.	Plate put to press	Record (Earliest date of use)	Record-holder
71	1.3.64	London, 17.5.64	S. G. Dudley
72	"	Glasgow, 3.6.64	H. P. Stewart
73	"	London, W., 23.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
74	"	London, W.C., 25.5.64	P. P. Wood
76	"	York, 15.6.64	G. Verméeren
78	"	Liverpool, 17.5.64	G. Gaffe
79	"	London, S.W., 7.5.64	S. H. Toole
80	"	London, W., 3.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
81	"	"	H. P. Stewart
82	"	Birmingham, 19.5.64	W. D. Roebuck
83	"	London, W., 21.5.64	P. P. Wood
84	"	Dundee, 14.6.64	G. Gaffe
85	"	London, E.C., 19.5.64	H. W. Harrison
86	"	"	C. F. D. Marshall
87	7.3.64	London, E.C., 2.5.64	C. F. D. Marshall
88	17.3.64	London, S.W., 3.6.64	"
89	22.3.64	Gosport, 9.6.64	W. D. Roebuck
90	30.3.64	London, N., 15.6.64	P. P. Wood
91	5.4.64	" S.W., 8.6.64	E. B. Wood
92	12.4.64	London, 19.5.64	M. Raffalovich
93	19.4.64	"	P. R. Devis
94	26.4.64	" S.E., 28.6.64	E. B. Wood
95	4.7.64	Ashbourne, 30.8.64	W. D. Roebuck
96	11.10.64	Nottingham, 28.12.64	P. P. Wood
97	7.3.65	Birmingham, 28.12.64	F. J. Cowan
98	20.3.65	Huddersfield, 3.6.65	W. D. Roebuck
99	6.1.66	Bangor, 26.2.66	M. Raffalovich
100	19.1.66	Oswestry, 20.3.66	C. F. D. Marshall
101	12.4.66	London, E.C., 18.6.66	R. H. Jones
102	16.4.66	"	O. Firth
103	8.8.66	Manchester, 10.10.66	G. Gaffe
104	22.1.68	London, W., 12.3.68	P. P. Wood
105	31.1.68	London, E.C., 11.4.68	"
106	29.2.68	"	Capt. Hancock
107	18.3.68	Barnsley, 6.5.68	H. P. Stewart
108	23.3.68	London, S.E., 30.6.68	C. F. D. Marshall
109	"	Edinburgh, 22.5.68	W. D. Roebuck
110	"	Bury, Lancs., 29.5.68	G. Gaffe
111	"	Birmingham, 7.5.68	F. J. Cowan
112	12.5.68	Birkenhead, 17.7.68	"
113	"	Dublin, 26.8.68	M. Raffalovich
114	"	Bradford, Ys., 24.7.68	O. Firth
115	"	Hull, 5.7.68	H. P. Stewart
116	"	Birmingham, 20.6.68	G. Gaffe
117	9.6.68	London, E.C., 24.8.68	W. T. Roebuck
118	"	Manchester, 4.8.68	G. Gaffe
119	18.8.68	London, W.C., 23.10.68	P. P. Wood
120	8.9.68	Edinburgh, 14.11.68	"
121	17.12.68	Burton-on-T., 27.2.69	"
122	16.1.69	Edinburgh, 16.3.69	"
123	18.1.69	Liverpool, 2.3.69	F. J. Cowan
124	"	Hastings, 14.3.69	P. P. Wood
125	15.2.69	London, 5.5.69	F. J. Cowan
126	"	Birmingham, 5.5.69	C. F. Gwynn
127	3.5.69	Glasgow, 28.6.69	J. R. W. Clark
129	10.5.69	London, E.C., 23.6.69	F. W. Knight
130	5.6.69	London, S.E., 19.8.69	F. J. Cowan
131	3.8.69	Liverpool, 16.9.69	C. F. D. Marshall
132	4.9.69	Newry, 22.11.69	P. P. Wood
133	1.10.69	Birmingham, 25.1.70	F. J. Cowan
134	8.10.69	Edinburgh, 1.1.70	J. R. Yeates
135	14.12.69	London, 2.3.70	H. P. Stewart
136	6.1.70	Wolverh'ptn, 12.3.70	F. J. Cowan
137	5.3.70	Glasgow, 9.4.70	P. P. Wood
138	10.3.70	Edinburgh, 25.4.70	"
139	19.3.70	Liverpool, 16.5.70	H. P. Stewart
140	9.4.70	Newton-le-Willows, 20.6.70	F. J. Cowan
141	7.5.70	Cleveland, 8.7.70	J. C. Rowley
142	13.7.70	Liverpool, 31.8.70	F. J. Cowan
143	7.10.70	"	"
144	3.1.71	"	H. L. Ewen
145	16.1.71	Chatham, 21.4.71	P. P. Wood
146	23.1.71	Liverpool, 25.3.71	"
147	4.2.71	London, 11.4.71	"
148	29.4.71	Ayr, 29.7.71	H. P. Stewart
149	15.5.71	London, S.E., 21.7.71	P. P. Wood
150	30.5.71	Margate, 17.8.71	S. G. Dudley
151	14.11.71	Glasgow, 13.12.71	"
152	"	London, 2.1.72	H. L. Ewen
153	27.12.71	Swansea, 5.3.72	W. D. Roebuck
154	30.1.72	Reigate, 26.4.72	A. W. Chambers
155	20.4.72	"	H. L. Ewen
156	24.4.72	Glasgow, 18.6.72	"
157	"	Brighton, 22.7.72	F. C. Scarr
158	4.5.72	London, E.C., 25.7.72	F. J. Cowan
159	17.8.72	"	H. W. Harrison
160	"	Edinburgh, 4.10.72	W. D. Roebuck
161	17.9.72	Bradford, 29.11.72	J. Neech
162	26.10.72	Manchester, 6.12.72	P. P. Wood
163	5.11.72	Bristol, 9.1.73	"
164	30.11.72	Weymouth, 8.2.73	H. L. Ewen
165	17.1.73	London, E.C., 15.4.73	W. D. Roebuck
166	18.1.73	Canterbury, 8.4.73	C. F. D. Marshall
167	8.2.73	Bromley, 7.4.73	H. P. Stewart
168	8.5.73	Exchange, L'pl, 22.7.73	W. D. Roebuck
169	21.6.73	Leamington, 8.9.73	A. W. Chambers
170	11.10.73	Bradford, 25.11.73	F. J. Cowan
171	27.10.73	Manchester, 2.1.74	"
172	"	Liverpool, 2.2.74	H. P. Stewart
173	2.4.74	London, S.W., 11.7.74	H. L. Ewen
174	20.4.74	H. Heath, 17.7.74	P. P. Wood
175	5.9.74	W. Bromwich, 30.10.74	F. J. Cowan
176	12.12.74	Sunderland, 23.3.75	H. W. Harrison
177	29.12.74	Inverness, 13.2.75	"
178	1.2.75	Wolverh'ptn, 5.4.75	F. J. Cowan
179	15.5.74	Swindon, 28.6.75	H. L. Ewen
180	25.5.75	Tewkesbury, 19.8.75	P. P. Wood
181	26.5.75	Bradford, 22.7.75	H. L. Ewen
182	19.6.75	Manchester, 1.8.75	G. Gaffe
183	9.8.75	Liverpool S., 10.11.75	F. J. Cowan
184	20.10.75	London, S.W., 6.3.76	A. W. Chambers
185	4.12.75	Birmingham, 12.2.76	P. P. Wood
186	18.12.75	Manchester, 12.2.76	G. Gaffe
187	3.1.76	London, E.C., 29.2.76	C. F. D. Marshall
188	8.1.76	London, S.E., 4.3.76	"
189	"	Aylesbury, 6.3.76	P. P. Wood
190	31.1.76	London, 24.3.76	G. Verméeren
191	19.2.76	Maidenhead, 8.5.76	P. P. Wood

Plate No.	Plate put to press	Record (Earliest date of use)	Record-holder
192	19.2.76	Lisburn, 25.4.76	Miss C. Hoblyn
193	2.9.76	London, W., 11.11.76	P. P. Wood
194	13.11.76	London, W.C., 24.1.77	C. F. D. Marshall
195	18.11.76	London, W., 8.1.77	"
196	15.1.77	Chatham, 2.4.77	"
197	20.1.77	Holloway, N., 9.3.77	A. W. Chambers
198	27.1.77	Exchange L'pl, 19.3.77	F. J. Cowan
199	5.2.77	Sheffield, 7.4.77	C. F. D. Marshall
200	3.3.77	Birmingham, 3.5.77	F. J. Cowan
201	21.4.77	Wallingford, 4.6.77	C. F. D. Marshall
202	19.5.77	Brighton, 21.7.77	"
203	"	London, W.C., 27.8.77	G. Verméeren
204	23.6.77	Tewkesbury, 8.9.77	P. P. Wood
205	8.9.77	London, S.E., 5.11.77	C. F. D. Marshall
206	"	"	F. J. Cowan
207	12.11.77	Cork, 29.1.78	G. Gaffe
208	17.11.77	London, E.C., 30.1.78	P. P. Wood
209	24.11.77	Birmingham, 1.1.78	G. C. Gardner
210	8.12.77	Brighton, 6.2.78	C. F. D. Marshall
211	16.3.78	London, 26.4.78	"
212	20.5.78	Lombard St., 20.7.78	G. Gaffe
213	1.7.78	"	F. J. Cowan
214	6.8.78	Birmingham, 20.9.78	"
215	"	Neath, 14.10.78	H. G. S. Fell
216	2.9.78	Edinburgh, 15.11.78	W. D. Roebuck
217	23.11.78	"	Miss C. Hoblyn
218	30.11.78	Scarborough, 31.12.78	H. P. Stewart
219	11.1.79	Dublin, 1.3.79	F. J. Cowan
220	"	Navan, 1.3.79	"
221	3.4.79	London, S.W., 2.6.79	G. Verméeren
222	6.5.79	" E.C., 30.6.79	C. F. Gwynn
223	21.6.79	" S.W., 6.9.79	F. J. Cowan
224	23.6.79	Edinburgh, 9.9.79	P. P. Wood
225	27.10.79	London, W.C., 6.1.80	W. T. Roebuck

LIST OF COMPETITORS.

MR. P. P. WOOD STILL HEADS THE LIST.

The following is a summary of the number of records held by the principal competitors on three of the dates on which the complete list has been published. Every stamp bearing a record date has been carefully examined by the Editor.

	Mch. 24, 1900.	Ap. 6, 1901.	Aug. 11, 1902.	Aug. 29, 1903.
P. P. Wood	35	40	41	29½
F. J. Cowan	—	—	—	22½
C. F. D. Marshall	29	15	20	17½
H. P. Stewart	—	15	14	10
G. Gaffe	3	14	11	10
W. Denison Roebuck	34	11	8	10
H. L. Ewen	4	12	9	4
O. Firth	14	7	7	2
H. W. Harrison	—	7	6	4
G. Verméeren	—	6	5	3

Most plate-numbers appear to have been issued very shortly after being put to press, the following records being the nearest:—

29 days.	Plate 151, S. G. Dudley.
31 "	Plate 218, H. P. Stewart.
35 "	Plate 137, P. P. Wood.
37 "	Plate 92, M. Raffalovich.
38 "	Plate 209, G. C. Gardner.
38 "	Plate 116, G. Gaffe.
38 "	Plate 143, F. J. Cowan.
41 "	Plate 162, P. P. Wood.
41 "	Plate 211, C. F. D. Marshall.

On the other hand, the earliest dates yet recorded for the following plate numbers are exceptionally late. No doubt, however, the diligence of our readers will soon result in their being considerably improved upon.

117 days.	Plate 133, F. J. Cowan.
106 "	Plate 76, G. Verméeren.
106 "	Plate 113, M. Raffalovich.
105 "	Plate 84, G. Gaffe.

The Table of records for plate numbers of other values are as follows:—

Plate No.	Plate put to press	Record (Earliest date of use)	Record-holder
1	20.6.70	Liverpool, 1.11.70	F. J. Cowan
3	28.6.70	Swansea, 1.12.70	H. T. Jenner
4	4.7.70	Stamford, 4.11.70	W. D. Roebuck
5	12.7.70	Belfast, 10.11.70	C. F. D. Marshall
6	19.7.70	London, 19.10.70	W. D. Roebuck
8	26.7.70	Leeds, —.11.70	J. J. Thorpe
9	9.10.71	Gateshead, 5.12.71	H. L. Ewen
10	2.10.73	Liverpool, 22.12.73	J. J. Thorpe
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14	16.11.76	Bristol, 9.3.77	W. D. Roebuck
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9	14.3.61	Blackburn, 14.5.61	W. D. Roebuck
12	28.10.68	"	22.12.68
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4	21.4.76	London, 28.6.76	G. Verméeren
5	3.7.76	"	21.8.76
6	7.9.76	"	10.11.76
7	16.2.77	Liverpool, 21.4.77	W. D. Roebuck
8	4.6.77	London, 2.7.77	"
9	14.9.77	Glasgow, 9.10.77	"
10	7.12.77	London, E.C., 16.1.78	"
11	19.3.78	Hull, 16.5.78	"
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13	30.9.78	London, S.E., 13.12.78	W. D. Roebuck
14	11.2.79	Lombard St., 25.3.79	M. Raffalovich
15	8.5.79	Nottingham, 17.6.79	G. Verméeren
16	15.8.79	London, 20.10.79	W. D. Roebuck
17a	23.12.79	"	23.1.80
17b	—	"	5.2.80
18	11.2.80	"	2.3.80
19	6.4.80	London, 4.5.80	H. W. Harrison
20	11.10.80	Liverpool, 12.11.80	W. D. Roebuck
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151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

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191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/1	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
207 Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavalle, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	8	1/5½	1/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	8	1/8	2/0
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 1, 5, 10 as.	4	1/7½	1/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5 pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.			
801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
805 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
810 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8	
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
815 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis.	1/5	1/8	
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4	
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis.	1/1	1/4	
825 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1	
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4	
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7	
834 " 2 "	2/8	3/1	
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4	
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0	
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8	
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	
843 Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8	
844 " 500 "	1/9	2/1	
845 " 700 "	2/6	2/11	

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.			
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—	
852* " 16 "	—	—	
South and Central America.			
911 Argentine, 1 pesos	1/10	2/2	
912 " 5 "	0/2	10/8	
913* " 10 "	18/4	21/4	
914* " 20 "	36/8	42/8	
955 " Official 30c.	0/8	0/10	
956 " 50c.	1/0	1/3	
957 Mexico, 1p.	1/9	2/0	
946* Uruguay, 50c.	2/3	2/7	
947* " 1 peso	4/6	5/3	
948* " 2 pesos	9/0	10/6	
949* " 3 "	13/6	15/9	
United States and Colonies.			
981 United Sts. 50c. (1902)	2/1	2/5	
982* " \$1	4/0	4/8	
983* " \$2	8/9	9/4	
984* " \$5	20/0	23/4	
991* Philippines, 50c.	2/0	2/4	

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262 Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263 Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264 Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
270 Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272 Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.			
281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.			
291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

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301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Envelope Dies* (206 Q 207).—The Rev. C. T. Wakefield has shown us ½d. dies 26 and 45 and 1d. die 53 of the King Edward series, whilst from Mr. E. Bentley Wood we have ½d. dies 29, 30 and a second copy of 45. The list now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

½d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45.
1d. Dies 7 to 30, except 19; 43 to 53 except 47.

We offer a reward of 2/6 to the reader who first submits 1d. die 19 to us, used or unused.

Inverted Watermarks (205 B 207).—We are gathering material for a list of these. "K" points out that the 1d. plate 82 was reported incorrectly as uncatalogued a fortnight ago. It is mentioned in the list given in Morley's 1897 catalogue, pages 181-3.

Large Crown Watermark (A 207).—Ewen's Catalogue of Stamps and Postmarks (1898) mentions on page 22 a curious error of the Large Crown watermark of 1862.



Large Crown of 1862.



Error.

Writing from memory, we believe it was Mr. V. Gregory who found the first copy, which was referred to at the time in the *English Specialists' Journal*. The specimen was from 1d. plate 92, and was lettered AM—MA. Mr. J. F. Caterer has now shown us a pair of the ordinary 1d. rose, with stars in upper corners, watermark Large Crown, perf. 14, lettered AM—MA, BM—MB. The stamp AM—MA shows the error of the watermark, so that it is probable the faulty 'bit' remained in use a long time, perhaps as long as the mould. As probably not more than four moulds would be in use at one time for the purpose of watermarking the "Large Crown" paper, it is not unlikely that quite a quarter of the 1d. and (perhaps) 2d. stamps lettered MA, printed about 1863-64, shows this variety. Mr. Caterer's specimen is postmarked "Brighton, 14.1.64."

Early Dates (204 F 207).—We must apologise to Mr. W. T. Roycroft for wrongly crediting four of his records to Mr. W. D. Roebuck in our list of record dates given last week, the similarity of initials causing the confusion. The records in question are those of 1d., plates 117, 165 and 225, and 1d., 1880. The following errors also occurred:—

1d. red, plate 199. For "Sheffield 7.4.77" read London, W.C. 24.4.77.

1/- green, plate 10. For 10.10.75 read 10.10.74.

A correspondent submits a 6d. lilac, postmarked "Malta 15.10.56," but this "record" must be rejected, as it is well-known that for some months during 1859, the "9" of the year was inverted. Consequently all stamps current at Malta during 1859 may be found with "early" dates.

ANJOUAN (125 B 207).—We take the following interesting note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

We learn from *L'Annonce Timbrologique* that a strip of four specimens of the 50c. brown on azure has been discovered, three of them lettered "SULTANAT D'ANJOUAN" and the fourth "ST.

PIERRE ET MIQUELON." The story goes that this error existed only upon the first sheets printed, which were sent to Berne; that one pair showing the two varieties was sent from thence to the Post Office at Brussels, where it was so little appreciated that it was returned to Berne, with a request that it might be replaced by a pair of stamps both bearing the same name. The authorities at Berne sent the curiosity back to Paris, where it is said to have been burnt, and the error in the printing form was at once corrected. The strip of four described above met with a better fate, falling into appreciative hands. It is satisfactory, however, to know that no sheets containing this error were ever actually issued for use.

BENADIR (180 J 207).—The *Società Anonima del Benadir* has addressed the following letter to M. Arthur Maury, a well-known Paris dealer, states *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*:—

"Ci-inclus nous nous empressons de vous remettre, pour devoir d'un courtoisie que nous regrettons de ne pas trouver dans la forme de votre lettre du 17 courant, une enveloppe avec quatre timbres-poste de Bénadir, oblitérés par les bureaux postaux du pays, et par lesquels vous voudrez constater le fonctionnement du service postal dans notre colonie."

The four stamps are on a large envelope cancelled "Moga-Disco Protet. Italiano (Benadir)—16.5.03" and at the back of the envelope is the date-stamp of arrival of the G.P.O., Milan.

BOLIVIA (177 G 207).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following novelty.

Adhesive. New design, with portrait, well engraved. 10c. blue.

BRAZIL (198 K 207).—El doctor, A. F. Leite, de Joboticabal remite à la *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina*, las siguientes noticias, que reproducimos, agradecidos:

"El Director General de Correos tiene en proyecto la creación de sellos destinados exclusivamente al franqueo de las correspondencia oficial.

"Hasta el presente toda la correspondencia oficial, es decir, la correspondiente al Gobierno Federal, no pagaba derecho ninguno y tan sólo la de igual clase de los Estados abonaba la mitad de la tasa común."

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA (176 K 207).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles a ½d. postcard for Rhodesia.

Postcard.

½d. green on white.

The stamp of the B.S.A. Co. and the fancy labels "Rhodesia" with inscriptions are all in green. We quote the official notice from our contemporary.

Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

RHODESIA.

Postal notice No. 15 of 1903.

It is hereby notified for public information that postcards bearing a postage of one halfpenny will be available for circulation within Southern Rhodesia, and from Southern Rhodesia to N.E. Rhodesia, N.W. Rhodesia, the Cape Colony, the Transvaal, Natal and Orange River Colony, and the Bechuanaland Protectorate, on and after the 1st of July, 1903.

G. H. EYRE, Postmaster General.
G.P.O., Salisbury, 24th of June, 1903.
(2322/03).

CEYLON (204 R 207).—Mr. G. C. Alston sends us the 2c. and 15c. of the King's Head series and also the following new envelope:—



Envelope. King's Head stamps.

5c. dark blue on cream wove (134 x 108 mm).

The adhesives now issued are 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 15c., 30c. and our correspondent states that the 25c. was expected to appear during the week ending 22nd August. The stock of 6c. and other values will have to wait some time until the Queen's Head stock is exhausted.

CONGO, FRENCH (176 D 207).—The following provisionals are recorded by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (7.03/409):—

Adhesives. Stamps of large type.

5c. on 30c. red and yellow (4000).

10c. on 2fr. carmine and brown (4000).

The old value is barred, in the case of the 30c. by two short bars placed on the figures and in that of the 2fr., by one long bar extending the whole width of the stamp. The decree, dated "Libreville, 13.7.03" is quoted in extenso by our contemporary.

COREA (190 J 207).—The following note is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

"According to a correspondent of the *A.J. of P.* the recent surcharges were probably printed from wood block, upon which types for overprinting a sheet of 100 stamps at once were all engraved separately by hand; and, as if this was not bad enough, at least three different blocks of 100 were used for the 1ch. surcharge, and two for each of the other values."

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (206 J 207).—We illustrate the design of the new stamps chronicled last week.



GERMANY (191 U 207).—The German Post Office and the German "Philatelists' Day" have between them the honour of producing the first philatelic postmark. A letter reaches us from Pforzheim franked with four 10pf. stamps, each of which is neatly cancelled in black with a circular postmark inscribed "XV. Deutscher Philatelistentag 3-4N—PFORZHEIM 30 August 1903." The first offer of 3d. secures this curiosity! There is no other postmark on the letter beyond that of "London—Registered, NA—31 AU 03."

GUADELOUPE (120 C 207).—We are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for the following detailed description of a remarkable issue just perpetrated.

GUADELOUPE.

5c. on 30c.

10c. on 40c.

15c. on 50c.

50c. on 1fr.

1fr. on 75c.

A new French periodical, *Le Franc-Parleur Philatélique*, No. 1 of which has reached us recently, gives a full account of the projected publication (we can hardly call it an issue) of some 80,000 francs' worth of overprinted stamps in this Colony, which quite reminds us of the good (?) old times. There is a Decree, of course, signed by the Governor, and assigning the usual reason, namely, the *exhaustion of supplies* of stamps in the Colony; but it is perhaps unnecessary to add that, at the same time, an official letter was addressed by the Colonial Postmaster to various stamp dealers in Paris (and elsewhere, probably), offering them the whole stock of these precious stamps at a long price, and stating at the same time that there would be some competition for this bargain, and that the highest bidder would be the most likely person to get it!

We are very glad to hear that the *Société Française de Timbrologie* took prompt action, upon hearing of this little affair, by making an urgent appeal to the Minister for the Colonies, but we gather that they were too late to prevent the performance of the farce, for we have received some sheets of this rubbish, which we suppose we must describe.

In the first place there is the usual assortment of contradictory combinations, even among the five values sent us, to disprove the excuse of "necessity." We have 5c. on 30c., 10c. on 40c., 15c. on 50c., 40c. on 1fr., and 1fr. on 75c. The overprint consists of the letters "G" and "D," presumably for Guadeloupe and Dependencies, which are already denoted on the stamps, with figures below for the new values. The overprints are all in black, and were printed on sheets of 50, two panes of 25 stamps side by side.

For the "5" on 30 and the "15" on 50 the same setting appears to have been used, with a figure "1" added for the higher value. We find no varieties of type in the numerals, which are

6mm. in height, but a few of the figures "5" and several of the figures "1" are more or less damaged, and we are able to see that the same "5" occurs in the same position on each sheet. The initials are given as "G & D," and show several variations.

- 1.—Roman capitals, thick "&," on Nos. 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 31, 33, 41, 42.
- 2.—Roman capitals, ordinary "&," on Nos. 11, 32, 43, thus completing the first three vertical rows.
- 3.—Sans-serif capitals, thick "&," on Nos. 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24, 26, 29, 30, 34, 35, 38, 40, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50.
- 3a.—Error of 3, with "C" for "G," on No. 28.
- 4.—Sans-serif capitals, ordinary "&," on Nos. 5, 6, 20, 25, 36, 39.
- 5.—Thick capitals, with serifs, thick "&," on Nos. 17, 37, 47.
- 6.—As 5, but ordinary "&," on Nos. 7, 8, 27.

5 on 30 (c.), cinnamon on drab.
15 on 50 (c.), carmine on rose.

The "1fr." on 75 has the same setting of "G & D" as that described above, but there are some extraordinary vagaries in the value, producing a large number of additional varieties when combined with those of the lettering:—

- 1.—Figure "1" 3½mm. high, 1mm. thick, on Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49.
- 1a.—Same figure inverted, on Nos. 8, 13, 18, 23, 29, 32, 36, 45.
- 1b.—Figure inverted and value above "G & D," on No. 24.
- 2.—Thick figure "1," 3 mm. high, 2½mm. thick, on Nos. 30, 40, 50.
- 2a.—Same figure inverted, on No. 20.

Curiously enough we can find no varieties of the letters "fr.," which are always followed by a stop.

On the "10" on the 40 and the "40" on 1fr. the lettering is "G et D"; the capitals are sans-serif throughout, and we can only find one variation, a letter "t" of apparently a different font from the rest on No. 25. On No. 50 the letter "D" has dropped too low. In the figures also there are only a limited number of varieties:—

"10" on 40 (c.), red on yellow.

- 1.—Figures "10" 3½mm. high and 7mm. in total width, on Nos. 1 to 20. Among which are—
- 1a.—No. 9 with "o" too low, probably inverted.
- 1b.—No. 20 with "1" inverted.
- 2.—Figures "10" 4½mm. high, "o" very narrow, 5mm. in total width, on Nos. 21, 22, 23, 26, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43.
- 3.—Wider "o," total width the same, on Nos. 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 41, 42, 44.
- 4.—Very wide, heavy figures, 3mm. high, 13mm. in total width, on Nos. 45 to 50.
- 4a.—On 1fr., olive-green on yellow.

- 1.—Figures "40" of the same font as those of the first type of "10," 3½mm. high, 7½mm. in total width, on Nos. 1 to 44.

- 2.—Very wide, heavy figures, as on the previous sheet, 3mm. high, 13mm. in total width, on Nos. 45 to 50.

HUNGARY (181 D 207).—*Der Philatelist* (7.03/188) reports a rumour that Unpaid Letter Stamps of 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 filler were issued on 1st August.

ICELAND (202 J 207).—We are indebted to Mr. L. Hundesvaug, of the Copenhagen Philatelic Club, for the following revised list of varieties (i to viii) of the "I Gildi" issue which have been yet met with, with the prices ruling at Copenhagen, the specialist centre for Denmark and Colonies. Those marked "PJI" are on the authority of Mr. W. T. Wilson:—

- (i). Normal set, price 12/-.
Ordinary set, perf. 12½.—3 (type II.), 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 15, 40, 50 aur.
" " 14.—100 aur.
Service set, " 12½.—3, 4, 5, 10 aur.
" " 14.—16, 20, 50 aur.
- (ii). Perforation varieties.
Ordinary set, perf. 12½.—3 aur (type I.), 4/-.
" perf. 14.—3 " ("), 6/-.
" " —5 " 10/- (300 issued).
" " —6 " 10/- (300 ").
" " —10 " 25/- (50 ").
" " —16 " 15/- (200 ").
" " —20 " 15/- (200 ").
" " —40 " 3/-.
" " —50 " 5/-.
*Quantities not guaranteed.
Service set, perf. 14.—3 aur, 2/-.
" " —5 " 2/-.
" " —10 " 5/-.
- (iii). Overprint inverted.
Ordinary, perf. 12½. 3 (type I., II.), 4, 5, 6, 10, 40 aur.
" perf. 14.—100 aur. (75? exist). Also 40 aur. (PJI).
- (iv). Shades.
Ordinary, perf. 14.—5, 10, 16 aur., 2 shades each.
" " —6, 20 aur., 3 shades each.
- (v). Double overprints.
Ordinary, perf. 12½.—4, 50 aur. Also 6 aur (PJI).
Service, 16, 50 aur.

- (v). "I" of "I GILDI" omitted.
Ordinary, 3 (type II.), 4, 5, 16, 50, 100 aur.
Service, 3, 4, 10, 16, 50 aur.
- (vi). Error "02"—"03," 25/- each.
Ordinary, perf. 12½.—3 (types I., II.), 4, 5, 6, 16, 20, 50 aur.
" perf. 14.—3 (type I.), 5, 100 aur.
Service, perf. 12½.—5, 10 aur.
- (vii). Same as vi. but inverted.
Ordinary, perf. 14, 5 aur.
- (viii). Error "03"—"03" instead of "02"—"03," £10 to £15.
Only two on a sheet and only 2 or 3 sheets.
Ordinary, perf. 12½, 3 (type I.), 5, 16, 50 aur.
Service, 10 aur.
- (ix). Error, overprinted "IL" instead of "I GILDI."
Official, 10 aur, deep blue.
- (x). Error, overprinted "L" instead of "I GILDI."
Official, 10 aur, deep blue.
- (xi). Without date, etc., due to off-centre printing.
Ordinary, 4 aur (W.K. & Co.).

MOROCCO, FRENCH P.O. (182, 185 H 207).—We have already chronicled the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50c., 1 and 2p. of the new set and now note the following:—

Adhesive. 5p. on 5fr.

NEW SOUTH WALES (206 L 207).—We illustrated the new 9d., "Commonwealth" design.



NICARAGUA (187 T 207).—In addition to the 6c. on 10c. and 1p. on 10c. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 187, *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* mentions the following:—

Adhesive. 5 pesos on 10c. violet.

OCEANIC ESTABLISHMENTS (197 E 207).—The 10c. on 25c. and 10c. on 40c. provisionals have been followed by a 10c. on 15c. blue, millésime 3.

Adhesive. 10c. on 15c. blue.

They were authorised by decree dated 25th June and were created to the number of 100,000, so their present market price of 4d. seems rather high. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (8.03/409) is informed that they were required owing to the rate for letters circulating within the district known as *Etablissements français de l'Océanie* having been reduced to 10c.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (204 M 207). The 5/- King's Head has now been issued, thus completing the set.

PATIALA (201 H 207).—The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports that a further large supply of King Edward stamps was supplied to Patiala in May. The printings are so far as follows:—

	Supplied	
	March 1903.	May 1903.
1a.	60,000	240,000
2a.	60,000	240,000
1a.	1,200	—
2a.	1,200	4,800
3a.	1,200	4,000

ROUMANIA (203 M 207).—The *Philatelic Record* says that the 15 bani value of the ordinary issue appeared early in July in violet instead of light grey.

SALVADOR (204 N 207).—The *Philatelic Record* is informed that the remainders of the last issue, to the number of 750,000 stamps of the face value of about \$60,000 are to be offered for sale in one lot.

SOMALI COAST, French (203 W 207).—*Le Timbrophile Belge* chronicles two errors with colours transposed.



Adhesives.
1c. lilac, frame orange.
20c. purple, frame green.

In *E.W.S.V.* No. 125, under heading Djibouti, it was stated that 25c. stamps had been cut in half and the portion bearing the figure "5" allowed to be used as 5c. stamps. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (7.03/370) gives the text of a decree authorizing the use of the remaining halves as 2c. stamps.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (203 C 207).—We have now seen the new 10/- in a corner block with sheet-number. As the number is "1d. 656694" the stamps would appear to have been printed before even the long 3d. and 4d. issued on 28.11.02 and 1.12.02.

SURINAM (192 D 207).—In *E.W.S.N.* No. 192 we reported that on May 3rd the stock of 5c. stamps had run out. The 5c. of the new issue is now stated to have been issued on 16th June.

Adhesive. Oblong type.
5c. rose, perf. 12½.

ST. HELENA (205 H 207).—We reproduce below somewhat belated illustrations of the new stamps issued about May.



UGANDA (175 M 207).—In addition to the 1 and 5 rupees overprinted "INLAND REVENUE" for fiscal use, (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 169), *Morley's Philatelic Journal* mentions the 1a. carmine and 2a. red-brown. Surcharge in two lines, in small black Roman caps.

Kohl's Catalogue, 1903-04. †

We have been favoured with a copy of the 4th Edition (1903-04) of Paul Kohl's well-known catalogue. Its chief merits are the numerous foot-notes and the attempt to separate the minor varieties and errors from the more important ones. The following extract will give an idea of the system.

Pahang.

1902(?). *Freimärke No. 16 mit schw. Aufdruck des neuen Wertes*
23 | \$50 a. 5 D. grün u. blau — — —
Die Herstellung der Marke beruhte auf einem Missverständnis: Nur einige wenige Exemplare gelangten zu postalische Verwendung, vgl. die amtliche Mitteilung in Ewen's St. N. 21 März 1903, S. 462.

The catalogue proper contains 943 pages with about 5000 illustrations and quotes no fewer than 52,000 prices, so should be good value for the 2/6 at which it is published. It is printed on good paper and neatly bound in a very attractive cover.

All About Post Cards.*

We have received an interesting little book bearing the above title, from Messrs. Scott and Wilson, the Postcard Specialists. The following Extracts from the Table of Contents will give a good idea of the thoroughness with which the subject has been treated.

"On Collecting" and "On Collectors"—History of the Postcard—The Postcards of Greater Britain—Storage and Display—"Union Postale Universelle"—Used or Unused—Postcards, Why We Collect Them!—The Pictorial Postcard, Its History and Development—Official Pictorials—Picture Postcards and the Law—Commemoratives—Proof Postcards—Hints to Collectors—Exchange Clubs, Manufactures, Price Lists, etc.

The book is absolutely indispensable to anyone interested in postcards, and is well worth the 1/- at which it is published.

* Copies can be had from Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., price 1/2, post free.
† Copies of this can also be supplied, price 2/9, post free.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

- German States, Reminders of the Old, LP 7.03/169.
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168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
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180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
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209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
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213 " Dedeagh, 5c., 2, 4 pi.	3	1/0½	1/3
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219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 40, 50c., 1fr.	4	1/7½	1/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40c.	6	0/6	0/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843 Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845 " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11
858 China, \$1	2/0	2/4
859 " \$2	4/0	4/8
860 " \$5	10/0	11/8
861 Corea, 1 weun	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 "	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d	1/0
864* " 3½fr.	2/10	3/4
885* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
866* " 10fr.	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g...	1/8	2/0
868* " 1½g...	2/6	2/11
869 " 2½g...	4/2	4/11
870 Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2½g.	4/2	4/11
873* Eritrea 5 lire (1903)	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5
875* Fernando Poo, 40c...	—	—
876* " 60c...	—	—
877* " 80c...	—	—
878* " 1 peso	—	—
879* " 2 pesos	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1	2/1	2/5
884* Liberia, 50c.	2/1	2/5
885 " \$1	4/2	4/10
886 " \$2	8/4	9/9
887 " \$5	20/10	24/2
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—
889 " 2 "	—	—
890 " 3 "	—	—
891 " 4 "	—	—
892 " 5 "	—	—
893 " 10 "	—	—
894 " 50 "	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0
897* " 1½ "	2/6	2/11
898 " 2½ "	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 "	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos	1/10	2/2
912 " 5 "	9/2	10/8
913* " 10 "	18/4	21/4
914* " 20 "	36/8	42/8
955 " Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956 " 50c.	1/0	1/3
957 Mexico, 1p.	1/9	2/0
946* Uruguay, 50c.	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 "	13/6	15/9

United States and Colonies.

981 United Sts. 50c. (1902)	2/1	2/5
982* " \$1	4/0	4/8
983* " \$2	8/9	9/4
984* " \$5	20/0	23/4
991* Philippines, 50c.	2/0	2/4

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262 Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263 Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264 Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265 St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270 Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272 Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275 Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	..	9	0/10	1/0
281a* .. 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t...	..	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	..	8	0/9	0/11
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Early Dates* (204, 206, 207 H 208).—A new competitor, Mr. C. H. Row, has the honour of being the first to beat one of the records of our recently published revised list of early dates. He has shown us:—

1d. red, plate 177. Bristol, 31.7.68.

The record for plate 170 was credited in our list to Mr. F. J. Cowan instead of to Mr. J. W. Stooke. Mr. I. de Sciorac has shown us the following new record of a 2½d. stamp, one day earlier than that it deposes:—

2½d. rose, plate 13. ? (Town), 12.12.78.

Envelope Dies (207 R 208).—Still they come! Mr. E. Bentley Wood sends us 1d. die 47, so our list now stands as follows:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

½d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45.
1d. Dies 7 to 30, except 19; 43 to 53.
1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d. Dies 1.
2½d. Die 3.
6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.



Registration Envelope Stamps.

3d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4. (See E.W.S.N., No. 196).

Our reward of 2/6 for the first copy shown us of 1d. die 19 has not yet been claimed. The stamp will be returnable to the sender. It is about time that new 6d. dies were brought into use for stamping telegram forms.

Railway Letter Stamps (206 V 208).—We are able at last to record the discovery of specimens of the first issue for the Macclesfield Committee, which consisted of the limited number of 102 specimens, or 17 sheets of 6. We have also seen the 4th issue of this line. Although supposed to be the current printing, it had previously eluded all efforts of collectors to secure specimens.

Macclesfield Committee, 1st issue. Same paper, shade, etc. as 1st issues of O.A. and G.B., and S. and M. Sheets of 6 types.

Type 1. White dot on "i" of "Committee."

Type 2. Slight scratch between two right outlines of stamp, opposite ST of "Post."

Type 3. Line over A of Macclesfield, weak.

Type 4. Still unknown.

Type 5. Line over MM of "Committee," weak.

Type 6. L of "Railway" (circular) broken.

Macclesfield Committee, 4th issue. Same paper, shade, etc. as 3rd issues of O.A. and G.B. and G.C.R. There is evidence of the existence of 12 types, of which 7 are known.

The second issue of this line is still unknown.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (206 J 208).—A correspondent with the Somaliland Field Force writes us as follows from Upper Sheikh, under date of 23rd August:—

"I recently got some information re local stamps from one of the Protectorate Officials. A complete set of Indian stamps with the King's portrait and surcharged 'British Somaliland' is ready in the Treasury and will be issued on the expiration of the present set, but not conjointly. The permanent issue has not yet reached the Protectorate. Information as to the quantities printed is kept secret."

Our Berbera correspondent, writing under date of 2nd September, confirms the above information:—

"We now have Indian stamps with the King's Head, surcharged 'British Somaliland,' which will be issued for sale shortly when the Queen's Head issue has been exhausted."

CANADA (203 O 208).—*Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles the first of the King Edward stationery:—



Postcard.

1c. green on cream. (Size ?).

DANISH WEST INDIES (198 U 208).—The following description of a forthcoming new issue is from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:—

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bertel Fuglsang, of Copenhagen, for most interesting information regarding some coming stamp changes.

The approaching 40th anniversary of King Christian's accession to the Danish throne, our correspondent informs us, will be made the occasion of a new issue of stamps for the Danish West Indies. The following quantities are ordered:—

600 sheets	1 cent
600 "	2 cents
300 "	4 "
300 "	5 "
300 "	8 "
50 "	12 "
50 "	50 "

The design is still unknown but probably it will take the form of the King's portrait as now figuring on the Icelandic stamps. "The same design," adds Mr. Fuglsang, "is promised for a new series of Danish stamps due on the same occasion."

Now, according to our ever faithful Whitaker, King Christian IX. of Denmark ascended the throne on the 15th November, 1863, so that if these 40th anniversary stamps are punctual we shall have to make room for them in our albums at a very early date.

DOMINICA (94 B 208).—The new set of stamps for this colony was issued early in September and is expected to reach England by the mail due next Thursday.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (207 K 208).—In addition to the 2 annas, "specimen" copies of the following have been seen.



Adhesive. Design as above.

½a. green.

Design ?

1 rupee, green.

2 rupees, violet.

GUATEMALA (204 X 208).—We take the following from *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*.

Mr. Focke writes us that he was mistaken in his statement, quoted in No. 656, that only two errors existed in the set of 25 centavos provisionals. He has received information from a Guatemalan postal official that throws considerable light upon this issue. We quote freely from his letter.

"This official stated to me that there were no other errors but fifty stamps of 2c., with the surcharge reading 'CENTAVOS 1903 25,' and 170 stamps of the 6c. light green, with the surcharge inverted.

"Now he sends me the 1c. dark green and 6c. light green, with the surcharge inverted, and the 1c. and 2c. (rose) with Centavos above 1903, stating that three sheets of the 2c. and four sheets of the 1c. were thus surcharged, and at the same time he sends me the enclosed vertical strips of both to show how the accident happened; but he says nothing about the quantity of stamps with the surcharge inverted, though he states that he sends me all the existing 'errors' !

"The second envelope contains three surcharges entirely new to me, but as much as I can read between the lines only a small quantity was thus surcharged, it having been decided to choose the black ink instead of the red one. We now have to chronicle: Large red surcharge, '1903—25—Centavos,' on 200c. orange; 150c. dark blue and 6c. light green. I do not know the exact number of this issue, but I shall make enquiries and advise you in due course. I can state, though, that no other value has been surcharged.

"All the stamps mentioned are legal postage stamps, as they have paid the regular fee for a registered letter, viz., 50c. postage and 75c. registration, in all \$1.25, silver.

"On the two strips you will see one stamp each on which the word 'CENTAVOS' is missing, this making another variety of the series.

"Enough has been written in regard to this issue, and I am very sorry that, for having been falsely informed, I made a wrong statement about the existing errors."

The strips referred to by Mr. Focke show how certain stamps were folded, so that in passing through the printing press the rows below received a faulty overprinting. A close examination of this "folding over" shows that the work was evenly done, so evenly done that one is led to think that it was not the result of an accident.

GWALIOR (205 J 208).—The following novelties have made their appearance:—

Adhesive. Indian stamp of Queen's Head issue.

1a. carmine.

Postcard. Indian card of King's Head issue.

½a. + ½a. red-brown, surcharged, as usual, "Gwalior" in English and native characters, with Native Arms below.

Mr. R. C. F. Schomberg writes that the single card has not yet appeared.

HONG KONG (203 Z 208).—We are informed by Messrs. Graça & Co. that the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. envelopes and 4c. postcards, King Edward series, were issued on the 6th August. Specimens have been shown us by the Colonial Stamp Market. As our descriptions of the envelopes in E.W.S.N. 184 and 187 were not quite complete, we give a revised list below.



Envelopes. Stamps of above design.

1c. brown, 140 x 78mm.

White paper.

2c. green, 120 x 91mm.

4c. carmine, 145 x 113mm.

5c. pale lilac, 145 x 113mm.

10c. ultramarine, 120 x 91mm.

LABUAN (197 H 208).—The issue of the following new values is imminent, but only 'specimen' copies were reported down to the time of going to press.



Adhesives. "Crown Colony" design.

1c. violet, centre black.

3c. brown "

Usual "Waterlow" perforation.

MALTA (201 B 208).—We are informed that "all the prescribed denominations of postage stamps are now in stock and they are all of a permanent nature. Of these denominations only the 4d. value still bears the Queen's Head."

The stamps current are generally supposed to be as follows:—

Pictorial, ½d., 5d., 2/6, 10/-

King's Head, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 1/-

Queen's Head, 2½d., 4d., 5/-

Does the above letter mean that the new stamps of 2½d. and 5/- are now in circulation or that these values are to be dropped? Mr. Gatt writes under date of 5th September that the 2d. King's Head was then still out of stock.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS (201 G 208).—The following stationery is reported by *Die Post* as a supplement to the new adhesive set:—

Envelopes, 120 x 94mm.
1d. red on white.
2½d. blue on white.
Registration Envelope, 151 x 95mm.
2d. blue.
Newswrappers, 126mm. wide.
½d. green on buff.
1d. carmine on buff.

ST. LUCIA (191 J 208). The King's Head set has received an addition in the shape of the 1/- value.



Adhesive. Design as above. CA 14.
1/- green and black.

The other values already issued are ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d.

SWEDEN (188 D 208).—The *Morning Leader* (10.9.03) says that the new 5 krona stamp (foretold in *E.W.S.N.* No. 188) has been issued and illustrates a specimen.

Adhesive. Large upright rectangle, with view of new G.P.O., Stockholm.
5kr. grey and lilac.

TCHONGKING (A 208).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung* chronicles the following set.

Adhesives. "TCHONGKING" surcharged in black on stamps of Indo-China.
1c. black on blue.
2c. red-brown on chamois.
4c. " on grey.
5c. yellow-green.
10c. rose-red.
15c. lilac-green.
20c. red on yellow-green.
25c. blue.
30c. brown on brownish.
40c. red on chamois.
50c. rose on rose toned.
75c. black-brown on orange.
1fr. olive-green on greenish.
5fr. lilac on lilac toned.

TRANSVAAL (195 I 208).—We have been shown by Messrs. M. Yaar & Co., a copy of the 3d. mauve on green with fine roulette (S.G. No. 134), with the first a of Transvaal omitted, thus: Tr nsvaal. The same firm also give us particulars of the following varieties:—

Issue of July, 1877. 1d. red, pair with fine roulette all round but imperf. between; 1d. red with wide roulette vertically and fine roulette horizontally.
Issue of 1878. 1d. red on orange (V.R. upright) with V of V.R. exactly over T of Transvaal.
Issue of April, 1879. (V.R. italic), 3d. mauve on green (imperf. ?) with raised stops in V.R.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (189 B 208).—The following cutting is from the *Financial Times*:—

"**PHILATELISTS AS REVENUE PRODUCERS**.—The Colonial report issued the other day on the Turks and Caicos Islands shows a falling off of over 43 per cent. in the postal revenue during the past year. From such a heavy decline it might be assumed that letter writing had gone out of fashion in the colony, or that a boycott had been established against the Post Office, but this is not the explanation. It is simply that stamp collectors no longer purchased stamps, as the old issue had been completely sold out, and the present series of stamps have been in use for some two years."

Portrait Postage Stamps Competition.

SOME few months ago we referred to a competition (inaugurated by *Hobbies*) in which stamp collectors were invited to vote for the celebrities whose heads they thought most suitable to reproduce on the stamps of Great Britain, living people being ineligible. We now quote the result as follows from *Hobbies*.

Many will think this list contains blemishes, both of omission and commission, but *Hobbies* promised that the competition should settle itself by the votes of the competitors themselves.

Value.	Celebrity.
½d.	Horatio Nelson.
1d.	Queen Victoria.
1½d.	Lord Robert Clive.
2d.	General Gordon.
2½d.	Captain Cook.
3d.	Grace Darling.
4d.	General Wolfe.
5d.	William Wilberforce.
6d.	W. E. Gladstone.
9d.	Duke of Wellington.
10d.	David Livingstone.
1s.	William Shakespeare.
2s. 6d.	H. M. Stanley.
5s.	Lord Rodney.
10s.	Queen Elizabeth.
£1	William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.
£5	Sir Walter Scott.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred.)

Mr. F. A. Wickhart writes:—

"I do not know if it is of any interest to you, or worth mention in your *Weekly*, but I enclose a Victoria letter card which I have received bearing also two Western Australia stamps to make up the amount of postage, and used in Western Australia, thus showing that one Colony's stamps are now available in any Colony, since Australia became a Commonwealth."

[We should not like to go as far as our correspondent suggests. The Western Australian stationery having stamps of the same design as Victoria, it is quite possible that a solitary instance like the above may have been passed through an oversight, or perhaps by courtesy.—Ed.]

Mr. W. R. Gatt writes:—

St. Helena.—A correspondent writes to me as follows:—A gentleman who had cornered many sheets of the 1884 issue has just died here. The stamps passed to his son, who is not interested in them in the least. He sold them for very little over face value.

The stamps were of the following denominations:

½d. (three different shades).
1d.
2d. (two shades).
3d. (two shades).
6d. (two shades).
1/-

With regard to the 3d., perhaps this explains your saying, in *E.W.S.N.* No. 205, that this stamp was re-issued six months ago.

The Government Stamps Case.

TRIAL BEFORE THE RECORDER.

AT the Central Criminal Court, Sept. 11th, before the Recorder, Walter John Richards, late principal clerk at Somerset House, and Anthony Buck Creeke, solicitor, were indicted for being in the unlawful possession of certain Government stamps which had been fraudulently mutilated. There were a number of counts in the indictment alleging other offences in connection with official stamps. Percy Richards, 19, clerk, and Henry Richards, 29, cycle maker, were indicted for receiving stamps, and Alfred Waterhouse, 24, clerk, was indicted for stealing and receiving certain official stamps.

Mr. C. F. Gill, K.C., and Mr. R. D. Muir prosecuted; Mr. L. Davies defended Richards; Mr. Lincoln Reed appeared for Creeke.

Mr. Gill, in opening the case, said the indictment which the prosecution had elected to proceed on charged the two prisoners—Walter John Richards and Anthony Buck Creeke—in two counts with being in the possession of three 10s. official Government stamps which had been fraudulently mutilated. Richards had been for many years in the service of the Inland Revenue Department at Somerset House. In August he was promoted to the position of principal clerk in the postal branch there at a salary of £540 a year. The greatest confidence was reposed in his integrity. In conjunction with another official holding a similar position Richards had custody of the whole of the stamps at Somerset House, which were of the "face" value of millions of pounds. Every precaution was taken to guard against the possibility of the stamps being fraudulently dealt with. The whole of the stock of stamps was kept in a double-locked safe, and it could not be drawn on except by two persons acting in conjunction. Richards was one of the persons who had access to the safe; he would have sole charge of the "issue" stock, which would be replenished from time to time as required. With regard to the stock drawn from the double-locked safe a system of accounting was necessary to enable Richards to show how the stamps had been used. The stamps the subject of the particular indictment were "overprinted" official stamps, which were for the use of surveyors of taxes, and for public institutions, &c.—they would not be used for ordinary purposes nor issued to the public. In some instances stamps would get damaged in one way or another. Richards had a discretion in dealing with the damaged stamps; it was his duty to make application for warrants to cancel the damaged stamps. Another way of dealing with stamps was by "overprinting" them with the word "specimen," which would render them useless. The "specimen" stamps would indicate the amount of the expenditure incurred in connection with the work done by the Post Office for public

institutions. By no legitimate means, said Mr. Gill, could these stamps come into the possession of the public.

CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION.

The case for the prosecution was that certain of these cancelled stamps had been improperly dealt with. Creeke was a solicitor, having offices in Leadenhall Street. He was an authority on stamps of Great Britain and had produced a work on the subject. In the capacity of an author he had applied for and had been given by the authorities every possible facility for acquiring information relative to stamps at Somerset House. He was frequently there, and in this way became acquainted with Richards and other officials. Government stamps, it was recently discovered, were being dealt with by dealers, and when inquiry was made it was ascertained that Creeke had been disposing of some of them. In one instance stamps, "face" value £8 15s., were sold by him to a collector for £85. When arrested there were found in his pocket-book by Detective-Sergeant Ward, the officer in charge of the case, three pieces of mutilated 10s. stamps. Richards had to render an account of stamps drawn from the stock, and the theory put forward by the prosecution was that, being anxious to get possession of those which were of value to collectors, he made up the deficiency by piecing together other stamps to represent the genuine stamps. Richards, when arrested on June 9th, denied the allegations of any fraudulent dealings with the stamps. Shortly before he was suspended from duty it appeared that he had made an application for a warrant to cancel stamps of the "face" value of £37 7s. 6d. This was done, but several of these were subsequently found to be missing.

Witnesses were called in support of the case for the prosecution, which had not concluded when the Court rose.

(*The Morning Post*, 12.9.03).

September 12th (Report from *Daily Mail*):—

In connection with the alleged fraudulent traffic in Government stamps Anthony Buck Creeke, aged forty-two, a solicitor, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey, on Saturday to the charge of being in unlawful possession of mutilated stamps, and Walter John Richards, late principal clerk in the postal department at Somerset House, entered a similar plea on the count charging him with aiding and abetting Creeke. Formal verdicts of guilty were entered against both prisoners, sentence being deferred until to-day.

Alfred Waterhouse, a clerk in the Admiralty, was then put on his trial to answer the charge of stealing certain Government stamps. The defence was one of mistaken identity. The hearing was adjourned.

RESULT.

Creeke and Walter Richards were each sentenced to six months imprisonment in the second division. Alfred Waterhouse and subsequently the other defendants, sons of Walter Richards, were acquitted.

Index to Vol. X.

THE index to volume X of *E.W.S.N.* accompanies this issue.

It will be noticed that in several cases the index letters do not run alphabetically, noticeably in the case of New Zealand. It has been thought best to give the letters exactly as they occurred in the articles to which they refer, in which, unfortunately, incorrect letters have occasionally been brought down. On the whole, however, this reference system has worked excellently. The system of index-letters was introduced by us in our issue of 16th November, 1901, and since then, only 13 countries and colonies have troubled the scorers often enough to reach the letter Z.—viz.:—

1. New Zealand. Z, Z, F.
2. United States. Z, W.
3. New South Wales, Orange River. Z, I.
5. Transvaal. Z, H.
6. Victoria, France. Z, G.
8. India, Persia, Colombia. Z, A.
11. Malta, Mauritius, S. Australia. Z.

Other colonies and countries to which frequent reference has been made during the last two years are Paraguay (Y), Chile, Trinidad (X), Hong Kong, Tasmania (W), Bahamas (V), Guatemala, Seychelles, Somali Coast (U), Cook Islands, Niue, Germany (T), Argentine, Cape Colony, Danish West Indies, Ecuador, Gold Coast, Nicaragua (S), Natal (R). It is remarkable that most of these are popular, so that one is led to suppose that the majority of collectors like new issues and varieties. On the other hand, may we assume that the comparative unpopularity of such countries as Labuan (which has only reached the letter G in two years), Queensland (I), etc., is due to their neglect to advertise themselves amongst collectors by frequent new issues?

Reference List of New Issues

Received by our Order Department to date.

N.B.—The number refers to the issue of *E.W.S.N.* in which the New Issues were chronicled, thus giving an approximate idea of date of issue. (*E.W.S.N.*, Nos. 67 to 92 were published during the first half of 1901; Nos. 98 to 118, second half of 1901; Nos. 119 to 144, first half of 1902; Nos. 145 to 170, second half of 1902; Nos. 171 to 196, first half of 1903). Some few old issues are also included in the list, but may be distinguished by the omission of *E.W.S.N.* No.

* Temporarily sold out, but more expected shortly; orders can be booked.
K—King's Head; Q—Queen; A—Arms; P—Pictorial;
S—Surcharged.

- 188 Aitutaki, see p. v., vi.
154 Albania, 10, 35, 40p., see p. ix.
— Alexandria, new set, etc., see p. ix.
— old, 1, 5, 10c., set 2d.
— " 1c., 2d.; block, 1d.
203 Antigua, see p. v., vi., vii.
— Antioquia, 1900, 1c. stone, 1d.
— " 1c. blue, 1d.
— " 1899, 2½c., Retardo, 2d.
— Argentine, current, ½, 1, 2c., set of three, 2d.; block, 8d.; dozen, 1/6.
— " 30c. rose, 10d.; block, 3/4.
— Austria, 1 heller, per 12, 2d.
— " 2 heller, per 12, 3d.
186 Austria, perf. varieties, not sold apart from sets, see p. ix.
— low values, 1, 2, 3h., blocks, 3d.; dozen sets, 9d.
149 Austrian Levant, varnished varieties, only in sets, see p. ix.
— Bahamas, 6d., Q. rare, 1/-; block, 2/9; dozen, 11/-.
— " 1/- CA, yellow-green, 2/3.
— " 1d. Q, set of two shades, 4d.
— Bahamas, Q., 1d., 2½d., 4d., set of 3, 9d.; blocks, 3/-; dozen, 8/9.
172 " K., 1d. to 20/-, see p. v., vi., vii.
178 " P., 2/-, 3/-, see p. vii.
188 " 1d., 1½d.; block, 5d.; dozen, 1/1.
178 " 5d., P., 5½d.; block, 1/10; per 12, 5/5.
187 Barbados, 2, 6 lilac and green, 2/9; block, 11/-.
134 Bechuana, B.P., ½d. green, 1d.; block, 2½d.; dozen, 7d.
— " B.B., 6d. on English, 7d.; block, 2/4; dozen, 7/-.
— " ½d. block of 60, with control letter R, 3/3; block of 12, ditto, 11d.
— " 1d. block of 60, with control letter V, 6/6.
196* Bermuda, 6d. CC, 14 x 12½, nett 8d.; block, 2/8; dozen, 8/-.
157 Bhopal, Sultan, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8 as., set, 1/7.
157 " ¼, ½, 1 anna, set 2½d.
— Bhopal, varieties, apply to our Approval Department.
145* Bosnia, 20h. rose and black, 3d.
113* " 35h., 4d.
— " low values, 1, 2, 3, 6h., per set, 2d.; blocks, 7d.
— " 1, 2, 3h., set 1d.; block, 3d.
— " 1, 2h., set ½d.; block, 2d.
— " 1h., block 1d.; dozen, 2d.
— Brazil, 200 reis, mint, 5d.
— B.C.A. on B.S.A., 9d., 9d.
— " 1/-, 1/1.
164 B.C.A. 1d. Carmine and lilac, new shade, 1½d.; block, 5d.
191 B.E.A., 1r., new shade, see p. vii.
121 Brit. Guiana, 6c. grey and blue, 3½d.; block, 1/1.
— " 1c. bright green, 1d.
— B. Guiana, 2c. lilac and carmine, 1½d.
— Brit. Honduras, 25c. Q., see p. vii.; vertical pair showing both types of "Revenue," 2/6.
169 Brit. Honduras, 2c., K., 1½d.; block, 5d.
160 " 5c., K., 3d.; block, 11d.
160 British Honduras, 2, 5c., K., set of two, 4d.; block, 1/4.
— " 25c. entire pane of 60, showing both types of "Revenue," 67/8 nett.
169 B.S.A., 2½d. blue, 4d.; block, 11d.
— B. Levant, K., see set on p. vi.
160 B. Levant, K., 40 paras on 3d. Reg. Envelope, 5d.; entire, ½d. extra.
187 Brit. Somaliland on India. See p. v., vi., vii.
— Bulgaria, 1899, 1 stot., per 12, 2d.; 3 stot., ½d. each.
— " 1901, 5 on 3 stot., 1d.; block, 4d.
— Bulgaria, low values.
— " 1899, 1, 2, 3st., set of three, 2d.; blocks, 4d.
— " 1901, sur. 5 on 3, 20 on 50, set of two, 3d.
— " 1902, Ferdinand, 1, 2, 3st., set of 3, 1d.; dozen sets, 10d.
— Bundi, ½, 1, 2, 8as., set 1/2.
— " 1 rupee, 1/9.
— Bussahir, for varieties apply to our Approval Department.
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135* " 1a. carmine, Q., 1½d.; block, 5d.
— " old, Q., 1a. lilac, 1½d.; block, 5d.
— " old, Q., ½a. dark green, 1d.
193 " ½, 1a., King, 2½d.; block, 8d.
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183 " Service, Q., 2a. violet, 3d.; block, 10d.
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— China, ½, 1, 2c. current, per set of three, 1d.; blocks, 4d.; dozen, 11d.
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN—Army Telegraphs (143, 144, 155, D 209).—A correspondent writes us as follows from Aldershot: "I regret to inform you that Army Telegraph stamps are not in use this year and I am afraid will not be brought into use again except on active service. I am informed that the authorities refused to send them down this year, saying that they were quite unnecessary in England and only caused complication of accounts. Even if they were issued, it is not likely many would get on the market, as the Official Stamps Case has caused a scare amongst officials. On manœuvres this year none but official messages were accepted at the Field Offices."

From the above it will be seen that Queen's Head Army Telegraph stamps are likely to become scarce, even though the King's Head issue be delayed.

Early Dates (207 G 209).—Mr. W. Denison Roebuck kindly sends us the following errata and addenda to the list of early dates published a few weeks ago:—

1d. red, L.C. 14	For 16.7.85 read 16.7.55	
1d. red, plate 86	Sheffield, 23.5.64	S. G. Dudley
" 108	Ramsgate, 25.6.68	C. F. Gwynn
" 113	Hastings, 9.8.68	"
" 125	(Tie. Names are reversed).	"
" 133	Douglas, I. of Man, not Birmingham.	"
" 199	For Sheffield 7.4.77, read London, W.C., 24.4.77	"
" 165	W.T. Roycroft, not W.D. Roebuck	"
" 225	"	"
" 170	J.W. Stooke, not F. J. Cowan	"
" 167	4th, not 7th April	"
" 177	Bristol, 31.7.68	C. H. Row
4d. red, plate 1	Aberdeen, 1.10.70	W. D. Roebuck
24d. plate 2	London, E.C., 6.8.75	N. Yaar & Co.
" 13	" 12.12.78	F. J. de Sciorac
" 14	London, E.C., 20.3.79	N. Yaar & Co.
3d. plate 20a	Lincoln, not Kensington	"
21b	Folkestone, not query	"
4d. plates 12b,c	W.D. Roebuck, not H. L. Ewen	"
" 13	13.1.73, not 13.3.73	"
" 14b	Manchester, not Belfast	"
6d. plate 18a	London, W.C., 8.4.82	W. D. Roebuck
" 18b	W. Bromwich, 7.2.83	"
1/0 plate 10	14.10.71, not 10.10.75	"
5/0 plate 2	London, 9.10.74	J. W. Lowson
" 1	Fleet Str., 29.10.73	W. D. Roebuck

The above list includes the new records published since our detailed list appeared. Mr. W. Denison Roebuck has also shown us the following new records.

1d. red, plate 76.	Tadcaster, 14.6.64.
" 223.	Charing Cross, 22.8.79.
1d. venetian red.	London, W., 14.1.80.

Mr. F. C. Scarr sends us a 2d. blue "no lines" on cover dated 20.8.40, which will probably turn out to be some 3 months too late, although at present the earliest candidate.

ANTIGUA (203 D 209).—We illustrate the designs of the new stamps recently issued (described in E.W.S.N. No. 203).



AITUTAKI (204 G 209).—We have received an interesting letter from a resident concerning this island and its native inhabitants:—

"I may mention that I have been an interpreter (licensed) of the Native Land Court of New Zealand ever since 1874. Consequently it was a comparatively easy matter to me to pick up the Cook Islands dialect, there being a closer affinity between these two, than between any other two dialects of the Polynesian language. I have a good general knowledge of all these islands, and an intimate acquaintance with

Aitutaki in particular, having been here now over four-and-a-half years.

"There is only one regular line of steamers running to the Cook Islands and Society Group—that of the U.S.S. Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., making monthly trips. I send you their time-table herewith. In addition to the places mentioned in the time-table, the steamer now on the service—s.s. 'Tavium,' of 1455 tons, a comfortable and fairly fast boat—calls at two or more of the outlying islands of this and the Society Group, nearly every trip, to load oranges, pines, bananas, copra and other tropical products. She has called here every month since April, and we expect her to continue doing so up to the end of the year. During the hurricane months—December to March inclusive—owing to the prevalence of westerly winds and heavy seas, she does not call at the outlying islands of the Cook Group, but only at Rarotonga.

"In addition to the above, there is the Cook Islands Government auxiliary schooner 'Countess of Raufar,' which visits these and the Northern Islands, and makes occasional trips to Auckland via Niue. Practically the Cook Islands have communication with the outer world via Auckland only by steamer once a month. The Oceanic S.S. Co. of San Francisco have also a monthly line of steamers between the latter port and Tahiti; but that is of no service to this group as far as mail matters are concerned, as we only connect with the Society Islands once a month by steamer, and occasionally at uncertain intervals by trading schooners. A monthly steamer from Tahiti visits the outlying islands of the Society Group, the Tuamotu, Archipelago, and the Marquesas, once a month. For tourist purposes, all these lines can be utilized with advantage. The bulk of the trade of this group is with New Zealand, but certain lines of American and other foreign goods are imported from Tahiti, and seem to suit the native taste better than English and Colonial articles.

"With regard to the Hervey Atoll, or Manuae as it is usually called, it lies about 60 miles S.E. from here. It consists of a barrier reef enclosing a lagoon in which are the two islets, Manuae proper of about 600 acres and Te Au-o-tu of 1000 acres, low coral lands covered with coconuts. The Atoll is owned by the natives of Aitutaki, and is under lease to the Cook Islands Trading Company of Rarotonga, for a term of 25 years, five of which have expired, at an annual rental of £40. The company is systematically planting the island, and it will eventually yield a large quantity of copra. The only people living there are the manager and his 'hands.'

"Re Postage Stamps in use here. The same as in Rarotonga, of which you sent me samples. Since then there has been received a supply of the new stamps for this island, samples of which I send you on the outside of envelope enclosing this communication."

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA (196 F 209).—We illustrate the designs of the new stamps.



The four lower values, 1d., 2d., 4d. and 6d., in the small design, were issued on August 1st. Miss Tracy sends us a set bought at Chiromo on that day. They are fortunately from the corners of sheets and bear the consignment numbers:—1d. A0411; 2d. A0109; 4d. A0054; and 6d. A0065.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA (207 I. 209).—We are shown by Mr. J. G. Payn another addition to the stationery issued for Rhodesia. It is an envelope similar in size and quality of paper to the large square 2½d. envelope sold in England (5½×4½in.) and has a stamp embossed in the usual corner in the same dull greyish-blue colour.

Envelope Stamps. Embossed.
2½d. grey-blue.

The specimen before us is postmarked Salisbury, 21.8.03.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (208 K 209).—We have now some further particulars of the forthcoming issue surcharged on King's Head Indian stamps.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward.

- ½a. ye low-green.
- 1a. carmine.
- 2a. violet.
- 3a. orange-brown.
- 4a. olive-green.
- 8a. red-violet.

Official Adhesives. Head of King Edward.

- ½a. yellow-green.
- 1a. carmine.
- 2a. violet.
- 8a. red-violet.

CEYLON (207 S 209).—We have already illustrated the designs of the new 3, 5 and 6 cents and now give that of the 2 cents. The other values are in the design of the 3c.



INDIA (200 C 209).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 6 annas of the King Edward series. The *Phi attic Journal of India* says it was issued on 6th August.

Our Calcutta correspondent was informed at the G.P.O., that the 2½ annas had not been issued and he was unable to obtain any. The Colonial Stamp Market received a small supply two months ago and we presume the explanation is that the sale has commenced in provincial post offices first.

The ½ anna King's Head On H.M.S. was issued on 25th July.

Adhesive. Head of King Edward.

- 6as. bistre-yellow, star, perf. 14.

Official Adhesive. Head of King Edward.

- ½a. yellow-green.

ITALY (206 Q 209).—We illustrate the 25c. carmine express adhesive chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 206.



MAURITIUS (185 A 209).—An Express Delivery stamp has appeared here. It is formed by surcharging in vermilion in large sans-serif capitals in three lines "EXPRESS DELIVERY—15c." on the 15c. Labourdonnais. The figures "15" have serifs.

Express Delivery Adhesive.

Surcharged in red on 15c. blue, Labourdonnais.

NEW ZEALAND (197, 198, 199, 200, 203, 205 I. 209).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the current 1/- in quite a distinct shade, which we provisionally chronicle as third printing. The printings of this value, of which we have a record, are as follows, to date:



Adhesive. Design as above (2a). Wink. sideways.

1st printing, 1/- brownish-red. Sheets with control numbers 244929, 244976 (Penrhyn), 245126 (N.Z.), the latter issued 4.12.02. Earliest recorded date, 29.11.02. Chronicled in E.W.S.N. Nos. 173, 174.

2nd printing, 1/- bright red. Sheets with control numbers 383974, 384128 (N.Z.), 384429 (Penrhyn), 384690, 384708 (Niue). All issued in May, 1903. The N.Z. 1/- was chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 195.

3rd printing, 1/- orange-red. Sheets with control numbers 438860, 437176 (N.Z.), issued 13.8.03. Just received.

Although it is possible from the above we may have missed a printing between the 1st and 2nd, we do not think it likely, so that the above is probably accurate. Specialists in shades may expect to have about three new additions to their albums per annum. This value is very largely used for telegrams.

Plate-Numbers.—Some little time ago in describing sheets of the 2d., perf. 14, we mentioned that on the lower margin of each sheet there was a figure which had evidently been roughly scratched on the plate and which was presumably a plate-number. This is evidently the case and the system is being extended. Mr. Brumell sends us two 4d. stamps (No. 228 on the sheet) with margin below, on which is very faintly scratched a reversed "3." It is so faint we had to look twice at the stamp before noticing it. In this connection Mr. Hamilton writes us by same mail (under date of 11th August):—"At the Post Office to-day I got sheets of the 1d. Universal with plate-numbers 1, 2 and 3." The revised list is as follows:—

Marginal Plate-Numbers.

- 4d., plate 3.
- 1d., plates 1, 2, 3.
- 2d., plates 3, 4.

Government Insurance.—Our Wellington correspondent writes:—"The 1d. value has been issued perf. 14×11. I have only seen four copies and only managed to secure one for myself. A new issue is on the boards, designs are being submitted."

Letter-cards.—From the *New Zealand Times*:—
LETTER-CARDS.

"Mr. Houston objects to the 'clumsy and ungainly letter-card now in use by the postal authorities.' He informed the House yesterday that the letter-cards could not be opened without probably destroying portions of the writing inside, and he wants the card altered. The Postmaster-General said he had examined most of the letter-cards in use throughout the world, and so far he had seen nothing to surpass the card in use in New Zealand. He had received no complaints in regard to them except from the member for Bay of Islands, but he was quite prepared to look into the matter. It was, however, merely a question of taste, and he thought Mr. Houston was exceedingly fastidious in that respect.

Market Values.—Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co., the Dunedin stamp dealers, have written as follows to the Colonial Stamp Market:—"You are absurdly low in 4d. perf. 11, wmk. Star N.Z., and 2/- laids, also the recently obsolete no wmk., unused. Speculators and dealers here are giving double face."

NEW SOUTH WALES (207 M 209).—We have seen some more strips with sheet and machine numbers, all of the 2d. value for which our list stands as follows:—

Machine No.	Sheet No.	Description.
56733	350733	Ordinary current issue (E.W.S.N. 169).
331013	389518	Ditto (Issued 5.93 ?)
345872	285371	Ditto (Issued 6.03 ?)
345973	285472	Ditto (" 6.03 ?)
350061	332339	Ditto (Issued 21.4.03)
369230	355231	Ditto (Issued 7.03)
373718	428221	Ditto (")

We should be glad to hear of any others our readers may have met with.

The following interesting note is from the *Australian Philatelist* (8.03/147):—

In the early part of last year Mr. Gullick, the Government Printer of New South Wales, procured an up-to-date Hoe printing machine for the production of Debiture forms of high values. By it he was able to print steel-engraved forms equal to anything produced at the Washington Bureau. Having in mind the possibility of seeing steel-engraved postage stamps brought out in the State he printed a few sheets of the 5d. New South Wales from the dies at present in use. This was on the 28th of June, 1902, the initial sheet bearing that date. Only a few sheets were thus printed, the colour being a light green. By the aid of the machine he was able to bring out every minute detail of the stamp, which the present hand-printing could not do. One of the prominent collectors in this city had the opportunity of comparing the two methods of printing, and was greatly astonished at the difference between the two printings. The hand-printed ones looked like a blotch beside those printed on the Hoe machine. Whilst looking through a batch of the hand-printed sheets of the 5d. value he noticed no less than four distinct shades running from a light (almost sea) green to a very dark green that had almost blotted the design.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (207 N 209).—We were in error in stating that the 5/- King's Head had been issued. We are officially informed that "the 5/- denomination of the 'King's Head' issue of this Colony's stamps is not on sale, nor is it likely to be for some time."

SENEGAMBIE ET NIGER (203 B 209).—We illustrate the design of the set chronicled in No. 203.



SWEDEN (208 E 209).—The new 5 krona stamp chronicled last week has not yet been issued and we are officially informed that it will not be on sale before the end of next month.

Federal Prospects.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

(From the *Australian Journal of Philately*, 17.8.03).

MR. KINGSTON's resignation as Minister for Customs in the Federal Government afforded the Prime Minister an opportunity of re-arranging his staff, with the result that Mr. J. G. Drake has relinquished the portfolio of Postmaster-General and therefore passes beyond our scope. He had made his position so intolerable that his retirement comes as a happy relief to philatelists, who may be pardoned if they have conceit enough to think that their actions in condemning his procedure have helped to bring about a desirable change. When Mr. Drake assumed office he intimated his intention of treating philatelists as an "excrescence," meaning thereby that they were outside his realm and would not be considered in anyway whatever. He has not kept his word in this respect as events have since proved (*vide* Postage dues, postmarked to order). The manner in which he handled the matter of new issues was lamentable, and out of all keeping with the fitness of things. The "excrescence" has, however, proved a very lively one. Those to whom the term was applied were a thorn in his side during his tenure of office, and he has probably been able to acquaint his successor that stamp collectors *have* to be considered.

Sir Phillip Fysh, the new Postmaster-General, is a different kind of man altogether. One from whom we may expect due courtesy, if nothing more. Sir Phillip's name is held in high estimation in Tasmania, and rightly too. He has done much for that State, is a broad-minded and liberally disposed gentleman, and has already seen service as a Tasmanian P.M.G. We are satisfied to leave ourselves in his hands, fully believing he will do what he considers best for the community in general, with due regard to the stamp collecting fraternity.

Some members of his family are, we are given to understand, Philatelists, and Sir Phillip has interested himself at various times and in various ways in promoting the welfare of Stamp Collectors. Mr. Basset Hull (also a Tasmanian) speaks very highly of the new Postmaster-General of whom he has many pleasant recollections. When Mr. Hull was writing his book on the Stamps of Tasmania (now unfortunately out of print and difficult to procure) Sir Phillip Fysh gave him every facility in examining the records and securing material for his work.

In an interview recently Sir Phillip Fysh said, regarding the Post Office: "We do not want the department to be made as it is in the Imperial service, a revenue-making one, but we certainly desire to have the annual loss reduced as much as possible. If we are to look forward to an interstate 1d. postal rate and an oversea postal rate of 1d. following upon the Imperial regulations, we shall have to accomplish a very great deal more in the revenue-producing power of the department before so happy a climax can be reached. While Ministers are bearing these things in mind they ask the public to do its share and forbear to put extreme pressure upon their members, under which those members may by their claims perpetuate the annual loss, and thus delay very considerably the more important purpose which Commonwealth Ministers have in view—although it may be some distance off—the introduction of a universal penny postage rate." The new Postmaster-General's position is an onerous one. It is difficult to please all parties. So many things require attention that some must give way to others. Our intention is to treat him as gently as possible, and to refrain from expressing any opinions which might be considered captious until such time as he has been able to grasp the situation. We trust his method of procedure will merit the approval of our readers.

No other values of the proposed Commonwealth stamp have appeared so far, and we should not be surprised if they never saw the light of day. Mr. Drake made such hash of his new issue schemes that it would seem almost better to let the stamps now in use remain so, until the book-keeping period has expired, care being taken that in the meantime proper designs be provided and suitable arrangements made for

the issue of a really creditable Commonwealth set. The five years period has half elapsed, and the issue proposed by Mr. Drake could only have been a stop-gap one. According to his scheme the new stamps were only to be issued as the old stock became exhausted. As there are very large stocks of some values on hand in the various States the "Queensland Medals" would be a very straggling lot indeed.

PRINTERS AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

At the monthly meeting of the New South Wales Master Printers and Connected Trades' Association the question of Commonwealth printing came up for discussion. It was reported that the bulk of the Commonwealth printing was being carried out in Melbourne by the Victorian Government Printing Office and private Melbourne printers, and the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be conveyed to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth:—"That this association learns with surprise and regret that the printing of matter required by the Commonwealth offices, and of postage stamps for use in this and other States, is confined to the Government and private printing offices in Melbourne, thus resulting in loss of employment and idleness of valuable plant at the Government Printing Offices of the States other than Victoria."

Having seen it announced in several journals that the South Australia 1s., brown, long rectangular, had been issued overprinted O.S., we wrote to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, and append his reply.

Memo.

Adelaide, 13th Aug., 1903.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and in reply beg to say that none of the postage stamps of this State are now overprinted with the letters O.S. The system was abolished some months ago.

(Signed) C. Todd,

Deputy Postmaster-General for S.A.

Messrs. J. H. Smyth & Co.

Mr. W. A. Hull has shown us another specimen (a perfect copy) of the Queensland current 6d. with figures in lower corners only. The stamp was postmarked. Mr. Hull found it accidentally amongst an ordinary lot, if therefore these stamps were *stolen*, the thief did not profit much thereby; and it is quite evident they were not pilfered for a philatelist. The discovery of this second specimen leaves only one to be accounted for according to the theory of the Deputy P.M.G. of Brisbane, with which we don't quite agree.

The population of New Zealand at the end of June, Maoris excluded, was 818,832.

It is said by some that the reason O.S. stamps were withdrawn from use in New South Wales was that the method of handling them was so careless that many were not used on official correspondence but found their way into the hands of philatelists. Perhaps similar carelessness on the part of the authorities at home has been the cause of the present trouble.

The New Zealand penny universals are deteriorating sadly. They are being printed from a worn plate.

A bill giving the Governor power to proclaim the metric system in force in New Zealand has passed both Houses of the Legislature. How will this affect the stamps of that colony?

A Philatole.

(An American story from *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*, No. XXII of the Series).

ONCE there was a Stamp Plunger with a Stunted Salary and a longing for Opulence. He had a Habit of Lugging around Three Dollars in his Pocket and Rubbed in all the Corners for a chance to make 500 per cent. An unscrupulous Dealer heard of his Hidden Wealth and Hatched a plot to get his three Iron dollars away from him before they Got rusty. The next time they Collided the Dealer showed him Six stamps which were the Only ones in Existence of their Kind. The Dealer said that the reason they were Left out of the Catalogue was because they were so rare it would Discourage advanced Collectors to speak of Them. The Plunger coughed up Three Dollars and a piece of Spear-head Plug and took the Stamps home and Hid them. After spending Eleven years trying to Decide on a Selling price, he Put them on the market at \$12,000 each and spent Three days butting his Head against a Stone Wall when he discovered that they were Gummed Proofs of a Rejected design. When he inquired for the Dealer who sold them to him he found that he had been Dead five Annams.

Moral: Anything goes in a slot machine.

W. H. ADAMS.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
151a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
152* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
152a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
153a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
154 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
154a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
171a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
175a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
176 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
177a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
180a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182a Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212 (1902) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213 " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218 " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c.	11	1/3½	1/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 " ..	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
843 Inhambane, 400 " ..	1/5	1/8
844 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
845 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos ..	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos ..	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos ..	6	2/1	2/9

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292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

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302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Dates (209 H 210).—The following new records have been shown us:—

1d. plate 82	Liverpool, 19.5.64 (tie)	J. R. Yeates
1d. plate 139	Chester, 14.5.70	
1d. venetian red	Charing Cross, 9.1.80	F. J. Cowan
4d. rose, L.G.	Glasgow, 12.9.57	J. R. Yeates
4d. orange, pl. 15	London, 24.7.76	H. T. Jenner
6d. lilac, pl. 5	Liverpool, —.7.65	
.. pl. 3	Malta, 10.5.63	..

Railway Letter Stamps (208 W 210).—We have seen the following new printings:—

Furness Railway, 1st Issue (1900). The latest sheets of this issue are in a distinct shade of yellow-green, and although from the same plate, appear to be a distinct printing. Numbers in new shade commence about 1950.

Great Central, 7th Issue. We have seen a single used copy which does not tally with any of the six issues already chronicled. The 3rd issue may be found in three very distinct shades, the extremes being quite different.

Isle of Wight Central, 3rd issue. We have seen a specimen which appears to be distinct from the first two issues.

London Brighton & South Coast, 22nd Issue. Our record of this complex issue is as follows. Nos. 1 to 6000 (?), all apparently sheets left over from preceding printings.

Printing.	Lowest No.	Highest No.	Perf.
19	25	804	11
17a.	961	1065	10
15, 15a.	1165	2280	10
20	2353	2964	11
21	3133	3444	11 X 10
15	3553	3684	10
20	3913	3936	10
17a.	3973	4368	10
21	5377	—	10

London, Tilbury & Southend, 4th issue. This issue, although catalogued as one printing, may be subdivided into three.

(i) Transfer II, faint circles round shield. Sheets have the margins perforated.

(ii) Ditto, but margins imperforate.

(iii) Transfer II retouched, the white circles round the shield being redrawn or rather sketched, as they are very ragged. Imperforate margins.

So far as we know, the 5th issue consists of sheets exactly similar to (iii) but perforated 11 instead of 10 and numbered.

Midland Railway, 19th Issue, printing Q, perf. 10, Nos. 138001—150000. Small control figures. Highest number yet seen 141435.

North Eastern, 62nd Issue, Transfer VII, printing U, Nos. 208001 to 211000. (Printings Q and R were both from transfer V; S from VI and T, U from VII).

Envelope Dies (208 S 210).—Mr. E. Bentley Wood sends us 4d. die 47, so our list now stands as follows:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- 4d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30, except 19; 43 to 53, except 45.
- 14d., 2d., 3d., 4d. Dies 1.
- 24d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the Registration Envelopes with 3d. stamp, die 5. Earliest date of postmark, 17.9.03.



Registration Envelope Stamps.

3d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. (See E.W.S.N., No. 196).

Our reward of 2/6 for the first copy shown us of 1d. die 19, has not yet been claimed.

ABYSSINIA (197 F 210).—In E.W.S.N. No. 197, we mentioned that the current set had received a new surcharge, "Ethiopia" in Amharic, i.e., *Méléket*. Although the characters are Amharic, they are not entirely unlike ours and look like a small m, an inverted A, a small h and a cross T, followed by four dots in a square :: in lieu of a "full stop." The values are as follows, according to *Der Philatelist* (9.03/214).

Adhesives. Surcharged in Amharic.

1/2g. green	Overprint, blue-black.
1/2g. rose	"
1g. blue	"
2g. brown	"
4g. brown-lilac	"
8g. violet	"
16g. black	"

Postcards. Stamps inscribed "Menelik II., Aethiopia, Imp. Rex." and surcharged as above.

1/2g. green on rose-white.	Overprint black.
1/2g. red	"
1g. blue	"

The *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung* says the first issue is found with overprint in two types "Ethiopia" and "Ethiopia" and chronicles as follows.

- (i) "Ethiopia" in violet, 2g.
- (ii) "Ethiopia" .. 8g.
- (iii) .. in black, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 16g.

On the other hand Gibbons chronicles all as being issue (i).

As regards the "Posta" issue of 1st April, 1902, the colours of the overprint are as follows:—

violet.	1/2, 1, 8g.
black.	2, 4g.
blue-black.	1/2, 16g.

ANTIOQUIA (177 N 210).—The A.R. adhesive chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 146 as black on rose is also issued in grey-green on white, states *Der Philatelist* (9.03/215).



"A.R." Adhesive. Perf. ?

5c. grey-green on white.

AUSTRIA (197 O 210).—In addition to the envelopes chronicled three months ago, there may be mentioned a new value, 12 heller, made by impressing the 6 heller stamp twice, one impression under the other.

BERMUDA (204 M 210).—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles a new value in the Dock-yard series.



Adhesive. Design as above.

3d. olive and violet.

BOLIVAR (205 F 210).—*Errata.*—For "Registration Envelope" read "Registration adhesive" in the list of novelties given in E.W.S.N. No. 205. The following additions are mentioned by *Der Philatelist* (9.03/215).

Adhesive.

- 50c. dark green on rose.
- 1p. green on rose.

"A.R." Adhesives.

- 20c. dark blue on yellow.
- 20c. orange on yellow.

Too late "Retardo" Adhesives.

- 20c. carmine on white.
- 20c. violet on white.

BRAZIL (207 L 210).—The 200, 300 and 500 reis described in E.W.S.N. No. 198 on the authority of the *American Journal of Philately* as counterfeits, are now stated by that journal to be merely from retouched dies and quite genuine.

BRITISH GUIANA (146 S 210).—The following official notice is sent us by our Demerara correspondent.—

"Extract from *The Official Gazette* of Saturday, 5th September, 1903.

"Post Office Notice.

"NEW ISSUE OF SIXTY CENTS STAMPS.

"General Post Office, Georgetown, Demerara, 4th September, 1903.

"On and after Monday, the 7th instant, a new issue of Stamps of the value of Sixty Cents (Green Stamps on white paper with red overprint) will be on sale by this Department.

"This Stamp will be available for Postage, Revenue and Judicial purposes.

"F. W. COLLIER, Postmaster-General."

BRITISH SOMALILAND (209 L 210).—The 1/2 anna Queen's Head being now obsolete, the 1/2 anna King's Head has made its appearance. Date of issue, about 1st September, or possibly a little earlier. The other values are expected to follow shortly, but there is not likely to be a King's Head issue of the rupee values.

BULGARIA (165 R 210).—Mr. Torossian has shown *Der Philatelist* an error of the current 1st printed in the colour of the 15st. red-lilac and black-green.

CANTON (178 I 210).—*Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr* states that the 1901 set, "Canton" in carmine on stamps of Indo-China has been succeeded by a similar set with overprint in black.

Adhesives.

1c. black on azure.	25c. blue.
2c. brown on buff.	30c. cinnamon on drab.
1c. purple brown on grey.	40c. red on yellow.
5c. bright yellow-green.	50c. carmine on rose.
10c. carmine.	75c. black on orange.
15c. grey.	1fr. olive-green on toned.
20c. red on yellow-green.	5fr. lilac on pale-lilac.

CEYLON (209 T 210).—The 12c. and 25c. have now been issued, states the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. The King's Head set now contains the 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 15, 25 and 30c.

COLOMBIA (203 C 210).—In E.W.S.N. No. 190 we chronicled the 2, 4 and 20c. of the imperforate issue, Arms design, in new colours, and *Der Philatelist* (9.03/217) now mentions the 50c., formerly dark-green on rose and now blue on lilac-rose.



Adhesive. Imperforate.

50c. blue on lilac-rose.

DOMINICA (208 C 210).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new issue.

Adhesives. (i) View of Dominica. Wmk. Crown CC sideways, perf. 14. Large oblong.

1/2d. grey-green.	
1d. carmine, centre grey.	
2d. brown	grey-green.
2 1/2d. ultramarine	black.
3d. black	lilac.
6d. orange-bwn.	grey.
1/- grey-green	mauve.
2/- violet	black.
2/6 orange	grey-green.

(ii) Head of King Edward. Same design as Antigua. Wmk. Crown CC upright, perf. 14.

5/- brown, centre black.

DUTCH INDIES (167 L 210).—The following new issue appeared some few months ago.



ECUADOR (180 T 210).—The *American Journal of Philately* (8.03/272), records the 5c. on 10c. orange and 10c. on 4c. brown of 1896-97 with inverted surcharge.

GIBRALTAR (193 H 210).—*Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* chronicles following new stationery.

Postcards. Head of King Edward.

½d. green. Buff card.

½d. + ½d. green "

1d. carmine "

1d. + 1d. carmine "

Newsrappers. Head of King Edward.

½d. green. Buff paper, 125 × 300mm.

1d. carmine "

GOLD COAST (198 U 210).—In addition to the complete set of King Edward adhesive stamps issued a year ago, and the registration envelope chronicled in No. 155, we now hear of some postcards.

Postcards. Head of King Edward.

½d. green. Buff card.

½d. + ½d. green "

1d. carmine "

1d. + 1d. carmine "

GUADELOUPE (207 D 210).—*Der Philatelist* chronicles two Unpaid Letter stamps.

Unpaid Letter Stamps.

30c. on 60c., French Colonies (1500?)

30c. on 1fr. " (1150?)

Our contemporary characterises them as entirely speculative.

HOI-HAO (167 D 210).—*Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* chronicles the following with overprint in black instead of red:—

Adhesives.

1c. black on azure

2c. brown on buff

4c. purple brown on grey

5c. bright yellow-green

10c. carmine

15c. grey

20c. red on yellow-green

25c. blue

30c. cinnamon on drab

40c. red on yellow

50c. carmine on rose

75c. black on orange

1fr. olive-green on toned

5fr. lilac on pale blue

JAPAN (187 G 210).—A new description of stamped stationery has been produced by the Japanese Post Office. *Der Philatelist* describes what appear to be savings-cards. The cards are white and measure 210 × 153mm. The left hand half of the front is filled with Japanese inscriptions and the right hand half ruled with twenty squares. In the top corner square is impressed a ½, 1 or 2 sen stamp. On the backs of the cards are views.

Savings-Cards.

½ sen grey. On back, view of mountain, in carmine.

1 sen brown. On back, interior of house, in violet.

2 sen green. On back, mountain and warship, in blue.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (205 O 210).—We are now informed on good authority that there is no intention to discontinue the issue of the set of stamps inscribed "Leeward Islands" which will remain in use in each island side by side with the other sets.

MALTA (208 C 210).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown sheets of the 2½d. King Edward stamp.



Adhesive. Design same as other values of the King Edward set; CA 14.

2½d. blue, centre brown-violet.

The only remaining value expected to appear with King's Head is the 5/-, as it is not unlikely that the 4d. may be retained with Queen's Head.

NEW ZEALAND (209 M 210).—We now illustrate the stamps of the new ½d. and 1d. envelopes, chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 203.



The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us some more of the high value postage and revenue stamps recently imported.

(i) 'shiny' gum, old perf. 12½.

9/-, 25/-.

(ii) 'shiny' gum, perf. 11.

7/-, 7/6, 8/-, 15/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-.

(iii) dull gum, perf. 11.

6/-.

(iv) 'no' gum, perf. 11.

20/-.

(v) white gum, perf. 11, somewhat thick paper.

2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 10/-.

The above varieties are the same as were received before and as noted in *E.W.S.N.* No.

195, except that the 4/- was then issue iii. An earlier supply chronicled a year ago (*E.W.S.N.* No. 159) consisted of (ii) 7/-; (iii), 2/6, 4/-, 6/- and (v) 3/-.

NICARAGUA (207 U 210).—The surcharge on the 5p. on 10c. is in violet. All three recently chronicled provisionals show a number of minor varieties in the surcharge.

NIUE (205 W 210).—We have received some more interesting correspondence from readers in this island.

In reply to an enquiry concerning the Niuean language, one correspondent writes us:—"The Niue language is a combination of Maori, Tongan and Samoan, words from those languages predominating. None of the 1/- stamps which you refer to, in which the 'e' is joined to 'Taha' making 'Tahae,' were received in this island, so far as I am aware. It can hardly be called an error, because although in the Maori tongue the word 'tahae' means 'to steal,' in some parts of the country it merely means 'a young man,' and in the Niue dialect has neither of these significations. As I am a Maori linguist I am in a position to write authoritatively on the subject. 'Tahae' would be understood by the natives here to mean 'one,' although not strictly accurate.

"I think it might interest you to know that the word 'Sileni' on the 1/- Niue stamp is wrongly spelt. It should be 'Seleni' according to Niuean ideas. No native ever spelt it 'Sileni.' I do not know where the New Zealand Government got their mode of spelling the word from, but their informant is evidently not strong on the orthography of the Niue language. It is proposed to try and get the spelling altered.

"As I have already mentioned, with regard to the alleged error in the 1/- stamps, spelling 'Tahae Sileni' would be quite intelligible to the natives, as they often join their words when writing."

The Colonial Stamp Market received various letters from Niue by this mail and we note some are franked with 3d., 6d. and 1/- values, the latter being "Taha e Sileni" on the 1/- N.Z. 2nd printing. One letter is postmarked Niue, 4.7.03, Cook Islands, Rarotonga, 11.7.03, Auckland, N.Z., 7.8.03, and London, 21.9.03, and others Niue, 14.7.03, Auckland, 20.8.03, and London, 21.9.03, so that the issue of these values at Niue probably dates from July or June.

We learn from Wellington that all the 1/- "Thief" errors have been destroyed, so that the number issued—100—cannot now be exceeded. No more could be made, as the present 1/- N.Z. stamps are in quite a distinct shade, and it is unlikely the ink could be matched.

We take the following extract from a letter addressed by Mr. A. T. Bate to the *Australian Journal of Philately*:—

What I wish to call attention to is the statement, that there was not the slightest necessity for the Niue and Penrhyn Stamps. I felt sure there must have been a reason behind the one generally attributed, viz., the exploiting of collectors, and I accordingly brought the article above referred to under the notice of the Secretary for the Post and Telegraph Department. I have much pleasure in forwarding you a copy of his reply.

As regards the error "Tahae Sileni" of the 1s. Niue, it is within my knowledge that the proof impression of the surcharge, as submitted to the Post Office authorities, was correct, i.e., "Taha e Sileni." The alteration appears to have occurred in preparing the electros, and is possibly the result of carelessness or ignorance in pushing the words together when spacing.

On the specimen sheets being forwarded to the Secretary the error was discovered, and instructions were given to at once wire to the Auckland office to withdraw the supply of 1s. stamps and return them to Wellington.

The supplies returned have been destroyed.

"General Post Office, Wellington,

"3rd August, 1903.

"Sir,—Referring to your enquiry about Niue, Penrhyn Island and Aitutaki stamps, I beg to inform you that, under the acts relating to these Islands, the whole of the revenue is retained by them, and it would be impossible to determine the postal revenue without providing special postage stamps for each Island. The stamps are provided for revenue as well as postage purposes.

"I beg to return the *Australian Journal of Philately* enclosed with your letter.—Yours obediently,

"(Signed) W. GRAY, Secretary.

"A. T. Bate, Esq."

PHILIPPINES (197 I 210).—With reference to our note in No. 197, we clip as follows from *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*:—

"The demand for stamp books from the Philippines also continues to increase. Of course, that is a particularly hot country and stamps stick there the year 'round, but the people of the Philippines have a way of making stamp books

take the place of subsidiary coin. They pass regularly for cash in Manila and other cities in the islands, and the number sent to the United States in payment for goods ordered by mail is astonishing. Of course, the Philippine books have surcharged stamps, which have been and are at present available for postage in the United States. It was on account of this tendency to make the stamps do duty as money from the Philippines to the States that the ruling was made that after October 1st the stamps surcharged 'Philippines' will not be accepted as postage in the United States. After that date the demand for the stamp book in the Philippines may fall off to some extent."

PORTUGAL (169 E 210).—By decree dated 1st July, 1903, the Geographical Society of Lisbon have been granted free postage throughout Portugal and have issued a small adhesive frank-stamp inscribed "Sociedade de Geographia de Lisboa—Porte Franco" with Arms in centre surmounted by a crown.

Frank-stamp. Engraved on white paper, perf. 11. (No Value), black—pale red—pale blue—dark blue—dark red.

SALVADOR (207 O 210).—We are now able to describe the Unpaid Letter stamp illustrated in No. 204.



Unpaid Letter Stamp. Perf. 13½. 5c. blue.

The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles a new value in the official set (described in *E.W.S.N.* No. 196).

Official Adhesive. Perf. 14½

15c. yellow-brown.

SANTANDER (A 210).—The *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* mentions a 50c. fiscal surcharged "Provisional—Correos de Santander." We should like to have further particulars before chronicling.

SERVIA (205 W 210).—The following stationery has to be added to the recent set.



Postcards. 140 × 90mm. Surcharge black.

5p. green, buff card.

10p. rose "

Letter-cards. 130 × 80mm. Surcharge blue.

5p. green, rose card.

10p. carmine "

Letter-card of old issue. Surcharge carmine.

10p. carmine on grey-green card.

The 1 para adhesive provisional chronicled in No. 205 is surcharged in red "I PARA I" (Servian characters) on 5d. black-brown, Arms in red, and not on the 5d. Provisional as issued, which has Arms in blue.

VENEZUELA (205 J 210).—Dr. Jesurun has shown *Der Philatelist* a number of new provisionals issued by the provisional Government at Ciudad Bolivar.

Adhesives. (i) Issue of 1899, Head to left, surcharged with round stamp with Arms in centre and inscribed "Fiscalia de Instruccion Publica—Estado Guayana" in violet and superscribed in black "Carrasco" (name of the Venezuelan Treasurer).

5c. blue-green (S.G. 216).

10c. vermilion (S.G. 217).

25c. blue (S.G. 218).

50c. orange, surch. "1900" (S.G. 240).

1b. grey-black " (S.G. 241).

(ii) Same as (i) but surcharged further with a new value in violet.

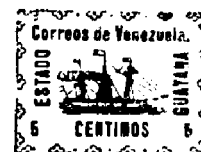
"VALE 25 Cs." on 5c. green.

"VALE 50 Cs." "

"VALE Bs. 1" "

(iii) "Amateur" stamps, made by the help of the violet surcharge as in (i) at top and beneath it, an impression from a double-lined rectangular rubber-stamp inscribed "Pagó" . . . centimos bz. Bolvs.—El Fiscal" and signature "J. Carrasco." Value filled in by hand in black.

5 centimos | 25 centimos | 100 Bolvs.
10 " | 50 " | 300 "



(iv) The above, as chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 205, but without surcharge of Arms. 5, 10, 25, 50c., 1b.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/4
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségambie, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216* " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220* " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c.	11	1/3½	1/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235* Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
Other Countries and Colonies, &c.		
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11
858 China, \$1	2/0	2/4
859 " \$2	4/0	4/8
860* " \$5	10/0	11/8
861 Corea, 1 weun	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 "	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d	1/0
864* " 3½fr.	2/10	3/4
865* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
866* " 10fr.	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g.	1/8	2/0
868* " 1½g.	2/6	2/11
869* " 2½g.	4/2	4/11
870 Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2½g.	4/2	4/11
873* Eritrea 5 lire (1903)	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5
875* Fernando Poo, 40c.	—	—
876* " 60c.	—	—
877* " 80c.	—	—
878* " 1 peso	—	—
879* " 2 pesos	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c.	2/1	2/5
885 " \$1	4/2	4/10
886 " \$2	8/4	9/9
887 " \$5	20/10	24/2
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—
889 " 2 "	—	—
890 " 3 "	—	—
891 " 4 "	—	—
892 " 5 "	—	—
893 " 10 "	—	—
894 " 50 "	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0
897* " 1½ "	2/6	2/11
898* " 2½ "	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 "	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos	1/10	2/2
912 " 5 "	0/2	10/8
913* " 10 "	18/4	21/4
914* " 20 "	30/8	42/8
955 " Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956 " 50c.	1/0	1/3
957 Mexico, 1p.	1/9	2/0
946* Uruguay, 50c.	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 "	13/6	15/9

United States and Colonies.

901 United Sts. 50c. (1902)	2/1	2/5
982 " \$1	4/0	4/8
983 " \$2	8/0	9/4
984 " \$5	20/0	23/4
991* Philippines, 50c.	2/0	2/4

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 AVOS	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 AVOS	7	2/6	2/1
282* Portuguese India, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t...	10	2/6	2/1
283* Timor, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 8, 10 AVOS	8	0/9	0/1
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 AVOS	6	2/4	2/9

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (210 T 211).—We are pleased to be able at last to record the 1d. die 19. To Mr. H. E. Noakes is due the honour of its discovery, as also the reward of 2/6 which we offered for sight of the first specimen. It is postmarked "Swanmore, 23.7.03" and the die-number is very clear. Our list therefore now stands as below.

The Colonial Stamp Market's last supply of envelopes was stamped, as on the preceding occasion, with 1/4d. and 1d. dies that have already been recorded, but the 1/- envelopes for the first time were embossed from the King's Head die. The design is excellent and one of the best which has been seen for some time.

We have also seen a book of 10d. Telegram Forms stamped with the King's Head die. As this die is not to be used for envelopes, it will presumably be only obtainable on the objectionable yellow paper favoured by the Post Office for foreign telegram forms.

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Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



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1/4d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47.
1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 53, except 45.
1 1/4d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
2 1/4d. Die 3.
6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.

The 10d. was first seen on 2.10.03 and the 1/- on 24.9.03. The series of values of the King's Head stationery stamps is now complete.

Railway Letter Stamps (210 X 211).—The following further information is to hand:—

Isle of Wight Central. We have seen a sheet of the supposed new printing and it is numbered in manuscript "157." The first issue was numbered 1 to about 107 and the second issue began about 110, so it seems doubtful if the stamps just seen are really a new printing.

Midland Railway. We have discovered that half the 17th issue was perf. 11 (Nos. 114,001 to 120,000) and half perf. 10 (Nos. 120,001 to 126,000). There are still a fair proportion at the stations, as well as many of the 18th issue, although the current issue is naturally gaining ground every day.

Great North of Scotland. We have now seen a sheet of the latest printing and find it very similar in shade to its predecessor. Single copies might be difficult to separate, were it not for the minute defects so common in lithographic printing.

Early Dates (209 H 211).—In our errata a fortnight ago, plate "177" should read "117."

BOYACA (203 D 211).—In addition to the 10, 20, 50c. and 1p. already chronicled, there

have now been issued, states *Le Timbrophile Belge*, two high values.



Adhesives. Perf. ?

5 pesos, black on red paper. (Monument of Boyaca).

10 pesos, black on chamois. (General Marroquin).

The quantities printed are said to be 26,000 and 36,000 respectively, and the date of issue, August (*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*, 10.03/318).

CEYLON (210 U 211).—Mr. G. C. Alston kindly sends us a 5c. wrapper with King's Head stamp.



Newswrapper. Stamp as above. (Issued Sept. ?).
5c. bistre-yellow, on buff. (Wrapper 6 1/2 in. wide).

The wrapper may be of a private nature, as in addition to the usual "instructions," there is an inscription above the space for the address "If not delivered please return to the 'Times of Ceylon.'—Daily and Weekly Editions" and below "Printing and Publishing Offices:—Times Buildings, Colombo, Ceylon." All the letterpress is in precisely the same shade of bistre-yellow as the stamp.

It is rather remarkable that whilst this 5c. newswrapper stamp is in yellow, the new 5c. stamp on the envelopes is in blue and the new adhesives of that value lilac.

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2 cents	Postage Stamps	240	King's Head
3 "	"	120	"
4 "	"	240	"
5 "	"	240	"
6 "	"	120	Queen's "
12 "	"	120	King's Head
15 "	"	120	"
25 "	"	120	"
30 "	"	120	"
75 "	"	120	Queen's "
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6 1/2 "	Foreign Envelopes	20	"
10 1/2 "	Registration Envelopes	25	"
5 "	Local Letter Cards	50	"
10 "	Reply	25	Queen's "
6 "	Foreign Letter Cards	50	"
2 "	Local Post Cards	50	King's Head
4 "	Reply	50	Queen's "
6 "	Foreign Post Cards	100	"
12 "	Reply	50	"
2 "	Printed Matter Wrappers	25	King's Head
5 "	"	100	Queen's "

British Penny Stamps at 7 cts. each.

The quantities in column II. presumably applied to the Queen's Head issue, and we are unable to say at the moment whether any alteration will take place in the King's Head issue.

COCHIN (116 B 211).—We take the following note from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* (9.03/45).

"Mr. Gordon Jones sends us the current 3 pies stamp on a very thick white wove paper, quite different from the thin greyish material usually employed. It has the umbrella watermark, but the latter is not very easy to distinguish. We gather that the other values also exist on this paper, and we should like to see them in sheets."

3 pies, blue; thick paper.
1/2 puttan, green "
1 " pink "
2 " purple "

COREA (207 K 211).—The following note is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"Our publishers' correspondent in Corea sends them specimens of the stamps of Type 6 surcharged with Type 7 in black, instead of red, which he states were issued as early as 1897, and they are evidently still in use, as he franks his letter with some of them. We have the following:—

5, 25, 50 poon; perf. 11 1/2, 12.
5, 50 " " 12 1/2, 13.

Upon the same letter are specimens of two of the stamps recently surcharged, the 2ch. on 25p., perf. 11 1/2, 12, and the 3ch. on 50p., perf. 12 1/2, 13."

COSTA RICA (190 K 211).—*Der Philatelist* records two provisional postcards.

INTERIOR

EXTERIOR

2 céntimos

4 céntimos

Postcards. Surcharged as above in black.
2c. on 3c. carmine on yellow.
4c. on 3c. " "

ICELAND (207 R 211).—The *American Journal of Philately* adds the following (marked *) to the list of values given in *E.W.S.N.* with error '03—'03. Revised list appended.

(viii). Error, '03—'03, instead of '02—'03.
Ordinary, perf. 12 1/2, 3 aur (type I), 5, 6*, 16, 20*, 50 aur.
Service, perf. 12 1/2, 10 aur. Perf. 14, 5*, 20* aur.

The official 10 aur ultramarine, perf. 14 x 13 1/2, is known with variety, comma after '02.'

INDIA (209 D 211).—We are officially informed by the Presidency Postmaster, Calcutta, that the only King's Head stamps which "are available and may be supplied" are 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 annas. Notwithstanding this, a client sent the Colonial Stamp Market some 2 1/2 annas three months ago.

INDO-CHINA (169 B 211).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles a provisional, issued on account of a shortage of 15c. stamps.

Adhesive.
"15" on 25c. blue.

IVORY COAST (203 F 211).—Another parcel post stamp is reported by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.

Parcel Post Adhesive.

Surcharged "Cote d'Ivoire—Colis Postaux—4" on the Timbre-tax of "French Colonies."

4 francs in black on 60c. violet.

Type I. Thick "4" (1440 examples).

"II. Thinner "4" (288).

"III. Upper part of "4" triangular (72).

Only 1800 were made, in the proportions quoted. The commonest variety sells in Paris at about three times face value (10/-) and the others at 50 and 80 francs, all used.

NEPAL (A 211).—The following note is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* (9.03/45).

"Mr. Gordon Jones tells us that *tête-bêche* pairs of the 2a., perforated, exist, in which case a new plate of that value must have been made up. He also shows us what he terms a second type of the 1a., an extremely rough copy of the original, with the inscriptions so badly drawn that we might suppose it to be a forgery."

SALVADOR (210 P 211).—The *American Journal of Philately* states that there is a set of postage stamps in the same colours as the official set. The 5c. blue is the only value we have yet chronicled, and we therefore now add:



Unpaid Letter Stamps.

1c. dark green. 12c. slate.
2c. red. 13c. red-brown.
3c. orange. 24c. red.
5c. dark blue 26c. yellow-brown.
(E.W.S.N. 210). 50c. yellow.
10c. dull lilac. 100c. light blue.

SEYCHELLES (205 W 211). — Another provisional has made its appearance here.

Adhesive.

3c. on 18c. King's Head.

SUDAN (189 L 211). — The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 3 millièmes. Colours as before, but wmk. Crescent and Star multiple.



Adhesive. Wmk. Crescent and Star multiple, perf. 14.

3 mill., violet and green.

Issued between June and August last.

VICTORIA (204 I 211). — Mr. A. G. Harrison writes as follows, re our list of "O.S." perforated stamps:—

"I have just received a few of above (used) including all values excepting the 2/-. I see by your notice in No. 205, there is no 9d. value on record, and as there is just one 9d. in my lot, I send this information, hoping it is worthy of insertion."

Adhesive. Perf. "O.S."

9d. dull rose, perf. 12½.

The values now known are ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (196 R 211). — We have omitted to give an illustration of the 2d. envelope stamp chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* No. 167, and now do so.



Foreign Extracts.

A FIRST PRIZE of a set of the King's Head Fiji Islands, ½d. to 5/-, and second and third prizes of a set of King's Head Seychelles, 2c. to 75c., are offered to the readers who succeed in discovering the greatest number of mistakes in grammar, spelling and punctuation in the following extracts. Lists of mistakes to reach the Editor on Monday morning, October 12th.

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L'un de nos rédacteurs a eu l'honneur de rencontrer l'aimable M. La B..., qui, investi de la confiance de M. Lebandy, est en ce moment à Paris pour procéder au recrutement du personnel administratif et militaire destiné à l'Etat indépendant de la Troade africaine.

Interrogé par notre ami sur la Poste et les timbres-poste du nouvel Etat, M. la B... a bien voulu lui faire la réponse suivante:

"Notre premier soin sera, comme vous le pensez bien, de créer un service postal tant pour la Terre que pour la Mer; dans le premier cas, il se fera à l'aide de caravanes, dans le second par les navires. Et, bien entendu, nous nous sommes préoccupés des timbres-poste dont il sera fait usage, car c'est surtout par l'émission de semblables vignettes qu'un nouvel Etat affirme son existence.

Quant au type de ces timbres, nous avons adopté celui que nous a proposé un grand philatéliste des boulevards qui nous a fait la proposition très avantageuse de nous livrer à titre gracieux 100,000 exemplaires de chaque valeur, à la seule condition d'en garder par devers lui 10,000 destinés aux collectionneurs. Vous avouerez qu'on ne saurait être plus accommodant.

Le modèle qu'il a mis sous nos yeux est des plus artistiques; il représente un navire avec le désert à l'horizon; dans les angles supérieurs sont dessinés des engins de pêche; on y voit aussi les trois lettres L B D, abréviation du nom de M. Lebandy. Enfin, on y lit les inscriptions: Troade africaine, Postes, et la valeur en centimes. Aussitôt que j'en aurai reçu les premières épreuves, je me ferai un plaisir de les communiquer à votre excellent journal."

Nous remercions M. La B... de son intéressante communication et de son offre gracieuse qui nous permettra de mettre bientôt sous les yeux de nos lecteurs la reproduction des nouveaux timbres du Sahara.

—(*L'Union Philatélique.*)

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Le père Maury, quoique n'ayant jamais fréquenté que l'Ecole primaire de Roule-ta-Bosse, nous apprend que c'est lui qui a composé le mot philatélie par l'accouplement de deux vocables

de la langue de Démosthène. Ce linguiste émérite poursuit son discours en anathématisant le mot philatélie employé par Larousse (rien des casseroles dont la philatélie est émaillée).

Voyons, père Maury, philatélie et philatéisme ne peuvent-ils donc pas exister de concert, tout comme monarchisme et monarchie? d'autant plus, vous le savez mieux que personne, vous qui méritez si bien de professer au Collège de France et d'entrer quelque jour à l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, que les mots en *isme* et en *ie* correspondent à deux idées essentiellement distinctes. Continuez donc à faire de la néologie et accouchez-nous d'un beau néologisme. Nous, fervents de la philatélie, ne pourrions que nous en applaudir dans notre philatéisme.

—(*L'Union Philatélique.*)

Ces bureaux français à l'étranger.

(Tiré du "GUIDE PHILATELIQUE").

NOS LECTEURS savent que la France possède un certain nombre de bureaux à l'étranger et spécialement en Orient. Depuis quelques années ces bureaux se servent de timbres français, surchargés (Vathy, Dédéagh, Chine, Port-Saïd, Crète, Levant, etc.) et qui ont acquis par ce fait droits d'entrée dans tous les albums; mais avant 1885, ces bureaux utilisaient les timbres de la Métropole, et seules les oblitérations en font reconnaître l'origine. Malgré cela, nous estimons que ces timbres devraient être collectionnés comme les suivants, qui sont surchargés, et nous pensons être agréables à nos lecteurs en leur signalant toutes les variétés qui leur permettront de les classer.

Avant 1876, ces bureaux oblitéraient les timbres soit avec le cachet n° 2 (losange de points avec petit numéro) et le cachet n° 3 (losange de points avec gros numéros), soit plus rarement avec le cachet à date; ce dernier a été seul en usage depuis 1876.

Ces oblitérations se rencontrent habituellement en noir, plus rarement en bleu et exceptionnellement en rouge.

Voici la liste de ces bureaux:

Colonne A. Oblitération losange avec petits numéros. Colonne B. Oblitérations losange avec grands numéros.

A.	B.	
3704	5080	ALEXANDRIE (Egypte).
3766	5079	Alexandrette (Syrie).
3705		Bâle (Suisse).
3706	5082	Beyrouth (Syrie).
	5119	Caire (le) (Egypte).
	5156	Cavale (la) (Turquie d'Europe).
3707	5083	CONSTANTINOPLE.
3708	5084	Dardanelles (les).
	5155	Dédéagh (Turquie d'Europe).
	5153	Enos (Turquie d'Europe).
4008	5085	Galatz (Moldavie).
3767	5086	Gallipoli (Turquie), jusqu'en 1872.
	5121	Goulette (la) (Tunisie).
4009	5087	Ibraïla (Valachie).
4010	5088	Inébohi (Turquie d'Asie).
3768	5089	Jaffa (Syrie).
4011	5090	Kerassounde (Turquie d'Asie).
	5139	Kustendje (Turquie d'Europe).
	5154	Lagos (Turquie d'Europe).
3769	5091	Lataquie (Syrie).
3770	5092	Mersin (Turquie d'Asie).
3771	5093	Mélin (Turquie).
	5097	Ordon (Turquie d'Asie), dès 1869.
	5129	Port-Saïd (Egypte).
3772	5094	Rhodes (Turquie).
	5086	Rodosto (Turquie), dès 1872.
4012	5095	Salonique (Turquie).
4013	5096	Samsoun (Turquie d'Asie).
	5104	Shang-Haï (Chine).
4014	5097	Sinople (Turquie d'Asie), jusqu'en 1869.
3709	5098	Smyrne (Turquie d'Asie).
	5105	Suez (Egypte).
4015	5099	Sulina (Turquie).
4016	5100	Trebizonde (Turquie d'Asie).
3773	5101	Tripoli (Syrie).
4017	5102	Tulscha (Turquie).
4018	5103	Varna (Turquie).
	5106	Tanger (Maroc).
	5107	Tunis (Tunisie).
	5118	Yokohama (Japon).

Nous ajouterons que les oblitérations les plus communes sont celles de Constantinople, Alexandrie, Port-Saïd, Shang-Haï, Salonique, etc., et que les plus recherchées sont celles de Bâle, Enos, Ibraïla, Inébohi, Varna, etc.

(*Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung.*)

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

India, Petition Stamps, C. S. F. Crofton, PJI 8.03/221.

Philippine Islands, Revenue Stamps of, Since American Occupation, Dr. J. C. Perry, AJP 8.03/245 to 256.

Oceanic Establishments. The Stamps of Raiatea and Rapa, CR and AJP 8.03/270.

Dutch Indies, decree, NTP 9.03/49.

Portuguese Colonies, lets over de Hulp Zegels van 1902, C. George, NTP 9.03/69.

Sirmoor, varieties of type 2, SG. 9.03/45.

New South African Republic, varieties, SG. 9.03/46.

Seychelles, Reference List, R. Ehrenbach, SG. 9.03/59.

Colonial Dies of 1890, etc., R. Ehrenbach, SG. 9.03/58.

British Guiana, Forgeries of Type-set Provisional stamps of 1862, Gordon Smith, SG. 9.03/61.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. J. Richardson Yeates enquires:—

"I have a North British Railway Letter stamp cancelled by a post office mark, viz., Dumbarton, 21.5.02. Is this a common occurrence or not?"

[Railway Letter stamps are deemed by the Post Office to be ordinary postage stamps as regards the regulations for cancelling stamps. Thus whilst all private labels, etc., are carefully ignored by the Postal Officials, Railway Letter stamps are nearly always postmarked. Of course, when Railway Letters are marked "to be called for" they do not pass through a Post Office, and are then either cancelled by the parcel's office clerk with the nearest pen or pencil or sometimes with the postmark supplied by the Post Office to railway telegraph offices. Also, if the railway stamps are placed in inconvenient positions on the envelope, they escape postmarking, but the postal officials nevertheless ought really to have postmarked them.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

Mr. W. R. Galt writes:—

Bechuanaland Protectorate.—Have you ever seen the 4d (Queen's Head) halved and used as a 2d. stamp. The stamp I have is halved perpendicularly through the centre and is on the original envelope. Close to it there are the initials "S.M." and the word "Postmaster."

A Philatole.

(From *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*).

XXIII.

Once there was a Philatelic Knocker who threw his Hammer every time he got an Opening. If one of his Stamp-Gathering associates started to Build up a reputation, he would Happen around and try to Kick out the props. Every time he heard Some One spoken of favorably, he would Shove in an Antidote. When strangers visited the Local Society, he Pulled them into a Corner and told them Confidentially what a Bum Bunch he was mixed Up with. If he heard that Some local collector had secured a Gem, he pronounced it a Counterfeit before he got his Lookers on it. One evening he Sidetracked a Visitor and spent Forty-eight Minutes telling him about the Thin Spots in one of the Local Members. The Visitor invited him Outside to have a Smile, and when he got him on the Walk he Tipped him to the fact that the Local Member with the Thin Spots was his Brother-in-law. He also gave the Roaster a lesson in Physical Culture, and for the next Six weeks he was a Living Demonstration of the evil results of Knocking.

Moral: Never take medicine in the dark.

W. H. ADAMS.

PRIZE OF £5.

A prize of £5 is offered to the Collector who up to the 1st of November next shall have submitted for our inspection the finest specialist collection of the railway letter stamps of any one railway company. Conditions are as follows:—

- 1.—There must be at least three entries, otherwise a consolation prize of £1 only will be awarded.
- 2.—The Collection must be of the catalogue value of at least £5.
- 3.—Care in classification, neatness of arrangement and mounting, and intelligence in selecting specimens will be taken into special account.
- 4.—Damaged or dirty specimens will be considered better than none at all.

If the £5 prize is not won this time, it will be offered again. If the standard of collections is high, we may also offer a bigger prize later. A 'specialist' collection of railway letter stamps may be defined as one which not only takes note of the different printings but also of the different types on the sheets of each printing. We strongly recommend anyone interested in these stamps not to make a general collection but to specialize the issues of a single company.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségambie, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Sudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c.	11	1/3½	1/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236* Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos.	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos.	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos.	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos.	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN (211 U 212).—The Colonial Stamp Market's last supplies of envelopes were stamped at Somerset House as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 30; 1d. dies 49, 50, 55; $\frac{1}{2}$ d. dies 1, 3d. + $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 1/- die 1. Of these the 1d. die 55 is new and is the first evidence of a new batch of dies having been brought into use, the last series of twelve 1d. dies being numbered 43 to 54.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 53, except 45; 55.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.

Collectors would do well to enquire at post-offices in their neighbourhood for permission to examine any 6d. stamped telegram forms which they may have in stock. It is time dies 5 and 6—they generally come in couples—made their appearance. At many post-offices in the country there are probably still old books of 6d. telegram forms stamped from the rare dies (6 to 19) and (26 to 30). "Titbits" "Hidden Hundreds" are hardly in it with some of the gems which have been found and which are waiting to be found at out of the way places in Great Britain.

Early Dates (211 I 212).—The following new records have been shown us:—

- 1d. red, pl. 144. Manchester, 6.2.71. W. D. Roebuck

Envelope Stamps.

- 1d. rose, die 89, 12.10.60; die 105, 22.12.62; die 146, 8.1.67; die 197, 13.6.77.
- 4d., die 4, 23.5.83; 1/-, die 3, 25.3.63. E. B. Wood.

The 1d. red, plate 144, bears an exceptionally early date, only thirty-four days after the date of putting to press.

Jersey Fiscals (A 212).—Morley's Philatelic Journal chronicles an extremely handsome set of fiscals. They are printed by Messrs. Wyon & Co. on thin white wove paper and perf. 14.

- 1/- lake (Jersey Cow).
- 2/- dark green (Victoria College).
- 2/6 purple (Mount Orgueil Castle).
- 5/- black (Arms of Jersey).
- 10/- blue (Harbour).
- £1 sepia (Battle of Jersey).
- £2 grey (Corbière Light House).

The stamps were to have been issued on 1st May, 1900, but were a little late. During the interim a provisional type-set was made.

One can imagine the outcry about "speculation" and "made for collectors" that would have been raised in a certain section of the philatelic press had these been postage stamps. As it is, they must be held free of any speculative nature, and they have, in fact, only just been discovered by fiscal collectors, after being three years in issue.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (202 T 212).—We quote as follows from the *Australian Philatelist*.—"The 3d. "Postage Due," which has been chronicled for some months by a number of home journals with completed design, has only been issued during last month; 3 values have still to be altered, viz., the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d. and 8d. These when completed will make the set complete. Unfortunately, we have heard that a design for a new "Postage Due" will shortly be submitted to the postal authorities; our only hope is that the P.M.G. will raise sufficient strength of mind to say no."

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC (190 U 212).—*L'Annonce Timbrologique* is informed by Mr. Abel Fontaine that the envelope of 15c. blue, embossed has now been replaced by another with the stamp lithographed, a similar occurrence to that which took with the 5 cenavos.

The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatélica Argentina* (8.03/102) states that the envelope of 15c. blue, both with stamp embossed and not embossed, has been placed on sale, on grey paper, and chronicles the following as novelties:—

Envelopes: 150 x 120mm.

15c. blue, embossed, grey paper.

" not embossed, "

Postcard: 131 x 81mm.

6c. blue, new type, not embossed, cream card.

In order to complete, the set without embossing there still lacks the 4c. and 6+6c. cards and the 15c. "memorandum."

CANADA (208 P 212).—Mr. E. L. Sleeper writes as follows:—

"Thinking the enclosed might be of some interest to you, am sending them you for your examination. They take the place of stamps and are used by the large department stores that send out a great many catalogues to their customers."

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" red, inscribed "At Toronto"

(Under Permit 11).

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COSTA RICA (196, 211 M 212).—The new stamps foreshadowed in E.W.S.N., Nos. 183 and 196 have now made their appearance, states *Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr*, together with some stationery.

Adhesives.

4c. lilac (José M. Canas).

6c. olive-yellow and black (Julian Volio).

25c. ultramarine and blue (Eusebio Figuero).

Unpaid Letter Stamps.

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.

Envelope.

5c. (was to have had Portrait of Don Julian Volio).

Registration Envelopes, 20, 25c.

Post cards, 2, 4, 4 + 4c.

Our contemporary does not state colours or other particulars of the latter.

CRETE, FRENCH P.O. (197 N 212).—From the same source we learn that the issue surcharged with values in piastres (1, 2, 4, 8, 20 piast.) has been withdrawn, the unsurcharged issue making a re-appearance.

CURACAO (192 G 212).—The following novelty is chronicled by the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*:—

Adhesive. Same type as new Dutch Indies.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

It was issued on September 1st.

DOMINICA (210 D 212).—We now illustrate the designs of the new stamps.



CRETE (168 M 212).—*Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr* states that the 25, 50l. and 1, 2, 5dr. with overprint "Prosorinon" were withdrawn from circulation on the 1st October.

DUTCH INDIES (210 M 212).—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* chronicles the following:—



Adhesives. Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

10c. grey-black.

30c. red-brown.

They were issued on September 1st.

FRENCH COLONIES (212).—With reference to our last note stating that the remainders of eight Colonies were withdrawn on March 1st, we now learn from *Les Archives des Collectionneurs* that they were destroyed on 8th April.

HAYTI (188 L 212).—The *American Journal of Philately* reports a rumour to the effect that "an issue of stamps to commemorate the centenary of the independence of the Republic will be put on sale about the first of the coming year."

HOLLAND (136 G 212).—*La Cote Réelle* chronicles the following:—

Telegraph Stamp. Same type.

25c. violet and black.

The 1, 3 and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. have been withdrawn and were demonetised as from 1st October.

LONG-TCHOU (A 212).—We learn from *La Cote Réelle* that the French Post Office at this town has been added to the list of those issuing surcharged stamps. The issue was made on 3rd June. Long-Tchéou, by the way, is said to be situated on the Sikiang and to have important commerce with Tonkin.

Adhesives. Stamps of Indo-China surcharged in European and Chinese characters.

1c. black on blue.

2c. brown.

4c. violet.

5c. yel.-green.

10c. carmine.

15c. grey on azure.

25c. blue.

5fr. violet.

MOROCCO AGENCIES (205 I 212).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of the 10c. King's Head, which has just been issued.



Morocco

Agencies.

Adhesive. King Edward type of Gibraltar overprinted as above in black. CA 14.

10c. lilac on red paper.

(a) Variety, "Agen-cies" (No. 5 in 3rd row of right pane).

(b) Long-topped M (No. 3 in 7th row of left pane).

Each sheet contains 120 stamps, in 2 panes of 60, 10 rows of 6. Each pane is surrounded by a series of broken lines, with plate-number 1 in lilac at each corner of the sheet.

NABHA (205 F 212) *La Cote Réelle* records the issue of King's Head, 4, 6, 8, 12 annas and 1 rupee, as well as the five lower values.

TASMANIA (203 Y 212).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following novelty:—

Adhesive. Pictorial design (as before).

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green (Lake Marion), wmk. V and Crown sideways, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

We understand that it was issued at Hobart, on 7th September. The sheets contain 60 stamps as before. It is said that a very large quantity have been printed, probably sufficient to last two years. The colour is a little paler than the London print and the impression somewhat coarser.

TRINIDAD (201 Z 212).—*La Cote Réelle* says:—"Un de nos confrères américains annonce que la série à l'effigie d'Edward VII. vient d'être adressée à toutes les Administrations des postes de l'Union. Ces séries sont annulées du mot 'spécimen.'" On the other hand, we are in-

formed that Trinidad will not have a King Edward set.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (211 S 212).—Messrs. Hamilton, Macrae & Co., Ltd., inform the *Australian Philatelist* that the 1d. Westralian card on white is no longer in use; the colour of the present card is cream.

Cook Islands.

THE POST-ANNEXATION ISSUES.
(From the *Australian Philatelist*).

[We take the liberty of reproducing the following article from our Australian contemporary, as it contains some interesting statistical information. At the same time, we feel compelled to express our regret that Mr. Basset Hull, who is so well-known as an authority on Australian stamps, and whose word is likely to be accepted as law, should not have read his *Weekly Stamp News* a little more carefully, as he would then have avoided a somewhat serious oversight. Mr. Hull speaks of one printing only each of the ½d. and 1d., no wink., and states that they appeared in three distinct shades each. As a matter of fact, there were two printings, namely, the first, of which he gives the dates and ignores the shades, and a second, of which he describes the shades (although attributing them to the first) and ignores the date and even existence. If Mr. Hull will turn to *E.W.S.N.* No. 160 (18th October, 1902), he will see it there stated that the quantity of ½d. green, 1d. rose and 2½d. blue, in stock at the Rarotonga Post Office, on July 10th, 1902, was respectively 57158, 63117 and 28373, and that these quantities could have consisted only of the ½d. and 1d. of the first and second printings, and the 2½d. blue, no wink. The 2½d. blue was first issued to the Rarotonga public at some date between July 10th and 25th. In *E.W.S.N.* No. 175 we made a guess as to the quantities printed on water-marked paper, adding that "of course we do not guarantee these figures in any way." It is interesting to see from Mr. Hull's statistics that in one case out of the nine values we were quite correct, and in no case more than 4% wrong, and even here we beg leave to doubt whether our guess is not more correct than Mr. Hull's official figures. We guessed 24,000 each of ½d. and 2d.; 12,000 each of 5d. and 6d. Mr. Hull says:—½d., 23,880; 2d., 23,520; 5d., 11,520; 6d., 11,880. This looks to us very much like a slip for 23,520 each ½d. and 2d. and 11,880 each 5d. and 6d. (or vice versa), in which case our guess would not vary more than 2% from the accurate figures.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

THE POST-ANNEXATION ISSUES.
(By A. F. BASSET HULL.)

After the annexation of the Cook Islands group to New Zealand, an attempt was made to signalise the event by overprinting the current stamps with a crown. The original proposal was to overprint the whole series, but after operating on 20 sheets (2400 stamps) of the 1d. brown it was decided to deal no further with the matter. The overprinting was done locally, the crown type having been sent to Rarotonga from New Zealand for the purpose. The overprint was in black, and there are several "errors" recorded, viz.: inverted, sideways, and double overprint.

It was decided to alter the colours of the ½d., 1d., and 2½d. stamp to the uniform colours adopted by the Postal Union, and on the 25th January, 1902, the Government Printer, Wellington (N.Z.), struck off 196 sheets (23,520 stamps) each of the ½d. and 1d. values, in green and rose respectively, on unwatermarked paper. These stamps were perforated 11, and were probably issued to the Rarotongan public about the 10th February.

There are three distinct shades of each colour—pale green, bluish-green and deep green, rose-pink, rose and dull rose.

At some date later in the same year, the 2½d. was printed in deep blue, also on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11. I have no particulars as to the number printed on this paper, or the date of issue, but as the variety reached London in August, 1902, it was probably printed and issued about the end of June.

At the end of September, 1902, a printing of all values took place on paper watermarked single-line N.Z. and star. This watermark is placed sideways on the Makea type and upright on the Torea type. The colours are the same as those of the immediately preceding issues, but vary somewhat in shade, the ½d. being most marked in this respect. The numbers of this series printed were as follows:—

30th September, 1902.—	½d.	..	47,400
	1d.	..	47,880
	2½d.	..	24,000
1st October, 1902.—	½d.	..	23,880
	5d.	..	11,520
	10d.	..	5,760
	2d.	..	23,520
	6d.	..	11,880
	1/-	..	5,820

Nicaragua Canal.

A POSTAGE STAMP WITNESS.

In the course of a long article on the unsuitability of the Nicaragua route for the proposed inter-oceanic canal, the *Morning Post* says:—

"Now, history, too, likes its little joke. While the American Senate in 1901 was debating the matter of the canal, Momotombo erupted close to the border of the Nicaragua Lake. The eruption was so violent that it destroyed a wharf and threw into the water a train of cars and immense stores of coffee in sacks.

This was a most embarrassing fact for a Government that had been protesting the innocent nature of their picturesque fire-mountains.

The diplomatic representatives of the agitated Republic denied the eruption, but unfortunately the Nicaragua local papers had already printed accounts of the mischief done.

Another item which the Government had ignored is familiar to collectors of postage stamps—to wit a twenty "centavos," on which is a picture of the volcano actively spouting. At its base is the Lake of Nicaragua, and the careful engraver has even introduced the very wharf and the train of cars that were all destroyed by this identical Momotombo in March of 1901.

What patriotic Nicaraguan ever dreamed when that beautiful stamp was engraved that it would rise up in 1903 as the most complete testimony to the unfitness of Nicaragua as a canal route?

[The issue of stamps here referred to is the 13th, which consisted of 13 values and was made in 1900.—Ed., *E.W.S.N.*]

Foreign Extracts.

As so much interest was taken, we repeat the competition this week, offering similar prizes, which will go to those readers finding the greatest number of mistakes in grammar, spelling and punctuation in the following paragraphs.

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On sait que nos diverses colonies de l'Ouest de l'Afrique, Sénégal, Soudan, Guinée, Côte d'Ivoire, Dahomey ont été réunies en un seul gouvernement, celui de l'Afrique occidentale. Toutes ces colonies possédaient des timbres distincts. L'occasion était belle d'unifier la série des timbres de cette partie de notre empire colonial. On va le faire. De nouvelles vignettes sont actuellement à l'étude au Ministère des Colonies.

Une même opération aura lieu pour les multiples timbres de nos colonies du Congo et du Niger, ces territoires ayant été également réunis sous la dénomination de "Haut Sénégal et Moyen Niger."

L'Administration des Colonies a déjà donné l'ordre de supprimer tout le stock des timbres neufs de ces diverses colonies. Ce stock qui représente environ deux millions de valeur fiscale—c'est-à-dire peu de chose comme valeur réelle—sera brûlé selon l'habitude, par devant une commission spéciale.

—*La Revue des Postes.*

Il y a un certain nombre de timbres, d'une authenticité indiscutée, dit le *Postillon*, qu'on sait devoir exister et que pourtant personne n'a encore vus. De ce nombre est un timbre français, ou plutôt une variété d'un timbre; c'est le 80 centimes, empire lauré sans la ligne blanche à côté de la valeur de droite.

Ces timbres étaient fabriqués avec des clichés passe-partout dans lesquels on intercalait de petits clichés, porteurs de la valeur. Pendant le tirage, le petit cliché du 80 centimes a dû bouger, ce qui a produit un manque, traduit sur le timbre par une ligne blanche très visible. Or, le 80 centimes existe-t-il sans lignes blanches? C'est probable; d'aucun disent même que c'est sûr. Celui qui voudra bien chercher, et le trouvera, aura gagné sa journée, Mr. Montader, directeur du *Postillon*, en offrant 40 francs.

La recherche inverse peut se faire sur le 20 centimes bien qui est très commun, et cette fois il s'agit de chercher ce timbre avec la ligne blanche; mais il est moins rare que le 80 centimes sans ligne.

—*L'Annuaire Timbrologique.*

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Des cartes postales illustrées, qui permettent à ceux qui voyagent d'envoyer à leurs parents des impressions plastiques, et épargnent ainsi aux gens paresseux le souci d'une vraie correspondance, ont un défaut.

La vignette représentant la ville, le monument ou le site qu'il s'agit de glorifier remplit toute la carte et c'est à peine s'il reste assez de place pour tracer une imperceptible signature. Les Anglais, gens pratiques, ont imaginé une solution excellente qui a été approuvée par le Post-Office. Le côté de la carte postale illustrée réservée à l'adresse est à présent divisé en deux cases. On met l'adresse dans la première et les impressions de voyage dans la seconde. La place est amplement suffisante. Et, de cette manière, le verso de la carte portant l'illustration demeure intact.

C'est charmant. Mais nous connaissons plus d'une personne qui préféreront toujours les cartes où l'on ne peut écrire qu'une date et une signature.

Quoi qu'il en soit, ces cartes postales, nouvelle manière, viennent d'être mises en vente sur tout le territoire du Royaume-Uni, mais seulement pour les communications à l'intérieur du pays. On ne peut écrire sur le côté réservé à l'adresse de la carte destinée à l'étranger.

—(*L'Annuaire Timbrologique*).

The result of the competition announced last week is as follows:—

1st Prize (set of Fiji, ½d. to 5/-)	M. Armand Dethier
	(10 ex 13).
2nd Prize (set of Seychelles)	Miss D. Hayman
	(6 ex 13).
3rd Prize (set of Seychelles)	Mr. H. L. Bevir
	(5 ex 13).

A number of other competitors entered, but only pointed out three or four mistakes. Everyone except M. Dethier seems to have ignored the names of the towns. No one pilloried "Crête." In fact, the competition resolved itself into a geography lesson, rather than a test of one's knowledge of French, as there were remarkably few grammatical mistakes, or mistakes of spelling. We mention below the chief corrections which require to be made in the three articles.

- Art. Line.
- I 12. There seems no valid reason why *terre* and *mer* should have capitals.
 - I 13. If there is a comma after *cas*, one is also necessary after *second*.
 - I 33. Semi-colon after "Lebaudy"; *enfin* does not require a capital "E."
 - I 35. Pre-mières is a preferable division.
 - II 2. *Ecole* requires a small "é."
 - II 7. *D'autant* requires a capital "D."
 - III 5. *Dédagh* requires an acute accent on each "é."
 - III 6. For *Crête* read *Crète*.
 - III 13. Read *agréable* as *nous* is here presumably the editorial "we."
 - III 18. Consistency calls for *petits numéros* in the plural (although it would be better all through the article to have substituted the singular).
 - III 27. *Oblitérations* requires the acute accent.
 - III 37. Read *Déliagh*.
 - III 49. Read *Mersina*.

Several competitors queried "Roule-ta-Bosse" but we cannot find this village on the map, nor is it mentioned in an old list of French Post Offices, so we are unable to say if it is correctly spelt. "Bosse" means a hillock, but *ta* is, to say the least, unusual. The accents could not be placed on capital letters anywhere as there is no printer's type available. "Vathy, etc." (III 5) does not appear to require to be within brackets unless the comma after *français* is omitted. *Droits* (III 7) is unnecessarily in the plural. *Cavale* (III 34) is usually spelt with two f's. In the French list of Post Offices, Lataquic (III, 48) is spelt with two f's. *Egypte* (III 33) should be in italics. There are also several instances where commas might be inserted with advantage.

PRIZE OF £5.

A prize of £5 is offered to the Collector who up to the 1st of November next shall have submitted for our inspection the finest specialist collection of the railway letter stamps of any one railway company. Conditions are as follows:—

- 1.—There must be at least three entries, otherwise a consolation prize of £1 only will be awarded.
- 2.—The Collection must be of the catalogue value of at least £5.
- 3.—Care in classification, neatness of arrangement and mounting, and intelligence in selecting specimens will be taken into special account.
- 4.—Damaged or dirty specimens will be considered better than none at all.

If the £5 prize is not won this time, it will be offered again. If the standard of collections is high, we may also offer a bigger prize later. A 'specialist' collection of railway letter stamps may be defined as one which not only takes note of the different printings but also of the different types on the sheets of each printing. We strongly recommend anyone interested in these stamps not to make a general collection but to specialize the issues of a single company.

The Latest Fashionable Fad.

(From the *New York Herald*, Paris, 2, 10.03.)

Perhaps the greatest desk novelty to be seen now is an arrangement for holding and affixing stamps. It consists of a little silver box at the end of a long handle. This is charged with postage stamps face downwards. Then there is a little silver circular pad that holds a damp sponge, on which, by some automatic arrangement, the little holder containing stamps is pressed down and by the same means the stamp is attached to the envelope.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/4
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton or Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c.	11	1/3½	1/7

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, ½, 2½, 4½, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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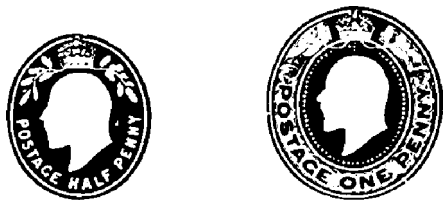
The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (212 V 213).—The Rev. C. T. Wakefield has shown us the 1d. King's Head envelope die 45, and from Mr. E. Bentley Wood we have first specimen of die 54.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47.
1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55.
1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
2½d. Die 3.
6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4.

The following new record dates of envelope stamps have been shown us.

	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
6d. die 9	7.5.88	—
6d. die 11	—	1.2.89
1/- die 11	—	1.5.84

Wrapper Stamps (169 C 213).—It does not seem to be generally known that the 1d. wrappers are stamped at Somerset House in quite a distinct shade to those sold by the Post Office.



- 1d. carmine (on wrappers sold at Post Office).
1d. orange-vermilion (on wrappers specially stamped).

Early Dates (212 J 213).—The following new records have been submitted for inspection.

4d. rose, S.G.	Exeter, 18.12.55	H. L. Bevir
	15. 6.57	
6d. grey, pl. 17b	London, 18. 2.81	F. A. Campbell
1/- green, pl. 13a	" 30. 8.77	"
1/- salmon, pl. 13c	Glasgow, 30. 6.81	"

Railway Letter Stamps (211 Y 213).—The 22nd issue of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway with all its complex varieties is at last obsolete, although for a time at least it will still be found at the smaller stations. So far as is known it consisted only of odd sheets left over from the 15th, 17th, 19th, 20th and 21st issues, but of the last half of the issue we have seen very few specimens. We offer a 5/- prize to the first reader who within the next fortnight, shows us a specimen of any other printing which formed part of the 22nd issue. The new issue just to hand is similar in shade to the 21st printing and we provisionally chronicle it as such.

23rd issue, Nos. 6001 to 12000. We have only seen a single copy, No. 6621, which appears to be 21st printing, perf. 10. It is numbered on the back, as in the preceding issue.

Cheque Dies (203 Q 213).—Mr. H. T. Jenner advises us of die EN (6.8.03), the highest of the series so far. We have not yet seen DK, DN, DT to DW, EC, EE, EG, EI, EK or EL.

Government Parcels Stamps.—The Rev. A. Ogle and Mr. N. J. Heller point out that we have not yet mentioned the 1/- Govt. Parcels with surcharge inverted. We according chronicle it.

Official Adhesive. Overprinted "Govt. Parcels" inverted.

1/- green and carmine, Queen's Head.

BAVARIA (196 K 213).—A correspondent mentions that the current stamps are now appearing with No. "30," but does not say which values he has.

CEYLON (211 V 213).—We are indebted to Mr. G. C. Alston for first sight of the King's Head 2c. postcard.



Postcard. Stamp as above.
2c. buff-yellow.

It is postmarked "Dikoya, 31.8.03."

CHINA, FRENCH P.O. (181 I 213).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles the following.

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Adhesive. Stamp of new issue, surcharged as above.
"5" in black on 15c. carmine.

It is stated to be very scarce.

CONGO, FRENCH (207 E 213).—The two provisionals chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 207 appear to have been quite free from speculation, if we may believe their history as recounted in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. Their statistical history is reported as follows:—

	Printed.	Issued to the Public.	Sent to U.P.U.	Burnt.
5c. on 30c.	4000	1615	800	1585
10c. on 2fr.	4000	2022	800	1178

The stamps were apparently only sold when postal matter was presented at the Post Office; consequently unused blocks will be very rare. Those unissued were burnt on the 10th September. If the title required by the Universal Postal Union at Berne increases much more it will check the issue of provisionals such as this, because there would in some cases be none left for the use of the public!

COSTA RICA (212 N 213).—We now illustrate the three new values and 20c. envelope chronicled last week.



L'Echo de la Timbrologie chronicles some new official stamps. These are the three new postage stamps illustrated above, surcharged "Oficial."

Official Adhesives. Surcharged "OFICIAL."

- 4c. lilac and black.
6c. olive and black.
25c. blue-violet and brown.

These colours differ slightly from those given for the public issue, but we are not sure whether they are given correctly.

A more detailed description of the Unpaid Letter Stamps is also furnished by our contemporary.

Unpaid Letter Stamps.

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| 5c. blue-green. | 25c. ultramarine. |
| 10c. brown. | 30c. black-brown. |
| 15c. yellow-green. | 40c. olive. |
| 20c. carmine. | 50c. lilac. |

The design consists of a large figure in black on a groundwork of engine-turning inscribed "Correos de Costa-Rica—Centimos—Multa."

CRETE, FRENCH P.O. (212 O 213).—It is now the turn of the surcharged issue to become scarce! We omitted to chronicle specially last week the unsurcharged 25c. This has now of course appeared before without the "1 piastre."

Adhesive.
25c. blue, unsurcharged.

DENMARK (158 E 213).—M. Maury informs *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that this country will issue a set of postage due stamps on the 15th November, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of King Christian IX.

MAURITIUS (209 B 213).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new 4c. adhesive (first mentioned in E.W.S.N. No. 185).

Adhesive. Arms type; CA. 14.
4c. grey-green and purple.

We understand that 90,000 were issued, and that when these are gone, no more will be printed, as the 4c. on yellow-paper will then re-appear.

SEYCHELLES (211 X 213).—*Der Philatelist* mentions "specimen" copies of a new registration envelope.

Registration Envelope. Head of King Edward.
12c. blue, size F (134 x 84mm.)

SIERRA LEONE (194 P 213).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the new stamps, values 1d. to £1, all of which are now issued. Earliest date of used copies which we have met with is 29th September, except of course of the 1d. value which has already been reported as issued in May.

The list of values and colours given in E.W.S.N. No. 173 was not quite complete, as there is also a 2/- value. In fact, the values are exactly the same as in the Queen's Head series.

Adhesive. CA 14. King's Head.
2/- green and blue.

SOMALI COAST (207 X 213).—We find we have omitted to chronicle the set in altered colours which was received a few weeks ago.



Adhesives. Same designs as of preceding issue (see above) but altered colours. No wmk., perf. 11.

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| 1c. purple. Centre, black. | 5c. blue-green. Centre, black. |
| 2c. red-brown " | 10c. rose " |
| 4c. rose " | 15c. bistre " |
| 4c. salmon " | |

Second Design.

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| 20c. violet Centre, black. | 40c. orange. Centre, blk. |
| 25c. grey " blue. | 50c. green " |
| 25c. blue " black. | 75c. buff " |
| 30c. carmine " | 75c. orange " |

Third Design.

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| 1fr. orange. Centre, black. | 5fr. vermilion Centre, blk. |
| 2fr. green " | 5fr. orange " |

The 4c. has already appeared in a second shade, and the 2c. is likely to be changed shortly also.

SWEDEN (209 F 213).—*Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* says that a new value of 8 öre is to be added to the current set.

TUNIS (154 E 213).—New postage due stamps have made their appearance here, according to *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

Postage Due. Type of current set.

- 2fr. red on green.
5fr. black on yellow.

UNITED STATES (203 Z 213).—The new 2c. adhesive for the United States is thus described by the Washington correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* (3.10.03):—

"For once, at least, the unexpected has happened. The die proof for the new two-cent stamp has been officially approved, and at this moment the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is busily at work making the big plates of 400 from which the new stamps will be printed by hundreds of millions.

"I am very glad to be able to describe in detail the new design, which, inside a few weeks will be familiar to everybody. At the outset it may be said that the bust of Washington is an improvement over the current stamp. The head seems notably larger, more nearly filling the central frame, which is rectangular with top and

bottom upward curves. The engraving of the face of Washington is an improvement over the current one in that the shading is distinctly lighter and the alleged blossom upon the nose of Washington has disappeared. An alteration was also made in the eyes, although this is not easily distinguished, unless a glass is used, but there is a less haughty look about the mouth and "Uncle George" really seems to be in a satisfied state of mind. Speaking generally, the portrait is precisely the same as in the current stamp, with some re-touching which gives the subject a more cheerful expression and will doubtless render the fine lines of the features less likely to fill up.

"The frame or border to the design consists of a United States shield, the outlines of which practically conform to the shape of the stamp. This has been accomplished by flattening the lower portion of the shield, making it practically flat, with just a hint of a point in the centre. Of course the two bottom corners of the stamp are a trifle rounded, in fact it is a shield—is a real shield that has the appearance of having fallen upon an unyielding substance and mashed flat.

"The upper portion of the shield—about one-third of the whole—comprises the blue background usually packed with stars. In the stamp design, however, there are only four stars, one in each corner, that appears in full. On either side of the frame within which is the portrait, are three vertical bars, supposed to be alternately white and red. These extend from the supposed blue background to the extreme lower part of the design, except where interrupted by the figures "2" and the lettering.

"United States of America" appears in two upward curving lines at the extreme upper part of the design, with "Series of 1902" just beneath.

"Washington" is immediately beneath the bust, and 1733 and 1799, dates of Washington's birth and death, are on either side of this. "Postage Two Cents," in straight lines, is at the bottom, although the lettering is larger than on the current stamp. The figures "2" are in either corner, opposite the word "Washington," enclosed in wreaths. It is a singular fact that the leaves on the two wreaths are different, in fact the wreath on the left is made of oak leaves, which I understand is intended to stand for sturdiness, while the right-hand oval is composed of laurel leaves, conveying the impression of gentleness and peace.

"As a die proof on cardboard the design is very striking and quite pleasing to the eye. However I have found it hazardous to undertake to forecast the appearance of a stamp by the die proof. For example, the die proof of the current two cent stamp is a superb thing, and while I am not criticising the current stamp it does not compare with the die proof. For that matter it cannot be expected that it would. The stamp is printed from a plate upon paper that has been dampened and lost its fine surface, with ink not so carefully applied and the effect falls far short of the die proof. Therefore I reserve personal judgment on the new design until it is put to practical test. As a die proof it has a strong, attractive look."

WURTEMBERG (175 D 213).—The 5, 10 and 20 Official Envelopes at present in use have been supplemented by two new values.

Official Envelopes.

3pf. brown on white.
25pf. orange on yellow.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* (10.03/378) gives a list of varieties of the 3, 5, 10, 20 and 25pf.

In the Public Press.

A GREAT POSTAGE-STAMP COLLECTION.—The magnificent collection of postage-stamps bequeathed to the trustees of the British Museum in 1891 by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P., can now be seen almost in its entirety by the general public. Hitherto only a small selection, changed from time to time, has been on view. The very rare and highly valuable stamps will, according to the London correspondent of the *Scotsman*, be shown only on special application and under certain conditions, but they do not amount to many, probably about 100, including such philatelic treasures as a pair of the famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps, valued at something like £3,000. A specimen was lately sold in France for £1,500.

(*Westminster Gazette*, 16.10.03).

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The great Tapling collection of postage stamps can now be seen at the British Museum by the general public, it having been placed in the King's Library in three specially constructed cabinets, containing some hundreds of glazed framed cardboard sheets on which the stamps are mounted. The order of arrangement adopted by the authorities is simply an alphabetical one, each country following in alphabetical order. Very wisely no geographical or political division has been attempted, and the youngest

philatelist should have no difficulty in finding any stamp he may wish to see. An exception has, however, been made, it may be noted, in the case of the rarest and most valuable stamps. These can only be seen, I believe, on special application and under extra safeguards, but these precious philatelic treasures form only a very small portion of the collection—probably they do not exceed a hundred stamps out of many thousands—and substantially the entire collection bequeathed by Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P., to the nation in 1891 is at last on view.

(*Birmingham Post*, 15.10.03).

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At their Gallery in Leicester Square, Messrs. Puttick & Simpson concluded their two days sale of British and Colonial stamps, realising for the collection about £1100. The principal items of the second evening were a remarkable series of St. Vincent, 1866, a block of four, 1s. slate, £11; 1880, watermark star, 1s. vermilion, £6 5s.; two 5s. rose-red, £17; 1881 provisionals, a pair of 1d. on 6d. yellow-green, £7; 1885, watermark CA., a vertical pair of 4d. red-brown, £8 8s.; 1880 provisionals, a block of four, 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green, £27; 1881 provisionals, a strip of three, 4d. on 1s. vermilion, £50; and a used single copy, £7 5s. British Honduras, 1882-87, watermarked CA., a pair of 6d. yellow, £6 6s.; and 1888, watermark CC., a pair of 50 cents on 1s. grey, £8. South Australia, 1870-71, three 10d. black on yellow, £6; 1876-77, a 6d. blue, with broad pointed star watermark, £6 10s.; and 1867-70, rouletted, a fair copy of 10d. black on yellow, with the scarce error—the inverted surcharge—fetched £13 10s.

(*The Standard*, 2.10.03).

Foreign Extracts.

Our last competitions having been so successful and having evinced so much interest amongst our readers, we are this week offering further prizes to those who send the two longest lists of mistakes of grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. (very trivial defects excepted), in the following paragraphs, to reach us before 1 o'clock on Monday, October 26th. The first prize will be a set of Dominica, ½d. to 2/-, and the 2nd and 3rd prizes, sets of Montserrat ½d. to 1/-, all mint.

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LA PHILATÉLIE CHEZ ELLE.

(Tiré de l'Union Philatélique).

C'est tout au cœur de Paris, du Paris fiévreux et joyeux, du Paris qui vit, qu'est installé le siège social de la "Fédération Philatélique."

Les fondateurs de la puissante association qui doit réunir en un faisceau toutes les agglomérations, toutes les individualités philatélistes, ont bien fait les choses. Ils ont voulu que cette science qui compte de si fervents, de si nombreux adeptes eût un logis digne d'elle. Nos lecteurs s'en peuvent, dès aujourd'hui, rendre compte par les gravures que nous publions d'autre part.

Ce local somptueux a sa page dans l'histoire de la vie Parisienne. Ces salons immenses ont abrité, en d'autres temps, le Jockey-Club, le Cercle Grammont Saint-Hubert et le Cercle des Deux Mondes. Plus tard, M. Waldeck-Rousseau y réunit les membres du Grand Cercle Républicain. En dernier lieu, ce fut là que M. Konss voulut ressusciter le restaurant allemand qui eut un si grand succès à l'Exposition de 1900.

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Seize fenêtres que borde un large balcon nous font sur le boulevard un admirable observatoire, d'où l'on jouit d'un spectacle unique au monde.

Dans la rue de Grammont, vis-à-vis de la façade latérale du Crédit Lyonnais, une en trée spéciale donne accès dans notre domaine.

Un escalier monumental qu'adornent des plantes vertes, de luxueux tapis, des peintures murales, conduit le visiteur dans la vaste antichambre et les salons de la Société. Ici et là, des statues, des motifs décoratifs très modern style, mais du meilleur goût. Un ensemble d'élégance, de luxe et de confortable, un horizon de couleurs claires où les livrées du personnel piquent des notes vives. Salon de lecture, parloir, salle à manger, bar, salons de jeux en enfilade offrent au philatéliste l'hospitalité moelleuse des fauteuils profonds, et le bruit de Paris entre à flots par les larges fenêtres. Il n'est certainement pas au monde une installation "philatélique" aussi confortable, aussi bien comprise, aussi élégante dans cette ambiance de parisine et de vie intense.

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Le philatéliste pent, du haut de "son balcon," contempler à ses pieds, le défile bryant, brillant, tintinnabulant des véhicules de tous genres, il peut saluer au passage les physiognomies connues, notoires du Boulevard. Les cris des cochers, la corne des autos rapides, les appels des camelots font un ensemble cacophonique qui n'est pas pour gêner l'ouïe d'un Parisien.

Je ne saurais en une seule article décrire en détails chaque partie de ce fief où règne la Phila-

télie et où d'habiles architectes MM. Pradier et Brethollon, ont produit de véritables merveilles.

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Or donc, procédons par ordre et si tu veux de moi pour cicerone, faisons de concert, ami lecteur, le tour du propriétaire.

Quand tu auras admiré comme il convient les deux curieux panneaux artistiques en timbres-poste, du vestibule, que tu auras souri, en passant, à la jeune Esmeralda de marbre campée sur la très belle cheminée flamande de l'escalier; que tu auras en manière de bienvenue salué la *Source* de Bianchi qui trône en l'antichambre d'acajou, tu monteras patte blanche et tu gagneras le "salon de lecture."

Il est vaste, aéré par de larges baies qui donnent accès au balcon. Le plafond peint par Albert Manchen, offrira à tes regards une grande composition artistique de la nouvelle Ecole; c'est très poétique et très beau. Une cheminée immense, en chêne sculpté est surmontée d'une glace qu'encadrent des cuivres au style tourmenté. Les murs sont tendus de soie lie de vin; le meuble dessiné par de Feure est modern style. Des tapis épais, des fauteuils moelleux etc... ce qu'il faut pour écrire.

Tu peux là, feuilleter les journaux du jour, faire ta correspondance, et, si le cœur t'en dit, fumer des cigarettes dans un doux *sur niente*. Nul ne te viendra déranger, tu es chez toi.

(à suivre) LA CROISIÈRE.

The result of the competition announced last week is as follows:—

1st Prize (set of Fiji, ½d. to 5/-)	Miss D. Hayman (12 ex 14).
2nd Prize (set of Seychelles)	Mr. H. G. Watson (10 ex 14).
3rd Prize (set of Seychelles)	Mr. H. T. Jenner (10 ex 14).

The following competitors deserve special mention:—M. Armand Dethier (8), Mrs. J. F. East (8), Mr. H. L. Bevir (8), Mr. H. K. Marsden (8), Mr. A. Wilson (8). Lists received later than Monday morning were disqualified.

We mention below the chief corrections which require to be made in the three articles.

Art. Line.

- I 1. *Ouest* does not require a capital, as it is not the name of a Colony.
- I 2. "Sénégal ... Dahomey" requires to be placed between brackets, or at least a comma inserted after *Dahomey*.
- I 4. *Occidentale* requires a capital, as it is the name of the new Colony and "*l'Afrique Occidentale*" should be within inverted commas, for the sake of consistency (cf. line 13).
- I 10. Read *même*.
- I 15. Read *déjà*.
- I 20. Read *brûlé*.
- I 20. *Par-devant* requires a hyphen.
- II 15. Read *d'aucuns* in plural.
- II 17. For "Mr." read "M."
- III 11. Read *approuvée*.
- III 12. Read *réserve*.
- III 19. Read *préférer*. (cf.) We have received lists from more than one competitor who prefer (!) this.
- III 25. à requires grave accent.
- III 28. Read *Announce*. To be consistent, the brackets should be deleted.

Other points, in connection with the extracts, which were mentioned by competitors, are the following:—*Série* (I 6) might be also in the plural. *Vus* (II 4) was queried in many lists, but is, we think, correct. It is not quite clear (II 14) why *lignes blanches* is put in the plural. It is also suggested that *des* (III 1) should be *les*, but neither seem quite right, unless it is to be understood that every pictorial postcard has the fault referred to. We were guilty of a somewhat amusing oversight last week. Mr. H. G. Watson writes:—"May I suggest that the name *Roule-ta-Bosse* in last week's extract is only a humorous invention of a name. I think that '*il roule sa bosse*' means 'he is playing the fool,' in slang phrase."

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Venezuela, Miranda, CR 9.03/11.
Salvador, Sheets and Types of 1c., 1879, ASMC 10.03/77.
Catalogue of Fiscal Stamps, G. Gilbert, RPF 10.03/100 and foll.
German Colonies, Postmark Price-Catalogue, IBJ 10.03/384.

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To purchase, or borrow for a short time, a file of the Russian philatelic journal "*Marki*," which was published some few years ago. Also other Russian philatelic literature, should such exist.—EDITOR, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, Norwood, London.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségambie, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
209 China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	8	1/7	1/11
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20p., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " " Unpaid, 10, 20p., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (213 W 214).—The Colonial Stamp Market's envelopes were stamped last week with 1d. die 57, the highest number yet seen.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

1/2d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47.
1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 57.

The 1/2d. envelopes we had stamped last week were 1/2d. + 1/2d. + 1/2d., all King's Head die 1.

A discovery of exceptional interest has been made. This is a 3d. envelope stamp, dated 11.8.59, and to all appearances bearing die-number "3." Dies 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were the only ones hitherto known, die 1 lasting until 5 was brought into use in 1868. It will be remembered that the 3d. envelope stamp was brought into use (1859) some few years before an adhesive stamp of the same value was introduced (1862), the issue of the latter being delayed, notwithstanding that there was a 3d. letter rate to some places on the Continent. As a result, large numbers of envelopes were stamped with the embossed stamp, and it is a not unlikely hypothesis that dies 1, 2, 3, 4 were all in use during 1859-62, the latter three being withdrawn when the demand fell off consequent on the issue of a 3d. adhesive in 1862. Threepenny envelope stamps dated 1859-61 are well worth looking for. The following new records are submitted.

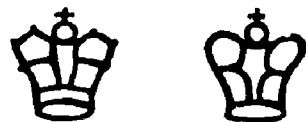
	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
3d. die 7.	—	17.10.93.
1/2d. die 4.	—	25.11.73.

Railway Parcel Stamps (194 H 214).—Mr. J. B. T. Low sends us two North British "Prepaid Newspaper Parcel" Stamps, which we do not recall having seen before.

1 1/2d. bright orange, perf. 11. No. G 37140.
1d. " " " " No. G 43700.

Railway Letter Stamps (213 Z 214).—We have seen some more L.B. & S.C., numbered 4645 to 4680. They are, curiously enough, perf. 11 1/2, a perforation which has not been met with since 1898, but the stamps are apparently of a recent printing. We have not yet succeeded in definitely identifying them, as each specimen is heavily cancelled "Carted across London to Victoria, L.B. & S.C." We hope our readers are worrying station-masters for specimens of this remarkable issue; they will be very rare in a few years' time, and already sell at 1000% premium or more.

Large Crown Watermark (207 B 214).—Mr. F. J. Cowan is now added to our list of collectors who possess 1d. red stamps with the rare error of watermark.



1d. red, stars. Mr. J. F. Caterer.
" plate 89. Mr. F. J. Cowan.
" " 92. Mr. V. Gregory (the discoverer).

Mr. Cowan writes as follows:—"It may interest you to know that I have been through all my 1d. red stamps, plates 71 to 96, with lettering AM-MA, and have only found one with the error of watermark, plate 89. I have in all 51 copies of AM-MA, as follows:—71, one; 72, four; 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 80, two each; 81, six; 82, 83, one each; 84, nil; 85, two; 86, 87, 88, one each; 89, two; 90, one; 91, two; 92, seven; 93,

94, two each; 95, one; 96, four. If your idea of moulds employed is correct, I take it that 25% of AM letterings would be the error, but, as you see, my percentage was only 2%. I am going through my 1d. with stars and will let you know result in due course."

Early Date Records (213 K 214).—Mr. F. J. Cowan has shown us:—
1d. red, plate 105. Hull, 14.3.68.

We have decided in future to discontinue recording ties. Whoever sends in a record date first, will have the right to count it.

Postmarks.—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall writes: "It may interest you to know that No. 553 Lane End, which you have down in your list of Obliterating Numbers as 'under High Wycombe,' is not that Lane End at all, but is the old name of Longton, Staffs., which is the reason for it coming into the 'Potteries' group of numbers (546-556). The 1857 P. Guide is misleading on this point. My information is based upon 'Chaffers' and also a Gazetteer."

Wrapper Stamps (213 D 214).—Mr. H. T. Jenner has shown us several distinct shades of the 1/2d. green King's Head wrapper stamp. As with the Queen's Head issue, the colour of the impressions struck at Somerset House to public order seems to vary considerably. We have dark green on white paper; green on buff; light green on buff. The Post Office shade is inclined to 'dark.'

BRITISH GUIANA (210 T 214).—A 'specimen' copy of the new 60c. has been shown us and it is quite different to what the official notice led us to expect.

Adhesive. Design of current issue, CA 14.
60c. grey-green, name and value in carmine.

There is no "overprint" in the philatelic sense of the word. We are informed that it was issued on September 7th, at Georgetown, but had not reached other important towns up to three weeks ago.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA (209 M 214).—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles a letter-card, as an addition to the stationery already listed.

Letter-card. Similar except as regards stamps to the letter-card of Great Britain.
1d. carmine on pale blue.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (210 M 214).—We have quite a budget of news concerning the stamps of this interesting part of the globe. First of all, we have to record the issue to the public of the 1 anna King's Head, of which the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of 240 (20 rows of 12, in two panes).

Adhesive. Indian 1a. King's Head overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines, in sans-serif capitals, in black, across the lower half of the stamp, as in the 1/2a. 1a. carmine, wmk. star, perf. 14.

Our earliest dated copy is 8.10.03. The following is a list of the minor varieties:—

Varieties of 1 anna, carmine.

- No. 2. Small T in British (broken type).
- No. 3. "SOMALILAND."
- No. 22. Broken O like U in "SOMALILAND."
- Nos. 50, 64. Small L in "Somali." No. 64 also has a figure instead of letter for first I of British, but is very rarely distinguishable.
- Nos. 63, 78. Small L in "Land."
- No. 84. "BRITISH" Error.
- No. 93. Wrong fount O in "Somali."
- No. 99. Small "I" with dot in "Somali."
- No. 102. Small L in "Land."
- No. 108. Small N in "Land."
- Nos. 116, 120. Thick D in "Land" (not so prominent as in Queen's Head issue).
- No. 155. Small N in "Land."
- No. 161. Small I in "Somali."
- No. 172. Small L in "Land," not very clear.
- Nos. 187, 197. "SOMALILAND."
- No. 227. Short foot "L" in "Somaliland."
- No. 231. Small L in "Land."

Not all sheets are exactly alike. There are, of course, besides the above, various broken letters, etc.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* (9.03/253) has some interesting statistics relating to the stamps of this Protectorate. The following further supplies were despatched to Berbera from India

on 6th May, 1903. In addition, 722 unused copies of each were sent to Berne for service to Postal Union countries as samples.

Adhesives.

400 sheets each. 1/2, 1a. King.
200 " 2, 3, 4a. King; 2 1/2a. Queen.
100 " 5a. King; 6, 12a., 1r. Queen.
50 " 2, 3, 5 rupees.

"On H.M.S."

150 " 1/2, 1a. King
100 " 2a. King.
10 " 8a. King, 1r. Queen.

We can therefore now compile the following table of the quantities printed to date. As regards the Queen's Heads, at least, probably no more will be made.

(i.) Ordinary Adhesives.

	Printed 9.01.	Sent to Berne.	Despatched 6.5.03.	Sent to Berne.
Queen.	48000	722	—	—
1/2a.	48000	722	—	—
1a.	48000	722	—	—
2a.	48000	722	—	—
2 1/2a.	48000	722	48000	—
3a.	48000	722	—	—
4a.	48000	722	—	—
6a.	32000	722	32000	—
8a.	24000	722	—	—
12a.	24000	722	24000	—
1r.	24000	722	24000	—
2r.	4800	722	4800	—
3r.	4800	722	4800	—
5r.	4800	722	4800	—
King.	—	—	—	—
1/2a.	—	—	36000	722
1a.	—	—	36000	722
2a.	—	—	48000	722
3a.	—	—	48000	722
4a.	—	—	48000	722
8a.	—	—	24000	722

(ii.) "On H.M.S." Adhesives.

	Printed	Sent to Berne.	Despatched	Sent to Berne.
Queen.	7200	722	—	—
1/2a.	7200	722	—	—
1a.	7200	722	—	—
2a.	4800	722	—	—
8a.	2400	722	—	—
1r.	2400	722	2400	—
King.	—	—	—	—
1/2a.	—	—	36000	722
1a.	—	—	36000	722
2a.	—	—	24000	722
8a.	—	—	2400	722

The new printings of the Queen's Head 2 1/2a., 6a., 12a., etc., will almost certainly be from the new setting and may show new minor varieties, although of course individual stamps will not be distinguishable. Lucky the collector who possesses a complete set of sheets in the first setting!

The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of the 1/2 anna King Edward stamp, and we note the following varieties:—

- No. 2. "S" of "Somaliland" defective and on some sheets almost like the figure "8."
- Small T in "British" (broken type.)
- No. 22. Broken O like U in "SOMALILAND."
- No. 93. Wrong fount O in "Somaliland," round instead of oval.
- Nos. 116, 120. Thick or heavy D in Somaliland.
- No. 155. Small N in "Somaliland."
- No. 161. Small I in "Somali."
- No. 172. Small L in "Land."
- Nos. 187, 197. Full stop instead of "I" in "SOMALILAND."
- No. 227. Short footed L in "Somali."

The thick D on No. 116 and small L on 172 are the only ones of the above varieties which are common to both the Queen's and King's Head issues, and are, moreover, the only two varieties which are to be found on all sheets of the Queen's Head issue, from 1/2 anna to 1 rupee, in unchanged position. Ordinary broken letters, such as the broken H in "British" on No. 188, we have taken no account of.

We understand that the other values of the King's Head series will not be issued till the Queen's Heads are exhausted, so that some of the values may not be seen for some little time yet.

A new postmark has been brought into use at Berbera, slightly larger than the preceding one.

CEYLON (213 W 214).—The Colonial Stamp Market's latest supply of the 4c. King's Head is in a much darker shade, evidently a new printing.



Adhesive. King's Head, CA. 14.
4c. orange-yellow (instead of yellow).
Issued in September, 1903, or before.

DUTCH INDIES (212 N 214).—"Specimen" copies of the following are mentioned by *Der Philatelist*.

Post cards.

- 5c. rose, on pale rose, 141 x 89 mm.
5 + 5c. rose, on pale rose, 141 x 89 mm.

EAST AFRICA & UGANDA PROTECTORATES (208 L 214).—We have already chronicled the ½, 2 annas and 1, 2 rupees of the King's Head series (of which only the 2 annas yet issued), and have now seen 'specimen' copies of the following:—



Adhesives. (i). Small design as above, CA 14.

- 1a. carmine. Head in grey-black.
2½a. ultramarine.
3a. grey-green. Head in brown.
4a. black. Head in grey-green.
5a. yellow-brown. Head in grey-black.
8a. pale milky-blue. "

(ii). Large design, similar but value in words added at top; CC 14.

- 3r. black. Head in grey-green.
4r. pale emerald. Head in grey-black.
5r. carmine. "
10r. ultramarine. "
20r. stone grey. "
50r. red-brown. "

As will be seen, the set is similar to that of the Queen's Head series, except that there is no 7½ anna value. The set will be a fine one, the 8 annas and 4 rupees being exceptionally pretty shades.

Mr. C. A. Cole informs us that he has received the King's Head Registration Envelope.

Registration Envelope. Stamp of above design. 2 annas pale blue. (Envelope, size 1").

His earliest copy is postmarked "Entebbe, 11.9.03."

ECUADOR (210 U 214).—*Der Philatelist* (10.03/251) gives an additional list of the 1902 surcharged varieties, and we are therefore able now to publish a considerably extended list (see *E.W.S.N.* Nos. 159, 161, 165, 169, 175, 176).

(i) Surcharged "C. Benj. R."

1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.

(ii) Surcharged "DE" large (½ in. tall).

1, 2, 5, 10c. in violet.

(iii) Medium "DE."

2, 10c. in violet.

(iv) Small "DE" (¼ in. tall).

10c.

(v) Surcharged "S."

1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. in violet; 1c. in black.

(vi) Surcharged with a French lily.

1, 2, 5, 10c. in black.

(vii) Surcharged in three lines, "JUL. 29, 1902."

5c. and variety "1802."

(viii) Surcharged in two lines "ChimOrAzO—Rio-bamba."

1, 2, 5c. in green; 1, 5c. in violet.

(ix) Surcharged in dotted oval "LOJA—FRANCA."

1, 2, 5, 10c. in violet.

(x) Surcharged in one line "DE LEON."

1c. in black; 5c. in red; 10c. in purple.

(xi) Surcharged "RESELLADA" in single-line rectangle.

1, 2, 5, 10c. in black.

(xii) Surcharged "RIOS" only.

5c. in violet.

(xiii) Surcharged "19—RIOS" or "RIOS—19."

1, 2, 10c. in violet.

FERNANDO POO (209, 213 H 214).—The following rumour is quoted from *L'Annonce Timbrologique*.—*La Colonial Zeitung*, de Berlin, affirme que l'empereur Guillaume a fait offrir au Cabinet de Madrid une somme très élevée pour l'acquisition de l'île de Fernando-Poo et il ajoute que cette vente procurerait à l'Espagne de sérieuses compensations au Maroc.

FRANCE (203 K 204).—Mr. M. H. Lombard has shown the *Weekly Philatelic Era* an imperforate pair of the 15c. sower. Was this variety ever issued?

The 4c. Blanc and 50c. taxe are added to the "millésime 3" set by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, the list now standing:—

Millésime 3.

(i) Low values, 2, 4, 5c.

(ii) Mouchon retouched, 10c.

(iii) La Semeuse, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c.

(iv) Franchise Militaire, 15c. (ii), 15c. (iii).

(v) Taxe, 1, 5, 10, 15, 30, 50c.

The letter-card in the type Mouchon retouched has appeared.

Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular (10.03/78) chronicles the following envelope:—

Envelope. Stamp of the latest Mouchon type. 15c. rose-red on greenish.

The 15c. Sower is reported with "F.M." overprint.

GERMANY (191 U 214).—The official frank stamps which are to be in use for one year only—1903—have different numbers, according to the states in which they are issued. No. 21 is

much the commonest. The following is a complete list:—



No. on stamp.

1. Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen.
2. Administration of Military Orphanage, Potsdam.
3. Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.
4. Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.
5. Grand Duchy of Hesse.
6. Principality of Lippe-Detmold.
7. Principality of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt.
8. Principality of Schaumburg-Dippe.
9. Duchy of Saxe-Coburg Gotha.
10. Principality of Waldeck and Pyrmont.
11. Principality of Reuss, younger line.
12. Duchy of Anhalt-Dessau.
13. General Administration of the Thuringian Association of Customs and Taxes at Erfurt.
14. Principality of Reuss, older line.
15. Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar.
16. Grand Duchy of Baden.
17. Thuringian Provincial Court at Jena.
18. Solicitor-General's office at this Court (No. 17).
17. Offices of the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine.
20. Committee of the Grand Ducal and Ducal Saxon University at Jena.
21. Kingdom of Prussia.
22. Principality of Schwarzburg-Vondershausen.
23. Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.
24. State of Bremen.
25. Duchy of Saxe-Altenburg.
26. Duchy of Brunswick.

GUATEMALA (208 Y 214).—Respecting the 20c. and 25c. chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 157, *L'Annonce Timbrologique* says:—

On avait l'an dernier émis des doutes sur l'utilité et la raison d'être des timbres de Guatemala de 20 et 25c. 1902.

Der Philatelist s'est donné la peine de faire une enquête à leur sujet auprès du directeur du "Post-Office" de Guatemala. Il en ressort que ces deux valeurs ont été, comme les autres de même type, fabriquées à New-York, et émises par l'Etat; il y en a 9000 du 20c., et 10,000 du 25c.

GUADELOUPE (210 E 214).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (10.03/478) mentions a new printing of the 40c. on 1fr.

GWALIOR (208 K 214).—The recent issue of the 3 pies King's Head official adhesive has caused enquiries to be made as to whether there was a Queen's Head stamp of this value in the service set. None is catalogued.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* learns that a supply was printed and is hoping to discover how many were done; the number was probably very small.

Mr. Gordon Jones (*P.J.I.* 9.03/260) reports the 3 pies carmine, with ordinary (public) overprint inverted.

HOI-HAO (210 E 214).—We read in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that "deux feuilles du 5c. vert ont reçu la surcharge intervertie, c'est-à-dire Hoi-Hao au-dessous de la valeur en caractères chinois." We must thank our contemporary, if not for coining a new philatelic term, at least for bringing it to our notice. An interverted surcharge, then, is one which the words of the surcharge are placed in wrong order, and may arise either through carelessness of the compositor or more probably through "off centre" printing. Similarly, a stamp watermarked, say "CA. over Crown" instead of "Crown over CA" is an interverted watermark. Think of the possibilities thus opened up! In the future we may have a specialist of interverted-interverted-and-reversed watermarks!

Adhesive. Error of surcharge, interverted.

5c. green

INDIA (211 E 214).—The Postal Union countries have received their advance specimens of the following new stamps. They are unused, as the Indian Post Office does not follow the usual practice of overprinting them "specimen" or some similar word.

Adhesives. All King's Head designs, somewhat similar to the Queen's Head issue.

Wmk. Star, perf. 14.

12as. brown on red.

1r. carmine and green.

2rs. yellow-brown and carmine.

Official Adhesive. Overprinted "On H.M.S."

1r. carmine and green.

It transpires that the 2½a. King's Head, although unknown as yet at Calcutta, even at the G.P.O., made a somewhat premature appearance at Bombay, whence the copies which have so far reached collectors.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* reports that the 2, 3 and 5 rupees of the King's Head issue "are being prepared," but as we have seen above, the 2rs. has already got beyond this stage. The ½ and 1 anna are to be issued in booklets.

INDIA (PORTUGUESE) (179 I 214).—Mr. Godinho writes to the *Philatelic Journal of India* that he has found a copy of the 1½r. on 2t. blue of 1900 with inverted surcharge.

JAMAICA (173 J 214).—"Specimen" copies of the following are reported by *Der Philatelist*.

News wrapper. Head of King Edward.

½d. green on buff, 126 x 300mm.

Of the King's Head stationery, the ½d. and ½d.+½d. postcards have already (*E.W.S.N.* Nos. 173, 171) been reported.

LEVANT, RUSSIAN P.O. (191 D 214).—In addition to the 10 kop. overprinted 1 piastre, we now learn from Mr. E. D. Hissard that the following additional values have been issued.

Adhesives. Russian stamps surcharged.

- 2p. on 20 kop. blue and carmine. Surcharge ?
3p. on 50 kop. lilac and green. " red
7p. on 70 kop. brown and orange. " ?
10p. on 1 rouble. " " ?

MALTA (210 D 214).—We are shown a copy of the 4d. King's Head overprinted "SPECIMEN," so the authorities have evidently thought better of their decision to retain the Queen's Head 4d.



Adhesive. CA. 14. King's Head.

4d. light chocolate-brown and black.

NEW ZEALAND (210 N 214).—The *Australian Journal of Philately* reports that there is a rumour that New Zealand is contemplating a King's Head issue. We hope not; anyway we have heard nothing about it ourselves.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (209 O 214).—Mr. H. T. Jenner has shown us an uncatalogued variety of the ½d. orange, V.R.I., raised printing, namely, S.G. No. 154 (mixed stops) and No. 186 (small '4') on one and the same stamp.

SUDAN (211 M 214).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a provisional issued here. They are apparently issued in half sheets (30 stamps) and there are no varieties.



5 Millièmes

Adhesive. Wmk. Rosette.

"5 Millièmes" on 5pi., brown and green.

Our Cairo correspondent writes:—"The Post Office at Khartoum being short of stamps of 5 millièmes, surcharged a certain number of 5 piastres at the end of September. I wired at once and managed to get a small supply." He also submits the following:—

Envelopes. Envelopes of Egypt, surcharged like the first issue of Sudan adhesives.

1 mill., brown (108 x 71mm.)

2 mill., green (")

Postcard. Inverted surcharge.

4 mill. on 5 mill. carmine. Senf No. 4.

These were in use some time ago, but do not appear to have been yet chronicled.

TRINIDAD (212 A 214).—The new set is gradually superseding the old. We have now seen a 'specimen' copy of the 4d. value.

Adhesive. Design of current issue. CA 14.

4d. grey-green on flesh, value in blue (Die II).

As our readers are already aware, there are two dies of the current issue, Die II (Plate No. 2) having the lines of shading in the sky fainter, as they near the horizon, than Die I (Plate No. 1). The following are already chronicled in the new colours:—

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|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Die I. | ½d. grey-green. | Issued, Oct. 1902? |
| " | 1d. black on red. | " 19.12.01? |
| " | 1/- blk. & bl. on yell. | " Feb., 1903? |
| Die II. | ½d. grey-green. | " " ? |
| " | 1d. black on red. | " " ? |
| " | 4d. green & blue | 'Specimen' seen |
| Die? | 2½d. lilac on blue. | " |

We should be much obliged to any reader who could show us earlier dates of use than those mentioned above. *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News*, of 17.10.03, reports that the new 4d. is already issued.

VICTORIA (211 J 214).—*Early Date.*—We recently saw a fine copy on entire envelope of the 3d. deep blue, catalogued by Stanley Gibbons as issued in 1861 (No. 80, laid paper, perf. 12). There is no doubt that it was "or original," which was postmarked "Geelong 25.8.60" and "London 16.10.60." The date of issue may therefore be set back to 1860.

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	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	2/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/4
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeah, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeah, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (214 X 215).—The Colonial Stamp Market's envelopes were stamped last week with the following dies: ½d. 45, 1d. 57 and 6d. 6, and on a second occasion with ½d. die 30 and 1d. die 57. Of these only the 6d. is unchronicled. Mr. E. Bentley Wood has shown us ½d. die 49, postmarked 23.10.03.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

½d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47, 49.
1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 57.
1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
2½d. Die 3.
6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

BRITISH P.O., LEVANT (180 K 215).—We have now to chronicle the 12 piastres of the King Edward issue.

Adhesive. King's Head British stamp overprinted in black; wmk. Anchor, perf. 14.
"12 PIASTRES" on 2/6 lilac.

It was issued in October, but only a very small supply was sent out, as there were not sufficient to meet the Colonial Stamp Market's order! More have been ordered from London and are due to reach Constantinople early this month.

Mr. E. Bentley Wood has shown us an interesting variety of the 40 paras King's Heads. In it, the first A of "Paras" is 3½ instead of 3¼mm. tall. As the "P" is slightly dropped, the difference in appearance is more striking than the difference in figures would lead one to suppose. We did not notice it when examining a sheet of the 40 paras stamps some months ago, so cannot say whether it is a regular variety or not.

BELGIUM (186 K 215).—*La Cote Réelle* says that towards the end of 1902 a sheet of 70c. parcel post stamps, dark blue with figures in black and with the value printed on the back, was issued to the Post Office at Gand-sud. About ten had been issued before the error was noticed, and the remainder were thereupon returned to headquarters and destroyed.

The *Soir*, of Brussels, says that postage stamps of a new design are under official consideration.

BRITISH GUIANA (214 T 215).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* says:—"The following new stamps were issued in this colony on the 11th September, the designs being the same as stamps now in use:—2c. carmine and mauve, 6c. ultramarine and black, 48c. mauve and black, 60c. carmine and green."

We must confess to being somewhat mystified; surely these are the colours of the stamps which (excepting the 60c. issued on 7.9.03) have been current for a year or two past? Our contemporary further states that "Specimen" copies have just been received at Washington from Berne. Is there not some mistake?

BRITISH SOMALILAND (210 M 215).—Mr. H. L. Bevir has shown us a new postmark which has been introduced here.

The old postmark consisted of a circle inscribed "BERBERA" round the top in thick capitals and "JL.20-03" in two lines in the centre in small capitals.

The new postmark is also circular and is inscribed BERBERA round the top and SOMALILAND round the bottom in small capitals and "13 OC 03-8.30. PM" in two lines in the centre in large thin-lined capitals.

BULGARIA (210 S 215).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* quotes a concise list of the postcard varieties issued recently:—

Postcards. 5 st. green.
2.02 cream card.
9.02 yellow card, back white.
10.02 iron-grey card, back white.
3.03 pale green card, very thin.
7.03 yellow-green card, very thick.

COSTA RICA (213 O 215).—We now illustrate the 5c. envelope chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 212.



DUTCH INDIES (214 O 215).—Mr. A. Chippendale has shown us the 2½ on 3c. in a new shade, red-violet instead of dull lilac.



The same correspondent has shown us a curious copy of the new 10c. grey-black. Owing to the colour in which it is printed, a black postmark, if impressed lightly, does not show up very clearly. In the specimen under notice, the postmark covers up the lower bar of the E of "CENT," making a perfect error "CFNT" so far as appearance goes; the illusion is in fact so perfect as not to be readily exposed with an ordinary magnifying glass. The specimen is certainly the neatest error made by a postmark that we ever saw.

GWALIOR (214 L 215).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us sheets of the Queen's Head ½a. light green and 1a. carmine, chronicled in E.W.S.N. Nos. 205 and 208. The following minor varieties may be noted.

Sheets of 1a. carmine, Q.

No. 1. Thick O in "Gwalior" (as on sheets of the King's Head ½, 1 and 1a.)
No. 230. Tall R, a very distinct variety (as on sheets of the King's Head ½, 1 and 1a.)

Sheets of ½a. yellow-green, Q.

No. 1. The O of "Gwalior" is ordinary.
No. 230. Tall R.

The other varieties which we noted in E.W.S.N. No. 186, as occurring on sheets of the King's Head ½, 1 and 1 anna are not present in the above. Broken letters are conspicuous by their absence. The 2as. violet has been issued and we hope to describe sheets later.

Adhesive. Queen's Head.
2as. violet.

INDO-CHINA (211 C 215).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the decree authorizing the 15 on 25c. provisional is dated 6.8.03 and that 400,000 stamps were surcharged.

ITALY (209 R 215).—A correspondent writes that in consequence of the certainty in the reduction in the inland letter rate from 20c. to 15c., the Minister of Posts had ordered 80,000,000 postage stamps of 15c. from the Government Printing Office. These stamps are already ready, except that the money allotted for the purpose of paying for them did not suffice to cover the cost of having them gummed!

LEVANT, RUSSIAN P.O. (214 E 215).—In addition to the 1, 2, 3, 7 and 10 piastres already chronicled, *La Cote Réelle* says that a 20 paras on 4 kop. is to be issued. Rumour mentions the possibility of two high values, 35 pi. on 3r. 50c. and 70pi. on 7r.

MOROCCO, FRENCH P.O. (207 I 215).—We are indebted to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* for the following information:—

The stamps of 5c. and 10c. being completely exhausted at the French Post Office at Tangers since Friday morning, 19th October, and a number of residents being desirous of stamping their letters, the Director of Posts was under

the painful necessity of issuing surcharged varieties. The 5c. and 10c. Postage Due stamps, to the number respectively of 400 and 200, were accordingly overprinted PP (*Port payé*) with a hand stamp, on Saturday, 10.10.03. These stamps were stuck on the letters without being obliterated, the date being placed at the side, "Tanger-Maroc,—10 Oct., 03." The overprint on the stamps is sideways and reads up or down.

The provisionals were issued for a moment at 8 a.m. and then withdrawn till mid-day, when they apparently made another fleeting appearance. However, at 2 p.m. the public in general were given a chance, and by 3.30 all were gone. Some were sold unused, but the buyers mostly got them postmarked, thinking they would be more valuable so. In some cases they were put on letters and cancelled 11th and 12th October by favour. Specimens can be obtained at about 4/- or 5/-, but with difficulty.

NABHA (212 G 215).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us sheets of the King's Head ½, 1, 2 and 3 annas and we note the following minor varieties:—

No. 13. "STAIE" on some sheets only of ½a.
Nos. 48, 84. Broken second T like inverted L (all values).
No. 88. No cross-bar to H of "Nabha" (½, 1, 2, 3as. only).
No. 103. First T of "State" small, with dot under (all values).
No. 191. Second A of "Nabha" small (all values).
No. 228. Apostrophe between N and A of "Nabha," sometimes almost a colon (all values).

None of the varieties are perhaps striking enough to take catalogue rank as errors.

NEW CALEDONIA (165, 185 H 215).—The "Cinquantenaire" issue is reported by *La Cote Réelle* as having reached France. As was only to be expected, the plates for the new pictorial issue could not be got ready in time to allow of a supply of the new stamps being sent out by the all-important date, 24.9.03. Consequently a surcharge was requisitioned. It consists of an eagle, with outspread wings, standing on what appears to be the stump of a tree, round and beneath which is inscribed in the shape of an oval "Cinquantenaire—24 Septembre" with "1853" and "1903" below. The following varieties are noted by our contemporary.

Adhesives. Surcharged on current issue.

(i). Overprint as described above.

1c. black on azure	Surch. blue.
2c. brown	"
4c. violet	"
5c. dark green	Surch. red.
5c. yellow-green	"
10c. black on violet	Surch. black.
"	Surch. red.
15c. grey on grey	"
20c. red on green	Surch. blue.
25c. black on rose	"
30c. brown	Surch. red.
40c. red	Surch. blue.
50c. rose	"
75c. black on yellow	"
1fr. olive	"

The set of 15 sells for about 7/6 at present. In addition there are as follows:—

(ii). With new figure of value added within oval.

1 on 2c.	Figure italic.
2 on 4c.	"
4 on 5c. dark green	"
4 on 5c. yellow-green	Figure upright.
10 on 15c.	Figure italic.
15 on 20c.	"
20 on 25c.	Figure upright.

(iii). Error, second "i" of *Cinquantenaire*.

All the above. One error on each sheet of 150.

We do not think we should be far wrong in characterizing the above as some of the worst rubbish which it has ever been sought to foist on collectors. At the same time, we must not be understood to say that it may not become valuable. When the St. Anthony of Padua issue was issued by Portugal in 1895, everyone said it was such rubbish they would not buy it. Now-a-days, when collectors are beginning to regret their decision to leave a blank page in their albums, they can't get the set unused even at ten times face value. It pays a stamp collector to be tolerant!

NEW SOUTH WALES (209 N 215).—With reference to the note about some 5d. stamps having been printed in 1902 on the new "Hoe" printing machine (see *E.W.S.N.* No. 209), the Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us some of these stamps. It may perhaps be worth while summarizing the printings of the 5d. which have been chronicled in *E.W.S.N.* during the last year.

- [—] (i). Wmk. upright, ordinary green shade, perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.
 [No. 164] (ii). Wmk. upright, 5d. black-green, perf. $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ (from sight).
 [No. 172] (iii). Wmk. sideways, 5d. green, perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ (from hearsay).
 [No. 183]. General notes on 5d. and other values.
 [No. 196] (iii). Wmk. sideways, 5d. dark green, perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ (from sight).
 [No. 209] (iv). Report of 5d. from Hoe machine.
 [No. 214] (iv). Wmk. sideways, 5d. pale to medium green, perf. $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, even and clear cut, paper surfaced light green owing to being printed on when damp. Issued, Sept. 1903 or before.

The shades described above as pale and medium are so by comparison rather than reality, as all the 5d. stamps are in a rich deep shade of green.

It was stated in *E.W.S.N.* No. 209, on the authority of the *Australian Philatelist* that the first sheet of our printing iv. was printed on 28th June, 1902, or over a year ago. We now quote as follows from the *Australian Journal of Philately* (9.03/1905).

"Various statements having appeared with reference to varieties in the present issue of the N.S.W. 5d. green, we have made enquiries and find that 1000 sheets were printed on the Hoe power plate press a few months back, as an experiment. The old hand press was subsequently resorted to, but it is just possible that all the steel plate stamps, viz., the 3d., 5d., and 5/-, may eventually be printed by the Hoe. The 5d. stamps printed by the latter process are much sharper, and can be easily distinguished. As to the watermark being sideways, that is purely accidental and may happen more or less frequently, perhaps more so on the Hoe press, the paper being square it is all the same to the printer. There are, however, 120 watermarks on each sheet of 100 stamps in 10 rows of 10. As to the paper having been seen chalk surfaced, we doubt it, as the paper has to be damped for all steel plate printing, and we have been officially informed that there has been no change of paper."

The Colonial Stamp Market was offered a number of this new 5d., unused, at 10/- per dozen, by an Australian dealer, but fortunately received a supply from a more generous correspondent, at face value, in payment of an account.

PORT SAID (191 Q 215).—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* chronicles a 10c. postcard, rose on greenish, 141×91 mm., with inscription "Port Said" on stamp.

RUSSIA (196 R 215).—It is stated by *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* that a new set with Portrait of Tsar Nicholas is to be issued on 1st January, 1904.

Foreign Extracis.

Last week's competition was the most difficult we have had, but at the same time was the most successful from the point of view of number of entries. As a rule we ensure a supply of mistakes by omitting to correct part of the printer's proofs, but this time we also altered three words in the third article (*véhicules*, *physionomies* and *un seul* article) and we seem to have been fairly successful as many of the lists sent in do not pillory our alterations of the two latter words. The senders of the best lists are as follows:—

- 1st Prize (Dominica). Mr. A. Voye (14 ex 17).
 2nd Prize (Montserrat) Mr. A. Dethier (14 ex 17).
 3rd Prize (Montserrat) Mr. E. Tyler (13 ex 17).

The following competitors deserve special mention:—Mrs. J. F. East (13); Mr. W. Barnard (13); Dr. H. Armstrong (12); Mr. A. Wilson (12); Capt. W. H. C. Despard (12). Mrs. East overlooked *très*, an omission that cost a prize.

The following are the chief corrections which require to be made:—

- Art. Linc.
 I 12. Read *aujourd'hui*.
 I 14. " *parisienne* (small p).
 I 16. There is an omission of either a hyphen or *Le Cercle*. *Le Cercle Grammont* and *Le Cercle Saint-Huber* are two distinct Parisian clubs.
 II 5. Read *entrée* in one word.
 II 15. Commas after *parloir* and *enfilade*.
 II 22. Read *parisisme* or *parisianisme*.
 III 2. " *défilé* (absent in 3 lists).
 III 3. " *tintinnabulant* with double n (15 competitors overlooked this).

- III 3. Read *véhicule* with first 'e' accented.
 III 4. *Physionomies* requires no "g."
 III 9. *Article* is not feminine (9 ignored this).
 III 10. *détails* better in singular.
 IV 6. No comma necessary after *timbre-poste*.
 IV 6. Either a semi-colon after *vestibule* is necessary or a comma should replace that after *escalier*.
 IV 8. Read *très* (absent in 7 lists).
 IV 10. " *qui* (absent in 5 lists).
 IV 16. *école* does not require a capital.

It may be of interest to mention some other points considered doubtful by competitors:—I 6, *philatéliques* (philatélisme should be preceded by hyphen); I 12, inverted 's' in *sa*; I 13, is not *ses* intended here? (it depends how sentence is read, but *ses* is better); I 19, is this *Kouss*?; I 20, is capital to *exposition* necessary?; II 7, we cannot find *adornier* in any dictionary. It is said to be an old word which has been brought back into circulation during the last twenty years; II 10, *ça et là* better; II 11, *modern style*, if English, should be in italics; II 22, *ambiance de parisine* is a *pièce de résistance* for most translators; neither word can be traced in a dictionary. We should compare *ambiance* with English *ambiant* or *circumambient* and translate it *entourage*, whilst *parisine* suggests a slip of the pen for *parisisme* or *parisianisme* (this latter is in the dictionary). Should this catch the eye of *La Croisière* perhaps he will explain (see below). III 4, why capital 'b' to *Boulevard*?; III 8, why capital 'P'; III 10, *règne* although from *régner* is correct; III 10, why capital 'P'?; III 11, comma after *architectes*; III 12, *Berthollon* suggested; IV 2, several competitors wanted an accent on *cicerone*, but it is spelt in the Italian way and makes *ciceroni* in the plural; IV 3, it was suggested that *du propriétaire* should be *de la propriété* (see below); IV 11, should this be *montera*? (see below); IV 15, *Mannchen* is said to be correct; IV 26, as *far niente* is in italics, it need not be spelt in the French way as one word.

(i) *Ambiance de parisine*.

With further regard to *ambiance de parisine*, we think there is no doubt that *ambiance* is best translated "atmosphere." Here are two opinions:—(From Mr. A. Voye) "The word *parisine* does not exist. *Ambiance de parisine* or *de parisianisme* is an expression meaning the innermost circle of fashionable Paris life. *Entourage de parisianisme* has no correct signification in French."

(From Mr. A. Dethier) "*Ambiance* signifie bien, comme vous le dites, *entourage*. C'est ce qui environne quelqu'un ou quelque chose; ce qui constitue un milieu matériel, intellectuel ou moral. Ce mot derive du verbe latin *ambire*, entourer. Dans la phrase de l'Union Philatélique, il a exactement le même sens que le mot *atmosphère*. On pourrait très-bien dire . . . dans cette atmosphère de parisine et de vie intense. Entre parenthèses, *parisine* est encore un néologisme, que vous ne trouverez dans aucun dictionnaire, même le plus récent. C'est de l'argot parisien, analogue sans doute à votre *cockney* (londonien)."

(ii) *Tour du propriétaire*.

Mr. A. Voye says it is usual in country houses, in France as in England, for the host to invite his guests to view the house, hence the term *tour du propriétaire*. Apart from this, we should be inclined to object to *tour de la propriété* on the grounds of ambiguity. Mr. Dethier writes us:—"Cette expression très-correcte s'applique, par exemple, dans ce cas: un monsieur achète une maison de campagne et y reçoit des amis pour la première fois; il n'aura rien de plus pressé que de leur montrer son acquisition du haut en bas et de long en large. Il ne fera grâce à ses amis d'aucun détail; il leur fera faire, en un mot, ce qu'il on a appelé—dans un sens quelque peu ironique—le *tour du propriétaire*. Cette expression évoque de façon saisissante la vanité proverbiale des nouveaux propriétaires."

(iii) *Montrer patte blanche*.

Mr. Dethier thus comments:—"Signe de reconnaissance, par allusion à une fable de La Fontaine (Le Loup, La Chèvre et le Chevreau, livre IV, fable 15).

Le biquet soupçonneux par la fente regarde :
 Montrez moi patte blanche, ou je n'ouvrirai point,
 S'écria-t-il d'abord. Patte blanche est un point
 Chez les loups, comme on sait, rarement en usage.
 Celui-ci, fort surpris d'entendre ce langage,
 Comme il était venu, s'en retourne chez soi.
 Où serait le biquet s'il eût ajouté foi
 Au mot du guet que, de fortune,
 Notre loup avait entendu ?
 Deux sûretés valent mieux qu'une ;
 Et le trop en cela ne font jamais perdu."

Montrez-moi patte-blanche se dit donc à ceux dont on soupçonne les intentions hypocrites et vis-à-vis desquels deux sûretés valent mieux qu'une. Dans la phrase de l'Union Philatélique, *montrer patte-blanche* signifie sans doute qu'on ne laissera entrer dans les salons que les personnes qui montreront une carte de membre de la Fédération Philatélique de France ou une carte spéciale de l'invitation."

M. Armand Dethier writes:—

"Je ne veux pas récriminer sur les résultats de votre dernier concours, parce qu'en somme, j'ai plus de facilités pour ces concours que vos lecteurs anglais, mais vous avez signalé deux fautes qui n'en sont pas: *Par devant* ne s'écrit jamais avec un trait d'union; celui-ci n'existe que dans les expressions: *au-devant de* et *ci-devant*. En second lieu (III. 19) il faut *préférèrent* au pluriel, le verbe se rapportant à *plus*, et non à *une personne*.

"Par contre, vous n'avez pas tenu compte de deux erreurs que je vous ai signalées (II. 14) à *ligne blanche*, doit être au singulier, parce que le 80 centimes de France dont je parle n'a qu'une ligne blanche, qui se trouve à gauche du chiffre 80. La second lieu (III. 1), il faut bien "Les cartes postales" et non "Des cartes postales"; ce que je dis des illustrées s'applique à toutes les cartes et non à une partie d'entre elles, comme semble l'indiquer "des."

With all due deference to the above, we would point out that the dictionaries we have consulted say *par-devant*, whilst our grammar says "*Plus d'un* requires the verb in the singular although it calls forth an idea of plurality." We must therefore agree to differ.

We must apologise to those of our readers who are purely stamp-collectors, for taking up so much space this week on a foreign subject, but as soon as we can find a suitable sub-editor for the journal, we shall devote considerably more space to articles on stamps.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. P. S. Robinson writes:—

"I.—Might I suggest that about once a month you might have a column of answers to correspondents. For instance, I'd like to ask you several questions, e.g., where the die number is found on envelope stamps.

II.—I'd also like to send some varieties unchronicled in catalogue, to see if you think them of interest.

III.—As my *E.W.S.N.* rarely comes till the Monday after date of issue, could you not extend time of competitions closing. I suppose all other Irish subscribers are in the same boat.

IV.—Has any result been published of a competition you published about May last, relating to inscriptions on stamps?

V.—Particulars of advantages to, and how to become a debenture holder in Colonial Stamp Market."

[In reply to above questions:—I.—The die number on envelope stamps is embossed at the base of the bust and is quite as important as the plate number on adhesive stamps. II.—We are always glad to see unchronicled varieties, although at present our columns are chiefly devoted to a chronicle of new issues. III.—You do not say whether you get *E.W.S.N.* by post or through a newsagent. *E.W.S.N.* is posted to postal subscribers from Bournemouth every Friday, and in the four years since it first appeared, has never missed a week nor even once been late. Any delay which may have occurred has not been our fault. We could not extend the time for our competitions, as the printers demand that the Editor shall supply them every Tuesday morning with the six columns of copy necessary to fill up this page and page 1. The very latest time available for the Editorial work is Monday of each week, from 1 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., and if there is a competition to be judged, it is taken first, in order to ensure sufficient time to examine each paper carefully. Apart from which, we desire to handicap foreigners as much as possible. IV.—The competition you referred to was inserted by our printers to fill up a blank, without our authority, nor had we finally decided to make it known; as the date of closing was published as two months before the advertisement, it was impossible to recognise it. V.—Purchasers of debentures in Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., are accorded 5% bonus on all payments made to the Company for stamps, besides getting 6% interest and £11 for every £10 they subscribed when their debenture is redeemed (in eight years time or less). Debentures cannot now be had, either for love or money, nor do they carry the privilege of the 5% bonus if transferred from their original purchasers.—Ed.]

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151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (215 Y 216).—Mr. W. Hartree has shown us the ½d. King's Head, Die 48, postmarked 3.11.03. The same correspondent also informs us that he bought a Registration Envelope with 3d. stamp, Die 6, at a Cambridge Post Office, on 2.11.03. Both are novelties.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- ½d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 45, 47 to 49.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 57.
- 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
- 2½d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
- 3d. Registration. Dies 1 to 6.

The following new record dates of envelope stamps have been shown us.

	Earliest Date.	Latest Date.
1d. die 221.	—	8. 5.83.
" 224.	—	23.12.81.
" 227.	15.1.83	—

The Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., recently offered £1 each for the first unused copies of 1/- dies 7 and 8. A fine example of 1/- die 7 has now been sent in. It was on a telegram form and the stamp is dated 4.8.74. The sender modestly asked 11/3 for it. Ten shillings each is offered for the next two copies submitted. The Colonial Stamp Market still offers £1 each for the first examples submitted of 1/- die 8 and 3d. dies 2, 3, 4 (these would probably be dated 1862 or earlier). All must be on white paper, cut square and unused, although a good price would also be given for others, used or unused.

Railway Parcel Stamps (214 I 216).—Mr. J. G. Cairns has shown us some more of the North British Railway Newspaper Stamps, all printed in orange.

½d. E 5202.	3d. E 61004.
1d. E 48619.	6d. E 7855.
2d. E 4832.	

It seems they are not very new, having been in use at least as far back as September, 1902.

Fiscal Stamps (212 B 216).—The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly chronicles a new set of Revenue stamps for Guernsey. They are rectangular, 23½×26mm., with Arms (three lions gardant) in the centre; No Wmk., perf. 14. Values, 1d. violet, 8d. green, 1/3 vermillion, 2/6 ultramarine.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (212 U 216).—We take the following from the Adelaide Register of 7.10.03:—

"FEDERAL STAMP PRINTING.

"The Postmaster-General is considering a scheme for concentrating all federal postage stamp printing at Adelaide, where there is a well-equipped lithographing plant belonging to his department. The scheme involves the taking away from the Government Printing Offices of Melbourne and Sydney of much stamp printing and postcard work. It is claimed that such printing can be done in Adelaide cheaper than anywhere else in the Commonwealth; that it is an advantage to the Postal Department to have its own printing in its own hands entirely.

"Melbourne Age."

This would presumably mean printing the stamps on SA and Crown paper, instead of V and Crown. At the present time, all Australian Postage Dues are printed at Sydney, N.S.W., whilst all other new stamps are being made at Melbourne, Vic.

Our Adelaide correspondent says that the special Commonwealth design as typified in the new 9d. Queensland and New South Wales has been abandoned and will not be used for any more stamps, although these two stamps will, of course, continue to be issued.

BULGARIA (215 T 216).—A provisional has been issued here.

Adhesive.

"10" on 15 stot., rose and grey-black.

CAPE COLONY (202 V 216).—In E.W.S.N. No. 190, we reported being officially advised that the 3d. King's Head was issued on 13.1.03. The Secretary to the G.P.O. now writes that it "has not yet been put into circulation." Nevertheless, one or two of our contemporaries have recorded its issue! Is it issued or not?

COSTA RICA (215 P 216).—We quote as follows from the *Metropolitan Philatelist*:—"It having been decreed that the present 10c. is an error, in that the name of Branlio should be Braulio in the name under the bust in the stamp, the government has ordered a new issue of the 10c. with correct name."

CURACAO (212 H 216).—*Postzegelnieuws* gives some interesting particulars of the quantities of postage stamps sold in this Dutch Colony during 1901. The total amount was the colossal sum of fl. 34,595 or about £3000. Out of this the island Curaçao, as the largest in the group, naturally heads the list with fl. 31,310. Of the other islands, St. Martin issued fl. 840 worth, Aruba fl. 785, Bonaire fl. 685, Saba fl. 571 and St. Eustatius fl. 402. Our contemporary adds "De centen en halve centen laten we gemakshalve maar weg" but their omission almost makes an appreciable difference in the totals! Of the revenue of fl. 31,310, the bulk or fl. 29,904 was for postage adhesives, fl. 1149 for postage due, fl. 281 for letter cards and fl. 0.25 (5d.!) for address cards of parcels. No sign of speculative purchases here! It is a somewhat curious fact that the language spoken in the small islands above mentioned is English and not Dutch. Although St. Eustatius only used £33 worth of the stamps in the year (an average of 13/- per week), yet it has a population of 1334. Saba has 2137 inhabitants and consequently a still worse average.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (214 M 216).—*Morley's Philatelic Journal* reports the 5rs. brown, surcharged "JUDICIAL FEE" in two lines in red (for fiscal purposes only).

GERMANY (214 V 216).—Messrs. Gebrüder Senf write us as follows:—

"In the October number of your *Weekly Stamp News* you mention under 'New Issues' that the new German Official stamps exist with 26 different numbers. This is an error. Not only 26 different numbers exist, but 30 authorities (of whom you find a list in No. 11 of our magazine) are paying a yearly indemnity to the Imperial post, for which the latter forwards all their correspondence, etc., exempt from postage. Only one state—Prussia (the 21st in the list) has issued a stamp, for the purpose of counting the postage expended in the course of a year and this stamp (Zählmarke) exists in the denominations of 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50, and we take the liberty of informing you of the above, as collectors might be misled by the remark in your paper."

HUNGARY (207 E 216).—We are indebted to Lieut. E. Bayer for first sight of the new set of postage due stamps, four values of which were rumoured in E.W.S.N. No. 207.

Unpaid Letter Stamps. Oblong, with large figures of value in centre, in black on plain white ground. "Magyar kir Posta." and "Filler" above and below, introduced into the framework in small capitals.

(i) Perf. 11½.	(ii) Perf. 11½×12.
1f. green and black.	12f. green and black.
2f. " "	20f. " "
5f. " "	50f. " "
10f. " "	100f. " "

At first sight it is not quite clear why a 12 filler value is wanted, but if the values of the set are added up, it will be found they amount to exactly 2 kronen, a nice easy sum for collectors to remember when they put their hands in their pockets.

JAMAICA (214 K 216).—It is reported by *Morley's Philatelic Journal* that all values of the current set of postage stamps have been surcharged *Judicial*.

MALAY STATES (201 H 216).—The 4c. value of the current type, the issue of which was reported in E.W.S.N. No. 197 to have been suspended in order to enable the large reserve stock of 2c. Queen's Head Straits Settlements stamps to be used up, was re-issued at the end of September, the 2c. Queen's Head being then exhausted.

The 2s and 25s of the current issue are still out of issue, and it is not yet known when they may again be expected.

Our Kuala Lumpur correspondent sends us the first of a new set for "Judicial" use. The design is a distinct improvement on that of the postage stamps. The stamp is similar in size to the new issue of Antigua. The centre is in black and portrays within an elongated octagonal frame an apparently very energetic tiger. Above the octagon is the inscription "Federated Malay States" and the value "10c." and below, the value "10c." and "JUDICIAL."

Judicial Stamps. Design as above; CC. 14.
10c. bistre and black.
50c. olive-green and black.

Issued in October, 1903, or before. The other values to be issued, it is said, comprise 1c., 5c., 20c., \$1, \$2, \$5 and possibly \$25.

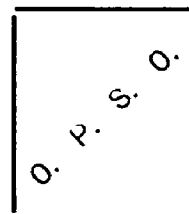
NEW HEBRIDES, FRENCH (165 B 216).—We quote as follows from *The Australian Philatelist* (1.10.03/19).

"A Society named the 'Syndicat Francais' has issued a series of stamps for use in the New Hebrides. The stamps were intended for inter-island use, but after being in use for a month they were suppressed by the French authorities. The stamps are distinctly local in their use; they were not even accepted by the French Post Office in Noumea, being taxed as insufficiently paid. They are printed in sheets of 100 divided into four panes of 25 each. The stamps are not particularly elegant, two of the values depicting a view of Franceville, surrounded by an ornamental border, with a native on guard each side. The remaining two values have a scene depicting two well-known native trees, with a native standing in the foreground, surrounded by an ornamental frame, which at the top is surmounted by two boars' heads. Printed on wove paper, perf. 12."

50c. blue, centre green | 25c. carmine, centre black
15c. brown " black | 1fr. green " dark blue

Our contemporary is asking 2/6 per set.

NEW ZEALAND (214 O 216).—The following is a list of all the varieties of "O.P.S.O." stamps we have yet met with (see E.W.S.N., No. 174.)



Official Adhesives. Surcharged diagonally as above, reading up.

(i) Stamps of Queen's Head issue, 1882-97. Issued 1897?

- ½d. black, perf. 10×11. "O.P.S.O." in pink.
- 1d. rose, " 11. " "
- 2d. lilac, " 11. " "
- 2½d. blue, " 10×11. " "

(ii) Stamps of Pictorial Issue.

- 1d. rose, perf. 11 (wa.) "O.P.S.O." in violet
- 5d. brown, No W. "O.P.S.O." in green.
- 8d. blue. No W. ?

Of the 1d. our earliest date is 10.01; of the 5d. 11.01 and 10.01 respectively and of the 8d. 6.6.00.

The "No Wmk." issue appears to be getting scarce in New Zealand, as Messrs. Wilcox Smith and Co., a well-known firm of dealers in the Colony, writes as follows to the Colonial Stamp Market:—"You are terribly low in recent 'No Wmk.' We are getting double face here for any we care to sell. Laid 2/- and 4d., perf. 11, Star, are also fetching far more here."

The following advertisement appeared in the *New Zealand Times* of 25.9.03:—



GOVERNMENT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

DESIGN FOR NEW POSTAGE STAMP.

THE Right Hon. the Colonial Treasurer offers a prize of Five Pounds for the best design for a new Government Insurance Postage Stamp. Specifications may be obtained on application to the District Managers at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch or Dunedin.

J. H. RICHARDSON,
Commissioner.

NIUE (210 X 216).—Letters received by the last mail have a new postmark. The old rubber stamp, with which stamps were cancelled in violet, has apparently been done away with, and a metal stamp substituted. This is circular in shape and inscribed in three lines "N.Z.—NIUE—22 AU 3," impression being in black.

For some time past we have been making enquiries at Niue for the rare first issue, but the following letter, dated 22.8.03, seems to show that very few now remain. Our correspondent says:—"I have made enquiries amongst the residents, but no one owns more than half-a-dozen. I do not suppose there are more than twenty or thirty privately held on the Island." For a year and a half past there have been none at the Post Office, so that this looks as if no more would come on the market.

PANAMA (141, 147 E 216).—The following is from the *Daily Mail*:

WASHINGTON, Friday, Nov. 6th. "After to-day's Cabinet meeting it was announced that the United States Government had decided to recognise de facto the Government of Panama, and had instructed Mr. Beaupre, the American Consul at Bogota, to so inform Colombia.

The message to Mr. Beaupre stated that the President of the United States earnestly recommended the Governments of Colombia and Panama, to settle the difference equitably and peacefully, and added:—"The President holds that he is bound not merely by treaty obligations, but by the interests of civilisation to see that the peaceful traffic of the world across the Isthmus of Panama shall no longer be disturbed by a constant succession of unnecessary and wasteful civil wars."

The United States Consul-General at Panama, has been instructed to enter into provisional relations with the new Republic. And while the present recognition is of a temporary and provisional character, full and formal recognition will follow so soon as the Government is properly organised.

According to the official belief here, the separation of Panama from Colombia, is now complete and permanent. The United States is bound by treaty to maintain free traffic across the Isthmus and prevent hostilities there. This makes it impossible for Colombia to go to war with Panama. It would be practically impossible for Colombia to send an army overland and any attempt to send troops by sea would be prevented by American warships.

The American diplomatic representatives in nearly all the European and the South American countries have been assured by the State Department that the recognition of the new Republic by the United States meets with general approval. It is now admitted as the settled policy of the Government that American rule will hereafter be supreme along the canal strip, and to this end it is stated the new Republic of Panama will be upheld by American arms. To prevent further outbreaks the United States has decided to keep a large naval force at the isthmus. Rear-Admiral Coghlan, who has been selected to command the naval forces, starts for Panama to-night in the cruiser *Mayflower*.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (210 J 216).—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the United States "series of 1902" has been surcharged for use in the Philippines and that the 1, 2 and 50c. values were despatched there in July.



Adhesives. U.S. stamps overprinted in black.
1c. green.
2c. carmine.
50c. orange.

RUSSIA (196 R 216).—We appear to have omitted to chronicle the 4 kop. on vertically laid paper.

Adhesive. Paper vertically laid.
4 kop. carmine.

Local Stamps. — The following new Local Stamps are chronicled in the *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung* (10.03/137) on the authority of Herr Eugen Lentz:—

Arzamass. 2.10.02. New colour; p. 13½.
5 kop. green.
Bougoulma. Jan., 1903. Design modified; p. 11½.
2k. dark blue and rose.
Dankoff. April, 1902. New colour; p. 11½.
3k. red, green and black.
Gadiatsch. Sept., 1902. New design; p. 13½.
3k. yellow-green.
Gdoff. Sept., 1902. New colour; p. 11½.
2k. pale blue.
Jeletz. Sept., 1899 (now obsolete); perf.
5k. yellow-brown.
Kadnikoff. 1.2.03. New design; p. 13½.
1k. brown; 3k. green.
Laicheff. Sept., 1902. Design modified; p. 11½.
3k. vermilion.
Morschansk. Sept., 1902. New design; p. 13½.
5k. mauve.
Ourjoun. Aug., 1902. New design; p. 13½.
2k. brown.
Oustysolsk. April, 1902. Smaller; p. 11½.
2k. dark brown and red.
Nov., 1902. New design; p. 13½.
5k. blue.
Tichvin. Sept., 1902; dated "88"; p. 11½.
3k. rose, black, gold and blue.
Tscherdina. Oct., 1902. New design, p. 13½.
2k. rose.
Welsk. Oct., 1902. New design, p. 13½.
3k. green.

The Russian local stamps are gradually being reduced to a uniform design, which we refer to above as "new design." It is similar in size to the current Russian stamps, and has figure of value in each corner, with "Kopeyka" at foot. In the centre is the arms of the particular town, and above same the name, whilst below is inscribed "Zemskaya Potchta" (Rural post).

SAHARA (211 B 216).—We clip the following from *L'Annonce Timbrologique*.

"Les timbres du Sahara existent: M. Cardiou, administrateur de l'inspection maritime dans un petit port breton, en a reçu sur une lettre un exemplaire, portant l'inscription: *Empire du Sahara*; il est vrai qu'il était flanqué de timbres espagnols qui suffisaient à eux seuls pour assurer l'affranchissement du pli... Mais cela n'empêche que le principe est posé et que, si la conception de M. Lebaudy prend corps définitif, le bureau de l'Union Postale ne pourra refuser son 'approbation' aux timbres 'avant la lettre' du Sahara.

Ajoutons que sur l'enveloppe reçue par M. Cardiou, un avis imprimé porte cette mention curieuse que le service postal est gratuit entre Troja, la capitale hypothétique de M. Lebaudy, et Las Palmas des Canaries, ce service étant assuré par la 'ligne impériale du Sahara'..."

Thus the *Daily Express* of 5.10.03.

"The above diagram represents the postage of the empire of the Sahara. It indicates the modesty of M. Lebaudy, in that, while the circle of stars corresponds with the Saharan flag, there is no superscription, no picture of the Emperor, and no mention of him whatsoever.

The stamp was affixed to a letter addressed to M. Lebaudy in Paris, and the French Postal Authorities had written across it the word 'Annulé,' which means 'cancelled.'

The Emperor, by the irony of red-tape, had thus to pay for the delivery of a letter bearing his own stamp."

[The stamp illustrated looks to us like an ordinary 10c. Swiss Unpaid Letter Stamp.—Ed. E.W.S.N.]

SANTANDER (210 B 216).—Messrs. Th. Champion & Co. have shown us a sheet of 20, 5 rows of 4, of the 50c. provisional referred to in E.W.S.N. No. 210. It is an oblong fiscal, surcharged "Provisional—Correos de Santander" in two lines in black. It is lithographed and consists of two duplicate blocks of 10 types, side by side. One of the types has an error, *Correos* for *Correos*, which consequently occurs twice on each sheet of 20.

Adhesive. Imperf.
50c. red, surch. in black.
(a) Error, "Correos."

The current market price of a sheet is about 50/- or 60/-.

SAN MARINO (193 C 216).—We are indebted to Mr. Chas. de Grave Sells for the following list of plate-numbers of sheets of San Marino stamps recently issued:—

2c.	None	65c.	4668
20c.	4662	1l.	4669
52c.	4663	2l.	4670
40c.	4665	5l.	4671
45c.	None		

The 45c. is in a rather more orange shade than the first printing.

SERVIA (210 X 216).—We quote as follows from *L'Annonce Timbrologique*.—"D'après une lettre de la Direction des Postes de Belgrade, adressée à M. Bernichon, la dernière émission de Serbie comprenait 80,000 séries, dont 19,000 ont été détruites avant surcharge. Reste à voir si ces 19,000 séries, soi-disant détruites, ne ressusciteront pas quelque jour.....comme les Crête sans surcharge."

SIERRA LEONE (213 Q 216).—Mr. P. S. Robinson informs us that he has the id. King's Head, dated 18.5.03, the earliest date which has yet come under our notice.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (207 D 216).—Since 1st October, 1903, the South Australian stamps for official use are being perforated with a large "SA." Each letter is 10½mm. high and the two letters together are 17mm. wide. There are 13 holes in the 'S' and 12 in the 'A' and as each hole is a full millimetre in diameter, a good piece of each stamp is punched away. As these perforated officials are quite as interesting and collectable as the surcharged ones, we shall chronicle the values as they come under notice; at present we have only the 1d.

Official Adhesives. Stamps of current issue perforated "SA."
1d. rose (Queen's Head).

Our earliest dated copy is postmarked "Kapunda, 6.10.03."

Our Adelaide correspondent is positively assured that all the remainders of the O.S. stamps have been destroyed, along with other stamps of both South Australia and the remaining States. The remainders of the 2/- Crown and S.A. suffered in this general destruction, though why they were not allowed to continue in issue is not clear, as there is no 2/- stamp at all at present.

A new perforating machine has been brought into use and is to supersede the old single-line machine which has been employed since 1867-68. The gauge is not yet known, as no stamps perforated with it have so far been issued. New printings of the 6d. and 9d. have however been perforated with the new machine and will no doubt shortly be issued.

New penny postcards are shortly to be printed.

The following cutting is from the *Australian Philatelist*.

We have been handed a copy of a rather unique letter sent by a correspondent from South Australia to our publisher. What the writer meant to imply has been worded in rather a cloudy surrounding. Thus far the letters we have received from South Australia do not show any signs of heavier postmarking than has hitherto been the case. For obvious reasons the name of the writer is withheld:—"No doubt the stamps that are on this letter will be postmarked very heavy, that is on account of a man in Adelaide cutting all the clean parts of stamps off that has been through the post and putting them together and putting them on letters. I believe they had him up, but they could not prove it, so he was discharged, so they have got orders to mark the stamps heavy." We have not been able to find out particulars of the case referred to in the letter.

We are sorry if the result of this case is to cause the large stamps to be heavily cancelled in future. Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market supplied the authorities with many of the joined stamps, as to the fraudulent nature of which there could be no doubt. The question was, could they fix on the right man responsible?

Philately in Russia.

SOME years ago a philatelic journal was published at Kiev, under the title of *Marki* (Stamps), as the *Organ Kievskavo Kruzha Soberatsely Potch-tovich Marok* (Organ of the Kiev Circle of Collectors of Postage Stamps), but for some little time we believe there has been no philatelic journal published in Russia.

We are therefore pleased to welcome *Marki i Kollektioner* (Stamps and the Collector—a somewhat quaint title, which reminds one of *Arma virumque* . . .) It is published by Herr J. Stauff, Pushkinskaya 17, St. Petersburg, and is mostly written in Russian and German, in parallel columns. It is ambitious and aspires to appear fortnightly, the annual subscription being fixed at only 1/9.

A Postcard "Newspaper."

THE latest development of the pictorial postcard industry has made its appearance in the French capital in the shape of a daily illustrated newspaper, specially designed for card collectors. The *Carte-Journal*, as our Continental contemporary is named, is published each morning with a brief—necessarily very brief—summary of the day's intelligence, while the greater part of the limited space is devoted to the essential feature of the modern postcard—a picture. The illustration of the day sometimes depicts a scene from the newest play, or graphically records some event of importance, and portraits of prominent persons are often given. The idea is certainly ingenious, and to judge from the hold which the postcard craze has taken upon the public, should bring ample reward to its originators. The office of the *Carte-Journal* is at 50, Boulevard Cliché, Paris.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271 Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (216 Z 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market had a number of envelopes and parcel post labels stamped at Somerset House last week, with the following result:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. dies 48, 50; 1d. die 55; (5d.) $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. + $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 3; 6d. dies 5, 6; (7d.) 6d. die 5 + 1d. die 50; (8d.) 6d. die 5 + 2d. die 1; 1s. die 1; (1/6) 1s. die 1 + 6d. die 6; (2/-) 1/- + 1/- die 1. Of these, only the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 50 and 6d. die 5 are novelties. Mr. R. C. Edwards has shown us a used copy of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 46. Mr. W. Heath writes to say he has 3d. Registration Envelope stamp, die 7.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 50.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 57.
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- 6d. Dies 1 to 6.
- 3d. Registration. Dies 1 to 7.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH (216 V 217).—The following extract is from the *Adelaide Register* of 14th October.

Melbourne, October 10.

"The Postmaster-General (Sir Philip Fysh) has returned to Melbourne from his week's trip to South Australia. He states that he had a pleasant time, and saw much of interest. What impressed him most in regard to departmental matters was the printing plant in the General Post Office at Adelaide. It is the only one owned by the Postal Department, and it is in charge of a man who is a thorough master of his business. Sir Philip Fysh saw specimens of the work done there, and was particularly impressed with the way in which pictorial and illuminated postcards were turned out. The price compares more than favourably with that for which the department has the work done in the other states. In pictorial postcards, for instance, the price quoted was 2/6 per thousand, as compared with 3/6, and the work is more artistically done. It is the same with postage stamps which are printed in more than one colour. A trial will be made with illuminated newspaper wrappers which it is proposed to introduce, and probably with telegraph forms. Sir Philip considers it possible that nearly the whole of the departmental work can be printed in Adelaide."

BRITISH LEVANT (215 L 217).—The 12 piastres King's Head has now been re-issued and the Colonial Stamp Market has shown us an entire sheet as issued. It contains 56 stamps in seven horizontal rows of eight and is apparently half a printed sheet as the top margin is decorated with the rows of lined pillars which Messrs. De la Rue & Co. delight to introduce between the panes of a sheet. In the three first vertical rows the figure 1 of the overprint has a slightly smaller serif, but the variety is not one which will irresistibly attract the cataloguer, although of interest to the ultra-specialist.

BOLIVAR (210 G 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following additions to the stamps chronicled in E.W.S.N. Nos. 205, 210.

- Adhesives. Imperf.
50c. purple on greenish blue.
- Registration Adhesive. Imperf.
20c. vermilion on rose.

The former was only chronicled pin-perf.; the latter may possibly be the "orange on rose," but it is certainly vermilion.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (214 N 217).—Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., has now shown us sheets of the 2, 3, 4 and 8 annas King's Heads, which were issued on or before 2.11.03. We note the type varieties are much the same as on the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna, but the "BRIT SH" error does not occur.



Varities (2, 3, 4, 8as. King).

- No. 21. "Somaliland." This variety also occurs as No. 21 on sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna, but was in mistake recorded as occurring on No. 22.
- No. 64. The first I of "British" is a figure 1.
- No. 84. The second I of "British" just shows somewhat like an apostrophe, thus spoiling any chance of a "BRIT SH" error. The 4as. is quite normal.
- No. 93. Wrong fount O (wider) in Somaliland.
- No. 116. Thick D in Somaliland.
- No. 120. In the 2, 3 and 4as., there is also a fairly pronounced thick D in "Somaliland," but in the 8as. it is not clear.
- No. 145. Normal in the 2, 3, 4as. as in the $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 1a. In the 8as., however, the overprint "Somaliland" is spaced out, and measures $17\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm.
- No. 172. Small L in "Land."
- No. 187. Small I in "Somali" (2, 3, 4as. only).
- No. 188. Semi-colon for I in "Somali" on 8as.; 2, 3, 4as. normal.
- No. 197. Variety "SOMAL.LAND."
- No. 227. Short-foot L in "Somali."

CANADA (212 Q 217).—The following is a list of the plate-numbers of the King Edward issue which we have as yet met with:—1c., 1, 2; 2c., 2, 3; 5c., 1, 2; 7c., 1; 10c., 1.

COLOMBIA (210 D 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us some more new varieties, but before proceeding to chronicle them, we think it may be as well to give the following particulars. Colombia is divided into nine departments (or was until the recent revolution in Panamá) each of which, since 1886, forms a self-governing State.

Department.	Capital.	Department.	Capital.
Panamá	Panamá	Santander	Socorro
Cauca	Popayan	Boyaca	Turja
Antioquia	Medellin	Cundinamarca	Bogotá
Bolivar	Carthagena	Tolima	Ibague
Magdalena	Santa-Marta		

Each state has the right to issue its own stamps, but except in the case of Panamá, these are not recognised beyond Colombia. A general set is issued from the capital of the Federation, Bogotá, for the purpose of paying international postage. Magdalena is the coast province next to Venezuela and Bolivar that next to Panamá, whilst Cauca is on the western coast. It has been rumoured that all these three provinces will try to follow Panamá's example, in which case Colombia would be left without any coast at all. Perhaps the most important trading centres are the ports of Carthagena and Barranquilla in Bolivar on the northern coast. Barranquilla is stated to be the source whence a good part of the provisionals emanate. At one time the postal business must have been considerable, as British Post Offices were established at several of the

ports by treaty with Colombia. The principal sets of stamps issued have been as follows (and they are well worth the attention of the collectors, being cheap, whilst they make a fine show in an album).

- (i) 1899-02. Various "Cartagena" provisionals, overprinted with control marks.
- (ii) 1902. Imperf. Arms design on coloured paper (see E.W.S.N., No. 190).
- (iii) 1902. Perf. Arms design, for general circulation. Printed at Medellin (see E.W.S.N., No. 176).
- (iv) 1903. Set ii. in new colours, perf. or imperf. (see E.W.S.N., 190, 210, 191).
- (v) 1903. Pictorial set (see E.W.S.N., No. 189). Usually imperf., on white paper. Printed at Barranquilla?
- (vi) 1903. Special Bolivar set (see E.W.S.N., Nos. 205, 210). A rather gaudy set, mixed shapes and sizes, imperf.

We now have the following additions to issue iv. to chronicle:—



- Adhesives.
1p. violet on buff.
5p. green on blue.
10p. green on yellow-green.



- Registration Adhesive. Imperf.
20c. brown on blue.
20c. brown-rose on blue.
- "A.R." Adhesive. Imperf.
10c. blue on blue.

In this issue (iv), we had formerly noted the 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c. 1p. (old colours) and 4, 5, 20c. 1p. (new colours), 5, 10p., and 20c. Reg., all imperf. For additions to set vi, see under Bolivar.

CHINA, FRENCH P.O. (213 J 217).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles a new provisional.

- Unpaid Letter Adhesive. Postage stamps of 1894 issue (type II), overprinted "Chine" in black. "A PERCEVOIR" in two lines on 30c. brown.

Our contemporary says the provisional was required owing to the ordinary 30c. Postage Due (which is usually very little used) unexpectedly running short, as also the stock of lower values which could have been used in combination to make up the 30c. rate. This shortage was due to the sudden demand created by the arrival of large numbers of unstamped letters. Up to June last soldiers' letters, etc., were carried free, but from 1st. July, the military letter-rate of 15c. (in connection with which the "Franchise Militaire" stamps were issued) came into force. Apparently this was not generally known and letters were still sent unstamped. The surcharge is reported to be very badly printed.

DENMARK (213 F 217).—We are informed by a Copenhagen reader that the 8, 12 and 16 öre of the current type are now obsolete.

HUNGARY (216 F 217).—We illustrate the type of the unpaid letter stamps just issued.



INDIA (214 F 217).—We illustrate the type of the 6 annas, King's Head.



LEVANT, AUSTRIAN P.O. (206 G 217).—In addition to the 10, 20 para and 1, 2 piaster, we understand from the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* that the following were issued at the end of October.

Adhesives.

- 25 centimes blue and black.
- 50 " grey-blue and black.
- 1 franc carmine-rose and black.

NEW CALEDONIA (215 I 217).—We illustrate the surcharge on the stamps chronicled in No. 215.



NEW ZEALAND (216 P 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the following errors in the "O.P.S.O." stamps.

Official Adhesives.

- 1d. rose, perf. 11. Inverted surcharge (diagonal, leading down instead of up).
- 5d. brown, perf. 11. Double surcharge in violet.

PERSIA (198 C 217).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles the following provisionals.

Adhesives.

- 4 chahis, in red, on 5 pr., 1894.
- 8 " in green and red, on the same

SENEGAL (190 C 217).—To-day it is Sénégal's turn to have a provisional issue. A correspondent writes as follows to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.

"For a long time past the post-office had completely exhausted its stock of 5 and 10c. stamps and one was obliged to make use of those of 1, 2 and 4c. Then the 1c. stamp ran out and last week we were obliged to stamp our circulars with 6c. or 1c. more than the postal rate. Even the 2c. and 4c. are now exhausted, so the post-office had no alternative but to surcharge part of the existing stock of higher values, notwithstanding the ministerial circular forbidding the further production of surcharged stamps in the French Colonies."

By decree dated St. Louis, 8.10.03, the Lieutenant-Governor of French West Africa authorized the surcharge and issue of the following (quantities printed given in brackets).

Adhesives. Surcharged "5" or "10" with bar beneath.

- 5c. on 40c. red (40,000).
- 10c. on 50c. rose (20,000).
- 10c. on 75c. violet on orange (30,000).
- 10c. on 1fr. olive (15,000).

SEYCHELLES (213 Y 217).—We take the following report of an interesting event from the *Daily Graphic*:—

("Through Reuter's Agency.")

Seychelles, Nov. 10.

"The ceremony of proclaiming the Seychelles a separate Colony was performed yesterday at the Court House. It commenced with the reading of the letters patent appointing Mr. Sweet-Escott, the Administrator, to the post of Governor of the Colony. The proclamations were read by Mr. Rind, the Clerk to Councils. The Governor was sworn in by Mr. F. A. Herchenroder, the Chief Justice. A salute was simultaneously fired by H. M. S. Pearl. Numerous congratulatory addresses were then presented to the Governor. A crowded levée followed, and was attended by all sections of the population. Luncheon was afterwards served at Government House, the toasts of the King, the Governor, and the Colony being proposed. Large cheering crowds thronged the streets, which were gaily decorated. Sports were held in the afternoon, and an African saga dance was performed in the evening in the open air, making a picturesque scene."

We miss with pleasure from this graphic description any announcement of a nice new commemorative set of stamps. But one is tempted to ask, why have the Seychelles been issuing separate stamps all this time if they have only just been proclaimed a separate colony? Previous to 1890 the stamps of Mauritius were in use.

Miss Elisée Crow writes us that there were 24,000 of the 3c. on 45c. provisionals and 12,000 of the 3c. on 18c., the dates of issue being respectively 21.7.03 and 2.9.03.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (216 E 217).—We have now seen some more of the new official set, perforated "S.A." It will be remembered that we chronicled the 1d. value last week.

Official Adhesives. Stamps of current issue perforated "S.A."

- 2d. violet.
- 4d. vermilion.
- 1/- brown.
- 2/6 deep violet.

Our Adelaide correspondent writes that a sheet of the 6d. Railways Parcels stamp was recently

issued imperforate. He also sends us the following:—

"I have been fortunate enough to obtain view of an interesting document, issued recently to the heads of the various departments in the S.A. service, copy of which I herewith enclose. Notice the peculiar grammatical phraseology! The unfortunate officials are notified that an *overture* made to them is an irregularity."

[COPY.]

Circular No. 103.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Adelaide, Oct. 8th, 1903.

It having come to the knowledge of the Government that overtures have been made to officers to exchange the official *perforated* postage stamps for an equal value of stamps *not perforated*, Heads of Departments are notified that any officer guilty of such irregularity will be punished by dismissal from the service.

By direction,

(Signed) L. H. SHOLL, Under Secretary.

A correspondent writes us as follows:—"I have just obtained a sheet (60 stamps) of the obsolete 6d. blue postage and revenue stamps, surcharged O.S. wide apart. It has a marginal sheet-number in red, 1d. 616922, with full side margins. The right margin shows the error of watermark 'SUOTH AUSTRALIA.' I have noticed this previously, on the 1d. paper, but have not been able to keep a note of same, but hope to be able to supply you with further information later."

ST. HELENA (196 G 217).—We are informed that the dies from which the Queen's Head stamps were printed have been destroyed, so that no more will be printed. There are, however, still on hand stamps of the first issue to a face value of £5,200 and of the second issue, £4,000, so that they are not likely to become obsolete for some time yet, unless withdrawn unexpectedly like the Queen's Head sets of the Nigerias.

SWEDEN (213 G 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the new 8 öre and 5 kronor stamps. The latter we illustrate. The 8 öre is in the ordinary current type.



Adhesives. Perf. 13.

- 8 öre, mauve
- 5 kr., greyish blue.

They were issued in October.

SWITZERLAND (168 F 217).—*Le Timbrophile Poitevin* says that Messrs. Girardet of Berne have a new stamp in preparation. The design is to show "a young Swissess [if we may be allowed to imitate the French *Suisse*] leaning on the Federal escutcheon." Above, "Helvetia"; in the background, snowy mountains; below, the value on a small shield.

TRINIDAD (214 B 217).—Mr. A. J. Maingot informs us that he has a copy of the 4d. green and blue dated "Arima, 25.9.03," so far the earliest date recorded. Of the 1/4d. grey-green, die I, he informs us he has copies postmarked "Port of Spain, 3.9.02" and "15.9.02."

UNITED STATES (203 Z 217).—We do not appear to have chronicled the shades of the current 2c. adhesive. It is now appearing in quite a distinct shade, carmine or pink rather than rose-red.

VICTORIA (214 K 217).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 5d. of the O.S. perforated set.

Official Adhesive Perforated "O.S."

- 5d. brown, perf. 12 1/2.

The values now known are 1/4d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. F. C. Scarr writes:—

"In reference to Mr. P. S. Robinson's queries: No. I.—You omitted to inform him that the die number only occurs on envelopes stamped for private firms at Somerset House. Those on sale at P.O.'s are by De la Rue and are only lettered BR (Bunhill Row) at base of bust.

"No. II.—I receive my *E.W.S.N.* (Rathmines, Co. Dublin) through a newsagent, every Saturday afternoon regularly. So that all Irish subscribers are 'not in the same boat.'"

Foreign Extracts.

We again offer three prizes for the longest lists of mistakes of grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. (very trivial defects excepted), in our "Foreign Extracts." Lists must reach us before one o'clock on Monday, November 23rd. The three prizes this time will be sets of Aitutaki, unused, complete.

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LE PRIX DES TIMBRES RARES.

Si l'on vient à classer tous les timbres-poste catalogués d'après les prix auxquels ils sont portés et suivant leur valeur croissante, si on les partage ensuite par tranches de 1000 timbres chacune et que l'on fasse la somme des prix dans chaque tranche, on arrive à formuler une loi des plus simples au sujet de l'accroissement des prix. Cette loi peut s'exprimer ainsi:

Les prix des tranches successives de 1000 timbres se suivent comme les termes d'une progression géométrique dont la raison est 4/3 ou 1,33.

C'est-à-dire que le prix des 1000 premiers timbres étant au catalogue de 53 francs, le prix des 1000 suivants sera 53 multiplié par 1,33 ou 71 francs, le prix des 1000 d'après: 71 multiplié par 1,33 ou 95 francs et ainsi de suite. On peut former de la sorte le tableau suivant des prix jusqu'au 16^e mille.

Premier mille	...	53 francs
Deuxième mille	...	71 —
Troisième mille	...	95 —
Quatrième mille	...	127 —
Cinquième mille	...	169 —
Sixième mille	...	225 —
Septième mille	...	300 —
Huitième mille	...	400 —
Neuvième mille	...	533 —
Dixième mille	...	711 —
Onzième mille	...	948 —
Douzième mille	...	1264 —
Treizième mille	...	1685 —
Quatorzième mille	...	2247 —
Quinzième mille	...	2996 —
Seizième mille	...	3995 —

Mais, à partir du 16^e mille, la même gradation ne subsiste plus. Le 17^e mille qui devrait valait 5,327 francs atteint en réalité 6,080; le 18^e mille passe à 9,820 francs au lieu de 7,103 et le 19^e mille à 21,095 francs au lieu de 9,467. Il y a la une anomalie qui ne devrait pas exister; le loi des nombres qui se déroule toujours avec harmonie est complètement faussé et dans proportions considérables.

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M. Gilbert vient de commencer, dans une revue mensuelle, la publication d'un catalogue de timbres fiscaux. Ce travail nous a paru bien ordonné et composé avec soin, et on ne saurait trop encourager l'intelligent auteur à persévérer dans la tâche qu'il a entreprise. Nous n'exprimerons qu'un regret, c'est que cette publication semble ne pas devoir être terminée de si tôt, puisqu'il ne nous sera fourni que de 300 à 400 numéros par mois. A ce compte-là, le catalogue ne serait guère achevé avant sept à huit ans. Nous demandons que la revue qui donne asile à M. Gilbert lui accorde, par numéro, deux et même trois feuilles au lieu d'une. L'ouvrage serait ainsi terminée dans deux ans.

Mais, nous dira-t-on, il ne restera plus rien de la revue. Nous répondrons qu'il y aurait avantage pour tout le monde, car on ne vit onques revue plus terne et plus dénué d'intérêt.

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M. Marconnet, l'auteur du magistral ouvrage sur les timbres de France et des colonies, a vendu, comme on le sait, la belle collection qu'il avait rassemblés et a dit, paraît-il, un définitif adieu à la Philatélie. La cause de sa retraite est due aux déboires sans nombre qu'il a éprouvés de la parte de la clique timbrologique qui s'acharne d'autant plus après les philatélistes indépendants qu'ils sont plus honnêtes et plus loyaux.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

- Sirmoor, Notes on, by D. P. Masson, PJI 9.03/247.
- Portuguese India, Dates of 1st Issue, by J. Godinho, PJI 9.03/252.
- N.S.W. Stamps, Butterfly Postmarks on, AuJP 9.03/167.
- Suez Canal, by J. de S., GPL 10.03/477.
- Classification of Curiosities, UP 8.11.03/3.
- Chile, Unpaid Letter Stamps, CF 3.4.03/3.
- Swaziland, Fiscals, A. B. Kay, MPS 10.03/73.
- Railway Letter Stamps of the "Carswell" group, N. of Ireland, by "K," MPJ 10.03/78.
- New Caledonia, "Correspondance Militaire" franks, CTP 11.03/349.
- New South Wales, 1891, 1/4d., by E. W. Wetherell, AJP 10.03/323.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163 Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Ségambia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175 Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/1	2/6
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214 " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschau, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis.	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis.	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271* Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12½.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV.—COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Early Date Records (214 L 218).—Mr. J. R. Yeates has shown us a new record.

6d. plate 6, violet (3rd shade). London, S.W., 21.9.68

Cheque Dies (214 R 218).—Mr. H. T. Jenner advises us that he has seen dies EE and EG. We have not met with DK, DN, DT to DW, EC, EI, EK, EL or EO (and higher).

Postal Orders (200 J 218).—The following postal orders of the new series have up to the present made their appearance:—A 6d.; F 5/6; G 6/6; H 7/6; J 8/6; K 9/6; M 11/6; N 12/6; O 13/6; P 14/6; R 15/6; S 16/6; T 17/6; U 18/6; V 19/6; X 21/6.

Large Crown Watermark (214 C 218).—Mr. F. G. Warwick is now added to our list of collectors who possess 1d. red stamps with the rare error of watermark. All the errors have the corner letters AM—MA.



Large Crown of 1862.



Error.

1d. red, stars. Mr. J. F. Caterer.
" plate 87. Mr. F. G. Warwick.
" " 89. Mr. F. J. Cowan.
" " 92. Mr. V. Gregory (the discoverer).

Railway Letter Stamps (214 A 218).—The Editor has received specimens of the following new printing:—

North-Eastern, 63rd Issue, Transfer VIII., Printing V, Nos. 211001 to 214000.

This printing is interesting as being from an entirely new die. The history of this Company's letter stamps may roughly be summarized as follows:—

Date.	Type.	Transfer.	Printings.	Control Nos.	Colour.	Perf.
1891	1	I.	A Vert.	1-18000	red	12
1891	2	II.	B	17461-20000	green	12
1891	2	III., IV.	C to P Horiz.	20001-199970	"	12, 11
1903	3	V-VII.	Q to U	199971-211000	"	11
1903	4	VIII.	V	211000-214000	"	11

The printings of the last twelve months show great variety, and collectors would do well to make sure of them whilst they can themselves get them from the stations.

BOYACA (211 E 218).—We take the following further description of the new 5 and 10 pesos (see E.W.S.N., No. 211) from Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*.

"We have received the 5 and 10 pesos stamps referred to last month. They are of large size and poor execution. The design of the 5p. shows a monument in the centre, and that of the 10p. a portrait of a gentleman with spectacles and a grey beard. The sheets contain thirty-five stamps, in seven horizontal rows of five, the stamp in the right lower corner of the sheet of 10p. being thoughtfully placed upside down, so as to reward an enterprising investor of 350 pesos (paper) with a tête-bêche pair. Perf. 12, badly-cut; we have also received them imperf."

BRITISH SOMALILAND (217 O 218).—We now have to record the issue of the new printing of certain Queen's Head values of the provisional set. They are distinguished from the first printing through having the surcharge at foot instead of at top, and are of special interest in sheets, as they are from a new setting.

Adhesives. Queen's Head Indian stamps, over-printed at foot instead of at top.

- 2½a. ultramarine.
- 6a. pale olive-brown.
- 12a. brown on red.
- 11r. carmine and green.
- 21r. yellow-brown and carmine.
- 31r. green and brown.
- 51r. violet and ultramarine.

The first printing of the Queen's Head series is therefore now entirely superseded.

The King's Head stamps with the old postmark and the Queen's Head stamps with the new one, will both be somewhat scarce, although such can of course only be looked on as curiosities.

CAPE COLONY (216 W. 218).—The *Weekly Philatelic Era* chronicles a 1d. post card of the King's Head series. The ½d. has already been recorded.

Post card. King's Head stamp.
1d. carmine.

The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us a copy of the 3d. King's Head.

Adhesive. Wmk. Crown CA, perf. 14.
3d. mauve.

CAUCA (203 B 218).—With reference to the two stamps chronicled under Colombia in E.W.S.N. No. 203, Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* chronicles the 20c. value in two varieties.



Adhesive.
20c. black on orange, imperf.
" " pin-perf. about 7.

Meekel's S.C. says that these stamps should not be listed under Cauca, but as provisionals of Colombia itself, as they were used for general and not for local postage. It is correct, no doubt, to say that they were not a mere local issue for Cauca, but still, as they were produced at Popayan, the capital of that province, and used there, and in neighbouring places where ordinary stamps ran short, they seem to be properly assigned to the province in question.

CEYLON (214 X 218).—Mr. G. C. Alston has shown us the 5c. envelope stamp, chronicled in E.W.S.N. No. 207, in two very distinct shades, one dark blue and the other indigo, almost black.

COREA (211 L 218).—We illustrate the design of the new set of stamps.



CRETE, FRENCH (212 N 218).—We take the liberty of reproducing the following interesting letter addressed to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.—

"You know that there have been two issues of stamps for use at the French Post Offices in Crete. The higher values were at first issued without surcharge, in error, as at all the other offices in Crete the postage on letters to be sent abroad was one piastre (or 21 Cretan lepta) per half ounce, or whatever the unit of weight may be. The surcharged stamps were then issued, and the unsurcharged ones went up to a fancy price, when the speculators who had bought them up were not a little disgusted to find that after a time the surcharged stamps were withdrawn and the unsurcharged again put into use.

"Of course it was at once said this was done to exploit the collector, but it was nothing of the kind, as we shall show.

"We have corresponded more than twenty years with a Greek gentleman who was many years ago at the head of the Greek Post Office, but who retired from official life and joined a banking firm. When the independence of Crete was established, Prince George prevailed on this gentleman to go with him to Crete and organise the postal service. As this is now in satisfactory operation, he left Crete two months ago and rejoined his bank, and we have recently received an interesting letter from him, in which he says that before he left Crete he achieved an object for which he had been striving for two years—viz., the abolition of all stamps in the island bearing a surcharge which reduced its value to

Turkish currency or its equivalent, the actual circulation of Turkish money itself having ceased three years ago, and the feeling of patriotic Cretans being wounded by using stamps with values expressed in piastres, notwithstanding that this made them cheaper. Accordingly on October 1st, all stamps used in Crete, Austrian, French and Italian post-offices and surcharged with values in Turkish money were withdrawn from use, and henceforth at every post office in Crete the stamps will be sold only for the value expressed on them in centimes or Cretan lepta, which is exactly the same thing, a Cretan drachma being of precisely the same value as a franc.

"We might add that the Cretan stamps over-printed with the word 'PROSORINON' were sold at the rate of 21c. for a 25c. stamp, or at the rate of 84c. per drachma, solely in order to compete with the foreign post-offices who sold their stamps for piastres. These surcharged stamps are now obsolete, and by the change which took place on October 1st the Cretan post-office will add 7000 francs per annum to its profits.

"At the Austrian post-offices in Crete, the stamps in use before October 1st were the current Austrian Levant, except the two low values, which were specially over-printed 5 and 10 centimes; of course when these came out the wiseacres all cried out 'speculative' and 'unnecessary' but they were neither one nor the other. Stamps in Crete below the value of one piastre were not sold for 'paras' but for the full price in lepta or centimes, and if no special stamps had been issued for the Austrian post-office they would have had to use ordinary Austrian stamps, with values in heller. Now an Austrian krone is worth about 6 per cent more than a Cretan drachma, so that it would soon have been perceived that good business could be done at the expense of the Austrian post by buying up the 5 and 10 heller stamps in Crete and sending them to Vienna—hence the surcharge in centimes. There will now be in all probability a full set issued, all in centimes and francs."

CUBA (186 M 218).—Eight months ago we referred to the prospect of a Republican issue, and can now give further particulars of it, on the authority of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*.

The values and quantities to be printed are as follows:—

1c. green	1,000,000	10c. bistre	1,000,000
2c. blue	1,000,000	50c. black	1,000,000
3c. violet	1,000,000	1p. carmine	500,000
5c. green	1,000,000	(Express)	
8c. lilac	1,000,000	10c. green	200,000

The quantities seem to be very absurdly proportioned; it is doubtful if even Great Britain would print a million 2/- stamps at a time. But we suppose it is necessary to provide a big stock of two or three useless values, in order that there may be something to surcharge.

GWALIOR (215 M 218).—Capt. R. C. F. Schomberg contributes the following interesting letter to the *London Philatelist*.—

"Nasirabad, Aug. 28th, 1903.

"DEAR SIR,—I enclose you the ½ anna inland card, reply, surcharged for Gwalior. The single is, I believe, not issued. I looked through the 'Stamp Chest' in the G.P.O. at Lashkar (Gwalior City) and could find none; and the Babu asserted none were yet issued. I was struck by seeing a quantity of 1 anna, Queen (brown), envelopes. These are for foreign postage, for which, of course, Gwalior stamps are not available. They seemed an unnecessary issue.

"I also noticed large quantities of the 3 pies, red, Queen, and 2 annas, blue, Queen, still remaining in stock. I could obtain no King, 3 pies, and hardly any of the ½ and 1 anna, King. There were plenty of the Queen issue on hand.

"I do not think it has been noticed anywhere that the reason of the scarcity of used Native State stamps is to be found in the custom of the Government in keeping an Imperial office in all important towns; e.g., there are in Gwalior City two Imperial and only one State Office. Chamba is the only State in which there are no Imperial offices. Were the Imperial offices to confine themselves to business outside India, it would be a different matter. As it is, they transact all kinds of postal business and compete with the State office, to the detriment of the latter—and of the philatelist!"

HUNGARY (216 F 218).—We are now informed that there is also a 6 filler in the new postage due set, but we will defer formally chronicling till we see it, as our correspondents do not describe the perforation. The 12 filler is for unpaid local letters, the town rate being 6f. The 6f. unpaid is for unfranked printed matter from Austria, the rate being 3f. The face value of a set thus comes to 2kr. 6f. and not to 2kr., as we previously stated.

ICELAND (211 S 218).—Mr. L. Hundesvang informs us that he has seen the following varieties not mentioned in our lists of *E.W.S.N.*, No. 207, 211.

- (vi). Error "02"—"03." Service, p. 12½, 20a.; p. 14, 20, 50a.
- (viii). Error "03"—"03." Ordinary, p. 14, 20a.
- (xii). Same as vi. but no "I" in "I Gildi." Service, p. 14, 50a.
- (xiii). Error "02"—"03 omitted). Ordinary, p. 12½, 16a.
- (xiv). Black instead of red surcharge. Ordinary, p. 12½, 5a.
- (xv). Same as xiv. but inverted. Ordinary, p. 12½, 5a.

ITALY (215 S 218).—We are informed that the new 15c. stamp, referred to in *E.W.S.N.* three weeks ago, was designed by Mr. Francesco Micheli, and will be issued in April, 1904, on the occasion of the International Postal Congress, which is then to take place in Rome.

Szekula Briefmarken Verkehr affirms that the 25c. Express stamp was only in use seven or eight days and was then withdrawn, as it transpired that no official decree authorising such had been promulgated.

Dr. Diena informs *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* that the 2l. in the blue and magenta set has now been issued. It has hitherto only been seen overprinted for Eritrea.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (210 P 218).—The following notice has been published in Antigua:

Colonial Secretary's Office,
St. John's, Antigua,
12th October, 1903

Notice is hereby given that persons desirous of purchasing any of the re-called issue of Victorian Postage and Revenue stamps, may make application to this office on or before the 15th December next. Applications must be accompanied with a remittance for one-fourth of the purchase-money as a deposit.

The stamps will be sold at 5% in excess of the face value. No 2½d. stamps are available.

On the 15th December applications will be met so far as the stock in hand allows, and quantities sold will be as soon as possible thereafter handed to purchasers in exchange for the balance of the purchase-money.

By command,
(Signed) E. ST. JOHN BRANCH,
Colonial Secretary.

LEVANT, RUSSIAN P.O. (215 F 218).—The following interesting description is from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—"We are shown entire sheets of the above, and also of the '1 PIASTRE' on 10 kopecs, already chronicled, and it may be of interest to record the arrangements of these sheets and the watermarks. The ordinary-sized stamps are in sheets of 100, divided into four panes of twenty-five (five rows of five) with spaces 9 mm. wide between the panes vertically and horizontally, and wide outer margins which might almost be of use to forgers. The perforation appears to be applied to the whole sheet (or at least to each pane) by a single operation, as it does not cross the spaces or the margins in any direction; it gauges 14×14½. In the upper margin of the 10 kop. sheet, over the left-hand pane, is 'A. 03 I.' in dark blue; the other values have 'A. 03 A.' over right-hand pane, in pale blue on the 20 kop., in magenta on the 50 kop., and in orange on the 70 kop. The sheet of the 1 rouble contains 40 stamps, all in one pane of eight horizontal rows of five, with still larger margins, and has 'A. 03 A.' in orange, over the third, fourth, and fifth stamps in the top row. It is perforated with a single-line machine, the perforations extending across all the margins, and the gauge is about 13. The watermark consists, as is well known, of wavy lines, running in the same direction as the laid lines, and forming a kind of pattern of diamonds of wavy outline, but the lines come closer together at their nearest points, being only about 3 mm. apart, and are about 42 mm. apart at their widest. In some of these diamonds there are large capital letters in Russian script type; these letters read also in the same direction as the laid lines, and the rows of them run vertically in these sheets; there are seven wavy lines between the rows of letters."

The four values are all on vertically laid paper, the surcharge being in black on the 2p.; red on the 5p.; and blue on the 7 and 10p.

LIBERIA (194 I 218).—*Der Philatelist* mentions some more official stamps surcharged "Ordinary."—1892, 24c., \$1, \$2; 1894, 5c., 24c., 32c.; 1898, 5c. (See *E.W.S.N.*, Nos. 141, 191)

PARAGUAY (189 Z 218).—We illustrate the first of the new set.



Adhesive.—Dated "Año—1903." Perf. 1c. green.

QUEENSLAND (204 P 218).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a number of the new 9d. stamps and we notice some striking differences in shade, etc. It is possible to get various combinations of the following:—

- (i) Wmk. upright; wmk. inverted.
- (ii) Dark red-brown; pale red-brown.
- (iii) Value in dark blue; in pale blue.

For some years past the £1 deep green on thick paper, wmk. Large Crown and Q upright (No. 117) has been current, although catalogued as high as 30/-. We understand that it is now finished, but that the £1 green on thin paper, wmk. Crown and Q sideways (No. 112, cat. 50/-) has now made its appearance, but will very soon be exhausted.

Latest sheets received of the lower values bear the following marginal numbers: 3d. 428, 2d. 301, 3d. 22, 4d. 18, 5d. 15, 6d. 268; but we believe these numbers have little philatelic importance.

Our Brisbane correspondent advises us that a new £1 postage stamp is about to be issued. Beyond saying that it will be "light green, perf. 12½," he gives no particulars. We presume, as the perforation is 12½, it will be printed at Melbourne. Other values of a new set may be expected to follow.

SPAIN (173 N 218).—We are indebted to Mr. R. Osborne for some corner blocks of the current issue with new plate-numbers, and can now bring our list up-to-date as follows:—

Value.	Size of Plate.	Highest Sheet No.	Plate Numbers.
2c.	100	0,063,077	1, 2, 3.
5c.	200	0,172,116	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7*.
10c.	200	0,155,302	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
15c.	200	0,110,311½	5, 14, 17, 19, 29, 30, 31*, 32 to 40, 41*, 42*.
20c.	100	0,008,071	1, 2.
25c.	100	0,135,465	1, 2, 3, 4, 6*, 7.
30c.	100	0,018,087	1, 2.
40c.	100	0,007,847	2.
50c.	100	0,022,825	1, 2, 3*.
1p.	100	0,024,406	1, 2, 3.
4p.	100	0,000,898	1.
10p.	100	0,000,582	1*.

* Those plate-numbers marked with an asterisk are new since our last list was published (*E.W.S.N.*, No. 173).

‡ The first series of a million has been passed, the numbering, curiously enough, recommencing at 0,000,001 again instead of 1,000,001.

It may be remarked that the stamps are all numbered on the back in violet, except the second million sheets of the 15c. which are numbered in blue. The numbers on the backs of the stamps omit the initial O, but the number in the top right hand corner of the sheet, on the margin, gives it, although it is obviously quite useless and even inaccurate in the case of the present series of the 15c. A new numbering machine has been brought into use and the numbers on the backs of the stamps are now very clearly imprinted. The latest 25c. stamps have a new gum, similar to that on the current German stamps.

SURINAM (207 E 218).—*Postzegelnieuw* gives some interesting statistics relating to the Post Office revenue for 1900-01. In 1901, the sales of postage stamps amounted to fl. 30,561; of postage dues to fl. 1315; of letter-cards to fl. 369; of money order and parcel post forms, fl. 42; a total of fl. 33,093 or about £3000. In 1900, the postage stamps sold amounted to fl. 43,426, but of this fl. 13,597 was derived from the sale of the several surcharged 25c. and 50c. stamps. The population of Surinam is over 70,000, but of these only 855 are Europeans (garrison and navy excluded).

VICTORIA (217 I. 218).—Our Melbourne correspondent sends us the re-engraved 1/- in a darker shade of orange, still perf. 12½.

Adhesive. Queen's Head. Perf. 12½.
1/- orange (dark shade).

The first copy was noted on 23.9.03; it may or may not be a new printing.

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Finland, Postal Issues of, L. Hanciau, S.G., 10.03/93.
Jhalawar, Major Evans, S.G. 10.03/81.
Morocco Agencies, Local overprint, B. W. H. Poole, S.C.F., 11.03/152a.

Our Postcard Column.

WILL readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Mr. T. S. Harvey writes from Cadenabbia:—

"I am informed by the Postmaster here that one centesimo stamps are no longer sold to the public. The reason of this is that economical people sent P.C.'s as 'printed matter' for 2 centesimi, using two 1ct. stamps under which they wrote all the information they desired to convey!"

A correspondent in Niue who has a few of the first issue is evidently meditating asking the Postmaster to oblige with the loan of his postmarker, as he enquires:

"With regard to possible forging of the 1st issue 1d., if they were cancelled with the Niue office stamp would it not be difficult or impossible to imitate them? It appears that used 1st issue are worth no more than unused, but dealers and collectors are constantly sending large quantities of stamped letters here to be cancelled. Why is this if it does not increase their value?"

[The reason is that it is only the better-class of collectors—collectors with money to spend—who prefer their stamps uncanceled and unsoiled and such collectors alone can afford to buy so rare a stamp as the first issue of Niue. On the other hand, most junior collectors or amateurs just starting either have not sufficient money to buy the rarer stamps or else have not yet gained sufficient courage or confidence to spend it, and restrict themselves to the acquisition of the commoner stamps. The junior collector nearly always prefers his stamps postmarked; to the inexperienced mind a forged stamp with a forged postmark appears more genuine than an unused one just issued from the Post Office. Hence, it follows that commoner stamps are most in demand when used, whilst the rarer stamps are rarely bought in used condition except under compulsion, i.e., because unused specimens are not to be had. A postmark is no guarantee, as a stamp with a forged surcharge, if good enough to deceive a collector, would be quite as likely to deceive a postmaster and it would be comparatively little trouble for its originator to stick it on a letter and get the letter posted. Failing that, a postmark can be as easily forged as a stamp. A collector who wishes to ensure obtaining only genuine stamps should deal only with a responsible firm, whose guarantee consists of something more than paper.—Ed.]

Tsingtau.

MESSRS. GEBRÜDER SENF sends us an interesting little book entitled "*Die Aushilfsmarken von Tsingtau und ihre Fälschungen*." It is about as exhaustive a work on the subject as one could imagine, and we should advise no one to attempt to collect these stamps without possessing it. It is neatly printed and illustrated (including three plates of entire sheets) and runs to 56 pages. We are not enlightened by our correspondents as to the price of the publication, but should any reader require a copy, we shall be pleased to make enquiry on his behalf.

Stamps Unissued.

For months past nearly all our contemporaries have been chronicling several stamps which have never existed, notably the St. Lucia 2d. and 2/- King (as regards these, a German paper started the ball rolling, by chronicling these stamps as St. Lucia instead of St. Vincent; it will be remembered these two values of the latter set appeared independently and somewhat late). Other varieties of this description are the Australian Commonwealth Postage Due 10/- and 20/- which have not been issued, nor even printed. They were first "chronicled" by an English contemporary, whose editor, in reading an article describing the sets of postage dues in use in the different colonies, jumped to the conclusion, the new set was exclusively referred to. As a matter of fact, those in use in New South Wales are still chiefly the old N. S. W. set. An error of this description, once started, seems to be copied by almost every other philatelic journal. Another "snowball" of this description, fortunately checked before it went very far, described the Queen's Head West Australian stamps, 1½d., 2d., etc., which occur on the stationery, as adhesives. We are pleased to be able to say that *E.W.S.N.* has managed to steer clear of these traps.

Foreign Extracts.

Result of Competition held over until next Week.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163* Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165 " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/7
184 " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/0	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214* " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11
Other Countries and Colonies, &c.		
851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

854 Austrian Levant, 10 pias	1/8	2/0
855* " 20 "	3/4	3/11
858 China, \$1	2/0	2/4
859 " \$2	4/0	4/6
860* " \$5	10/0	11/8
861 Corea, 1 weun	2/0	2/4
862* " 2 "	4/0	4/8
863* Congo Free State, 1fr.	10d	1/0
864* " 3½fr.	2/10	3/4
865* " 5fr.	4/0	4/8
866* " 10fr.	8/0	9/4
867* Curaçao, 1g...	1/8	2/0
868* " 1½g...	2/6	2/11
869* " 2½g...	4/2	4/11
870 Danish West Indies, 50c.	2/1	2/5
871* Dutch Indies, 2½g.	4/2	4/11
873* Eritrea 5 lire (1903)	4/0	4/8
874* Egypt, 10 piastres	2/1	2/5
875* Fernando Poo, 40c...	—	—
876* " 60c...	—	—
877* " 80c...	—	—
878* " 1 peso	—	—
879* " 2 pesos	—	—
880* Italian Levant, 2 lire	1/8	2/0
881* Japan, 1 yen.	2/1	2/5
882* Japanese China, 1 yen	2/1	2/5
883* " Corea, 1 "	2/1	2/5
884 Liberia, 50c.	2/1	2/5
885 " \$1	4/2	4/10
886 " \$2	8/4	9/9
887 " \$5	20/10	24/2
888 Persia, 1 kran	—	—
889 " 2 "	—	—
890 " 3 "	—	—
891 " 4 "	—	—
892 " 5 "	—	—
893 " 10 "	—	—
894 " 50 "	—	—
895* Siam, 64 atts.	1/4	1/8
896* Surinam, 1 gulden	1/8	2/0
897* " 1½ "	2/6	2/11
898* " 2½ "	4/2	4/11
899 Tunis, 1 franc	10d.	1/0
900 " 2 "	1/8	2/0
901 " 5 "	4/0	4/8

South and Central America.

911 Argentine, 1 pesos	1/10	2/2
912 " 5 "	9/2	10/8
913* " 10 "	18/4	21/4
914* " 20 "	36/8	42/8
955 " Official 30c.	0/8	0/10
956 " " 50c.	1/0	1/3
957 Mexico, 1p.	1/9	2/0
946* Uruguay, 50c.	2/3	2/7
947* " 1 peso	4/6	5/3
948* " 2 pesos	9/0	10/6
949* " 3 "	13/6	15/9

United States and Colonies.

981 United Sta. 50c. (1902)	2/1	2/5
982 " \$1	4/0	4/8
983 " \$2	8/9	9/4
984 " \$5	20/0	23/4
991* Philippines, 50c.	2/0	2/4

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271* Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, gr., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t...	10	2/6	2/11</

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Large Crown Watermark (218 D 219).—Mr. F. J. Cowan has also found a copy of the 1d. "stars in top corners" with the error of Large Crown Watermark. From his letter it would appear that about 1 in 12,000 of the 1d. red stamps issued during 1864 has the error, so the variety is by way of being a rarity. Probably £3 unused and £1 used will be about its catalogue value. Mr. W. Bowes has shown us plate 73, unused. Our list of owners is now as follows:



Large Crown of 1862.



Error.

1d. red, stars.	Messrs. J. F. Caterer, F. J. Cowan.
" plate 73.	Mr. W. Bowes.
" 87.	Mr. F. G. Warwick.
" 89.	Mr. F. J. Cowan.
" 92.	Mr. V. Gregory (the discoverer).

Mr. Cowan writes:—"In reference to the error of Crown watermark, lettered AM. MA., I have been through my 1d. 1858 and have found 81 copies of this lettering, and have also examined a lot of 'off centre,' which might be M or might be N, so I think it might be put down as 100 copies—and I have found 2 errors which I enclose for your inspection. The error in the manufacture of the paper must have been very soon discovered or copies would be more plentiful, my two copies run roughly 2%, being the same proportion as my one copy in the plate-numbers."

We would remind readers that it is just possible the error may also occur on 2d. blue, plate 9.

Maltese Cross Postmark (A 219).—Mr. J. W. Lowson writes:—"In your 1898 Catalogue, you note that Die 53 of the 1d. Envelope is the latest die that may be found with Maltese Cross postmark. I enclose specimen of Die 54 having such postmark, which you may be interested to see. It is postmarked at Ratho (near Edinburgh), 10/1/45. The die No. is not particularly clear, though with a strong glass I can make it out quite well, but you can see it is not an earlier No., as the initials are removed to the extreme end of the bust and this arrangement only commenced with 54."

The Editor has in his collection cut square specimens of 1d dies 54 and 55, the latter with ordinary Maltese Cross postmark and the former with the London numbered Maltese Cross. We publish Mr. Lowson's letter however, as evidence of a very late date of use for the Maltese Cross postmark, which is usually supposed to have been recalled from use in May, 1844.

Watermark Letters (180 K 219).—Mr. J. W. Lowson writes:—"Since your last list of Paper-maker's Watermark Letters on 7th March, I have discovered the following:—3d. F, 4d. E, 5d. D." Our list therefore now stands as follows:—

King Edward Issue.

1d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d. D, E, F.
3d. E, F; 6d. D, F; 10d. E, F; 9d., 1/- not yet seen.

Railway Letter Stamps (218 B 219).—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall informs us that the Great Central Railway Company are seeking power to wind up and amalgamate the Wrexham, Mold and Connah's Quay Company, so that there is a probability of the letter stamps of the latter Company becoming obsolete.

Railway Parcel Stamps (216 J 219).—Mr. J. G. Cairns has shown us some more of the North British Railway Parcel stamps:—E series, 4d., 5d.; G series, 2d. All perf. 11.

Early Date Records (218 M 219).—Mr. F. C. Scarr has shown us a new record.
1d. red, plate 113. Liverpool, 7.8.68.

Envelope Dies (217 A 219).—No new dies of the King's Head series have now for a fortnight com-

to hand, but a second copy of the 1/- Queen, die 7, has been discovered. It is unfortunately cut round. The date is 25.8.75, whilst the date of the first copy (see E.W.S.N. No. 216) was 4.8.74.

ANTIOQUIA (210 O 219).—The following new issues are recorded by Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.



Adhesives. (i) Shape as above; figures of value in centre. Perf. 12.
50c. rose.

(ii) Design as illustrated above. Perf. 12.
1 peso sepia.

BOSNIA (203 H 219).—Lieut. E. Bayer sends us the new 30 filler with value in black.

Adhesive. Perf. 12½.
30f. bistre, value in black.

BRITISH SOMALILAND (218 P 219).—Our note last week was not quite accurate, as we see from our correspondence by the last mail that the old postmark is still in use, as well as the new one.

COREA (218 M 219).—We take the following description of the new set of stamps from the Weekly Philatelic Era:—

"The new set has just been issued, October 1. It shows the 'violet falcon' in the centre, falconry being a sport of the nobility as it has been in China. In his right claw he holds a sheathed sword with its belt, and in his left claw a terrestrial globe on which Korea and Japan can be discerned. On his breast is the yin-yang symbol again and surrounding it the Pakua or eight diagrams. There are also four little yin-yangs on each wing, and the plum blossom is again prominent. These stamps were made at the French factory on the boulevard Brune, and are arranged in sheets after the French manner: three panes, side by side, each having twenty-five stamps, five rows of five.



The cards consist of 1ch and 1x1ch local cards and 4ch and 4x4ch. The designs are very pretty, the local cards having no French inscription except 'Postes de Corée' and the value. The foreign card also has 'Union Postale—Carte Postale—Universelle' at the left and 'Côte réservée à l'adresse' running down the right side. The foreign reply cards have 'Avec réponse payée' on one section and 'Réponse' on the other.

Adhesive. Perf. 14 x 13½.

2ri. grey-black.
1c. purple-brown.
2c. green.
3c. orange.
4c. rose.
5c. yellow-brown.
6c. lilac.
10c. blue.
15c. red on straw.
20c. purple-brown on straw.
50c. red on green.
\$1. lilac on lavender.
\$2. purple on orange.

Post Cards.

1c. green on greenish, 92x144mm.
1x1c. green on greenish, 144x184mm.
4c. red on rose, 92x144mm.
4x4c. red on rose, 92x144mm."

CHINA (163 E 219).—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal mentions an error of the current 5c. printed in yellow.

CAVALLE (182 E 219).—The new set is now completed by the issue of the 30c. value.



Adhesive. Same design as Alexandria. 30c. lilac.

DEDEAGH (197 F 219). We have now to record the issue of the 30c. value, thus completing the new set.

Adhesive.
30c. lilac.

ERITREA (203 F 219).—We are indebted to Mr. C. de Grave Sells for the following note of plate-numbers on sheets of the recent issue for Eritrea:—

5c. 4296	40c. 4263
10c. 4303	50c. 4292
20c. 4339	

FRANCE (204 K 219).—La Côte Réelle gives the dates of the first issue of the "Sower" set as follows:—10c., 1.4.03; 15c., 28.4.03; 20c., 6.5.03; 25c., 29.6.03; 30c., 29.6.03. The 15c. rose, old type, appeared 18.12.02.

HUNGARY (217, 218 H 219).—Lieut. E. Bayer has shown us the 6 filler value of the new unpaid letter stamps, so we are now able to complete our description. (See E.W.S.N. 216).



Unpaid Letter Stamp.
6 f. green and black. Perf. 11½.

ITALY (218 T 219).—The 20c. stamps are now appearing with a new marginal plate-number, 4459 (see E.W.S.N. No. 194).

MADAGASCAR.—British Inland Mail (180 E 219).—We reproduce from the Philatelic Record the following interesting letter which Mr. B. T. K. Smith has received from the British Consul at Antananarivo. In one or two quarters it had been suggested that the stamps were only locals. They are, however, an entirely bona-fide issue and fully entitled to their place in Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue:—

"His Majesty's Consulate,
Antananarivo,

20th August, 1903.

"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that the British Inland Mail referred to in your letter of 18th July was a bona-fide postal service for the transmission of mail matter, and was officially recognised as such by the Malagasy Government.

The stamps, which are the subject of your enquiry, were the only postage stamps in use here during the war between France and Madagascar in 1895.—I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

T. P. PORTER, His Majesty's Consul."

MEDELLIN (A 219).—Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal chronicles two new stamps, apparently for local postage, as they are inscribed *Correos Urbanos*.



Adhesives. Perf. 12.
20c. red-brown.
40c. violet.

NEW SOUTH WALES (215 O 219).—We now have the new 5d. (chronicled as (iv.) in the list in E.W.S.N. No. 215) with perf. 12 x 11½ instead of 11 x 11½. The Colonial Stamp Market's last supply of the 5/- "Coin" was perf. 11 instead of 12 or 11 x 11½.

Major Lister has shown us a copy of the 4d. 1888 type, with perforation 11. It is postmarked 24.3.96.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY (214 P 219).—A month or so ago we mentioned an uncatalogued variety of the ½d. V.R.I. raised stops, being a combination of S.G. Nos. 154 & 168 on one and the same stamp. Mr. C. J. Daun kindly informs us that this stamp is the 6th stamp of the lowest row of a pane in one of the "thick v" settings. The small "½" variety has not yet been found in a pane of the "mixed stop" setting (or 2nd printing).

PANAMA (216 F 219).—The first stamps of the new Republic are already making their appearance. The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has been shown the following by Mr. J. A. Klemann.

Adhesives. Old issue, overprinted "Republica de Panama."

2 centavos, rose	Surcharge, black.
5 " blue	" red.
20 " violet	" "
1 peso, brown-carmine	" "

Registration Adhesive.

20c. blue and brown	Surcharge, red.
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Presumably the 1, 10 and 50c. have also been surcharged.

PERSIA (217 D 219).—We illustrate the type of the surcharge on the provisionals chronicled a fortnight ago.



SERVIA (216 Y 218).—We are officially informed that the date of issue of the 1st provisional was 29th May. We had previously stated "date of issue unknown."

SEYCHELLES (217 Z 219).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us entire sheets of the recent provisional stamps, 3 cents on 15c., 18c. and 45c. and also a sheet of the scarce 2c. on 4c. of 1902. There do not appear to be any varieties, beyond here and there a slightly broken letter—none of sufficient importance to specially mention.

Auction Reports.

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, 24, 25, 26, 11/03.

Great Britain—1840, 1d. black, "V.R." unused but no gum, £6; 1841, pair of 1d. red-brown in mint state, £10; 1847-54, block of four 1s. green, die 1., unused with original gum, which has "perished," £16; 1854-57, unused 2d. blue, no gum, £7; 1855-57, 4d. carmine, imperforated, on deep blue, in mint state, £13 10s.; another on white, £5 7s. 6d.; 1867-78, 10s. grey, unused, £9 9s.; a torn £1 purple-brown, unused but not full gum, £13; 1880-83, unused 1s. lilac, plate 14, with gum, rare, £14; 1882-83, 5s. rose on bluish, in mint state, £7 15s.; 1883-84, 5d. green, rare variety, with value in different type, £9; and 1884-88, £1 brown-lilac, £7 5s.

Ceylon—1855-59, 6d. deep claret, slightly torn, £5 5s.; unused 1s. lilac, no gum, £7; rare 2s. blue, large margins, £7 5s.; 1861, 6d. deep brown and 8d. brown, both unused, with part gum, £7 2s. 6d.; rare 8d. yellow-brown, with gum, £5 15s.; 1883-84, 16 cents lilac, in mint state, £6 15s.; unused 24 cents purple-brown, £6; and 1885, 5 cents on 24 cents purple-brown, unused, with part gum, £7 5s.

Hong Kong—1863-71, 96 cents yellow-brown, £5.

India—Puttialla, 1887, ½ anna green, surcharge all in red, the error "Puttilla," £6.

Straits Settlements—1868, 96 cents grey, £5 12s. 6d.; and 1892-94, 32 cents carmine-rose, error without surcharge, £12.

British East Africa—1891, hand-stamped provisionals, "1 anna A.B." on 4 annas brown, £5 10s.

Cape of Good Hope—1861, Woodblocks, 1d. scarlet, unused, but no gum, £8 10s.; 4d. blue, unused, with gum, £5 17s. 6d.; and an entire set of the Mafeking Besieged, 19 in all, £10 5s.

Mauritius—Post Paid, 1848, 1d. bright orange, a pair, early impressions, £40; an unused 1d. orange on pale bluish, early medium impression, £9 10s.; a lightly cancelled 1d. orange on greyish, £7; a used 1d. dull orange on white, £6 6s.; a vertical strip of three 2d. blue, the centre stamp being the error "Penoe," £35; a cleaned copy of the 2d. blue, £6; one 2d. pale blue with the error "Penoe," £5 5s.; 1859, large fillet, 2d. dark blue, large margins, £12; 1862, Britannia, 1s. dark green, unused, £5 5s.; and 1876, halfpenny in black on 9d. purple, with inverted surcharge, unused, but no gum, £5.

Natal—1870, curved "Postage" in red, 1s. green, lightly cancelled, £16.

Niger Coast—1893-94, halfpenny in violet on 2d. sideways, and halfpenny in violet on 2d., *se tenant*, £10; a similar pair surcharged diagonally, £9 15s.; another pair, same surcharge, in ver-

million on 2½d., diagonally inverted, £10; half-penny, surcharged in black on 2½d., £10; another, same surcharge in violet on 2½d., £12 10s.; another, same surcharge on 2d. blue, one of the rarest of these provisionals, £19 10s.; and one shilling in violet on 2d., a pair, one with inverted surcharge, £8 15s.

Transvaal—1869, German printing, 1s. deep green, unused, but no gum, £5.

Uganda—1895, 10 cowries black, altered in MS. to "15," rare, £12 10s.; and an unused 45 cowries violet, rare, only eight copies known, £18.

British Columbia—1861, no wmk., unused pair of 2½d. brown-rose, £30; and 1865, 5c. rose, £11.

Canada—1851-57, laid paper, 12d. black, lightly cancelled, £28 10s.; and wove paper, 6d. purple-black on thin paper, £9 10s.

New Brunswick—1851, 6d. yellow, £5 10s.; a thinned 1s. brown, £7; and 1860-63, 5c. brown, head of Connell, unused, with gum, £11 10s.

Newfoundland—1857, 6d. scarlet, £5 5s.; 1s. scarlet, £7; and 1860, 1s. orange, unused, £10 10s.

Nova Scotia—1851-53, 1s. violet, unused but slightly discoloured, £11; and 1s. purple, good margins, £10.

Barbados—1861-70, 1s. blue, error, only nine copies believed to exist, £23; pair of 4d. dull vermilion, £5 5s.; 1878, Provisionals, 1d. on half of 5s. rose, £9 10s.; and another specimen, unused, £10.

An aggregate of £2600 was obtained for the three days' sale.

Proofs and Essays.

(From the *Metropolitan Philatelist*).

It is hardly expected that an outsider can go into the market, invest a few hundreds or thousands of dollars and turn round and sell at a large profit. There are plenty of dealers watching for all snaps of this sort. But the collector who will conscientiously accumulate a collection, complete of its kind, large or small, can feel sure of remunerative returns on money expended. It is not, however, so much the stamps that bring the advance in price, but the brains of the collector who has assembled the divergent groups and combined them together into one harmonious whole. Take proofs and essays, for instance, they had always been collected, but seldom brought much of a price because the possibilities of a fine collection was not appreciated, but when a man of genius took hold of the subject every thing was changed. The late Mr. Mandel saw the beauties of proofs, understood their rarity and resolved to form a collection worthy of the grand subject. He went into the market, bought all that could be found, spent perhaps ten thousand dollars and made a collection which was the admiration of the world. He found many imitators and now proofs and essays are the most sought after in the whole field of philately. His estate realized a profit of at least twenty thousand dollars on his investment and the chances are that if they had been held for a few years longer even that liberal profit would have been doubled. Proofs are the coming feature of Philately.

The Stamp-Fiends' Raid.*

(In Philatelia's Cause. A Philatelic Phantasy, by W. E. Imeson. With 28 Pen-and-ink Perpetrations by the Author.)

We have received a copy of an interesting little book, under the above somewhat alarming title. Perhaps we cannot describe it better than by quoting the advance description circulated by the Publishers.

"The Stamp-Fiends' Raid is a humorous and inoffensive skit on many hobbies of the day—chiefly Philately. It is written on popular lines, with a view to interest equally the general reader and those collectors whose special pursuits are introduced, viz.:—Philately, Numismatics, Ex-Libris, Bibliomania, Ornithology, Botany, Old China, Etc.

"Apart from the above subjects, many burning (or smouldering) questions of the day, such as the late War, Free-Trade, Foreign Competition, Alien Immigration, etc., are disposed of in a novel and irresponsible manner.

"The story contains no prosy matter—being told in verse—and is sufficiently disconnected to be understood by any reader of extraordinary intelligence.

"The book is the first—and shows much promise of being the last—of its kind."

* Published by Horace Cox, 2/6.

The A B C of Stamp Collecting.

(Compiled by Mr. F. J. Melville and Published by Henry Drane, 1/-)

We have received a copy of the above little book, and can recommend it as likely to be of use and interest to the beginner. No doubt its circulation among the younger generation will do much to increase the interest in Stamp Collecting.

Foreign Extracts Competition.

The more important mistakes in our last competition were as follows:—

Art.	Line.	
I.	37.	Read <i>valoir</i> .
I.	41.	" <i>là</i> and <i>la</i> .
I.	43.	" <i>faussée</i> .
I.	44.	Insert <i>des</i> .
II.	6.	Transpose <i>qu'il</i> .
II.	15.	Read <i>terminé</i> .
II.	19.	" <i>dénuée d'intérêt</i> .
III.	4.	" <i>rassemblée</i> .
III.	5.	" <i>philatelic</i> .
III.	7.	" <i>part</i> .
III.	9.	" <i>indépendants</i> .

The above mistakes were all pointed out by five competitors, Mme. A. Sirmann, Messrs. A. Voyer, A. Dethier, W. Barnard and Dr. H. Armstrong. To the latter we award first prize, as he was the only competitor to also point out the error 9467 for 9471 (Art. I., line 39). The other two prizes we award to Mme. Sirmann and Mr. W. Barnard, as an encouragement to new competitors. Consolation prizes will be sent to Messrs. Voyer and Dethier.

We again offer three prizes for the longest lists of mistakes of grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. (very trivial defects excepted), in our "Foreign Extracts." Lists must reach us before one o'clock on Monday, December 7th. The three prizes this time will be sets of Aitutaki, unused, complete.

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TIMBRE DE PROPAGANDE DU CONGRES CELTIQUE.

A propos des vignettes qu'il nous adressait le mois dernier, M. le marquis de L'Estourbeillon nous écrit la lettre suivante:—

"Dans votre numéro du 1^{er} octobre du *Collecteur de timbres-poste*, vous voulez bien consacrer une note au timbre de Bretagne, tiré à l'occasion du Congrès de l'Union Régionaliste bretonne à Lesneven. Je vous en remercie. Vous ajoutez avec raison que vous n'avez reçu sur cette vignette aucun renseignement. Je m'en excuse près de vous et m'empresse de réparer cet oubli par une courte note ci-jointe qui intéressera peut-être vos nombreux clients philatélistes.

"Veuillez agréer.....

"M^{rs} DE L'ESTOURBEILLON,
"Député du Morbihan."

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Le timbre de Bretagne ci-contre tiré à l'occasion du Congrès de l'*Régionaliste bretonne* à Lesneven, est un *timbre commémoratif* et en même temps un *timbre de propagande des idées décentralisatrices*. Déjà très répandu et souvent employé en Bretagne, il n'a aucune valeur légale, mais est apposé sur leurs lettres par un grand nombre de Bretons heureux de pouvoir rappeler ainsi par un *symbole*, le glorieux passé de la Race.

C'est en effet l'idée maîtresse de cette vignette qui représente dans un octogone: l'*harpe celtique*, surmonté de la *croix rayonnante du christianisme* et accosté de deux *hermines*, souvenir des anciens ducs. A gauche: monte une *guirlande de chêne*; à droite: une *guirlande de gui*. A la partie supérieure, on lit le mot: *Breiz* qui signifie: *Bretagne*; à la partie inférieure: le mot *Unvaniezh*, qui veut dire *Union*. Aux deux coins supérieurs figurent les *trois traits bardiques*; à la partie inférieure: le chiffre indiquant la valeur fictive.

On ne pouvait mieux condenser et réunir les attributs celtiques.

D'autres aimables correspondants nous ont également fourni des renseignements sur ces vignettes de fantaisie; nous leur adressons nos bien vifs remerciements.

Le graveur, M. Georges Profit, nous envoie une intéressante notice et termine par ces lignes:

"Le timbre a été tiré à 13,000 violet (15) et 12,000 carmin (5).

"On a voulu trouver dans cette vignette une idée politique; elle a été simplement conçue pour un congrès de littérateurs et de poètes. Il n'y faut pas chercher autre chose."

M. Jules Péron nous donne l'explication des signes que l'on voit aux angles supérieures:

"Les trois traits placés à droite et à gauche sont le symbole de la Puissance divine qui crée /, qui conserve / et qui détruit / d'où le signe /I/ particulier aux Gorsedds (ou Académies) des Bardes de Grande-Bretagne et d'Armorique."

Interesting Articles in the Philatelic Press.

Crete, Supplementary Notes on the Stamps of Crete issued by the English Administration, by Franz Reichenheim, PR 11.03/209.
Madagascar, British Inland Mail, PR 10.03/191.
Proofs and Essays, AJP 10.03/321.
New South Wales, The Taping Collection, LP 11.03/257.
United States, The Earl of Crawford's Collection of, LP 11.03/264.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155 Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163* Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173 Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177 Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/7
184* " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt), Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214* " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis.	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis.	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambezia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271* Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambezia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12t.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII.—DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12b.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

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310 Austrian Crete, 5, 10 centimes	2	0/1½	0/2
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20p., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20p., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

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355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (219 B 220).—Major Evans writes us as follows:—

"When you put a notice in the *Stamp News* asking for copies of the 1/- Queen's Head, Dies 7 and 8, it did not occur to me that it was a question of discovery, but supposed that it was merely that you wanted to buy copies. I have both of them on telegraph forms, Die 7 dated 4.8.74, and two copies of Die 8 dated 15.11.81 and 1.12.81."

The other two copies of 1/- Die 7 known are dated 4.8.74 and 25.8.75.

Maltese Cross Postmark (219 B 220).—Mr. E. Bentley Wood has shown us 1d. die 56 (Queen's Head, 1st series) with Maltese Cross postmark. We mentioned No. 55 last week, as the highest we had seen.

Cheque Dies (218 S 220).—We have seen die EK, 18.7.03. The missing dies are DK, DN, DT to DW, EC, EI, EL, EO and higher.

Large Crown Watermark (219 E 220).—No more errors have turned up this week. They are evidently very rare, as a correspondent writes: "I am laboriously struggling through a big accumulation of 1d. reds in the hope of being able to join the 'roll of honor' with the error wmk. I have picked out about 35 MA's, stars, and early plate Nos., but so far without success."

Stationery (177 Q 220).—Mr. Clarke sends us the following official notice which has been published. "It has been decided to discontinue the issue of the 2½d. embossed envelopes (L & M) and their sale to the public will cease at the end of the present month."

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE (209 G 220).—We believe all the values of the new set are now issued. In addition to those recorded in E.W.S.N. No. 209, the Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 2/6.

CEYLON (218 Y 220).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the 6c. King's Head, thus completing the set as far as 30c. The 1/-, 2/- and 3/- equivalents (75c., 150c., and 225c.), for use on parcels, are still wanting.



Adhesive. CA 14.
6c. carmine.

Our earliest dated copies are postmarked 18.11.03.

CHILE (193 Y 220).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the 30c. of 1900 has been surcharged "Diez Centavos."

CHINA (219 F 220).—Messrs. Ellis Bros. have shown us S.G. No. 34, 1c., on 1c., with surcharged inverted.

CHINA, FRENCH P.O. (217 K 220).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicles four more provisional Unpaid Letter stamps.

Unpaid Letter Adhesives. Postage Stamps overprinted "Chine" surcharged additionally "A PERCEVOIR" diagonally (not in two lines as before).

5c. yellow-green (Allegorical group, type I).
10c. carmine (Type Mouchon).
15c. blue (Allegorical group).
30c. brown (" ").

The overprint is in carmine on the three first and in violet on the last.

CRETE, ITALIAN P.O. (97 B 220).—M. Fournier informs *Le Timbrophile Belge* that the surcharged postage stamp (chronicled in E.W.S.N. two years and a half ago) was withdrawn from sale on 1st October.

CYPRUS (192 M 220).—We do not appear to have recorded the actual issue of the 45 piastres, King, although it was described in E.W.S.N. No. 192. We believe it was issued 9.03 or earlier.

FRENCH COLONIES (212 E 220).—We reproduce the following letter written by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. to *Hobbies*:—

"When the recent issues of Indo-China stamps surcharged for French offices at Canton, Hoihow, Chungking, Mongtze, Yunnan-sen, &c., made their appearance they received a lot of philatelic abuse, 'rubbish' being about the mildest term applied to them; but we think we can explain that they are by no means so speculative as some people think. At the places where these stamps are used the Mexican dollar and cents are not current, the only currency being the local tael, which is different in every place. For instance, we are told that there is sometimes as much as 10 per cent. between the value of a Chungking tael and the tael of Hankow or Hoihow. It will be easily be seen, therefore, that if the stamps were the same at all these places, the wily Chinese merchant would buy them where the taels were lowest in value, and effect a considerable saving at the expense of the Post Office.

"Then, again, that the stamps are made for serious use and not for collectors we can prove by our own experience, as we have had our money sent back by the French postmasters of Canton and Hoihow, with the information that the stamps are only sold for postage, and that stamp dealers or collectors cannot under any circumstances be supplied."

GERMANY (216 W 220).—We take the liberty of reproducing from *Morley's Philatelic Journal* the following further interesting information respecting the railway stamps issued last March (see E.W.S.N. No. 191).

In 1902 the Minister of Railways announced to the Parliament that his Administration intended to introduce the use of railway stamps and that he expected a great economy in management by this new system.

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The stamps were put in use on March 9th 1903, but were suddenly suppressed on April 30th, the system having evidently proved unsatisfactory for some cause that I have been unable to learn. In fact the public made very little use of the stamps, and as they have been in use only fifty-two days and the stamps when used remained in the hands of the Administration, they seem likely to become rarities.

The stamps are very handsomely executed by the Imperial Printing Office, the figures of value being impressed in a darker shade on a guilloché background. Perforation 14.

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| 1 pf. yellow-brown | 50 pf. lilac |
| 2 " brown-violet | 60 " ultramarine |
| 5 " carmine-lake | 1 mark, grey |
| 10 " dark-grey | 2 " emerald-green |
| 20 " red-carmine | 5 " yellow |
| 30 " blue-green | 10 " olive-brown |
- 1° Berlin (Silesian terminus) and Guben, Liegnitz, Breslau.
2° Berlin (Görlitz terminus) and Görlitz.
3° Berlin (Stettin terminus) and Angermünde, Stettin, Stargard, Stralsund, Greifswald, Pasewalk and Prenzlau.
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5° Berlin (Alexanderplatz - Zentralmarkthalle Station) and Hamburg, Altona, Kiel, Geestemünde, Guben.
6° Berlin (Hamburg-Lehrte terminus) and Hamburg, Altona, Bielefeld, Hanover, Minder, Dortmund, Bremen, Kiel.
7° Berlin (Anhalt-terminus) and Köthen, Leipzig and various other stations of that line.
And last for the traffic between Cöpenick and some other stations.

GWALIOR (218 N 220).—Mr. Chamberlain has shown the *Philatelic Journal of India* what that Journal describes as an undoubtedly genuine copy of the ½ anna carmine (ordinary) Queen's Head stamp with the surcharge inverted. It was used at Mandsaur Post Office in 1902.

We quote as follows from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*:—

"Mr. B. Gordon Jones sends us some notes as to the Queen's Head stamps, in their latest colours, overprinted for use in the various States. Some of these stamps were put in circulation comparatively recently, but it is only in the case of Gwalior that our correspondent tell us of any that we have not yet chronicled. These are the 2a. violet, and 2½a. blue, of which he believes only small numbers were overprinted, all of which were promptly bought up, as is so frequently the case. He adds, 'as the King's Head are only in use now, these are not available at the P.O.,' but in this we think he must be mistaken; surely none of the Convention States have been permitted to demonetise the stamps of the late Queen, and to refuse to recognise them in payment of postage. Our correspondent also states that the 3 pies, carmine, exists with the ordinary surcharge inverted, and that it is a fact that this stamp was issued with the Service overprint."

HONDURAS (181 F 220).—The *American Journal of Philately* has found the 2c. rose of 1898 on vertically laid paper.

INDIA (214 F 220).—A correspondent sends us the following interesting letter:—

"As regards your remarks, re the 2½as. King's Head, the old stock of Queen's Head 2½as. ran out in Bombay last June and so the King's Heads were issued to the Post-offices here. In Calcutta, the Queen's Head 2as., 4as., and 8as. ran out before the stock in Bombay. The 6as. King's Head came out in August in Calcutta. During the last week, in response to my appeal made some months ago, the Bombay Office have sold to people specially requiring them, not only the 6as. King's Head, but the 3as., 12as., and 1 Re. I have asked a friend in Bombay to send you a few. When I return there next month, I will forward a further supply to you. The stamp offices in Bombay and Calcutta are quite distinct. Each keep on hand two years supply for their provinces, of all values. When the King's Heads come out, depend on the stock in hand of Queen's Heads. Then there is in Bombay a stock of Queen's Heads Rs. 5 sufficient for 20 or 30 years, so unless these are transferred elsewhere or used up in some other way, we shall never have King's Head Rs. 5 available in Bombay."

ITALY (219 U 220).—M. Fournier informs *Le Timbrophile Belge* that by decree dated 18.6.03, the following high value postage due stamps were issued on 1.7.03.

Postage Due Adhesives. Same type as those of 1884.
50 lire yellow.
100 lire blue.

They serve specially for money orders, the stamped money order cards having been suppressed.

JOHORE (205 D 220).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a sheet of a new provisional, issued about the end of October. The overprint is much heavier than on the 3 on 4c. and 3 on 10c.

50 Cents.

Adhesive. Surcharged approximately as above.
"50 cents" in black on \$3 purple and blue.

The bar of the surcharge is printed this time, and the whole overprint is done very neatly; we cannot find any varieties nor even broken letters.

MACAU (190 F 220).—Messrs. Ellis Bros. have shown us a minor variety of the 24 avos Centenary issue, being a strip of three perforated all round but imperforate between the stamps; used, 2.6.98.

MARTINIQUE (150 D 220).—A provisional has been issued here, states *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*.

Parcel Post Adhesive.
5fr. on 60c. Taxe. (1000 printed).

NABHA (215 H 220).—The following King's Head Service stamps are reported as issued, by the *Philatelic Journal of India* (issue of 10.03).

Official Adhesives. Overprinted on stamps of India.

1a. yellow-green	King's Head.
1a. carmine	"
2a. violet	"
4a. olive-green	"
8a. red-violet	"
1r. green and carmine	"

NEW ZEALAND (217 Q 220).—*Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* recalls some more of the "O.P.S.O." official stamps, which were chronicled in 1892-93.

Official Adhesives. Overprinted "O.P.S.O."
1d. rose (type 14), perf. 114, violet surcharge (Sept. 1892)
2d. violet (type 15) " 10 " " " (" ")
5d. olive (type 19) ? " " (Feb. 1893)
6d. brown (type 20) ? " " (Nov. 1892)

Our contemporary adds that "the official character of these stamps appears now to be fully established."

NICARAGUA (210 V 220). Mr. H. J. White has shown *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* an interesting variety of the 50c. Unpaid Letter stamp of 1900 (S.G. No. 175) with "1071" instead of "1901" in the surcharge.

NYASSA COMPANY (192 F 220). The *Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung* chronicles a second issue of the provisionals noted in *E.W.S.N.* No. 192. This time the overprint is in thicker, bolder type. The surcharge in both issues is in black.

Adhesives. New type of overprint.

"PROVISORIO"	on 15r., black and orange-bwn.
"	on 25r. " "
"65 REIS"	on 80r. " mauve."
"115 REIS"	on 150r. " orange-bwn."
"130 REIS"	on 300r. " green."

PERSIA (219 D 220).—We are indebted to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* for a detailed description of the somewhat remarkable issue of surcharged stamps recently issued (the two lower values were chronicled in *E.W.S.N.*, No. 217). "An extraordinary surcharge issue has just reached us, some of the values franking the letter in which a supply was sent to our publishers, so that we have no excuse for refusing to note them. The 5 and 10 krans stamps of the issue of 1894 (Nos. 152 and 153 in the Catalogue) have been converted into various other values, by means of overprints, which effectually disfigure those gorgeous labels. Diagonally across the stamps, from lower left to upper right, are printed the words "POSTES PERSANES," between double lines; over this (also diagonally) is the date "1903" surrounded by ornaments, and below are Persian characters accompanied by similar ornaments. Across the foot of the stamp is the new value in ordinary figures and the word "Chahis" in roman type, or "Krans" or "Tomans" in sloping, sans-serif letters. All this is in one colour, and as if that were not sufficient, Persian characters, also denoting, we believe, the new value, are struck, in the second colour quoted in our list, immediately below the Shah's portrait.



Adhesives. Surcharged as above.

1 chahis, in red and black, on 5 krans.
8 " in green and red, on 5 krans.
16 " in orange and green, on 5 krans.
3 krans, in blue and lake, on 5 krans.
4 " in brown and green, on 5 krans.
2 tomans, in red and orange, on 5 krans.
3 " in black and lake, on 5 krans.
2 " in blue and black, on 10 krans.
3 " in green and blue, on 10 krans.

"When we remember that the original stamps are in violet and silver and rose and gold, respectively, it can easily be imagined that the results of these combinations are more peculiar than artistic."

ST. VINCENT (176 L 220).—We illustrate the Registration Envelope stamp described in No. 168.



SUDAN (214 N 220).—Our Sudan correspondent writes that 60,000 5m. on 5pi. provisionals were printed. The issue commenced about the end of September and ceased about the third or fourth week in October.

The following values are stated to have appeared on the new paper, but we have not yet actually seen them.



Adhesives. Wmk. Crescent and Star, instead of Quatrefoil. Perf. 14.

5 mill., carmine and black.
1 piast. (blue and brown ?)
2 " black and blue.

The 1 piastre was rumoured some time ago (*E.W.S.N.* 167) to have been printed in red and black, so that possibly the one now issued may be in the new colours.

SWEDEN (217 H 220).—*Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* gives the date of issue of the 8ö. and 5kr. as 27th October.

TRINIDAD (217 C 220).—*Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* reports that "of the 4d. lilac and orange of 1896, some 75,000 were issued, of which number 25,000 (remaining on hand when the new 4d was issued a few weeks ago) were burned. The old 4d. stamp was used principally for fiscal purposes, and it is reported that of the 50,000 used, 10,000 will be a conservative estimate of those that performed postal duty. Mr. M. D. Senior has received information of a proposed commemorative issue of three values, 3d., 6d. and 1/- showing respectively the "Asphalt" or "Pitch Lake," "The Governor's House" and a "Dock Scene."

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

DEAR SIR,—I have been re-arranging my collection of Newspaper Wrappers (British) and shall be glad if any of your readers can reply to the following queries:—

1.—When were they first issued with instructions in four lines of block capitals? *Gibbons Catalogue* says 1878. Your *Catalogue* (1898 edition, p. 85) gives June, 1883, as the date of the new die. This, however, appeared before the above-mentioned inscription, as I have it with the old instructions in five lines.

2.—When were the instructions abandoned?

3.—When did the King's 1d. stamps appear?

With regard to Vaccination Certificates, those without die No. are evidently from die 2, not "No. 1 unnumbered," as given in your *Catalogue*. This explains the "3" found on the next die. There are several points of difference between Dies 1 and 2, some of which are pointed out in your note on the subject. Another (which can only be explained on the hypothesis of two dies) is that in Die 2 the lines of shading are cut off shorter at their left hand extremities, leaving a more marked line of light down the front of neck.

4.—When were Vaccination Certificates first issued with undated stamp? Mine bears date of printing as "5.74."

5.—When with brown stamp? Mine is dated "12.84."

6.—Did they return to green while the Queen's Head was still in use? (Probably).

7.—Was the "new die" ever used for them? (Probably not).

8.—When did the King's Head commence? Mine is dated "3.02."

It should be noticed, however, that the dates of printing do not necessarily coincide with the dates of stamping.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. DENDY MARSHALL.

DEAR SIR,—Please do get your chronicler of New Issues to give colour-names a little more correctly when he sees them. The foreign papers are hopelessly wrong as a rule, apparently. The worst errors are in connection with "lilac," &c. Lilac is a blue merging into light or pale violet. Neither of these can be correctly used with red or brown, before or after. "Brown-lilac" or "violet-brown" are impossible colours, and do not exist on stamps. Both are shades of purple, or a dull (dark) mauve sometimes. "Red-violet" must be either mauve or purple.

You give 12 annas India sometimes as light violet, or as a lilac. It is nearer the last, but this is the true specimen of the colour, not the reddish colours.

12 annas India, brown (or purple-brown) on red is given correctly—the same colours in 10 centimes, Morocco Ag., Gibraltar, you call lilac!

It is very bothering to collectors, who often write dealers for such stamps, because they think they are new printings in different colours from those they have just received.

Nos. 212, 213, Costa Rica.—The foreign papers give lilac for 4c. It is a pure bright purple!

Yours, &c.,

B. WARHURST.

Foreign Extracts Competition.


The more important mistakes in our last competition were as follows:—

Art.	Line.	
II.	2.	Insert <i>Union</i> after <i>l'</i> .
II.	9.	<i>Race</i> does not require a capital.
II.	11.	Read <i>la harpe</i> (h is not mute).
II.	12.	" <i>surmontée</i> .
II.	13.	" <i>accostée</i> .
II.	14.	" <i>chêne</i> .
II.	18.	" <i>supérieurs</i> and <i>figurent</i> .
II.	36.	" <i>supérieurs</i> .

The above nine mistakes were only pointed out by M. Armand Dethier, who takes one of our three prizes. For the other two prizes, there are three claims, Messrs. P. S. Robinson, H. L. Bevir and T. W. Gardner having each pointed out eight mistakes. We have decided in consequence to award four prizes instead of three, although this is a somewhat expensive way of settling the matter, which must not be taken as a precedent.

Amongst the less important mistakes, we may refer to *collect-ionneur*, a very bad division, and the omission of commas after *aussi*, *Breiz*, and *déruit*.

Dr. H. Armstrong (whose paper arrived too late to take part in the competition), writes:—

"I do not know whether M. Péron, unintentionally, or yourself, 'of malice aforethought' have mixed up the 'trois traits.' The first 1 is right, the second is neither a figure one (1) nor a capital I, but simply a vertical stroke, and the last is sloped the wrong way, the combination being 

often associated with the divine eye ☉ placed above, and other symbols unnecessary to mention here. (See illustrations, &c., in 'Tolo MSS.' compiled by 'Tolo Morganwy.' Foulkes, publisher, Liverpool, 1888.")

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We again offer three prizes for the longest lists of mistakes of grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. (very trivial defects excepted), in our "Foreign Extracts." Lists must reach us before one o'clock on Monday, December 14th. The three prizes this time will be sets of Penrhyn Islands, unused, complete.

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CATALOGUE DE TIMBRES RARES.

Un éditeur vient de faire paraître un catalogue intéressant qui donne les prix de tous les timbres au-dessus de 3 francs dans les catalogues français, allemand, américain, anglais et belge.

C'est un ouvrage qui peut rendre de grands services aux collectionneurs, en leur indiquant la valeur moyenne d'un timbre.

On y trouve de plus des renseignements instructifs: on y apprend notamment que c'est en France que les timbres sont cotés le meilleur marché. N'hésitez donc plus, collectionneurs français, à remplir vos albums!

L'exécution typographique est digne de tous les éloges.

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On sait que les timbres-taxe émis en 1902 aux Antilles Danoises sont restés relativement rares; quoique M. Lemaire, dans son dernier prix-courant des timbres du XX^e siècle, les évalue 4 fr. les 4, beaucoup de marchands ne lâchent pas la série neuve à moins de 10 francs.

La raison de ces prix élevés s'explique aisément par le fait qu'on ne débute, sous aucun prétexte, ces timbres-taxe aux guichets des Antilles.

Notre ami Pirotte, toujours à l'affût des nouveautés intéressantes, avait envoyé de l'argent au "postmaster" de Saint-Thomas, dès que fut annoncée l'émission de ces vignettes; mais le digne fonctionnaire danois, strictement fidèle à ses instructions, renvoya les fonds à notre ami, sans même en distraire le port de retour.

Désirant quand même avoir ces timbres, nous utilâmes, au commencement de l'année, M. Pirotte et moi, le vieux truc classique. Une lettre, bourrée de vieux journaux, mais affranchie insuffisamment, fut adressée par chacun de nous à une adresse fictive de Saint-Thomas, bureau restant, avec la mention traditionnelle: *If not retired within the three weeks, please return to...*

3 ou 4 mois après, nos lettres nous revinrent, agrémentées de taxes belges et, ô joie! de la série complète des taxes des Antilles, avec plusieurs exemplaires, tels que le 1 et le 4c., en double et même en triple.

Pour recevoir ces bienheureux timbres, nous n'avions dû déboursier vue la valeur des taxes belges, à peu près 1 fr. 50, si mes souvenirs sont exactes. Entre parenthèses, ces timbres-taxe diffèrent complètement, par la dentelure, d'une série neuve achetée 10 fr. à Paris par M. Pirotte. Faut-il croire qu'il circule déjà en Europe des séries fausses de ces timbres, trop facilement imitables, ou qu'il y a eu un second tirage avec dentelure modifiée?

Il est un point que nous ne chargeons pas d'élucider, le marchand français qui fournit la série neuve étant d'honorabilité notoire.

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163* Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/7
184* " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimes, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/81
211* Hoi-hao, " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4p.	6	1/5½	1/9
214* " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3½	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, ½, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 as.	8	2/5½	2/11
219 " Morocco	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	9	2/5½	2/11
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a* " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos.	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
826* " 1000 "	3/6	4/1
827* Nyassa, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee	1/4	1/7
834* " 2 "	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 "	1/8	2/0
840 Zambesia, 400 reis	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 "	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 "	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 "	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 "	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 "	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches	—	—
852* " 16 "	—	—

GROUP XVIII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271* Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 8 10 avos	9	0/10	1/0
281a* " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1½, 2½, 4½, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12l.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 10 avos	8	0/9	0/11
283a* " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI.—ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra	1	0/2½	0/3
295* Benadir (East Africa), 1, 2b., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10as.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII. DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII.—AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

310 Austrian Crete, 5, 10 centimes	2	0/1½	0/2
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5½	1/8½
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV. COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c	9	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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The Editor desires to thank Stamp Collectors for the interest they have taken in *E.W.S.N.* during 1903, and to wish them

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of *E.W.S.N.* in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Envelope Dies (219 B 221).—The Colonial Stamp Market's Envelopes have been recently stamped with ½d. dies 28, 44 and 46, and 1d. dies 57, 57, 58; of these, only the 1d. die 58 is new.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- ½d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 50.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 58.
- 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
- 2½d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1 to 6.
- 3d. Registration. Dies 1 to 7.

We take the following interesting article from the *Daily Graphic*.

"The announcement that the Postmaster-General had decided to discontinue the issue of the ½d. embossed envelopes suggested to a representative of the *DAILY GRAPHIC* that the public might be interested in knowing the extent of the business done in other embossed envelopes. St. Martin's-le-Grand obligingly furnished the necessary particulars. The most popular embossed envelope is the halfpenny one, commercial size, and the number sold was 11,911,920 in the year ending March 31st, 1903. Only about a million and a quarter of foolscap envelopes bearing halfpenny embossed stamps were sold in the same time. For the ordinary square-shaped envelope with a penny embossed stamp there is a steady demand. In the year ending the 31st of March, 1902, 8,124,500 were sold; in the following year the number was 8,779,200. The sale of another envelope with a penny stamp was discontinued in February of this year, but its place was taken by a foolscap envelope with a penny stamp. The authorities seem to have gauged the public wants, for 813,360 of these envelopes were sold in two months. A commercial envelope with a penny stamp sells at the rate of about five millions and a half a year. The ½d. stamp envelopes which have now been discontinued were issued in two sizes, but they were not wanted, for only 59,600 were sold in the last official year."

From this it would appear that no fewer than 13,000,000 ½d. and 15,000,000 1d. embossed envelopes were issued during the year ending 31.3.03. These envelopes are only stamped from the B.R. dies, the number of which may (we have always supposed) be ascertained by noting the gaps in the Somerset House numbered series. But in nearly two years this gives us only dies 1 to 6 and 31 to 42 of each value, an average of 10 dies per annum, and considerably over one million impressions to each die. We should have imagined it was quite impossible to get anything like that number from a die. Have the authorities started a new series of B.R. dies with numbers (not shown on the stamp) independent of the numbered series?

Maltese Cross Postmark (220 C 221).—Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall writes:—"I have recently seen a number of forged Maltese Cross obliterations,

in various colours. The ordinary Maltese Cross is almost impossible to detect, if one only sees a single specimen, as of course there were thousands of varieties of the genuine ones each differing slightly in shape. But it is somewhat suspicious when one is shown several very rare varieties all of precisely the same shape. The numbered one contains the number 4 (which happens to be the secret number) and does not correspond in shape with the genuine one. Collectors should be on their guard."

Early Dates (216 N 221).—We are indebted to Mr. F. C. Scarr for knocking out a "tie" record, 1d. red, plate 125. Manchester, 20.4.09.

CHILE (220 Z 221).—Dr. H. Armstrong has shown us a copy of the provisional mentioned last week and we formally chronicle it.

Adhesive. Overprint "Diez" at top and "Centavos" at foot, each word being slightly curved equal in width with the design of the stamp, the first and last letter of each word "D—Z" and "C—S" being in fancy type twice as tall as the other letters.

"Diez Centavos" in dark blue on 30c. orange-red, roull.

The specimen is postmarked "Valparaiso, 4. XI. 1903."

Mr. Julian Ramos writes as follows to *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*:—

"Confirming my last I am pleased to announce that the telegraph stamps will be retired from circulation on account of the great frauds recently committed in connection with them.

"I can also inform you that the 30 centavos of 1900 will be surcharged with the words "10 centavos," because of the exhaustion of the 10c. of 1902, red and black. In the decree ordering this surcharge there is a clause reading as follows:

"All the sheets will be revised before delivery by the printer and every error or variety in any sheet will cause it to be burned, and its value will be paid for by the printer."

"This method has been adopted to avoid varieties of surcharge, inverted, double, etc."

CYPRUS (220 N 221).—We have already described both 'specimen' and issued copies of the ½, 1, 4, 6, 12 and 45 piastres of the King Edward set, and we now have the complement of the series; 'specimen' only so far, but doubtless they will be issued shortly.



Adhesives. CA 14. Name and value in second colour.

- 2 piast., ultramarine and violet.
- 9 " chocolate and carmine.
- 18 " black and chocolate-brown.

The set will thus contain exactly the same values as the Queen's Head series.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA PROTECTORATES (216 N 221).—We now illustrate both designs of the new series.



The same designs are made use of for the new Somaliland Protectorate and British Central Africa Protectorate issues.

ICELAND (218 T 221).—Mr. L. Hundesvang has informed us of more errors and varieties in the "1 Gildi" set, and we give below a revised list to date.

- (i, ii) Normal and perforation varieties.
 - (a) Ordinary, perf. 12½.—3 aur. (types I & II), 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 25, 40, 50 aur.
 - (b) Ordinary, perf. 14.—3 aur (I), 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50 aur.
 - (c) Official, perf. 12½.—3, 4, 5, 10 aur.
 - (d) " perf. 14.—3, 5, 10, 16, 20, 50 aur.
- (iii) Overprint inverted.
 - (a) 3 aur. (types I & II), 4, 5, 6, 10, 40 aur.
 - (b) 3, 40, 100 aur.
 - (c) 10 aur. (d) 5, 10, 16 aur.

- (iv) Double overprints.
 - (a) 3 aur (I, II), 4, 6, 50 aur.
 - (d) 16, 50 aur.
- (v) "I" of "1 GILDI" omitted. (Perfs. unknown)
 - (a or b), 3 (II), 4, 5, 16, 50, 100 aur.
 - (c or d), 3, 4, 10, 16, 50 aur.
- (vi) Error "02"—"03."
 - (a) 3 (I, II), 4, 5, 6, 16, 20, 50 aur.
 - (b) 3 (I), 5, 100 aur.
 - (c) 5, 10, 20 aur. (d) 20, 50 aur.
- (vii) Same as vi but inverted.
 - (b) 5 aur.
- (viii) Same as vi, but no I in "1 GILDI."
 - (d) 50 aur.
- (ix) Error '03'—'02' instead of '02'—'03'
 - (a) 3 (I), 5, 6, 16, 20, 50 aur.
 - (b) 20 aur.
 - (c) 10 aur. (d) 5, 20 aur.
- (x) Error, overprinted "IL."
 - (c) 10 aur.
- (xi) Error, overprinted "L."
 - (c) 10 aur. (d) 5, aur. (c or d) 4 aur.
- (xii) Without date, etc., due to off centre printing.
 - (a) 4 aur.
- (xiii) Error "02"—" without '03'.
 - (a) 16 aur.
- (xiv) Black instead of red surcharge.
 - (a) 5, 6, 20, 25 aur.
- (xv) Same as xiv, but inverted.
 - (a) 5, 6, 20, 25 aur.
- (xvi) Comma after '02'.
 - (d) 10 aur.

We congratulate ourselves that we never started to specialise these stamps!

INDIA (220 G 221).—The Colonial Stamp Market has now shown us the 3 annas of the King's Head series, mentioned last week as having been issued at Bombay. We illustrate the designs of the new 12 annas and 2 rupees.



We have also seen a "U.P.C." copy of the ½a. "On H.M.S."

Adhesive. Overprinted "On H.M.S." in black.
½a. grey, King's Head.

It may perhaps be as well to briefly recapitulate our chronicle of the "On H.M.S." series.



Value.	No. of E.W.S.N. in which chronicled as 'specimen'	as issued	Date of issue.
½ anna	221	—	not ?
½ "	169	209	25.7.03
1 "	—	168	?
2 annas	187	201	11.6.03
4 "	187	—	not ?
8 "	187	—	not ?
1 rupee	214	—	not ?

These stamps are not sold to the public.

ITALY (220 V 221).—Two new plate-numbers are announced by Mr. C. de Grave Sells, writing under date of 1.12.03—2c. 4572; 20c. 4459.

JAMAICA (216 L 221).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us a new ½d. stamp, and from another source we have a 'specimen' copy of a new 2½d. stamp, both in the same design, which we illustrate.



Adhesives. CA 14. Design, with Arms.
½d. green, Arms in grey-black.
2½d. ultramarine, Arms in grey-black.

Our earliest dated copy of the ½d. is postmarked 23.11.03. Both stamps are inscribed "Postage and Revenue," although in the Queen's Head set all values except the 1d., 2d. and 2½d. had "Postage" only.

MANGAIA (A 221).—Our Cook Islands correspondent writes as follows:—"I understand that the N.Z. Postal authorities intend to issue stamps surcharged "Mangaia" for use in that island. Issue will be similar to Aitutaki."

The island of Mangaia is the most southerly of the Cook Group, and is situated 116 miles S.E. from Rarotonga. It has an area of about 30 square miles and rises to a height of about 650 feet. The population is about 1541 which includes about ten Europeans. A fringing reef closely surrounds the island and there is no break or passage by which a boat can reach the shore. Passengers and cargo are landed in canoes which the natives navigate through the surf on the reef. The productions of the island are coconuts, bananas, oranges and lime juice. Coffee is also grown and has the reputation of being the best produced in the Cook Group. Mangaia is one of the few places in the world of which it can be said that every man, woman and child owns land or defined boundaries sufficient for his or her support; from the most ancient times the soil has been minutely divided. The administration of the island has up till now been in native hands, but a European Magistrate, who will also act as Customs Officer and Postmaster, has just been appointed by the New Zealand Government. There is communication by steamer once a month and occasionally by sailing vessels.

MAURITIUS (213 C 221).—This Colony apparently can't make up its mind as to the colours of its low value stamps. We learn on good authority that the 3c. and 15c. may shortly be expected in new colours.

NEW ZEALAND (220 R 221).—The Colonial Stamp Market has shown us the current 2/- in a very distinct shade.



Adhesive. Wmk. NZ Star sideways, perf 11 (2a). 2/- dark blue-green (2nd ? Printing).

The first printing appears almost yellowish-green beside it. The Colonial Stamp Market has also shown us a part sheet of 6d., 2a, 1st shade, imperforate vertically, control number 201211.

Advertisements (174 S 221).—Mr. A. Hamilton sends us the following interesting notes:—

"Knowing that many of your readers have taken a great deal of interest in the stamps of the last Queen's Head issue with advertisements on the back, I think that a description of a whole sheet of the fourpenny value which I have just managed to acquire may interest those who have been trying to reconstruct sheets from blocks and pairs.

I send herewith a diagram of the sheet as viewed from the back, and have marked on the back of each stamp the number which the advertisement bears in your last alphabetical list.

Diagram of the reverse of a sheet of 4d. green, perf. 10. Sheet numbered at right-hand bottom corner in large figures, 459563. Advertisements printed in red-brown.

30	96	94	34	49*	56	56	67	49†	64	89	30
2	70	89	28	96	87	2	90	80	89	77	96
91	89	56	80	2	43	50	35	56	68	34	2
89	58	86	82	58	23	89	27	70	32	3	63
27	55	39	80	89	91	42	87	38†	88	89	62
98	2	75	30	63	45	89	41	36	96	26	2
56	67	54	96	92	73	56	66	75	84	89	149
78	89	33	57	2	78	63	95	83	62	3	89
92	72	89	52	92	50	92	53	92	66	92	89
38†	63	77	92	49*	31	30	92	82	96	2	38

75	96	52	56	44	31	31	74	82	45	85	75
61	63	89	43	2	93	60	33	53	1	56	73
28	40	72	89	68	41	96	36	74	61	64	96
2	51	59	92	49	55	37	1	47	79	26	88
56	90	38	33	44	25	50	86	30	39	54	65
46	85	71	75	89	96	56	96	75	31	60	94
19†	2	44	92	36	35	15	5	12	93	19	23
83	95	29	57	89	37	20	8	22	14	10	56
79	89	96	84	63	2	76	7	17	18	21	31
71	92	44	92	98	56	16	4	11	13	6	40

The first point to be noticed is that this is a sheet printed probably before the advertisers got the Poneke Meat advertisements, as it wants Nos. 24 (which however I have seen on a 4d.) and 69 and 97. Also that there is probably no No. 48 of your list. It should be 3.

No. 9 does not occur on this sheet, Nov. '81.

There are two types, if not more, of 49 (horizontal and diagonal), 38, with and without coloured ground, and of 30 and 31.

I notice slight errors in 46 and 49, in the lower left hand corner, which may enable us when other sheets turn up to recognise different transfers. In 46 there appears to be an inverted 'p' for a 'd' in the word 'send.'

As far as my experience goes it is extremely difficult to see anything like a whole sheet of these advertisements, and it may be some time before we find out which were withdrawn to allow of the insertion of the Poneke advertisement. Some of your readers may not know that Poneke is the main firm of Port Nicholson, the original name for Wellington Harbour."

Official Stamps.—Mr. C. A. Howes writes:—

"Referring to your list of N.Z. 'o.p.s.o.' stamps in E.W.S.N. No. 216, I can add the 2½d. pictorial (no wmk.), of which I have a pair on cover cancelled 15 May '02, at Wellington. Surcharge in violet."

We are interested to see that Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue now recognizes these stamps, although they are apparently too rare to be priced.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (216 K 221). A few weeks ago we chronicled the 1902 series of U.S.A., 1c., 2c. and 50c. values surcharged for use in the Philippine Islands, and can now add the following. The quantities given are those those printed; of the 1c. 1,000,000 were printed; of the 2c. and 50c. quantities not stated, except that 10,000 2c. stamp books have been sent out.



Adhesives. U.S. stamps overprinted.

5c. blue.
13c. brown-lilac.
15c. olive-green.
\$1 grey-black.

SARAWAK (169 I 221).—Are there any high values of the current type? A correspondent informs us that he has \$2, \$5 and \$10 stamps in the same design as the current stamps, and apparently a continuation of the "mainly lilac and green" set, but they are surcharged:—

Revenue Only

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Revenue Stamps. Not available for postage.

\$2 green and blue.
\$5 " violet.
\$10 " carmine.

As the design of the stamp is inscribed "Postage and Revenue," it would be interesting to know whether any were ever issued without the overprint.

Our correspondent writes:—

"This surcharge was only applied to certain stamps in 1899, when the postal and fiscal revenues were separated. It is therefore highly probable that the stamps exist without surcharge and if so may still be obtainable."

Enquiries we have made show that the stamps are at present only obtainable surcharged. But were any ever issued without surcharge?

SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE (219 Q 221).—Under this title instead of that of "British Somaliland" we propose to chronicle the further issues of this Protectorate. We have been shown a 'specimen' of the King's Head stamps, similar in design to the new stamps of East Africa.

Adhesives. Head of King Edward. Designs same as those of East Africa illustrated in another column, but inscribed "SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE."

(i) Small design, CA 14.

1a. grey-green. Head in grey-green.
2a. carmine. Head in dull-lilac.
3a. violet. Head in green.
4a. ultramarine. Head in brown.
5a. green. Head in grey-green.
6a. black. Head in green.
7a. pale milky blue. Head in grey-black.
8a. orange.

(ii) Large design, CC 14 (upright wmk).

1r. green. Head in grey-green.
2r. violet. Head in dull lilac.
3r. black. Head in grey-green.
4r. carmine. Head in grey-black.

So far, we believe none have been issued, but should they appear soon, the King's Head surcharged series will have had a very short life.

ST. LUCIA (208 K 221).—With reference to the note in E.W.S.N. No. 191 to the effect that the 10/- stamps were then obsolete, we are informed by a correspondent that only one printing of this stamp was ever made and consisted of 10800 stamps sent out to the Colony in 1891. On March 11th of this year (1903), 6326 of these were still in stock, so that the total number issued in the twelve years must have been 4474 or less. A correspondent, who is in a position to know, states that only some 400 of these were issued to collectors or for postage on letters, the remainder being affixed to Mortgage Deeds and "land-cancelled."

If only a paltry 400 were sold to collectors or used on letters in twelve years, it is evident that importations of "current colonials" are very much smaller than some people suppose. One of these days there will be a terrible awakening and collectors who have neglected to buy stamps when current, will deeply regret their delay. The £1 Tasmania, 10/- Trinidad, etc., are warnings the collector will do well to heed. At the same time we do not advise anyone to go to the other extreme and buy too many of one kind of stamp; more in fact than he, personally, has opportunities of selling. To buy up any large quantity of this 10/- St. Lucia, even a tenth of the remainders, would be folly of the worst description. If buyers have only been found for 400 copies at face value in twelve years, it is hardly likely a market can be found for more than as many more at a substantial premium.

Where are the remainders? The 10/- stamp has been offered fairly frequently this year at auctions. Are they leaking?

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (196 M 221).—Although it is only a year and nine months since the current King Edward series commenced to appear, it is already apparently about to be superseded, as we are able this week to describe the beginnings of a new set. Only 'specimen' copies have yet been seen.



Adhesives. Designs as above. CA 14.
1c. grey-green. (Value straight).
3c. dull lilac (purple?). (Value circular).

The designs are very pleasing, and a distinct improvement on that of the issue about to be superseded.

TASMANIA (212 Z 221).—A new 1/- stamp is to be issued about the 1st January, writes a correspondent. It is being printed at Melbourne. The colour is said to be red. As to the design, no particulars are yet to hand.

We understand that the ½d. Queen's Head is now obsolete. The ½d. Pictorial, wmk. V and Crown, like that wmk. TAS, is printed in sheets of 60, 10 rows of 6.

TRANSVAAL (208 J 221).—We illustrate the Registration Envelope stamp chronicled in E.W.S.N., No. 192.



UNITED STATES (217 A 221).—We are now able to illustrate the new 2c. The Colonial Stamp Market informs us that it is already issued.



Old Design.

New Design.

Opinions are divided as to whether or no the new design is an improvement on the old.

Meek's Weekly Stamp News says the first copy of the new 2c. seen by its Editor was sent by Mr. J. R. Hammerle, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., under date of 16.11.03.

ZANZIBAR (197 H 221).—We are informed on good authority that the new set of stamps which has been expected for a long time, will appear in April next. The current set of stamps bears the head of Sultan Hamud bin Mohamad, who died on 18.7.02. The ½a. of this set is already obsolete, and the ½a. of May 1898, has been re-issued in its stead. An excellent opportunity for a surcharge lost!

A TESTIMONIAL

For The Colonial Stamp Market.

Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co., the well-known Dunedin (N.Z.) dealers write:—

"New Zealand.—Your firm seem better situated than our local dealers in getting the scarcer New Zealand stamps. We have had to pay big prices for our 2/- Locals, 4d., 2A perf. 11, and reckon we are as well placed as most people as to obtaining supplies. It is this that makes us complain of your absurdly low prices especially unused, recent issues, 2/- Laid's, perf. 11."

[A New Zealand stamp firm actually complaining that Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd., in London, can get new issues more easily and sell them cheaper than it can be done in New Zealand!]

Stamps as an Investment.

ALMOST every collector cherishes the idea that someday his collection will be worth considerably more than he paid for it, although he may never have gone to the length of assessing his optimism in strict £ s. d. He has probably never thought of selling it, nor has he any clearly defined idea as to how he would sell it, except that he doesn't think there would be any difficulty. One is always hearing of the sale of collections and why not of another? Is this optimism justified?

The object of this article is to endeavour not only to answer this question but to answer it in the affirmative, subject to certain reservations as to the method of collecting.

The dictionary says that an investment is "a laying out of money in some fund or property with the expectation of a fair return and average security for the capital." People call it "speculation" when this expectation is not realized. To the expert, however, many so-called "investments" would be pre-evident as "speculations" from the day they are entered into, hence a better definition of "speculation" will be "the risking of one's money or property on the chance of making an abnormal profit."

In buying stamps, it is very necessary to remember that the value of a stamp and the amount of money it can be sold for are not the same. One has to consider the cost of selling it, or in other words, the cost of finding a purchaser wanting it and able to appreciate it at its value for collecting purposes. A £5 note is usually considered worth £5, yet most people would decline to give £5 in gold for it, unless they happened to want it. In the same way, a stamp that anyone would consider worth £5 can only be converted into cash if one can find a collector who wants it and believes in that value. The collector of used stamps would not be likely to give full value for unused specimens, nor a collector of the latter, good value for used specimens. It is therefore of the utmost importance for a collector, when buying a stamp as an investment, to ask himself what prospect he has of finding a buyer who will appreciate it, when he wants to sell.

As a general rule, it costs 10% to find a purchaser for a collection of current unused Colonial stamps, 20% to find a purchaser for other good unused stamps, and 30% in the case of common unused stamps and the better class of used stamps of British Colonies. For the commoner used Colonials and most foreign stamps, it is even more expensive to find buyers. The dealer or auctioneer expects to be allowed an additional 10% to 15% profit if the transaction is made through him. According as stamps are popular or unpopular, so they are easier or more difficult to sell; that is to say, in the latter case, it is more expensive to find buyers. Hence the extra discounts to entice buyers quickly.

So far we have only dealt with the collector who collects. The collector who buys purely as an investment is far worse off. Some one tells him so and so is "going up in the new catalogue," or he fancies he has secured "inside information" about a stamp and he proceeds to buy a quantity. If it cost 30 or 40% to find a purchaser for one copy, it will cost far more to find purchasers for all. In fact, we may advise would-be speculators of this class that the cost of finding purchasers for a large quantity of one and the same kind of stamp is so prohibitive as to more than absorb the profit gained by selling at an advanced price. The average dealer can generally find buyers for 40 or 50 sets of an obsolete stamp, but he does not want hundreds, nor does he as a rule care for single stamps, as five single stamps are five times as expensive to advertise as a set of five stamps.

The object of these arguments is to try and induce collectors to buy only those stamps for which there is a good demand, and which are readily saleable and to keep as far as possible to collecting or specialising, or if he must speculate, to do so evenly, buying everything in equal quantities, and not a quantity of one thing and nothing of another. A collector can only get the benefit of an advance in price, if the cost of realizing is reduced to a minimum, and that only happens when demand exceeds the available supply and the stamps can be easily described for advertising purposes. "Complete set or collection" will attract many more buyers than "odds and ends."

What classes of collections, then, are most in demand? The really fine collections which rise above the average level are those that are most easily saleable at a profit.

We may divide them roughly into two groups.

1.—Collections made whilst Stamps are current.

The collector who makes such a collection is practically guaranteed against loss, as our subsequent tables will show. Almost from the first

year he begins to make a profit, but the measure of his ultimate success depends on his thoroughness and perseverance. It is a very great pity when collectors allow themselves the luxury of prejudices against certain stamps. It is a great mistake from the investment point of view, as stamps, however apparently unworthy at the time, always have their revenge if neglected. The collector has to pay heavily in the end for not getting them when current. Perseverance is essential; the collector who gets tired periodically had better give up stamps altogether; he is only a bad advertisement. On the other hand, the collector who goes on steadily from year to year, never over-buying, but keeping uniformly to his singles, pairs, blocks of four, or whatever he may prefer, will experience a constant succession of pleasant surprises as each year brings round the new catalogue. Stamps have an average life of four years, so that it is about the fifth year the collector of current Colonial stamps begins to bless the day he started to buy them. In the meantime, however, he has never had cause to worry about the safety of his capital. Every £10 face value of his stamps has cost him perhaps £11, but he knows the limit of his risk is the odd £1. Current unused Colonials are always worth face value, unless offered in larger quantities than the market can absorb, but the bona-fide collector never has too many.

II.—The Specialized Collection.

One's capital is never really secure in old stamps unless they are purchased very considerably below their catalogue value or unless one specializes them with thoroughness. Specializing is the collecting and classification of uncatalogued varieties. Stamps may be catalogued simply as "1d. black, 20/- unused, 6d. used," but the specialist goes behind this description and by comparing hundreds or thousands of specimens constitutes a certain proportion of them varieties, more or less according to his own fancy and, sometimes, imagination. It is a most absorbing task and when done thoroughly, a specialized collection is often worth far more than the full catalogue value of the stamps. Old stamps may thus be made to pay a handsome dividend quite apart from catalogue quotations, a fortunate circumstance, as an examination of recent catalogues does not justify much hope of further advance. (See tables later on).

The finer or more complete the specialized collection the quicker it is likely to find a purchaser when offered for sale, and the better the price realized. The golden rule for specialists is "Don't jeopardize the thoroughness of your collection by attempting too much." If need be, stick to a single specimen; even the 1d. lilac of Great Britain would give a lot of work to specialize thoroughly.

Any collection which merits the description of "best in existence" is as good as gold. To be the best of its kind it must necessarily be a specialized collection, and unless a pioneer in a hitherto unexplored field, it must be of a very limited nature. Think what a magnificent collection could be made by specializing a single issue of every stamp to the point of being able to describe one's collection as the "best of its kind." It is open to almost any collector to make such a collection and with diligence and perseverance to succeed to the point where his name will be always mentioned in connection with that stamp. Think what the auction catalogue of the future might be!

- Lot 1. Great Britain, 1d. Jonesii, a fine example of 1182.
- Lot 2. Great Britain, 2d. Johnsonii, very fine. etc., etc.

Seriously, however, a really fine collection is quite within reach of even the collector of moderate means, yet he usually prefers to dawdle away his time in forming a very incomplete general collection that is somewhere about the 98,765th best of its kind, and which has probably a few hundred ditto competitors when it is for sale.

The ideal collection is a specialized collection of a single stamp, in all states from the first essay to the smallest issued variety of it, carefully mounted in a moveable-leaf album with a neatly inscribed history of the stamp and an addenda at the end showing when and of whom each specimen was purchased and the cost of it. Such a collection, when successfully accomplished (and it would absorb neither one's whole lifetime nor entire capital), would be the envy of all one's friends and a thorn in the side of any millionaire who wished to specialize the whole colony and found the best blocks in existence of one of the stamps already appropriated. What more could a collector want? After exciting one's friends to envy and jealousy and satiating oneself with their admiration, the collection could be sold, and it would cost nothing to find a buyer, as

although the price would be high, it would not be above the reach of the well-to-do collector. The drawback to this beautiful picture is that it is hard to translate into reality. Of most stamps, the best examples are at the moment scattered about in various collections and one has to keep on worrying all the dealers, examining auction catalogues, etc., in order not to miss any "piece" when at last it does come on the market. The formation of such a collection as we have described may take several years, but the more difficulties encountered in securing a stamp, the greater will be the pleasure in at last possessing it.

If one wishes to go a step further, the one-stamp specialist—whose name will soon become known in connection with his specialty—can buy and sell his favourite stamp, thus being able to handle a larger quantity and have a wider range to select his collection from.

It may be of interest to our readers to give a list of some stamps we consider especially favourable for specializing.

Great Britain, almost any single stamp, such as "1d. black," "2d. blue, no lines," ("1d. red" is far too wide a field to specialize), "1d. of 1870; Octagonals (each with the later dies afterwards used for envelopes); 9d. bistre; etc. They are all very expensive to do thoroughly.

Antigua, 1d. first type.
Bahamas, 1d. first type; 4d. ditto.
British Guiana, 1853, 1c., 4c.
Grenada, 1d. first type.
Natal, 1d. 1859-74.
New South Wales, 3d. 1854-1904; 5d. 1854-1904; 5/- Map stamp; 5/- Coin stamp.
New Zealand, 1/- first type; 1/2d. 1873; The 1882-97 Queen's Head set; Current type 1/2d. and 1d.
South Australia, 1/- first type; 2/- first type; 8d. and 9d. first type; the long type, 5/-.
Victoria, 1863 type.

We can perhaps best explain what we mean by a specialized collection, by first quoting the description of a stamp from the catalogue and then commenting on it.

GREAT BRITAIN, 6d., plate 6.

	s.	d.	s.	d.
1867, 6d. lilac, wmk. Emblems ..	90	0	1	6
" " wmk. Spray ..	—	—	0	6
" 6d. purple ..	40	0	0	4
" 6d. bright violet ..	18	0	1	6

The would-be specialist should first of all collect the best blocks or panes of the above stamp which he can get uncanceled; failing unused, then used, but there is no hurry. He must be perpetually on the look out for fine "pieces," and should give every dealer and auctioneer a standing order to draw his attention to such when they have any for disposal. He will thus gather together the nucleus of "the best collection of its kind." Next he will begin to collect postmarked copies, with a view to finding out the order in which the shades, &c., appeared. It will soon be evident to him that not only the dates given in the catalogue are wrong, but that the stamps are placed in the wrong order (the "bright violet" being the second shade and not the last. The prices, too, do not reflect the relative rarity of the specimens (the 6d., wmk. Spray, bright violet, is far the rarest of the four catalogued varieties, both used and unused). These little weaknesses in the catalogue will teach him independence, which it is very necessary to possess; specializing bespeaks originality. There is still much to do. Imperforate copies want looking for (6d., plate 8 is known to have been issued imperforate); varieties of watermark exist in abundance. Apart from "inverted" and "reversed" watermarks, the Emblems watermark shows many variations. In making this paper, the wire bits, especially at the top edges of the panes, were replaced or turned round, so that the rose has one petal at top instead of two. A distinct error is also known to have occurred in the paper, the thistle being displaced by a rose, so that the stamp was watermarked three roses and a shamrock instead of two roses, a thistle and a shamrock. Then there are the colour trials of 1868, and such miscellanea as varieties with foreign and curious postmarks, marginal paper varieties, varieties with "double perforation." Apart too from the stamps, their history requires to be collected from various sources. The Postal Guide will say what the stamp was most used for (not so important a point as in the case of rarer values like the 9d.) The London Philatelic Society's work will give a bare outline of the official records and of the statistics of the issue, but if permission could be obtained, it would be of interest to try and ascer-

This plan has been followed with great success by the Editor in forming his specialized collections of Railway Letter Stamps and cut square envelope stamps.

tain at Somerset House the dates and quantities of the various printings and identify them with the shades in one's collection. Such a collection as this would, we feel sure, be a great pleasure, provided the collector has the necessary energy and perseverance. It need not necessarily be the sole object of his attention, but could very well be formed as a side study from his general collection.

CATALOGUE PRICES.

We believe that an analysis of catalogue prices may be of interest to our readers, as showing further light on the investment question. It will be our endeavour to prove that stamps rise in value enormously for about ten years after they become obsolete, but that they then appear to find their level and remain stationary or nearly so, until a 'boom' comes. After the boom, however, a reaction frequently takes place, so that the nett progress in the end is generally nil. We have said that for about ten years—that is to say, during their youth—colonial stamps advance, and that they then slow down and even stop increasing in value. There is, however, a second period of advance in their history, namely, when the march of specialization reaches them. Such stamps as early Australians (and in fact almost all early issues) advanced enormously under the effect of specialization, and the pioneer collectors doubtless made corresponding profits. Afterwards market quotations relapse into lethargy. We may summarize our points as follows:—

The History of a Stamp's Value.

- I.—Face value. Stamp on sale at a Post Office. (Stamps of recent years on sale almost at face value by Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd).
- II.—Continued advance for about 10 years after the stamps become obsolete.
- III.—Value at a standstill. (First level).
- IV.—Sudden advance, owing to unusual demand for stamp for specialization purposes.
- V.—Value again at a standstill (second level) or slightly fluctuating; subject to varying discounts as popularity wanes or waxes.

We shall commence our illustration of this history by reproducing the catalogue prices of Seychelles, for the years 1897, 1899, 1902 and 1904 (1897 was the first year Stanley Gibbons published their separate specialist catalogue of British Colonial stamps).

Seychelles.

Seychelles is still in its youth and therefore illustrates the period of advance in prices. It will be noticed in our table that we have not added in the values of stamps, Nos. 14, 15, 21, 22, because these stamps are rarely priced in the catalogues. In a few unimportant cases, where prices were omitted in one or other of the catalogues, we have filled in the prices from contemporary works. (For instance, the 1902 catalogue did not give the prices of several stamps used).

SEYCHELLES.

		CENTS.			
		1897	1899	1902	1904
1	1890	2	0.2 0.3	0.2 0.3	0.1 0.4
2	"	1	0.3 0.6	0.3 0.6	0.2 0.4
3	"	8	0.6 1.0	0.6 1.0	0.6 0.8
4	"	10	2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	1.0 1.3
5	"	13	1.6 2.0	1.6 2.0	1.0 1.6
6	"	16	1.0 1.6	1.0 1.6	0.9 1.6
7	"	18	2.0 3.6	4.0 6.6	4.6 4.6
8	"	96	4.0 6.0	7.6 10.0	12.6 17.6
9	1893	3	0.3 1.0	0.3 1.0	0.6 0.4
10	"	12	1.6 0.9	1.6 0.9	3.0 1.6
11	"	15	0.9 1.0	0.9 1.0	2.0 2.0
12	"	45	2.0 3.0	4.6 4.0	6.6 4.0
13	"	90	4.0 5.0	7.6 5.0	10.0 5.0
14	"	(30)	(6.0)		(50.0)
15	"	(15)			(70.0) (50.0)
16	"	3	0.2 0.2	0.2 0.2	0.1 0.2
17	"	12	0.6 1.0	0.6 1.0	0.5 1.6
18	"	15	0.8 0.8	0.8 0.8	0.6 0.9
19	"	45	1.9 1.9	1.9 1.9	7.6 7.6
20	1896	18	0.9 0.9	0.9 0.9	0.8 0.9
21	"	(65)		(6.0)	(6.0)
		(65, 24.149)	23.9 31.10	35.3 39.1	15.0 41.9
23	1897	18		0.6 0.4	0.8 0.8
24	"	36		1.0 1.3	1.0 1.3
25	"	100		2.6 1.9	1.9 1.9
		(98, 04.1)	60.3	39.3 43.2	48.3 45.3
26	1900	2			0.1 0.1
27	"	6			0.2 0.2
28	"	15			0.4 0.4
29	"	75			4.4 1.6
30	"	150			2.9 3.0
31	"	225			4.0 4.0
32	1901	3			0.6 0.6
		(148, 54.1) 10.79		57.5 54.10	84.11 76.3

What lessons do we learn from the above table?

I.—It is evident that low values (1d. and under, unless Provisionals) are liable to fall in catalogue value, or at least remain stationary. Why? Because the demand is constantly met by the supply of specimens turning up on old correspondence. Low values, too, are those most usually sent over as remittances of small amounts and such remittances, not being readily cashable by anyone who doesn't know where to go, are often put on one side and only turn up again after years. A proportion of the unused 1d. red English stamps which are discovered in out of the way places were probably sent in letters as small remittances and forgotten. Low values, directly they are obsolete, are generally quoted three or four times face value, but seldom advance beyond this, until the specializing era.

2.—That high values and values little used advance more than the other values because dealers reserves are more quickly depleted (with thousands of stamps to keep in stock, no dealer can afford to place large quantities in reserve) and old correspondence as a rule yields only the more ordinary values.

3.—That as soon as a stamp becomes obsolete, it jumps to double or three times face value and continues to rise for ten years, more or less, when it seems to find its level, from which only an exceptional boom can disturb it: it gets "be-calmed," as it were. The collectors who saw it issued and took a special interest in it are beginning to dispose of their collections and the market is able to keep its wants supplied. The face value of the 1890-96 issues is 6/2 and their catalogue value in 1897 23/9, an advance of 17/7 in an average period of five years or about 280% (50% per annum). During the next two years, catalogue value advances from 23/9 to 35/3 or about 50% (25% per annum); from 1899 to 1902 the advance is 9/9 or about 30% (10% per annum); in the last two years, 1903-1904, we see an advance from 45/- to 57/3 or about 20% (11% per annum). From these percentages, it is clear that the catalogue gets "tired" as it goes along, and with each succeeding year the rate of advance in prices gets slower. But the collector who stands faithfully by his stamps long after they have lost the impetuosity of youth finds a great compensating advantage in specialism. Twenty years mixes up the many different importations and comparison begins to show distinct shades and sometimes other important variations (for example, the division in the 1904 catalogue of Seychelles into types I. and II., the 4c. hitherto priced 2d. being now quoted "type I., 2d.; type II. 2/6"). We have already referred to this point of our subject under the heading "The Specialized Collection." Apart from the further distinction of varieties, however, it is undoubtedly true that the rate at which its catalogue price advances becomes slower and slower as a stamp gets older and older.

4.—We also learn that the tendency of the age is to collect unused stamps in preference to used. In 1897, used Seychelles were esteemed 30% higher than unused, and in 1899, 10% higher, but note 1902, 8% lower and 1904, 11% lower.

Our second example will show the market prices of stamps in honourable old age.

New South Wales.

The two first issues practically do not exist unused; they cannot be had for love or money. We must therefore fall back on used specimens. Our table illustrates the advance in prices due to specialism (1880-1891), but since then, values average out fairly level at 250/- the set, although experiencing ups and downs of fortunes, being first 20% below the average and then 20% above it. Just now, they are at high watermark.

		1880	1891	1897	1899	1904
Sydney Views.						
1d. No clouds	4/6	30/0	40/0	25/0	40/0	
1d. Clouds	4/0	26/0	40/0	25/0	40/0	
2d. Vert. lines	5/6	30/0	35/0	20/0	25/0	
2d. Horiz. lines	5/6	30/0	35/0	22/6	30/0	
3d. Wavy lines	3/6	20/0	35/0	25/0	40/0	
Laureated.						
1d. red	0/8	5/6	6/0	4/6	10/0	
2d. blue	0/0	1/0	2/0	1/6	2/0	
3d. green	0/6	10/0	10/0	6/6	15/0	
6d. brown	2/0	18/0	30/0	25/0	45/0	
8d. yellow	8/6	35/0	70/0	70/0	70/0	

35/5 205/6 303/0 225/0 317/0

Our next will be a typical example of a colony which until recently had for thirteen years ceased to issue stamps and which may be described as in the middle-aged state, having passed the specializing stage. As we might expect, the prices exhibit no life or ambition.

Antigua.

(A few stamps are omitted, where the catalogues omit to give values).

		CATALOGUE PRICES.			
		1896	1902	1903	1904
5	1863	1d.	8.6 2.6	6.6 2.6	7.6 2.6
6	"	1d.	10.0 3.0	6.6 2.6	6.0 1.6
8	"	1d.	6.0 2.0	5.0 1.6	5.0 1.3
9	"	6d.	20.0 1.0	17.6 2.6	17.6 1.9
13	1873	1d.	6.0 5.6	7.6 3.6	7.6 2.6
14	"	1d.	10.0 7.6	15.0 10.0	15.0 10.0
15	"	6d.	45.0 5.6	50.0 3.0	40.0 4.0
16	1876	1d.	2.0 2.0	1.9 1.0	2.0 1.0
17	"	1d.	2.6 2.6	1.9 1.0	2.0 0.9
18	"	6d.	20.0 6.0	20.0 6.0	20.0 5.0
19	1879	2d.	75.0 50.0	65.0 45.0	60.0 40.0
20	"	4d.	10.0 3.0	20.0 3.0	25.0 3.6
21	1882	3d.	0.3 0.4	0.2 0.2	0.3 0.6
22	"	2d.	10.0 3.9	7.6 2.0	15.0 2.0
23	"	4d.	20.0 3.6	12.6 2.0	20.0 1.6
24	1884	1d.	4.0 3.0	3.0 2.0	3.0 1.6
25	"	1d.	0.4 0.4	0.4 0.4	0.4 0.6
26	1886	1d.	0.1 0.4	0.4 0.3	0.4 0.6
27	"	2d.	0.9 1.0	0.8 0.6	0.9 0.6
28	"	4d.	1.6 1.6	1.3 1.0	1.0 1.0
29	1885	6d.	5.0 10.0	5.0 10.0	5.0 10.0
30	1886	1/-	26.0 24.0	22.6 24.0	25.0 25.0

Face value 5/6 283.2 140.6 289.9 123.3 278.2 116.9 296.4 127.0

All the above stamps are at least 18 years old, and some over 40, and having reached their second level, are hardly likely to advance further. They are fairly representative of the bulk of older stamps in the catalogue or of such as have passed through the specialist-fever. Whatever they may be as an investment now, it is nevertheless obvious that the collector who bought them when current and kept them twenty years has nothing to complain of; 5/6 face value catalogued £14!

In order that the older stamps of the West Indies may not bear all the blame of lifelessness, we will now introduce the reader to those of another colony, African by preference, because African stamps are supposed to be specially in favour just now. The story is nevertheless just the same as in the case of Antigua—stagnation in the prices of older issues.

Mauritius.

Mauritius is an excellent Colony with which to pursue our investigation, because it is representative of almost every class of Colonial stamp: (1) The great rarities; (2) The early imperforate, locally printed much be-specialized and be-plated issues; (3) Perkins-Bacon line-engraved stamps; (4) De la Rue surface-printed stamps; (5) Provisional surcharged issues; (6) Modern issues. Nearly every stamp, except in classes 1 and 2, is priced in the catalogues both used and unused, a very necessary condition if the result of our enquiry is to be reliable.

Mauritius, I. and II. Rarities (used only).

		CATALOGUE PRICES.			
		1897	1899	1902	1904
Cat.	No. Issued.	Face Value.			
3	1848	1d.	£8	£20	£20
4	"	2d.	£12	£25	£25
5	"	2d.	£8	£15	£15
7	"	1d.	£6	£12	£12
8	"	2d.	£5	£10	£10
10	1850?	1d.	£1	£6	£6
12	"	2d.	£5	£5	£5
14	"	1d.	£6	£6	£6
16	"	2d.	£6	£6	£6
18	1851	1d.	50/0	30/0	30/0
20	"	2d.	80/0	80/0	80/0
22	"	1d.	32/0	25/0	25/0
24	"	2d.	80/0	80/0	80/0
26	1859	2d.	50/0	55/0	55/0
27	"	2d.	30/0	25/0	25/0
28	"	2d.	30/0	25/0	25/0
29	"	2d.	20/0	20/0	20/0
30	"	2d.	£20	£20	£16
31	"	1d.	75/0	75/0	80/0
34	"	2d.	36/0	28/0	28/0

Face value... 2/9 £101/3 £147/3 £147/3 £143/8

The above table shows us the slowing-down process almost complete. The prices have at last found rest, after an eventful history, during which they must have made some enormous jumps. The 1899, 1902 and 1904 catalogues all give the same quotations in nearly every instance, and they vary but slightly from those of 1895 and 1897, except in the case of the early impressions of the "Post Paid" issue, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7.

Mauritius, III. Line-engraved (unused).

		Face value				
		6/5	254/3	213/3	214/0	205/6
		Same, used.				
35	1854	4d.	—	—	—	(£7)
36	1858	4d.	50/0	50/0	50/0	50/0
37	"	6d.	1/0	0/9	0/9	1/0
38	"	9d.	25/0	25/0	25/0	20/0
42	1859	6d.	35/0	35/0	35/0	35/0
43	"	1/-	60/0	60/0	60/0	60/0
44	1861	6d.	2/0	1/3	2/0	3/0
45	"	1/-	80/0	40/0	40/0	35/0
46	1862	6d.	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/6
47	"	1/-	—	—	—	—

284/6 253/6 230/0 245/0

The above tables also show a state of stagnation, only relieved by the effects of a small eruption of some sort, which upset the price of the 1/- green, 1861, unused.

Mauritius, IV. Early Surface-printed.

(For economy of space, we give prices of unused only.)

		Face value				
		21/7	465/6	465/6	446/3	457/0
48	1860	1d.	12/0	16/0	10/0	10/0
49	"	2d.	40/0	40/0	40/0	40/0
50	"	4d.	30/0	30/0	20/0	30/0
51	1862	6d.	60/0	60/0	60/0	60/0
52	1863	6d.	25/0	25/0	25/0	25/0
53	1860	9d.	20/0	20/0	16/0	16/0
54	1862	1/-	50/0	40/0	40/0	25/0
55	1863	1/-	50/0	40/0	40/0	45/0
56	1863	1d.	4/0	5/0	3/0	3/0
57	"	1d.	9d.	9d.	1/0	3/0
58	"	1d.	9d.	9d.	9d.	2/6
59	"	2d.	1/0	1/6	1/3	5/0
60	"	2d.	1/0	1/6	1/3	3/6
61	"	3d.	4/0	5/0	3/6	4/6
62	"	4d.	2/6	3/0	2/6	3/6
63	"	6d.	12/6	12/6	17/6	17/6
64	"	6d.	6/0	6/0	7/6	7/6
65	1865	6d.	6/0	6/0	7/6	7/6
66	"	9d.	17/6	20/0	16/0	16/0
67	1872	10d.	7/6	7/6	12/6	15/0
68	1863	1/-	10/0	12/6	8/6	10/0
69	"	1/-	10/0	17/6	12/6	10/0
70	1865	1/-	20/0	20/0	20/0	17/6
71	1863	5/-	35/0	35/0	35/0	25/0
72	1865	5/-	40/0	40/0	45/0	45/0

Face value 21/7 465/6 465/6 446/3 457/0

The uniformity here is striking.

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Mauritius, V. Provisional Issues (unused).					
76	1876	4d.	1/0	1/0	1/6
77	"	4d.	0/6	0/4	0/4
79	1877	4d.	1/0	0/9	0/9
80	"	1d.	3/0	2/0	2/0
81	"	1c.	45/0	45/0	45/0
82	"	1c.	45/0	40/0	50/0
83	1878	2c.	0/6	0/4	0/6
84	"	4c.	1/6	1/3	1/6
85	"	8c.	1/6	1/0	1/3
86	"	13c.	2/0	1/6	2/0
87	"	17c.	5/0	5/0	7/6
88	"	25c.	3/6	3/0	4/0
89	"	38c.	4/0	2/6	3/0
90	"	50c.	3/6	3/6	5/0
91	"	2r 50c.	10/0	6/0	5/0

Here, again, prices seem to have reached their level, although at some time or other there must have been a considerable advance. Face value 13/- is catalogued 128/- in 1897, or ten times as much. The stamps were then twenty years old, consequently they had yielded an average annual profit of 45%. As a matter of fact, the percentage of profit was much higher in the early years, as prices had ceased to advance certainly as early as 1895.

Mauritius, VI. Modern.					
92	1880	2c.	5/0	5/0	4/0
93	"	4c.	0/6	1/0	0/6
94	"	8c.	1/0	1/0	0/9
95	"	13c.	12/0	15/0	17/6
96	"	17c.	2/6	3/0	2/6
97	"	25c.	4/0	25/0	20/0
98	"	38c.	12/6	12/6	15/0
99	"	50c.	4/6	1/3	1/0
100	"	2r 50c.	8/0	8/0	4/6
101	1882	2c.	0/4	0/6	0/9
102	"	4c.	5/0	4/0	2/6
103	"	25c.	1/0	1/0	1/0
104	1883	16c.	3/0	3/0	2/0
105	"	16c.	3/0	3/0	3/0
106	"	16c.	3/0	3/6	3/0
107	"	16c.	1/6	2/0	2/0
108	"	2c.	2/6	3/0	5/0
109	1885	2c.	0/1	0/1	0/1
110	"	4c.	0/2	0/2	0/2
111	"	8c.	0/9	0/9	0/3
112	"	16c.	1/6	1/6	0/6
113	"	50c.	3/6	7/6	4/8
114	1887	2c.	2/6	5/0	5/0

High watermark seems to have been reached about 1899, or an average of fifteen years after first issue. The series was then catalogued eight times face value or an average of about 45% per annum of increase. After 1899, prices have remained stationary.

Since 1890 and down to last year, Mauritius had only issued one stamp over the value of 2½d. (the 36c. Jubilee), and most of the others under 1d. When they became obsolete, they were put up from three to six times face value, and have remained stationary since. As we remarked previously, stamps of value 1d. and under rarely show any life unless specialized. After the depressing exhibition of lifelessness shown in the market for aged stamps, it is with relief we turn again to a colony without a philatelic past—British Central Africa.

British Central Africa.

This Protectorate, like the Colony of Seychelles, has no philatelic "past" and exhibits in a very decided manner the value of modern stamps as an investment, notwithstanding the blot on its escutcheon caused by the re-issue of remainders of ten of the 1891 issue which can consequently still be bought at face value.

Group I. Surcharged on B.S.A.

(Table showing effect of a reissue).

		1895	1897	1899	1904
1	1891 1d.	0/2	0/4	0/4	0/4
2	" 2d.	0/4	0/6	0/4	0/9
3	" 4d.	0/8	1/0	0/6	0/6
5	" 6d.	1/0	1/6	1/0	0/8
6	" 8d.	1/0	1/6	1/0	1/0
7	" 1s.	1/6	2/6	1/6	1/4
8	" 2s.	3/0	6/0	3/0	2/6
9	" 2/6	3/6	7/6	3/6	3/3
10	1895 3s.	5/0	10/0	4/0	3/9
11	1893 4s.	7/0	20/0	5/6	5/0
12	1891 5s.	7/6	15/0	7/6	6/6
13	" 10s.	15/0	25/0	13/6	12/6
14	" (£1)	(24/0)	—	(90/0)	(90/0)
15	" (£2)	(47/6)	—	(£6)	(£6)
18	1893 3/0	17/6	40/0	40/0	40/0
19	1892 4/0	12/0	25/0	15/0	7/6
20	1895 1d.	6/0	6/6	4/0	4/0

An analysis of the above table reveals some interesting points well worth the attention of our readers.

The first issue of British Central Africa affords one of the very few instances of a fall having taken place in values consequent on a find being made (see notes under heading "Remainders"). We believe that an examination of the whole catalogue would prove it to be the instance least favourable to our contention that modern stamps (issues since 1890) are the best investment, and

yet as we shall show the investor has not suffered. The set of the first issue could be bought in 1895 for 81/2, or a little more than double face value, about a year after it was obsolete. In the 1897 catalogue, price advanced by 80/-, and in 1899 fell by 60/-, and in 1904 by a further 10/-. The collector who bought whilst the stamps were current, or within a year of their becoming obsolete, at most loses his prospective profit, his capital remaining intact. Instances of a fall of this description are however excessively rare.

	1895	1d.	1897	1899	1902	1904
21	1895	1d.	0/2	0/5	2/0	3/0
22	"	2d.	0/4	0/9	2/0	3/6
23	"	4d.	0/8	1/3	2/6	3/6
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27	"	3/0	5/0	10/0	15/0	20/0
28	"	5/0	8/0	15/0	25/0	35/0
29	"	£1	27/6	75/0	80/0	100/0

Face value	32/7	48/5	118/11	158/6	211/6
32	1896 1d.		0/4	0/6	0/6
33	" 2d.		0/8	1/0	1/6
34	" 4d.		2/3	2/3	4/0
35	" 6d.		2/0	3/0	4/0
36	" 1s.		3/0	5/0	10/0
37	" 2/6		7/6	10/0	12/6
38	" 3/0		7/6	7/6	10/0
39	" 5/0		15/0	20/0	30/0
40	" £1		65/0	70/0	100/0

Face value	32/7	103/3	119/3	172/6
43	1897 1d.		0/2	0/3
44	" 2d.		0/4	0/3
45	" 4d.		0/6	1/0
46	" 6d.		0/8	2/6
47	" 1s.		1/6	1/6
48	" 2/6		3/6	3/6
49	" 3/0		4/3	(10/0)
50	" 4/0		5/6	5/6
51	" £1		26/6	25/0
53	" 1d.		1/6	0/6

Face value	31/8	44/5	50/0	59/5
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All the stamps referred to in the above table were issued within the last eight years, yet note the almost phenomenal advances, and compare same with the stagnation in our tables of the older stamps. The collector who always bought new issues whilst they were current paid say 45/- for his set in 1895, face value 32/7 (Colonial Stamp Market rates did not rule in those days). Four years later it was catalogued four times as much, in 1902, five times and to-day six-and-a-half times as much. The 1896 set is now catalogued five-and-a-half times face value, not a bad result for seven years. The 1897 set has only just become obsolete, except the 3/- value, which, although withdrawn only three years ago, is quoted nearly seven times face value and is as valuable as the 1895 and more valuable than the 1896 issue, showing that although increased importation of it took place, by the Colonial Stamp Market and others, yet such has not prevented it rising in value even faster than the others.

Our last example will be that of a so-called unpopular colony. We give it, as it affords one of the few cases where older stamps (those before 1890) are still rising in value.

The table of prices of North Borneo is restricted to the issues of the first five years, as it would take too much space to reproduce the

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

	cents.	1897.	1899.	1902.	1904.
1	1883	2	0 6	1 3	0 6
4	"	50	40 0	15 0	25 0
5	"	100	20 0	30 0	17 6
6	1884	4	0 9	1 6	0 6
7	"	8	5 0	3 0	4 0
10	1886	2	1 0	1 0	1 0
11	"	4	5 0	15 0	5 0
12	"	8	7 6	7 6	5 0
13	"	10	1 6	4 0	2 6
14	"	10	10 0	6 0	6 0
15	"	10	20 0	20 0	20 0
16	"	3	30 0	30 0	30 0
18	"	3	20 0	17 6	20 0
19	"	3	5 0	20 0	4 0
21	"	5	10 0	20 0	10 0
23	"	1	0 2	0 6	0 2
24	"	1	0 3	0 4	0 3
25	"	2	2 0	1 6	0 6
26	"	4	0 9	2 0	0 8
27	"	8	2 6	1 0	3 0
29	"	25	20 0	12 6	20 0
30	"	50	30 0	2 6	30 0
31	"	100	30 0	3 0	40 0
32	"	200	40 0	25 0	50 0
33	"	500	14 0	7 6	14 0
34	"	1000	27 0	15 0	27 6
35					
36					
37	1887	3	0 4	0 2	0 4
38	"	5	0 6	0 2	0 6
39	1888	25	1 6	1 6	1 6
40	"	50	2 6	1 6	2 6
41	"	100	3 6	1 9	4 6
42	"	200	6 0	2 0	7 6
£24.86	50/-	357 9	269 8	353 11	226 3
					442 1
					291 5
					515 5
					325 5

whole catalogue in E.W.S.N. The steady rise which is taking place would seem to show that North Borneo is gaining in popularity. In 1897 the value had advanced from 50/- "face" to just on £18 or over seven times original cost (an average of 50% per annum for the twelve years). From 1897 to 1900 the issues of North Borneo were under a cloud, and prices were stationary and even retrograde. But in 1902 we note an advance on the 1899 prices of 26% (8% per annum from 1902 to 1904 an advance of 16% (also 8% per annum).

REMAINDERS.

Contrary to general opinion, it is rare that remainders or finds cause a fall in the value of a stamp. One of the supposed dangers of investing in "current Colonials" is the liability of large "remainders" to come on the market, or a possibility of a reissue taking place. This danger is practically non-existent. The sale of remainders (which is a very rare occurrence) tends to advance prices rather than reduce them. Nearly all the Cyprus overprinted on Great Britain on the market are remainders, yet observe the catalogue prices:—

Cyprus, 1880.	1895.	1904.
4d. rose-red	1/0	7/6
1d. rose-red	0/2	0/4
2½d. lilac-rose	0/2	0/3
4d. pale-green	2/6	3/0
6d. grey	20/0	20/0
1/- green	25/0	50/0
2½ face value	48/10	81/1

Nearly all the later stamps of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat and Nevis are part of the huge remainders of Leeward Islands' stamps sold at about face value ten years ago, yet to-day they stand at enormous premiums over face value.

Large remainders of Nova Scotia have been sold to a Canadian Syndicate, but although a good many years have elapsed, there seems to be no sign of a slump.

Nova Scotia, 1860.	1891.	1893.	1895.	1904.
1c. black	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/6
2c. mauve	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/6
5c. blue	1/6	2/0	3/0	17/6
8½c. green	1/6	7/6	27/6	15/0
10c. red	2/6	3/6	6/0	6/0
12½c. black	1/6	2/6	6/0	8/0
17½ face value	14/0	17/6	46/6	51/6

It would appear that a find of remainders serves to advertise a set of stamps; in other words, supply creates demand, instead of *vice-versa*. Collectors like to have things made easy for them, and we suppose that when they had to worry the dealers for specimens and have a lot of trouble to get them, they would sooner go without the series than pay dear for it. As soon, however, as a large find is made, dealers begin to send out on approval, and collectors write their cheques for double or treble the amount with pleasure, because the purchase is now made easy.

The only other notable instances of remainders which occur to us are British East Africa, 1891 issue, which can be had slightly under face value (the only instance, we believe, in the whole British Colonial Catalogue), St. Helena and British Central Africa (1st issue). The latter remainders were re-issued and can still be had at face value, although not under.

The nett result to the collector who bought these stamps before the remainders came out and sold afterwards is a profit of some hundred per cent.

Of course, in certain cases, where a collector has bought largely of a single stamp, like the man who cornered the \$1 Columbian (History relates that he sold his house and entire property to enable him to pay for the quantities that were sent him, and then inconsiderately left the task of realization to his executors—market fluctuation resulting, 4/-, 25/-, 5/-, 10/-), the prospect of advance in the price of a single stamp here and there may be ruined, but the collector who has bought a thousand different stamps at face value can afford to look with equanimity on the prospect of having to forego profit on two or three of them. Still, the \$1 Columbian, the victim of the biggest speculation on record, is now quoted at 2½ times face value, so that there is evidently very little to fear.

COLONIAL STAMP MARKET QUOTATIONS.

The Colonial Stamp Market quotations were first published in E.W.S.N. No. 8, 18.11.99. Since then every set of Colonial stamps has undergone some change, except that of the Virgin Islands, although Barbados is nearly the same as it has only changed the colour of its 2/6, whilst the Falkland Islands differs only in the shade of the 1d. value and Lagos in that of the 6d. and 5/- values.

SOME SETS SOLD BY

EWEN'S COLONIAL STAMP MARKET, LTD.

With their 1904 catalogue values and the latest date at which they were to be had at a fraction over face value.

	Face Value	Last Date of Sale	Now Cat'd
British P.O., Levant, 1837-96 ..	3/2	9.02	8/2
Bahamas, 1834-98 ..	2/1½	3.03	4/3
" 5/- 20/- ..	25/0	3.03	38/6
Barbados, Jubilee set ..	5/3½	6.01	25/1
" 2/6 old colour ..	2/6	6.03	4/0
B.C. Africa, 3/- sea-green ..	3/0	12.99	20/0
" 1897 set ..	2/1	8.01	4/11
B.E. Africa, small 1, 2, 3 rs. ..	8/0	8.01	22/6
Br. Guiana, 1c., 2c., 6c., 48c. ..	2/4	3.02	4/8
Br. Honduras, 1891-99 ..	3/8	3.00	22/9
" 50c. grey ..	2/1	3.01	6/0
" 1899, 5, 10, 25c. ..	3/4	10.02	8/6
" 1900, 5, 10c. ..	0/7½	4.03	1/0
B.S. Africa, 1897, £1 ..	20/0	12.99	40/0
Canada, 1897-98 ..	1/6	8.00	4/2
" 1898-9 ..	5/0	5.03	10/5
Cape, 1896-98 ..	2/7	3.03	5/5
" 5/- ..	5/0	10.03	12/6
Ceylon, 1r. 12c. ..	1/6	10.00	6/6
" 1r. 50c. on 2.50c. grey ..	2/0	0.03	3/6
" 2r. 25c. on 2.50c. yellow ..	3/0	9.00	7/6
" 2r. 50c. ..	3/4	3.01	7/3
" 3, 4, 12, 15, 25, 28, 30c. ..	1/8	3.01	5/3
Cook Islands, old wmk. ..	3/4½	12.02	6/10
" 1902 ..	0/4	10.02	0/9
Cyprus, Queen set ..	4/7	9.03	7/1
" 12 pias ..	1/4	7.02	6/0
" 45 ..	5/0	7.03	9/0
Fiji, 5/- Queen ..	5/0	6.03	8/6
Gambia, Queen ..	2/7	5.02	6/11
Gibraltar, Queen ..	2/4	5.03	4/6
Grenada, Queen ..	2/11	6.02	5/10
Morocco Agencies (Local post) ..	3/0	5.01	6/1
Gold Coast, 1884-89 ..	4/3	6.00	14/0
" 1891, 5/- ..	5/0	4.00	10/0
" 1891, 10/- ..	10/0	4.00	35/0
" 1898, set ..	4/1	10.02	9/2
" 5/-, 10/- ..	10.02	(*)	(*)
Hongkong, Queen ..	2/6	8.03	7/5
" 1900, 12c. CA. ..	0/3	7.02	1/0
" 30c. brown ..	0/7½	8.03	1/3
" \$2, 3c. ..	8/6	7.02	17/6
Jamaica, 2/-, CC. ..	2/0	4/0	4/0
" 3d. sage ..	0/3	9.02	0/8
Labuan, 1897 ..	2/1	1.03	4/9
Lagos, 6d. lilac and violet ..	0/6	1.03	(*)
Leeward Islands, set ..	7/9	11.02	15/6
Malta, set ..	1/10	3.03	3/4
Mauritius, 50c. green ..	0/8	12.01	2/0
" 1882-85 ..	0/9	3.02	2/0
" 1895-99 ..	1/5	5.02	4/2
" 1902 ..	4/10	7.03	7/5
Natal, 5/- Queen ..	5/0	7.02	10/0
" set ..	2/7	7.02	5/0
Newfoundland ..	2/9	12.00	7/6
N.S.W., 7½d., 12½d. ..	1/8	3.03 3/3 to 5/6	5/6
" ordinary paper (taking commonest perfs.) ..	5/3	12.00	16/2
" gd. on 10d. (2 shades) ..	1/6	6.03	3/0
N.Z., Queen set ..	3/8	12.00	14/4
" London prints ..	11/5	1.00	40/3
" Colonial prints (taking commonest shades) ..	11/8	9.02	22/4
" 1900 ..	0/2½	1.00	1/9
" 4d. 1902 ..	0/4	2.03	2/0
" 2/- laid paper ..	2/0	7.04	4/0
Niger Coast, 1898 ..	14/11	4.03	34/7
North Borneo, unsurcharged ..	1/8	10.01	4/6
" 25c. ..	—	10.01	(*)
" 50c. ..	1/0	10.01	10/0
Northern Nigeria, ½d. to 5d. ..	0/11	6.02	3/3
" 6d. to 10/0 ..	—	6.02	(*)
Orange River, 4d. on 6d. ..	0/4	5.03	0/9
" 6d., 1/- ..	1/6	5.03	2/2
Queensland, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- ..	17/6	12.03	35/0
" £1 green ..	20/0	7.03	30/0
" 2/- brown ..	2/0	7.02	5/0

	Face Value	Last Date of Sale	Now Cat'd
St. Vincent, 5/- lake ..	5/0	2.03	10/0
" old set ..	2/10	—	10/0
" Queen, 1899 ..	7/10	9.02	15/0
Sarawak, lil. and green set ..	5/0	6.03	17/6
Seychelles, 1897-1900 ..	7/10	1.02	16/11
" 36c. ..	0/6	.01	10/0
" 1902 ..	2/0	10.02	5/0
Sierra Leone, Queen ..	5/1½	—	9/0
" 5/-, 20/- ..	—	—	(*)
S. Australia, perf. 13 ..	2/0	10.02	3/7
" 9d. Star ..	0/9	12.01	3/6
" 1/- ..	1/0	12.01	3/6
" 2/- ..	2/0	6.02	10/0
" 9d. Crown SA. ..	0/9	7.02	5/0
" 1/- ..	1/6	1.03	3/0
" 2/- ..	2/0	11.02	8/6
" 2/6, 5/-, perf. 10 ..	7/6	12.00	20/0
" 15/- ..	—	11.02	(*)
" 5/-, £1, perf. 11½ ..	—	11.02	(*)
" 2/6, perf. 11½ ..	2/6	11.02	5/0
" 10/- ..	10/0	6.03	20/0
S. Nigeria, set ..	2/2	3.03	6/10
" 2/6, 5/-, 10/- ..	17/6	3.03	35/0
Straits, \$5 ..	8/6	7.03	15/0
" Queen, set ..	4/6	5.02	8/9
Johore, 1896-99 ..	1/9	5.03	5/1
Negri-Sembilan, 1896-99 ..	2/9	10.00	15/1
Perak, 1895-99 ..	3/1	1.01	13/5
" \$1, \$2 ..	6/0	1.01	30/6
" \$3 ..	—	—	(*)
" \$5 ..	10/0	1.01	40/0
" \$25 ..	50/0	—	100/0
Selangor, 1895-98 ..	3/0	1.01	8/6
" 50c. green and black ..	1/0	1.01	10/0
" \$1, 2, 3, 5 ..	22/0	1.01	56/0
Federated States, 1900 ..	2/3	10.00	36/9
" \$1 ..	2/0	12.01	5/0
" \$2 ..	4/0	12.01	15/0
" \$5 ..	10/0	12.01	65/0
Sudan, Unpaid, 1897 ..	0/9	—	2/6
Tasmania, old 3d., 4d., 8d., 9d. ..	2/0	10.01	3/2
" £1 green and yellow ..	20/0	12.00	£15
" Postal Fiscals ..	17/6	12.00	40/0
Transvaal, V.R.I., set ..	5/1	2.02	8/9
" E.R.I., set ..	3/3	3.03	7/2
" 1/-, 2/- old colours ..	3/0	6.03	6/6
Trinidad, 5d. lilac ..	0/5	5.00	3/0
" set, old colours ..	2/2	2.02	3/9
" 5/- green and brown ..	5/0	5.02	10/0
" 10/- green and blue ..	10/0	3.00	65/0
Turks Islands, old set ..	2/7	1.01	7/7
Victoria, old set ..	3/10½	8.01	18/2
" 1/6 orange ..	1/6	12.03	3/0
" 2/- emerald ..	2/0	4.01	4/0
" No "Postage" set ..	2/3½	8.01	9/4
" Ditto, 2/- ..	2/0	10.01	7/6
" 5/- ..	5/0	0.01	30/0
" 1d. olive ..	0/1	11.01	1/6
" 1/- orange ..	1/0	4.02	1/9

Unpriced.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Do not avoid stamps because they appear at first sight to be speculative or unnecessary. Stamp collectors are not such important personages that stamps are often made for their especial benefit. Even in the case of little islands where the smallness of the population would not seem to warrant the issue of stamps, the cause of such issue is quite as likely to be local pride in possessing a post-office and a desire to adopt the methods of civilization. Collectors forget that even big colonies had small beginnings. For instance, Victoria, the richest of the Australian states, with a present population of 1,200,000, was almost unknown 70 years ago. In 1836 the State had a total population of 236, exclusive of a few thousand aborigines. In 1837 Melbourne was founded. Thirteen years later stamps were issued, the issue of 1850 being represented by 23 varieties. In 1851 gold was discovered and the colony's era of prosperity set in. When the first stamps were issued, 23 varieties in a year would no doubt have been characterized as too liberal an allowance had their been a specialist to carp. New South Wales 110 varieties in five years is also a very liberal supply for a young colony, but critics are apt to forget that the same facilities do not exist in young colonies of getting the same quality of paper, ink, etc. Why a colony should be dictated to by collectors and told that it may not change the quality of its paper if it finds something more suitable, may not buy a new perforating machine without being assailed with abuse, may not use up old stock by surcharging it with values which render it saleable, we utterly fail to see. When a small colony which can't afford two or three separate sets of stamps for postal, fiscal and telegraph use, makes one set do, rude remarks are sometimes heard, to the effect that the amalgamation has been made to exploit collectors; but it is absurd to suggest such a thing; apart from which, it is often much more convenient to have only one set and one series of designs. Our strongest advice is to collect everything, without fear or favour, when it is current, and in equal quantities.

Stanley Gibbons' New 1904 Catalogue.

We are now in receipt of the New Catalogue and although there are probably few of our readers who do not also possess it, we may perhaps be permitted a short description and criticism.

It would be superfluous to praise the arrangement, printing and binding; it goes without saying, that in these respects, the catalogue is excellent, as its predecessors were. From the point of view of the specialist, the compilation too, is excellent, but the general collector has a little difficulty in finding his way about, or in knowing what to disregard.

The illustrations of watermarks on lined grounds are a great improvement, but we are somewhat doubtful about praising the new blocks showing perforation.

The following extract from the introduction will explain the chief alterations.

In issuing the 1904 Edition of our Priced Catalogue of Postage Stamps of the British Empire, we wish to draw attention shortly to the chief alterations made therein.

Owing to a recent decision in the Law Courts it has been held that all kinds of British Official stamps in an unused condition are Government property, and cannot lawfully be dealt in by the stamp trade, these stamps are, therefore, no longer priced or sold by our firm.

Following this result, we have decided to cease pricing any unused stamps of any British Colony which have not, to the best of our belief, been on sale to the public in the country of issue.

This will apply to such stamps as the Ceylon "Service," South Australia, "O.S.," Australian Commonwealth, Trinidad, "O.S.," India, "H.M.S.," etc. Many of such stamps have been in the market for twenty years or more, but as they are, we believe, not sold to the public, and may originally have been illegally obtained, we have finally decided to cease to handle this class of goods in an unused condition.

The countries which have received special attention and partial re-writing are:—

NEW SOUTH WALES, in which the issues of 1871-84 have been separated into the Large and Small Crown watermarks, and the later issues into the perforations of the three machines.

NEW REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, in which all the dates are clearly set forth in the reference list.

NEW ZEALAND. The issues of 1875-81 have been re-arranged in chronological order, and the modern issues entirely revised and re-written.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA has been re-written, following the lines of the articles in the *Monthly Journal*.

VICTORIA. The first issue has been revised and more clearly divided into the various printings.

Throughout the Catalogue we have carefully revised the dates of issues, and a further feature in this Edition is the insertion of the name of the printer and the method of the printing of the various issues, and the illustrations of watermarks from accurate tracings.

The question of the *prices* quoted in this Catalogue has received our most careful attention. These have been most carefully revised and lowered where justified, but we cannot close our eyes to the fact that our stock of Old English Colonial stamps is becoming exhausted, and the difficulty of replenishing it now has been enormously increased compared with our experience of a few years ago.

The question of prices is perhaps the one which will interest our readers most, but as we have dealt very fully with this subject elsewhere, we shall only briefly refer to it here. On the whole, the prices of stamps issued since 1890 have advanced considerably, whilst those issued before 1890 remain stationary. However, it is satisfactory there are no great number of reductions (of which rumour says there will be many in the foreign section due early in 1904).

In the old issues of Great Britain the prices remain much the same, several being put down and a few advanced. The 6d. Octagonal, used, falls from 6/- to 4/6, whilst the 2/- red-brown continues to advance, being 80/- instead of 70/-. The 1d. "14 dots" advances from 4/- to 5/- and 7/6, according to shade. The 1884 issue alone shows remarkable advances, the more striking since those of the 1903 catalogue were already very high. Compare the following figures from catalogues of the last ten years:—

	1884	1885	1887	1889	1903	1904	Increase.
1d. slate ..	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/6	0/6	0/6	100%
1½d. lilac ..	0/9	2/6	3/-	2/6	2/6	2/6	130%
2d. ..	1/6	3/-	3/6	5/-	7/6	7/6	400%
2½d. ..	0/6	0/6	1/-	2/-	2/-	2/-	300%
3d. ..	0/6	0/6	1/6	4/-	4/-	4/-	700%
4d. green ..	2/-	5/-	4/6	6/6	8/6	8/6	325%
5d. ..	2/-	2/6	3/6	2/6	2/6	2/6	65%
6d. ..	1/6	1/6	2/-	2/6	2/6	2/6	65%
9d. ..	3/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	10/-	10/-	180%
1/- ..	3/-	7/6	10/-	10/-	12/-	12/-	300%

If a collector bought the above at 20% off catalogue price in 1895, and sells them at the same discount in 1904, he will make the percentage of profit shown in the last column; not a bad return for a 10 years' investment. The advance in prices in the 1904 catalogue, as against those in the 1903 edition, is to be taken as an indication of a strong demand, and shows that modern stamps

—those of the last 20 years—are extremely popular.

The 1887 series, now obsolete for nearly two years, is advanced to double face value, the 1/- green and 1/- green and carmine each being quoted as high as 2/6. The high values are already somewhat scarce, and the 2/6 is quoted 5/-; the 5/-, 9/-; 10/- blue, 15/-; and £1 green, 30/-.

Amongst the plate-numbers, the 1d. red, 225, is now priced and is by no means too dear at 10/-. The 3d. plate 4, wmk. spray, is advanced from 6d. to 3/- (it had formerly stood at 2/6, gradually falling to 1/6, 1/3, 9d. and 6d.) The 4d. plate 10, used, advances from 2d. to 6d.

The prices of Colonial stamps, as already stated, are referred to elsewhere, so that it is unnecessary to refer to them here. Some interesting additions in the way of "new issues" are the Hong Kong varieties of Chinese surcharge, which the Colonial Stamp Market was offering for sale some months ago. Only one is priced, and that at three times the price at which the Colonial Stamp Market offered it.

Competition No. 1.

How many stamp collectors should you suppose there are in the world? And what is their spending power? We offer three prizes (each a mint set of King's Head, Fiji Islands, ½d. to 1/-), to the senders of the three most correct guesses. Of course, no one could possibly give an accurate reply, there is no means of ever finding out, so we shall let competitors' votes answer the question, by averaging them out. For example, if four competitor essay 2, 3, 5, 6, respectively, we shall take 4, being the average of these numbers, as the nearest number to accuracy. Some collectors, to the dealers' regret, never spend anything at all on their stamps or at most their purchases extend to a few penny packets. Others make a rule never to spend more than 1/- on a stamp. Still others, more fortunate, can afford to pay anything they are asked. We therefore ask you to reply to seven questions.

1. How many stamp collectors are there in the whole world?
2. How many are there who are willing to spend up to 1/- on a stamp?
3. How many buy one or more of the Annual Catalogues?
4. How many subscribe to one or more Philatelic Journals?
5. How many are willing to pay up to £1 for a stamp?
6. How many are there who are willing to pay up to £50 for a stamp?
7. How many can afford to buy any stamp however valuable?

Competition No. 2.

This is not strictly a competition, but we offer unlimited prizes. If any reader likes to follow our advice and form small specialized collections of single stamps, and after studying all that has been written previously on the subject in the philatelic press and philatelic works, will combine his knowledge in short articles not exceeding two columns of *E.W.S.N.*, we will pay him £1 1s. for each article, if suitable for publication in our columns, the copyright to remain ours. We are willing to buy a dozen such articles every month, if our readers can produce them, but nothing, except of the very highest quality, will stand a chance of acceptance. This offer remains open until March 1st, when it will probably be repeated. We may, if it is successful, or likely to be so, make it a permanent feature of *E.W.S.N.*

Competition No. 3.

We have received a large number of entries in our "Questions" Competition, and shall hope to deal with same in our next issue. Meantime, we again invite questions on philatelic subjects. We offer three prizes, each a mint unused set of Aitutaki, to the senders of the three most interesting questions by mid-day, Monday, December 21st.

Sale of a Collection of British Stamps.

MESSRS. GLENDINING & Co. inform us (and as may also be seen from their advertisement on another page) that they have received an exceptionally fine collection of British stamps, with instructions to sell same by auction next February. It is probably the finest lot of "English" which has yet come under the hammer. Some of the gems are:—

- 1d. black, strip of six, with marginal plate-number 4.
- 1d. Archer roulette, used.
- 1d. Archer perforation, used, on original.

- 2d. perf. 16, small and large crown, unused.
- 2d. perf. 14, small and large crown, unused.
- 4d. small garter, imperf. and perf., unused.
- 4d. medium garter, on blue and on white, unused.
- 6d., 10d., 1/- Octagonals, unused.
- 9d. hairlines, imperf.
- 9d. plate 5, perf.
- 10/- and £1 Cross & Anchor, unused.
- 3d. "secret dot" imperf. and perf. pairs, unused.
- 5d. green, 1884, type I. (only five known).
- 10/- cobalt.

and many rare proofs and imperfs. Only about half-a-dozen of the stamps in the collection are used.

Our Postcard Column.

W.H.L. readers hearing of any interesting item of News, kindly jot it down on a postcard and address to the Editor, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," Norwood, London. For every contribution we publish, we will send the author an interesting and newly issued stamp. (N.B.—Postcards preferred).

Miss Tracy writes:—

"I have not seen any mention in any paper of the change of shade in the current 6d. King's Head English stamps, when first issued in 1902 it was a dull lilac, now it is a much brighter and deeper colour."

Mr. W. Hart writes:—

"Re Victoria 1d. Perforated O.S."

"I have two unused copies of the above stamp which you say are unobtainable. I received them direct from Williamstown, Victoria, also I have a copy of the 3d. grey-green (used), which was in use with the 1d. olive bistre for about 14 days, in June 1901. I see this stamp is not listed by Gibbons' or Bright."

Foreign Extracts Competition.

The more important mistakes in our last competition were as follows:—

Art.	Line.	Read	collectionneurs.
I.	11.	„	éloges.
I.	14.	„	sait.
II.	1.	„	intéressantes.
II.	11.	„	fonctionnaire.
II.	14.	„	bourrée.
II.	20.	„	dû déboursé que.
II.	31.	„	exacts.
II.	33.	„	c'est.
II.	40.	„	c'est.

The above eleven mistakes were pointed out by four competitors, Mr. Leo Zabel (Student, King Edward VI. High School, Birmingham, Class 3. Classical), Mr. P. S. Robinson (Bray, Co., Wicklow), Mr. W. G. Williams (Dublin), and Mr. A. Voge (Mitcham Road Distilleries, West Croydon). Many other competitors pointed out nine or ten mistakes; *exacts* for *exacts* was the error principally overlooked.

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"União Postal Universal," tal é o nome com que o congresso reunido em Berne em 15 de Setembro de 1874 no *äusseren Standesratshaus* encimou o tratado que devia submeter a uma lei commun tudo o que diz respeito ao serviço internacional dos correios.

Esta vasta associação, composta de 22 governos, representados por 35 plenipotenciarios, constituia-se de maneira a formar uma unica familia e um unico e mesmo territorio postal.

O tratado da União que foi posto em vigor No. 1 de julho de 1875 não se entendia simplesmente as cartas mas tambem aos bilhetes de correspondencia, aos livros, aos jornaes e aos impressos, ás amostras de mercadorias e aos papeis commerciaes.*

* Tratado, treaty; amostras, samples.

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Das Paraguay ist doch neuerdings ein recht ausgabelustiges Land geworden; denn kaum hat es Anfang dieses Jahres neue Marken erhalten, so geht uns aus Asuncion in einer gelbgrünen 1 Centavomärke die Vorläuferin einer neuer Ausgabe zu. Wir bilden sie anbei ab [und stellen das Muster der bisherigen Reihe der Vergleichung wegen daneben]; die Unterscheide beider Ausgaben sind recht unbedeutend. Die neue wird wiederum die wertstrufen 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30 und 60 centavos umfassen, die wir sämtlich nach unserm dortigen Berichtsterstatter unten auführen; denn wenn auch erst der niedrigste Wert am 19 Oktober verausgabt worden war, so dürfen vielleicht die andere, oder nochwenigstens ein Teil davon, unterdessen in Gebrauch genommen worden sein.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

UNUSED v. USED.

UNUSED Gaining the Day.

One of the largest firms of dealers in the United States publishes the following announcement. It is an interesting sign of the times, and shows that unused stamps are gaining the day over used.

"We will, until the 31st of December only, fill any orders, for used stamps, which are accompanied with the cash, and which we are able to fill from our own stock, at a discount of 50 per cent. from the 1904 Scott Catalogue, and in case the amount remitted is \$25.00, we will allow an extra discount of 2½ per cent.; on a remittance of \$35.00 we will allow an extra discount of 3½ per cent.; on a remittance of \$50.00 we will allow an extra discount of 5 per cent.; on a remittance of \$100.00 we will allow an extra discount of 10 per cent.

"This very liberal offer applies only to orders accompanied with the cash, and applies only to used stamps, although we might include most of the unused stamps of South and Central Africa.

"We carry a stock of very nearly 20,000 varieties of used stamps of the 19th century but have very little in used stamps of the 20th century; therefore, in sending orders please make your list of wants accordingly. The advantage of the above opportunity is at once apparent when it is remembered that our stock has been accumulating since 1869 and is without question the most varied stock in America."

A Philatole.

(From *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News*.)

XXXIV.

Once there was a Stamp Dealer who was Slow about Boosting the Pot. He had Gilt letters on the door of his Shack and kept a Fluffy-Haired Fairy to run the Writing-Machine and make the place look busy. He had quarter-sawn Fixtures that had Pushed him back about Seven Hundred and the Plate Glass in the showcase was two Inches thick. The only trouble with him was that when He bought stamps he wanted to Get In about three stories below the Ground floor. When an auction was Going on and prices were so low that the Auctioneer choked with Genuine Grief he held back because the Profit was only 25 per cent. When a collector bet on the Wrong horse and brought in his Stamps to get Quick Recovery, the Slow Booster made him an offer that the Other dealers would have been Ashamed to think of, no matter How much they needed the Money. When the collector hiked over and Sold it to a rival he felt Abused. Stamp buyers with Bulky Pockets drifted in occasionally, but as the Slow Booster couldn't make 75 per cent. on anything they Wanted he was always out of Stock and they left without Blowing their little saving. One day a Friend dropped over and found a Dentist's Sign on the window where the Booster used to Wait for business. On inquiring he found that the Close Buyer was selling Lead Pencils on the next Corner.

MORAL: It's better to be a live tortoise than a dead hare.

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XXXIII.

Once there was a collector who was Crampy about spending his Coin. He was worth about 147 Million Dollars, but hated to Break into it. He therefore collected strictly according to Price. Anything with a Bargain discount tacked on to it Went to him. If a slice was gone or if the Color did not agree with the Catalogue, he paid no attention. He grasped at Foreign Revenues and Salt Tax labels with Grievous readiness, and the Things the boys handed out to him at One Cent each were Shocking. He pointed with Pride to a Finland Mourning Stamp which he had Hooked on to for a nickel, while a Foreign Cigarette Stamp was the Gem of his collection, because it was Printed in two colors and only Stood him 3 cents. When his friends tried to Put him Wise, he assumed the Sagacious Air and explained to them that it was a Clinch that anything costing under Five cents was sure to Go up, while the Lads who placed Dollar bets would have a Holler coming when they came to sell. One day X Y Z dropped 42 points and took his Wad along with it. This hurt his Feelings, but he explained to his Family that his Stamp collection would keep them Comfortable for Twenty years. He therefore put his Book of Freaks under his arm, and after Trying Eighty-three places he sold it for \$2.47.

MORAL—When casting your bread on the water, be sure it will float.

W. H. ADAMS.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

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The Week's News.

The Editor will be much obliged for Early Information of New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors, and will have pleasure in forwarding the sender of every accepted contribution several interesting newly issued stamps.

The index number and serial letter after the title of each paragraph indicate the issue of E.W.S.N. in which the last reference to that country appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Envelope Dies* (221 C 222).—The Colonial Stamp Market's envelopes were stamped last week with dies $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 45, 48; 1d. 54; $\frac{1}{4}$ d. 1 (new shade, brownish-yellow); 2d. die 2; $\frac{3}{4}$ d. 3; 4d. 1; 6d. 5; 6d.+4d. (for 10d.). Of these the only new die is 2d. die 2, but the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. die 1 may now be found in three distinct shades.

Our list of die-numbers now stands:—



Envelope Stamps. List of die-numbers known.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 50.
- 1d. Dies 7 to 30; 43 to 55, 58.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 3d., 4d., 10d., 1/- Dies 1.
- 2d. Dies 1, 2, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Die 3.
- 6d. Dies 1 to 6.
- 3d. Registration. Dies 1 to 7.

The issues of E.W.S.N. in which the dies of the King's Head envelope series were first chronicled are as follows:—

E.W.S.N.	E.W.S.N.	E.W.S.N.
$\frac{1}{2}$ d. die 1 157	3d. die 1 179	6d. die 3 143
2d. die 1 179	4d. die 1 179	" 4 141
" 2 222	6d. die 1 133	10d. die 1 211
$\frac{3}{4}$ d. die 3 133	" 2 143	1/- die 1 211

It will be seen from this that 2d. die 1 has only remained in use about forty-three weeks. Copies are not likely to be obtainable now under 2/- or more. The 2d. die 1 of the Queen's Head series lasted about eighteen years.

Official Adhesives (195, 213 O 222).—Mr. C. S. Quinton has made the interesting discovery that there are two types of the "Admiralty Official" overprint. He writes:—

"It has not been noticed, I think, in E.W.S.N. or elsewhere, that there has recently been a re-setting, and with it an alteration of type, in the Admiralty Official overprint. The alteration is visible, and is at once apparent; in fact, odd copies that first came to hand suggested the idea that the new overprint was nothing more or less than a forgery. The difference in type is that between two fonts, or faces, of sans-serif: the original face is wider than that last used. Technically, the letters of the latter have been 'spaced' to make the word 'Admiralty' the same length as in the original setting; but while the new setting, on the whole, appears slightly larger, the following peculiarities more clearly show the differences in the new:—

- 'A'—The cross bar is nearer the feet of the upright stroke;
- 'D, M, T'—These letters are all narrower, the M especially being noticeable;
- 'R'—This is larger than in the first setting.

The stamps with this new setting appear to have been put into use the beginning of December. I have copies of the 1d. postmarked Dec. 4. At present I have only seen the new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., but doubtless the other values will be found similarly printed."

We have examined the Colonial Stamp Market's stock, and find that we have both types in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. also, bearing much earlier dates than Mr. Quinton's. Our records are as follows:—

Admiralty Official.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. surch. type II, 25.9.03.
- 1d. " " II, 17.11.03.

We should be glad to hear from any reader who can do better. The two surcharges are quite distinct, the second having wider spaces between the letters.

Large Crown Watermark (220 E 222).—Copies of the error are slowly turning up. Mr. F. G. Warwick has shown us the 1d. "stars" and informs us it was the only one out of fifteen "M.A."s he picked out of a lot of four or five thousand. The roll of honour still contains only six names, Mr. Warwick having two examples.



Large Crown of 1862.



Error.

- 1d. red, stars. Messrs. J. F. Caterer, F. J. Cowan, F. G. Warwick.
- " plate 73. Mr. W. Bowes.
- " " 87. Mr. F. G. Warwick.
- " " 89. Mr. F. J. Cowan.
- " " 92. Mr. V. Gregory (the discoverer).

Our price list of the varieties would be as follows, if we had any for disposal.

- 1d. rose, stars, unused, 60/-; used, 20/-.
- " plates, " 80/-; " 40/-.

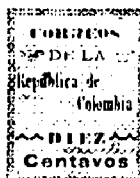
CANADA (208 P 222).—In addition to the 1c. post card, the King's Head stationery has now been augmented with a wrapper, of which we take the following description from the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.



Wrapper.

1c. green.

CAUCA (218 C 222).—A month ago we chronicled the 20c. value in two varieties. We now have its companion in two varieties also, on the authority of the *American Journal of Philately*.



Adhesives.

- 10c. black on rose, imperf.
- " perf. 12.

CEYLON (220 Z 222).—Mr. O. Marsh has shown us the first of the King's Head series overprinted "on service" in two lines (usual type) in black.



- Official adhesives.** Surcharged "On Service."
- 3c. green, King's Head.
- 5c. lilac, "
- 15c. blue, "

All three are postmarked 26.11.03.

CHINA, FRENCH P.O. (220 L 222). *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (ET 11.03/603), contains an interesting article on the recent "A Percevoir" provisionals (see E.W.S.N. Nos. 217, 220), from which we extract the following dates and statistics.

Unpaid Letter Stamps. Postage stamps of 1894, already surcharged "Chine."

- (i) Sept. 1903. Overprinted "A PERCEVOIR" over two horizontal lines.
- 30c. brown, overprint red.

- " violet.
- (ii) Sept. or Oct. 1903. Overprinted obliquely, "A PERCEVOIR," in larger capitals, over two lines.

- 5c. yellow-green of 1898, surcharge violet
- 5c. " " carmine 300
- 10c. rose of 1902, " violet
- 10c. " " carmine 300
- 15c. blue " violet
- * 15c. " " carmine 600
- 15c. orange of 1902 " violet
- 30c. brown, " violet

* Exists in pairs with overprint tête-bêche. Of the 30c. both issues together there were altogether 1500. They were issued at Tientsin principally; a few also at Pekin.

COLOMBIA (217 E 222).—The *American Journal of Philately* chronicles the 5c. and 10p. of the Barraquilla set in new colours:—



- Adhesives.** Perf. 12.
- 5c. bistre.
- 10p. claret.

The following, in old colours, are also now perf. 12, instead of imperf.

- Adhesives.** Perf. 12
- 5c. blue.
- 50c. deep orange.
- 50c. claret.
- 1p. brown-orange.

COREA (219 N 222).—The *American Journal of Philately* publishes a copy of the Post Office notice relating to the new issue of stamps.

NOTICE.

The Imperial Korean Post Office has the honour to inform the public that on and after the 1st October, the Department of Communications will issue a new set of postage stamps.

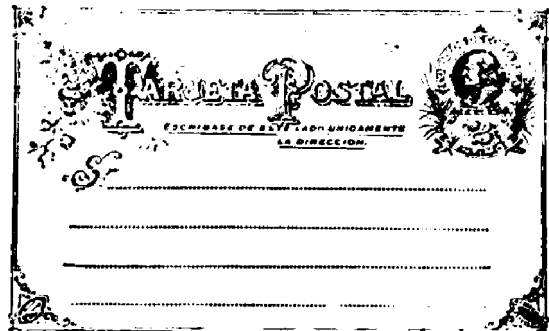
The stamps of 5, 10, 25, and 50 poon will be completely withdrawn from sale, but mail matter prepaid by them will be allowed to circulate until the 31st December.

The new set of postage stamps will comprise the following values:—2 rin, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50 cheun and 1 and 2 won.

This is the set which we chronicled recently.

COSTA RICA (216 Q 222).—The following new postcard has been issued, states *Le Timbro-phil Belge*.

Postcard. 2c. carmine-red on chamois.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (182 O 222).—The *American Journal of Philately* notes the current 20c. official imperforate.

HAYTI (188 L 222).—*Minor Variety*.—"Prov. Govt." 1c. yellow-green, pair, one without surcharge (AJP 10.03/355).

HONDURAS (220 G. 222).—Mr. F. F. Sharpless writes as follows to the *American Journal of Philately*:—

"I beg to call your attention to a new regulation regarding postage stamps in Honduras.

"As you probably know, stamps are not sold in that country at the post offices, but by an agent of the Government in another office, where he also sells the revenue stamps and the blanks on which it is necessary to write telegrams.

"For some reason, I was unable to learn what, another Government official, having nothing to do with the P.O. Department, must examine the postage stamps and mark them before they can be sold by the official whose business it is to dispose of them. The mark that is put upon them is the word "PERMITASE," meaning "it is permitted [to use]."

"You will notice "PER" on the enclosed 10c. stamps and "ITASE" on the 5c. The mark is invariably on two adjoining stamps but being put there by hand it is very irregularly placed.

"I examined a number of sheets of stamps at Amapala, Honduras recently, and was unable to purchase any without this mark. It so happened that in the office there were several sheets of 50c. stamps without the mark, but the authorities would not sell them."

The surcharge, which is evidently the work of a rubber stamp, is in large sans-serif capitals and is probably applied to all values, although at present the following only are reported (Mr. Sharpless

having apparently omitted to give a list of the values he saw).

Adhesive stamps. Overprinted "PERMITASE."
5c. blue perf 12. Surchage purple.
10c. brown " " rose.

The *American Journal of Philately* (10.03/355) chronicles some minor varieties:—

1891, 20c. in pair, imperf. horiz.
2p. " " vert.
1892, 1c. " " horiz.
75c. " " "
25c. " " vert.
1890, 2c. Official, without surcharge.
10c. " inverted "
50c. " " "
25c. " in pair, one without surcharge.
30c. " " imperf. horiz.
50c. " double surcharge.
75c. " " "
1896, 2c. rose (Locomotive) on vert. laid paper.

NEW ZEALAND (221 S 222).—*Government Insurance Department.*—The *Australian Journal of Philately* chronicles the following new varieties:—
Insurance Dept. Adhesives. Cowan paper, N.Z. Star sideways.
1d. blue, perf. 11.
" " 14x11.
Issued 10.03 or earlier.

NICARAGUA (220 W 222).—*Minor Varieties*—1892, 5 peso official, imperf. horizontally (AJP, 11.03/387), 1891, official 2c. imperf. vertically, and 5c. and 1p. of same series without surcharge.

SALVADOR (211 Q 222).—*Minor Variety*, 1899, Postage Due, 15c. orange, vertical pair imperf. between (AJP 11.03/387).

Populations of some Stamp-Issuing Countries.

(COMPILED FROM WHITTAKER'S ALMANACK, 1904).

I. British Colonies, etc.

	Census.	Total Population.	per square mile.	No. of Post Offices.
India	1901	294,361,056	—	—
Ceylon	1902	3,680,353	9211	337
Straits S.	1901	572,249	—	—
Fed. Malay S.	—	—	—	—
Hong Kong	1901	283,905	6431	—
Borneo	—	1,846,000	—	—
B. N. Borneo	—	175,000	—	—
Canada	—	5,456,931	—	—
Newfoundland	1901	217,037	—	—
Br. Guiana	1902	302,172	—	71
Br. Honduras	1901	37,479	—	—
Bermudas	1901	17,535	6383	—
New South Wales	1903	1,414,870	—	2216
Victoria	1901	1,201,311	—	(875)
S. Australia	1902	361,455	—	—
Queensland	1902	514,851	—	—
Tasmania	1902	177,072	—	375
W. Australia	1903	224,311	—	—
N. Zealand	1903	861,075	818,832	—
Cook Islands	1903	12,000	200	—
Fiji Islands	1901	120,121	2459	—
Tonga Islands	1901	20,672	239	—
Jamaica	1903	785,134	15,000*	—
Turks Islands	1901	5,287	—	—
Bahamas	1901	53,735	—	—
Antigua	1901	31,953	—	—
St. Kitts	1901	33,672	—	—
Nevis	1901	12,771	—	—
Dominica	1901	29,000	—	—
Montserrat	1901	12,215	—	—
Virgin Islands	1901	1,608	—	—
Grenada	1902	65,627	—	—
St. Lucia	1902	50,934	—	—
St. Vincent	1901	17,548	—	—
Barbados	1901	195,588	—	—
Trinidad	1901	277,651	—	—
Tobago	1901	18,751	—	—
Cape Colony†	1902	2,501,635	382,000	—
Natal‡	1902	959,384	73,095	—
Transvaal	1899	750,000	150,000	—
Orange River	1890	207,000	78,000	—
Rhodesia	—	600,000	—	—
Gambia	1901	13,156	—	—
Gold Coast	—	1,043,500	200	—
Sierra Leone	1901	76,655†	493	—
Lagos	1901	11,847	—	—
S. Nigeria	—	15,000	—	—
Somaliland	—	300,000	—	—
East Africa	—	4,000,000	—	—
Uganda	—	2,000,000	—	—
Zanzibar	—	250,000	—	—
B.C. Africa	—	737,500	500	—
Mauritius	1901	375,385	—	60†
Seychelles	1902	19,772	—	—
Falkland Is.	1897	2,050	—	—
St. Helena	1901	3,342	—	—
Cyprus	1901	237,022	—	—
Malta	1902	193,315	—	—
Gibraltar	1901	26,830	—	—

* That the European population of a Colony are not the only residents who take advantage of the Post Office is well illustrated by the fact that the number of savings-bank accounts open in 1903 was 32,569.

† Population of Cape Colony:—1865, 181,592 Europeans and 314,789 others. Natal, 1859, 160,170; 1876, 280,382; 1891, 571,620.

‡ The population, although "Native" is very mixed, no fewer than 60 different languages being spoken in Freetown.

II. Foreign Countries.

Abyssinia	—	3,000,000	—	—
Argentine Rep.	—	4,500,000	—	—
Austria	1900	26,150,708	—	—
Hungary	1900	21,670,863	—	—
Bosnia	1895	1,591,036	—	—
Belgium	1902	6,896,079	—	—
Bolivia	—	2,000,000	—	—
Brazil	1890	14,333,913	—	2862
Bulgaria	—	998,431	—	—
Chile	1900	3,110,000	—	750
China	—	—	12892	—
Colombia	1895	5,000,000	—	—
Panama	1896	311,000	—	—
Congo	1900	15,000,000	1958	—
Corea	—	10,528,937	—	—
Costa Rica	—	316,722	—	—
Crete	—	301,577	—	—
Cuba	—	1,500,000	—	—
Denmark	1901	2,449,540	—	—
Dominican Rep.	—	500,000	—	—
Ecuador	—	1,270,000	—	—
Egypt	1897	9,734,000	112,500	—
Sudan	—	1,500,000	—	—
France	1901	38,961,945	—	—
French Colonies	1900	31,053,774	—	—
German Empire	1900	56,367,178	—	—
" Colonies	1902	13,644,116	10965	—
Greece	1896	2,433,806	—	—
Guatemala	1892	1,510,000	—	—
Haiti	1901	1,294,140	—	—
Honduras	1902	774,900	—	—
Iceland	1898	76,237	—	—
Italy	1900	32,100,000	—	—
Eritrea	—	400,000	—	—
Japan	—	41,260,606	—	—
Liberia	—	1,500,000	—	—
Luxemburg	1901	236,543	—	—
Mexico	1900	13,545,462	—	—
Monaco	1886	12,548	—	—
Montenegro	—	227,000	—	—
Morocco	—	6,000,000	—	—
Netherlands	—	5,263,267	—	—
Dutch E. Indies	—	35,206,000	—	—
Surinam	—	68,972	—	—
Curaçao	—	51,524	—	—
Nicaragua	—	310,000	—	—
Norway	1902	2,263,010	—	—
Paraguay	1900	635,600	—	—
Persia	—	9,000,000	—	—
Peru	—	4,609,999	—	—
Portugal	1890	4,609,999	—	—
Azores and Madeira	—	389,631	—	—
Portug. Indies	—	531,798	—	—
Portug. Colonies (see Whittaker, 1904, page 613).	—	—	—	—
Roumania	—	6,150,000	—	1243
Russia	—	128,161,249	—	—
Finland	1898	2,597,000	—	—
Salvador	—	900,000	—	77
San Marino	—	11,000	—	—
Serbia	1901	2,500,000	—	111
Siam	—	9,000,000	—	—
Spain	1897	18,089,500	—	—
Sweden	1902	5,198,752	—	—
Switzerland	1901	3,313,000	—	—
Tunis	1903	1,500,000	70,000	—
Turkey	1901	6,000,000	—	—
U.S.A.	1900	76,350,000	—	74,069
U.S.A. Colonies	—	10,000,000	—	—
Uruguay	1902	964,000	—	—
Venezuela	1891	2,323,527	—	—

Our object in giving the above list is to give collectors some idea of the relative importance, apart from the great question of stamp values, of the different countries of the world. British Colonies do not contain 90% of the population of the world. Here is a ridiculous remark which a contemporary journal recently made:

"Salvador. — This trumpety little Republic (with a population equal to Birmingham) means to keep its proud record of champion issuer of stamps, especially of the speculative, because unnecessary and mostly unusable class. . . ."

N.B.—Salvador has issued 539 catalogue varieties.

New South Wales has issued 702.

Salvador has a population of 900,000.

New South Wales has 1,417,870. In 1881, it was only 750,000 and in 1891, 1,100,000.

Before people begin to sneer and throw stones, they should ascertain whether they are not living in a glass house. Only ten British Colonies have a larger population than Salvador. Only two British possessions (India and Canada) have populations larger than London, although Ceylon is very near. By the way, the populations of the leading cities of the world may be interesting for purposes of comparison.

London	4,579,100	Glasgow	775,601
New York	3,632,501	Buda Pesth	767,661
Paris	2,660,556	Hamburg	724,835
Berlin	1,891,900	Liverpool	692,495
Chicago	1,820,000	St. Louis	623,000
Vienna	1,726,604	Cairo	615,045
Philadelphia	1,349,712	Boston	586,553
St. Petersburg	1,248,643	Brussels	562,893
Moscow	1,093,410	Manchester	519,170
Calcutta	847,796	Barcelona	539,180
Buenos Aires	833,381	Amsterdam	534,663
Rio de Janeiro	793,000	Birmingham	528,181
Bombay	776,006		

Neither Scotland, nor Ireland, can quite come up to the population of London.

Another curious fact about the population of London is that in spite of the hundreds of languages spoken throughout the world, there are only about thirty spoken by a greater popu-

lation than that found in "Greater London" (counting Chinese as one language, but allowing India ten dialects spoken by more than 6,000,000 people). The most important (in point of number) are Chinese, English, Arabic, Hindustani (the lingua franca of India), French, Russian, Hindi, German, Turkish, Spanish, Japanese, Bengalee, Italian, Bikaree, Telugu, Portuguese, Persian, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Polish.

Auction Reports.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson concluded at Leicester-square the sale of the second and final portion of rare postage stamps formed by a well-known philatelist. The following good prices were secured:—

Fiji: 1874-75, 2d. in black on 12 cents on 6d. rose, unused, but no gum, £7.

New South Wales: 1850-51, Sydney views, 3d. emerald green on bluish laid, heavily cancelled, £6 10s.; and a collection of proofs and coloured trials, £13 10s.

New Zealand: 1885, London print, half of 1s. green used as 6d., £5 5s.; 1836, blue paper, half of 1s. green used as 6d., £5 5s.; 1862-63, picture paper, 1d. vermilion, unused, £4 12s. 6d.; and 1872, 6d. blue, unused, but no gum, £5 10s.

Queensland: 1868-79, 2d. blue, £8 10s.

South Australia: 1871, 4d. purple, unused, rare, £15; and 1887-93, £10; bronze, £8.

Tasmania: 1853, 4d. red-orange, £4 4s.; and 1856-57, 1d. red-brown, picture paper, unused, no gum, £4 12s. 6d.

Victoria: 1862, 6d. orange, £6 6s.

Western Australia: 1857, 2d. brown on red, no gum, £4; 1861, 6d. purple on *bleuté*, £4 4s.; an unused 1s. dark green, no gum, £6; and 1865, 2d. mauve, error, no gum, £10 15s.

An aggregate of £3,054 was obtained, including £1,900 for the first portion.

Purchase of Postage Stamps from the Public.

We have received the following from the Post Office:—In May last the Postmaster-General announced through the Press that the introduction of considerable improvements in the postal order system would be accompanied, as from January 1st, 1904, by modifications in the practice followed as regards the purchasing of postage stamps from the public at post-offices, a practice which has been found liable to serious abuses. The public is hereby informed that on and from January 1, 1904, stamps can only be repurchased by the Post Office under the following conditions:—(1) Every person tendering stamps for sale will be required to fill up a form, which may be obtained at any post office, stating the value of the stamps, together with the name, address, and occupation of the vendor. (2) Payment will be made by means of an order, payable at any post office, which will be issued from the chief office of account, London, Dublin and Edinburgh, and sent by post to the address of the vendor. (3) The commission charged to the public on purchases of stamps will be raised from 2½ per cent. to 5 per cent., so as to cover the expenses of the department in the matter. (4) No smaller amount than £1 worth of stamps will be purchased from one person. The stamps thus purchased will not be resold to the public. (5) Postmasters and sub-postmasters will no longer be allowed to give cash for stamps when handed in over the counter.

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CORRECTION.

Christmas Number, page 623. For catalogue value of £1 Tasmania, substitute "£12" for "£15."

COLONIES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Colonies of France, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Foreign post offices of France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The post offices on foreign territory are generally under the charge of the Consul.

	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP IX.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AMERICA & WEST INDIES.			
151 French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
152 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
153* Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
155* Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1½	2/6
156* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
157 St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75c.	11	1/10	2/2
158* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP X.—FRENCH COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.			
163* Dahomey, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
164* French Congo, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
165* " 1900, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	9	2/2	2/7
166 French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
167 Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167a " 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
168 Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/2	2/7
168a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
169 " Sénégal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8

GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.			
171 Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
172 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
173* Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
174 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
175* Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
176 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
177* Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
178* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
180 Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
181 " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
182* Soudan, New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
183 Somali Coast, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/7
184* " New colours, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/7

GROUP XII.—FRENCH COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
191 Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
191a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
192 Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
192a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
193 New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
193a " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0
194 Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
194a* " New colours, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	4	0/10	1/0

GROUP XIII.—FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
201* (Turkey) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
202* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
203 " Levant, 1, 2, 4 pi.	3	1/2	1/5
204* " Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	2/0
205* (Egypt) Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/0	2/1
206* " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/0	2/11
208* Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/21
210* Canton on Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
211* Hoi-hao " 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
212* (1902) Cavale, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	1/9
213* " Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 pi.	6	1/8	1/9
214* " Levant, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40c., 2, 4 pi.	13	2/3	2/9
215 " Vathy, expected ..	—	—	—
216 " Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/0	2/11
217 " Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/0	2/11
218* " Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 ass.	8	2/5	2/11
219 " Morocco ..	—	—	—
220 " China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	6	2/5 1/2	2/1
220a " Crete, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	2/11

GROUP XIV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
221 German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	2/8	3/2
222 " S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/4
223 Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
224 Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XV.—GERMAN COLONIES IN ASIA & OCEANIA.			
231 German New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
232 Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
233 Kiau Tschou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
234 Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
235 Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
236 Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2

GROUP XVI.—GERMAN FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			
241 China, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
242* Levant, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5pi.	9	2/0	3/0
243* Morocco, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2

GROUP XVII.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EUROPE.			
251* Angra, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
251a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
252* Horta, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
252a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
253* Ponta Delgada, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
253a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2
254* Funchal, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	1/11
254a " 115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/9	3/2

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

801 Angola, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
802 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
803 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
804* Angra, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
805* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
806 Cape Verde, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
807 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
808 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
809* Funchal, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
810* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
811 Guinea, 300 reis ..	1/5	1/8
812 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
813 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
814* Horta, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
815* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
816 Lourenço Marques, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
817 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
818 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
819* Macau, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
820* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
821 Mozambique, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
822 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
823 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
824* Mozambique Company, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
825* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
826* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
827* Nyassa, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
828* Ponta Delgada, 300 reis ..	1/1	1/4
829* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
830 Portuguese Congo, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
831 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
832 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
833* Portuguese India, 1 rupee ..	1/1	1/7
834* " 2 " ..	2/8	3/1
835 St. Thomas & Prince, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
836 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
837 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
838* Timor, 47 avos. ..	1/1	1/4
839* " 78 " ..	1/8	2/0
840 Zambesia, 400 reis ..	1/5	1/8
841 " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
842 " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11
843* Inhambane, 400 " ..	1/5	1/8
844* " 500 " ..	1/9	2/1
845* " 700 " ..	2/6	2/11

Other Countries and Colonies, &c.

851* Abyssinia, 8 guerches ..	—	—
852* " 16 " ..	—	—

GROUP XVIII. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN WEST AFRICA.

261 Angola, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
262* Cape Verde, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
263* Guinea, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
264* Congo, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
265* St. Thomas and Prince, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XIX. PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN EAST AFRICA.

270* Inhambane, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
271* Lourenço Marques, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
272* Mozambique, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10
273* " Company, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
274* Nyassa, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200r.	12	2/7	2/11
275* Zambesia, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200r.	8	2/5	2/10

GROUP XX.—PORTUGUESE COLONIES IN ASIA.

281* Macau, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 5 1/2, 10 avos.	9	0/10	1/0
281a " 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos.	7	2/6	2/11
282* Portuguese India, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6, 9r., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12r.	10	2/6	2/11
283* Timor, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 10 avos.	8	0/9	0/11
283a " 12, 13, 16, 20, 24, 31 avos.	6	2/4	2/9

GROUP XXI. ITALIAN COLONIES & POST OFFICES.

291* Albania, 10, 35, 40 paras ..	3	0/5	0/6
292* Italian Levant, 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
293* " Tripoli (Bengasi), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
294* " Crete (La Canea), 1 piastra ..	1	0/2 1/2	0/3
295* Benader (East Africa), 1, 2 1/2, 5, 10 ass.	7	2/0	—
296 Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1l.	9	2/1	2/4

GROUP XXII. DUTCH, DANISH & SPANISH COLONIES.

301* Curaçao (W. Indies), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
302* Dutch Indies (Java), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
303 Surinam (Dutch Guiana), 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 50c.	11	2/6	—
304 Danish West Indies (St. Thomas), 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 120.	6	1/6	—
305 Fernando Poo (W. Africa), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20c.	10	—	—
306 Spanish Guinea (W. Africa), 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 1p.	6	—	—

GROUP XXIII. AUSTRIAN & RUSSIAN POST OFFICES, Etc.

310 Austrian Crete, 5, 10 centimes ..	2	0/1 1/2	0/2
311 Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2, 5pi.	5	1/5 1/2	1/8 1/2
311a " Unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
312 Russian Levant, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 kop.	5	0/7	—
313 " China, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 kop.	6	0/7	—

GROUP XXIV. COLOMBIAN DEPARTMENTS.

355 Antioquia, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	—	—	—
356 Bolivar, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	5	—	—
357 Panama, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—
358 Santander, 1, 5, 10c.	3	—	—
359 Tolima, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.	6	—	—

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