

printed in colors which are comparatively uniform; but blue when modified by a number of adjectives, varied and indefinite in themselves, means less because it simply adds to the confusion.

Some years ago there was published by Prang, a color chart which to my mind at least approaches the solution of the problem, in that it is a diagram in permanent colors, clearly numbered and arranged for every gradation of the colors of the spectrum.

A chart of this nature expanded to take in all combinations of colors and shades would be a convenience to collectors. One collector would be able to order by chart number any stamp printed.

This work would be monumental; who will start it?

TEXT OF NICARAGUA DECREE.

Translated by C. A. HOWES.

We have received from the Toledo Stamp Co. a copy of the official decree responsible for the "cordobas." It will be of interest for future reference:—

"The President of the Republic considering that there is but one monetary system for the Republic and that on the whole there is no reason for distinction between the stamps used, in the interior of the country and on the Atlantic Coast, while awaiting the new issue of postal values in the money at present in circulation, has found it necessary to transform into this currency the postal stamps of the issue in use up to this time, in the exercise of his powers:

Announces:

(1) The postal labels which are at present used in the country for franking correspondence and which bear the statue of the Republic, a locomotive, or the arms of Central America, once brought into conformity with the new monetary plan, will be used without distinction all over the country.

(2) The surcharging of 1,267,838 postage stamps of distinctive types with the following values: 177,722 of 1 peso statue stamps surcharged to ½c de cordoba; 456,129 of 15c statue stamps to 1c de cordoba; 187,707 of 2 pesos statue stamps to 2c de cordoba; 143,071 of 6c statue stamps to 3c de cordoba; 59,031 of 50c locomotive stamps to 5c de cordoba; 50,758 of 1 peso locomotive stamps to 6c de cordoba; 66,715 of 2 peso locomotive stamps to 10c de cordoba; 67,075 of 5 peso locomotive stamps to 1 peso de cordoba.

The surcharge will have printed in black the word "Vale" and beneath, in numerals, the value that said stamps are to bear in accordance with this law, and also "1913." The post cards also will be surcharged, those bearing the statue as well as the locomotive, thus: those of 4c, single, with "Vale 1 centavo de cordoba," and in the same way each part of the double cards of 4c. The single 10c cards and each half of the double ones of the same value with "Vale 0.02 de cordoba."

The 10c stamped envelopes will be surcharged "Vale 0.02 de cordoba" and the 35c with "Vale 0.05 de cordoba." The official stamps will be surcharged in the quantities and with the values indicated by the General Postal Administration, which is charged meanwhile with complying with the requirements of the U. P. U.

(3) Persons who possess postal values of the preceding issue, which does not remain valid after this date, can exchange them for new ones in the respective revenue offices within four months from date, which is when this announcement becomes effective."

MANAGUA, April 24, 1913.

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