

Messrs. Whitfield King give 1600 as the total number printed, but the *Collectionneur* gives the following as the numbers of each:—

2½	on 5c.	700
2½	on 10c.	150
2½	on 15c.	200
5	on 30c.	200
5	on 40c.	150

1400.

The other 200 are possibly the stamps formed by the margins.

The reason for the surcharge was the breakdown of a vessel conveying a fresh supply of stamps, and the consequent running short of the stock in hand. None of the stamps were sold over the counter, but only placed on letters.

2½	25c. in black on ¼a. in red on 5c. green.
2½	25c. " " 1a. in blue on 10c. black.
2½	25c. " " 1¼a. in red on 15c. blue.
5	50c. " " 3a. in black on 30c. brown.
5	50c. " " 4a. in black on 40c. red.
2½a.	25c. in black on margins of 5c. greenish, or green and greenish.
2½a.	25c. " " " 10c. lilac, or black and lilac.
2½a.	25c. " " " 15c. bluish, or blue and bluish.
5a.	50c. " " " 30c. brownish or brown and brownish.
5a.	50c. " " " 40c. yellowish on red and yellowish.

Italy. Eritrea. The new 5c. has been surcharged for use here.

5c. green and black (fresh die).

Liberia. The *I.B.J.* announces the Registered Envelope in a new shade.

R.E. 10c. grey-green on white, size 130 x 80mm.

Mexico. Mr. Chapman sends us the new Wrappers with stamp of the current type similar to the 1c. chronicled in June. They are printed on highly-glazed manilla paper and truncated at the ends.

The *T.P.* chronicles the Telegraph Cards with suitable inscriptions at top and five paragraphs of instructions below. The stamp is in the left hand corner. The 1896-97 card has a 1c. brown stamp similar to the fiscal issue of the same date with the head of the Republic, and the 1897-98 has a stamp similar to fresh fiscal issue with the eagle.

W. 2c. red, inscriptions red. Interior, size 250 x 85mm.

2c. " " green, exterior " " inscriptions black on thick bluish paper with blue silk threads.

T.C. 1896-97 1c. brown + 10c. }
1897-98 1c. orange + 10c. }

Nicaragua. The *A.J.P.* chronicles the following errors of the 1890 issue.

Imperforate, 2, 5, 10, 50c., 1, 2, 10p. vertically, 5, 10c.

Off. Without surcharge, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p. imperf. 2, 5, 20, 50c., 5p. vertically, 5c.

Paraguay. The 10c., according to the *A.J.P.* without the punched hole exists in two shades, steel-blue and ultramarine.

Salvador. The rate for foreign letters has been increased to 13c. The following have consequently appeared surcharged 'TRECE' 'centavos' in two lines.

13c. in red on 24c. yellow.
13c. in black on 50c. rose.
13c. " " 50c. purple.
13c. " " 100c. carmine-brown.

E. 13c. in red on 15c. black, size 151 x 91mm.

Shanghai. The *M.J.* chronicles the following belonging to Mr. W. Thorne.

1889 80c. green, imperf. vertically.

Spain. The *M.J.* notes a copy of the 1870 50m. printed apparently from a damaged cast. The large dot after '50' is replaced by two small

dots '·' and the 'I' of 'MIL' is broken, forming 'i'; the dash under the 's' has become two dots '..' and the 'o' of 'Eo' is broken at the top, looking like a 'c' on its back.

Philippines. Sundry values having run out, some of the old issues have been brought into use, being surcharged in a rectangle 'HABILITADO' at left, 'PARA' at top, 'CORREOS' at right, '1897' at bottom and value in centre.

5c. ?	1894
15c. rose,	"
20c. violet,	"
15c. red-brown,	1892
20c. brown,	"
20c. on 25c. yellow-brown,	1890.

United States. The U.S. papers chronicle some stamps of the current 2c. printed on experimental papers. In one case the paper is double and the other on a blue safety paper.

2c. pink on double paper,	wmk.
2c. crimson on safety paper,	no wmk.

Wheels within Wheels.

EDINBURGH.

What a lively time we are to have here among our stamps this season!

Already three announcements have been made of coming sales. Mr. Robert S. Gray leads off with Glasgow's first auction sale on the 18th of September. Glasgow, of course, is not Edinburgh; but it is not "a far cry" from the one place to the other; and, as we in Edinburgh have grown quite familiar with Mr. Gray, and have often admired his pluck in bidding up lots, we wished to get half the price he gave, we wish him much success in his new rôle. May Glasgow flourish.

Edinburgh's auctioneer is to be Mr. James Mackay, of the Stamp Bureau, 24, Frederick-street. He has had a long connection with stamps and stamp sales; and he is the secretary to the Edinburgh and Leith Philatelic Society, so, in such a "mutual admiration" community as ours, he is certain to receive all the support that can be given to him. His first sale takes place on Saturday, the 2nd of October.

After that Glasgow comes to Edinburgh in the person of Mr. A. McAustan of 93, Bath-street. He is to hold his first sale in the New Waverley Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th of October. Mr. McAustan has been "in the swim" for a number of years. His stamp business title for week after week in the "Bazaar" has been that of Manager of the Colonial and Foreign Stamp Company, and one attractive "draw" in his advertisement has been that stamps could be had from him for a farthing and upwards. He is not known to many in Edinburgh, and how his bid for success may go it would be difficult just now to tell.

How the humble collector with limited means is to survive all these attacks upon his weak points looks puzzling to us now; but we may at least be able to let you know something of their doings in our next.

Gems are occasionally discovered here. Recently we have had offered to us by means of our daily newspapers "Penny red also blue," and "Strips of penny reds in blocks." You will search your Gibbons', your Browns', your Morleys', and your Evan's in vain for these, and yet they can be had here cheap.