

with this wmk was obsolete in 1884, and that the first Bechuanaland stamps were produced in 1886, the alleged discovery is an impossibility; and the stamp is in fact a forgery.

Canada. The *A.J. of Ph.* has seen the 2c on 3c numeral, with inverted surcharge.

Cyprus. We recently had the $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, wmk cr. and CA., die I. in the blue-green shade of the CC. issue, and as the stamp was in mint state there can be no question of its being changed in colour. The $\frac{1}{2}$ pi CA., surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ " is in this shade, and therefore the most likely supposition is that one of the sheets missed the surcharge.

French China. *Le T.P.* two months ago chronicled the 50c and 5fr surcharged "Chine" in red instead of black, and we now hear that the variety is due to an error, and that three sheets of the lower value and one sheet of the 5fr were all that were printed.

Fiji. The *Australian Philatelist* states that the 6d has been found printed on both sides.

Holland. Mr. J. Malings calls our attention to differences in the current 1 gulden of this country, those now being used having the word "Gulden" in somewhat thicker lettering, besides other differences. We see the same thing noted in the *Monthly Circular* where it is also stated that instead of being printed in sheets of 25 they are now in sheets of 50 like the other values of this type.

Jamaica. A correspondent in Kingstown sends us a list of curiosities which he has in Jamaican stamps. The 1889-91, 1d, which should be lilac and mauve, he has in lilac and blue, lilac and pink and lilac and carmine, but he unfortunately omits to state whether the stamps are in mint condition; as if used or without gum the original mauve is a very easy colour to change. The following is the list of varieties of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d surcharge on 4d.

TWO PENCE HALF PENNY.
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TWO PFNCE HALF PFNNY.

We should like to hear further whether in the second one, the letters are missing from the surcharge, or if it is only the surcharge which is partly off the stamp. We might here remark that we have this stamp with the surcharge, TWO PENCE HALF PENNY, the Y looking like a K with a stroke removed.

Japan. On the occasion of the marriage of the Crown Prince, new commemorative labels will be issued.

Labuan. The *London Philatelist* chronicles, on the authority of Mr. Franz Reichenheim two unchronicled varieties of the 1893 surcharges, viz. 2c on 40c amber, with inverted surcharge and the 6c on 16c grey with surcharge sideways and reading upwards.

Malta. According to *E.H.S.N.* we may expect an issue of $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps to be used for inland newspapers.

Marianne Islands. The editor of the *Coll. de T.P.* reports receiving a letter from these islands, bearing a 5c Philippine stamp of the last Spanish

issue surcharged "Marianas Espanolas" in an oblong octagonal frame; the letter was dated October 28th. It is explained that Germany became owner of the islands on the 12th of October, but did not occupy them until November. In the intervening days the stamps of the Philippines with the above mentioned surcharge were used.

New Zealand. The *D.B.Z.* says that the 9d purple is to be changed to red shortly.

Nicaragua. This little republic is now in full enjoyment of the luxurious issue supplied by the obliging Dr. Asenjo. We strongly advise collectors to leave these labels severely alone.

Queensland. A correspondent of the *L.P.* says that the latest $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp has not given satisfaction in the colony, and there seems a probability of its being withdrawn; and that its sale has already been stopped at the G.P.O. in Brisbane. If that is the case, what are they using in its place?

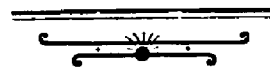
Trinidad. For the past two months many of our contemporaries have been chronicling a new 3d on 5d for this island, the first to do so we think, being the *D.B.Z.* We doubted this stamp and did not report it; and we now hear that though the stamp was prepared it was never issued. It was described in the first place from specimens sent to the Postal Union Office at Berne.

The want of a 3d stamp has probably by now been filled by the 3d "FEE" stamp overprinted with the words "Surcharge Postage" in black; which we find chronicled in several journals. We wait to hear if this has actually been put into use. It is said that the 5d stamp has been withdrawn.

Turks Island. There are rumours of a new issue here, including 2/- and 3/- values; all of an entirely new design.

United States. The U.S. postal authorities have been credited with the intention of overprinting all stamps sent to the various post offices with the name of town, and the *L.B.J.* claims to have seen two thus surcharged for Minneapolis and Milwaukee, but the *A.J. of Ph.* thinks that the German paper is the object of a practical joke as nothing is yet known about it in the States.

There seems to be no doubt about the intention of the U.S. to issue 2c stamps in the form of small books for the pocket which will contain 360 stamps in sixty pages, with six stamps to a page. These have been ordered already and will shortly be on sale.



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