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Prospectus.

WE propose to issue about September, the first number of THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, a monthly magazine for stamp collectors.

Each number will consist of eight or twelve pages and a cover; each page to be the same size as this prospectus.

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Dealers receiving this are respectfully invited to send us their price lists, circulars, publications, etc. at once, as we wish to make our first number as nearly complete as time and space will allow.

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A few Suggestions to Young Collectors.

By W. Harry Bruce.

An experience of ten years as a collector, and the many opportunities afforded us during that period, of examining and appraising the collections of amateurs, we think fully entitle us to their attention long enough to carefully peruse the following few suggestions intended for their benefit, and by which we hope they will be profited. Most collectors of the present day use a prepared album for mounting their specimens upon, although some few new beginners still adhere to the blank books, but it not upon the sort or book employed we wish to speak, although *en passant* we may say that for a novice the former is far preferable,—but regarding the purchase and mounting of the stamps. It is an inseparable characteristic of youth that when he undertakes the accomplishment of any object, instead of proceeding deliberately, he rushes right into the enterprise, with the one determination of pushing it right through, and in nine cases out of ten, as soon as his ardor cools, gives it up as a failure.

Thus with many of our young collectors, they see a nice neat collection, than which nothing half so handsome is obtained with less trouble; they conclude to possess a similar, send to any dealer whose address they may chance to get, purchase a few of their cheapest packets, obtain as many varieties therefrom as possible, probably at least one fourth of them either torn or soiled, gum them all over the back and affix them to their albums.

What if they are heavily obliterated, or a slight piece torn off some corner or out of the centre, the stamp represents a country, mayhap a distant and secluded one, and it helps complete the collection; a few months subsequent all the common varieties are supplied and they send for more valuable packets, they get some duplicates of those in their albums, they look cleaner and mayhap newer and therefore must replace them, the unworthy specimen is removed and its handsomer fellow substituted.

This goes on for a year. By that time the album is pretty well filled, and the collector sends it to some prominent dealer to sell for him.

The return mail brings it back with the label "worthless."

The collector is astonished and disgusted, and rightly too, for did he not spend ever so much money in improving and completing it, and trouble in preparing the stamps to fit the allotted space? (The Common Sense Album is the only one allowing any thing like the proper blanks.) Of course he did. But what else says the dealer, ah! here it is: "your album is torn and soiled, the stamps all over gum, the perforations removed by clipping, and consequently they are rendered worthless, when under a different treatment they might realize over one third ad valorem." Yet the fault is the collectors only, therefore we ask him to ponder the following.

Buy your stamps from a reliable dealer, there are plenty of them; do not be in a hurry to complete your collection, but place only those in your album that you never expect to remove; if the stamp is too large for the allotted space do not clip it, put it in just as it is; if the stamp is a common one leave the space blank until you get one with the four sides evenly perforated, light obliteration, perfect color, and by all means use a hinge in placing it; use gum arabic in preference to mucilage, as it will not soil the stamp, in fact it is the only preparation that can be used upon the stamps of Modena, Parma, Portugal, etc. as mucilage of what ever kind, will entirely destroy their beauty, especially the light colored ones; employ a clean piece of Faber's erasing rubber, if by

chance you get a stain of any kind on the pages of your album. If the cover is light in color cover it with linen, and let it be a model of taste and cleanliness.

Support the stamp periodicals, it is your first duty; without them the dealer cannot advertise his wares, the collector does not know where to make his purchase, who is reliable and who is a swindler, and will finally give it up in disgust, or more properly, despair and disappointment. We have placed the subject before you just as it appears to us at present; follow our suggestions and we predict a most glorious future for our science; pass them unheeded by, and a few years hence will find it consigned forever to posterity.

—*The Stamp Advertiser.*

It is a little singular how much valuable time a man will occupy in studying the post-mark on a letter, to see where it is from, when he can open it and find out at once!

It may be useful to the numismatic world to know that if coins are heated gradually the inscription will in almost all cases make its appearance.

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*Short Sermons for Young
Collectors.*

By A Dealer.

Text:— Carelessness.

We wish to say a few words to careless correspondents, both for our own sake and for the sake of others.

Always when writing to stamp dealers sign your *name plainly*, give *Post-office, County and State* in full, each time you write, no matter how often that may be.

We have in mind now many orders received by us which it is impossible to fill on account of the omission of the name or address.

Again we urge all, especially young collectors, to be more careful in regard to the above mentioned errors, and our word for it, you will not so frequently complain that you have been cheated by dishonest dealers when the fault is entirely your own.

One word more in relation to sending money by mail: Always have the money in as few pieces as possible, never send coin in letters but send unused stamps of low values.

Always register letters containing rare stamps.

*From The Collector's Chronicle.
To Young Collectors.*

L. W. Durbin.

Aside from the knowledge one learns of geography, the money of various nations, of art, of the different kinds of engraving—on steel, copper, stone or wood—a collection of stamps when neatly arranged is something beautiful to look at; it is something you can show your friends to be admired.

Many of these little postage stamps are beautiful works of art, but if the book in which they are placed is dirty it takes half the beauty off them. There are many who commence a collection, get together one, two or three hundred, sell or give them away. Spend your evenings in looking over and arranging your collections for it is better to do this than to be standing on the street corners with a crowd of young men.

In the one case you are storing your mind with useful knowledge; in the other you are throwing away your time.

Keep your collections and instead of spending your money foolishly invest it in stamps and in time you will have a collection to be proud of.

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It is with pleasure that we present to our friends the first number of the COMPANION.

We shall do our utmost to make our magazine one of the foremost of its class in America, and with the help of some the best philatelic writers we feel sure we shall succeed. And yet we cannot be sure of success unless we receive sufficient encouragement in the way of subscriptions, advertisements, and contributions.

We invite one and all to send us articles on any subject pertaining to curiosity collecting and if used due credit will be given. See prize offer elsewhere. We have secured the services of some of the best philatelic writers in America but still there is room for all.

Surely no one will regret the investment of the modest sum asked for a year's subscription. Each number will contain besides the best of original articles, The Dealer's Directory, giving names and addresses of all reliable dealers in stamps, coins, etc., throughout the United States; a department to be called Our Post Office, in which will be answered to the best of our ability all questions pertaining to stamp collecting; many other interesting features will be added from time to time.

We do not wish any to overlook the value of our magazine as an advertising medium. Circulating, as it does, in nearly every state of the Union, among stamp collectors, it must prove an excellent advertising medium for stamp dealers. Write for advertising rates.

On account of other business engagements the next number of the magazine will not be issued until March. After that the magazine will be issued regularly.

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We should be pleased to establish a coin department in the next number of the magazine if some of our coin collecting friends will conduct it for us. Write, stating experience and terms. Address the publisher.

NOTES.

There is said to be a regular manufactory of old and rare coins in Connecticut. Collectors take notice.

The *Christian Union* says:—The collection of coins, postage stamps, etc. leads young people towards rational tastes and occupations.

In ancient times money was used in China, made of the bark of the mulberry tree, bearing the mark of the sovereign, which it was death to counterfeit.

In order to keep clear of counterfeit stamps, collectors should study their specimens, and in time they will learn to at once distinguish a genuine from a counterfeit.

It is a fact, and a curious one, that the only coin now in use in America, that is not round, is the one-dollar gold piece used in California, which is octagonal in shape.

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