GERMAN EAST AFRICA GOLD COINAGE.

Through the kindness and courtesy of my old friends Messrs. Spink and Son, Limited, I am enabled to give the readers of the "Numismatic Circular" a description of a gold coin minted for currency in German East Africa. It was struck in Tabora, where a mint was established by the German colonial authorities who were unable to obtain coins from Germany for circulation in their East African colony.

O. — Upper legend : — DEUTSCH OSTAFRIKA. Lower legend : — **15** RUPIEN. An ornament on the left and another on the right between the legends. The Arms of the German Empire. The whole within an ornamented rim.



R. — An elephant looking to the right and walking on ground partly covered with herbage. Mountains in the background. In the exergue, the date, 1916, with a bead on the left and another on the right. The mint mark T (Tabora) below the date. The whole within an ornamented rim.

E. — Plain.

I have been informed that coins of lower denominations (five hellers and twenty hellers), bearing the mint mark T (Tabora) were also struck in an alloy of copper and zinc and issued for currency in German East Africa.

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