

one-quarter way to the *left*. I have another curious-looking stamp of this issue; as is well known, all the embossed stamps of Peru were printed in strips upon the Lecoq machine, which was supposed to be infallible, but inasmuch as errors exist in the *rd.* of 1862 and 1868 it may be noted that this supposition was incorrect; being in strips, whenever the end of the paper was reached it was pasted over the end of another strip, thus occurring many of those stamps printed upon two pieces of paper; these strips came from the machine, as printed stamps, upon the right-hand side. The stamp in question is formed by one of those printed upon two pieces of paper, but, instead of pausing operations at a fair distance from the end of the strip, the operator appears to have printed right up to the end; he then pasted this end over the beginning of another strip, and, when his work again began, in some way managed to strike his first impression directly over that half of the last impression on the end of the first strip, the result being one whole impression and one half upon the same stamp, the left-hand half of the stamp being normal.

Of the *rd.* green of 1868 may be noted specimens extant, with the central arms reversed. The errors in lettering found upon all these embossed stamps are merely defective impressions.

Of the 1880 surcharged issue the 1c., 5c. and 15c. may be found with surcharge inverted, and of the 1881 issue the 1, 2, 5 and 5c. in similar condition. Of the 1882 issue, surcharged with Chilean arms, the 1c. orange, 5c. deep blue and 50c. rose exist with arms inverted, while the 15c. blue may be found with the arms normal and the black horseshoe inverted.

In the surcharged issues of 1883-4 are, no doubt, many errors, but as I can find no compilation of these, only those will be mentioned which have passed under my own observation, viz.: 1c. green with red "PERU" surcharge and triangle No. 3, both reversed; 2c. carmine with Sun and "Correos Lima" doubly impressed; 10c. green with triangle No. 1 doubly impressed, and 5c. unpaid with triangle No. 2 doubly impressed.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—One of each sheet of forty types of the 1 real fuerte of 1854-5 is lettered "CORROS" instead of "COR-

REOS." At a meeting of the London Society, June 1, 1872 was shown a block of 9 *rls.* *fte.* blue, the centre one having the value as 2 *rls.* *fte.* I have never seen this mentioned elsewhere, which is strange, to say the least. I have a copy of the provisional 12c. on 2c. rose, 1877, with surcharge inverted. The 8c. on 100m. carmine of 1879 exists lettered "COREROS" and "CORRIOS" instead of "CORREOS." In the surcharged stamps of 1881-8 the following errors are known, viz.: With surcharge inverted 2½ cms. on 10 cuartos, brown, 2c. on 200 mils. green, and 20 cms. on 8c. de p.; a pair of 2c. on 200m. exists, one of which was surcharged and the other not; the 250 mils. blue telegraph stamp exists doubly surcharged Dos Reales in red; the same is known with surcharge Un Real in red, reversed, and over that 20 cms. in black; the 2½, blue, surcharged 3 instead of 8c.

PORTO RICO.—In each sheet of the 3c. of 1882 and 1884 may be found one stamp of the expressed value of 8c., thus forming the errors 8c., orange, of 1882, and 8c., chestnut, of 1884.

PORTUGAL.—In the 1870-85 issue, the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 reis may be found imperforated.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—The 300r., violet, of 1872, is known imperforated; the 20r., red, of 1874, may be found with value printed twice; the 10r., black, and 200r., yellow, of 1877, are also found imperforated.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The following may be found imperforated, viz.: 2 and 3d. of 1860, 1, 6 and 9d. of 1867, and 1c. of 1872. The 3d. of 1860 exists imperforated horizontally. There are five errors or varieties on the sheet of the 3c. of 1872, a period being found between "PRINCE" and "EDWARD" on the seventh stamp of the 1st, 3d, 5th, 7th and 9th line of each sheet.

PRUSSIA.—The 3sgr. of 1857, plain ground, is known in both deep blue and rose; it is believed they are essays, however, as used specimens have never been met with. All the values of the 1861-65 issue, 3, 4 and 6pf., and 1, 2 and 3sgr., are known imperforated, and the 1867 issue, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9kr. are also found in this condition.