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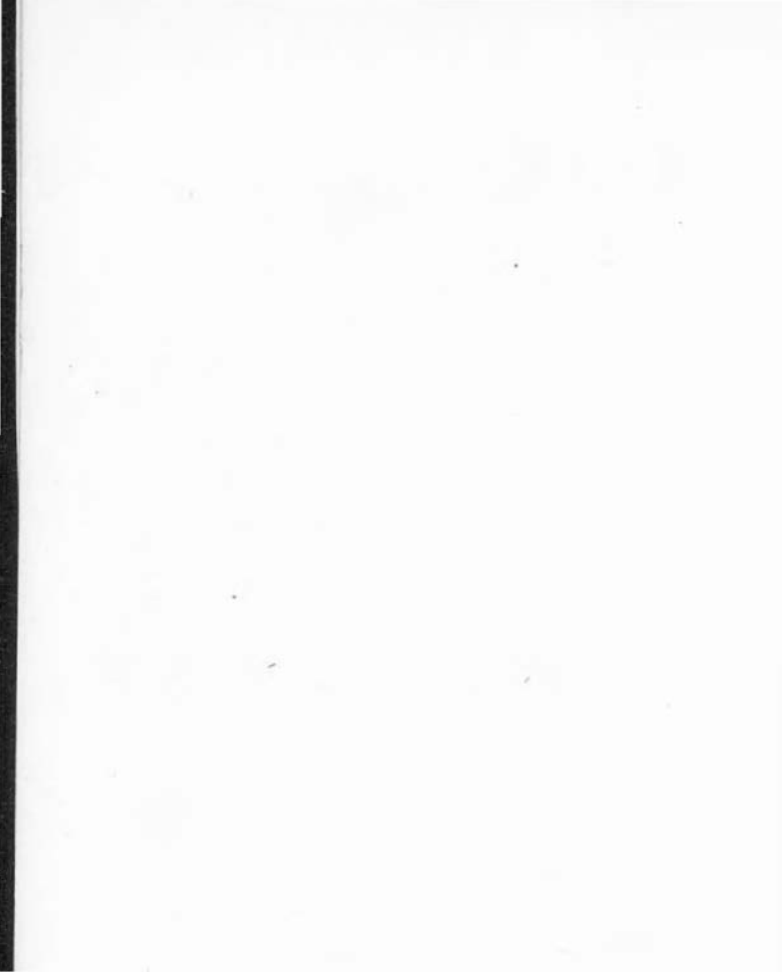




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F. L. MILLS,
124 WALNUT ST., CINCINNATI, O.

THE START.

If you intend starting stamp collecting, do not insert your stamps in a blank book as some writers advise you to do, as you will want to transfer them to a regular stamp album, as soon as you see one, and consequently you will be liable to tear some. If you are a beginner and know little of the subject, we would suggest that you purchase an "Excelsior" album which only costs but 28 cents, and which will hold a collection of nearly 1000 stamps. Of course as your collection increases you wish for a better album, and the "Imperial" will be sure to suit you as it is well illustrated and contains valuable statistics. This album is handsomely bound in cloth and is very cheap (85 cents). You may say, "what will I do with my old book?" Keep it for a supplementary collection for you are sure to have many duplicates. Although you will not think much of your duplicate book at first, you will find that in a couple of years it has grown beyond your hopes. An album which is very popular at present, and which is the best issued in this country, is the "International," which is arranged so that a space is provided for every stamp issued. The issues are classified and illustrated, while many notes relating to the coin, capital, population, &c., are given. This album retails at \$1.50, and is noted for its strong binding. Mr. F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., has the above albums for sale and will send any of them post-free to any address, on receipt of price.

A PHILATELIC PAPER.

There being so many collectors it is only natural that there should be a paper devoted to their interests, which publishes articles pertaining to collecting, and chronicles newly issued stamps, and which also serves as a medium through which dealers can bring their bargains before the philatelic public. The STAMP WORLD is one of the oldest stamp journals published in the United States, being established 1880. This paper is very popular and is rapidly climbing the ladder of fame. It is published at 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., and a sample can be had by sending name on a postal.

YOUR COLLECTION.

A person not a collector, always alludes to stamps as "bits of paper" which sounds rather queer to the owner, who is sometimes a little put out, when a visitor fails to appreciate his collection. We have often been asked, "How should I start a collection." We should say take some responsible dealer and buy your stamps from him, either in packets, or by approval sheets. Above all things keep your collection neat and clean; We take the following from a philatelic paper.

"Now in collecting stamps, you should not try and see how many stamps you can get, but how fine a lot of stamps. A few badly torn or defaced stamps hurts the looks of a whole collection. Always bear in mind that a counterfeit or torn stamp, no matter how rare it may be, is worthless, and should not be allowed to enter your collection. In buying or exchanging for a stamp if you are not a good judge of counterfeits, show it to some friend or collector that is, and be satisfied that it is genuine before purchasing. There are a great many counterfeits of rare stamps, such as San Domingo, Reunion

Isles, Buenos Ayres, Pacific Steam Navigation Co., Paraguay, Bolivia and other stamps, of course designs that are very deceiving, afloat. So it is policy to use good judgment in purchasing from reliable dealers, or persons, personally known to you."

Price lists of stamps in packets, sets, or singly can be had from F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., who sells stamps at very low prices.

BOOK REVIEW.

Stamp Collector's Companion.—Collins & Mills, publishers, Cincinnati, O. 50 pp. Paper cover. Price, 25 cents. For sale by F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O.

This is a book which is sure to please even before it is opened, as it is a sample of neatness, being bound in heavy, ornamented cover. The contents are so arranged that any collector old or young will find it interesting. We recommend you to purchase a copy.

The International Dealers Directory.—J. H. Raymond, publisher, Chicago, Ill. Paper cover. Price 15 cents. For sale by F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O.

This neat little work contains the names of dealers in stamps, coins and curiosities, and should be in the hands of every collector.

MONEY BY MAIL.

Some collectors are at a loss how to send amounts of money less than one dollar, by mail. Most any person will accept unused one or two cent stamp, if clean and unturned. Do not send silver quarters or halves as they are apt to wear out the envelope and be lost.

OVER STOCKED.

Some time or other, every dealer is sure to be over-stocked with certain stamps and rather than keep them on hand, he throws them in a pile and sells them at a greatly reduced price. One of the best mixtures of this kind is sold by Mr. F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O.

Among the stamps are found South Australia, Turkey, Egypt, Roumania, Tasmania

Victoria, Finland, Spain, &c., no common English, French or German. This mixture sells at 35 cents per 10.

POPULAR PACKETS.

Of course certain packets are more popular than others, because they suit the buyer and are cheap, and it is therefore the object of the dealer to make up such a packet. Packet "nine" which is sold by F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., is very popular. It contains such stamps as Sandwich Isles '82, Servia, Brunswick, Porto Rico, Ceylon, Newfoundland, San Marino, and others. Price, 21 cents. We recommend collectors to try this packet.

Another very popular packet, known as the "Queen City Packet" is sold by the same party. It contains 50 varieties, among which may be found such stamps as Bosnia (5k.), Bolivia, Austrian Italy, Guatemala, &c. The price is 50 cents, which is very cheap.

STAMPS FOR ALL.

Of course collectors like to have a lot of stamps on hand, so that they can be a dealer, in a small way, by retailing them to their companions, and as the stamps cost very little, quite a sum is often made. Mr. F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O. has a large assortment which have not been sorted over, but are just as bought, which he sells at the following prices.

100 well assorted, all foreign.....	10c.
200 " " " "	15c.
500 " " " "	25c.
1000 " " " "	40c.

The prices are for any address in the United States or Canada.

A GOOD START.

Some collectors like to have a "boost" when first starting to collect. We would state that a collection of most any size, inserted in an album can be purchased from most any dealer, thus saving the collector the trouble of arranging his first stamps.

SOME OTHER ADVANTAGES.

We take the following selection from the *Philatelic Monthly*.

We are permitted to make the following extracts from the letter of a correspondent received some little time since. It shows that stamp collecting, unlike many other amusements and pursuits, has no doubtful or demoralizing tendencies about it, but on the contrary promotes sociability, improves the mind and in many other ways has an elevating and refining influence. He says:

"A month or so ago my boy (aged 12) said he would like to collect stamps, and asked me to get him an album. I knew nothing about the subject; had never seen an album,—so I wrote to H. K. Van Sichen, a book-selling friend in New York, to get me the best book on stamps. He sent an International Album and also some stamps to my boy, as he had been a collector himself, and he predicted I would find the subject a very interesting one. I find that my boy has already picked up quite a good deal of information about geography, government, currencies, etc., and he can locate a stamp much quicker than I can. Since we began I found that my aunt, a widow of 74 living on a farm near this city, has been both a stamp and coin collector. But, Mr. Durbin, the best thing about it is, I have become acquainted with my son. I have five children, this boy of 12 the oldest. Their mother ran the house, family and everything, and like too many fathers I had little to do with the children. This stamp business has brought me right in with them!"

GENERAL ITEMS.

Always register valuable letters, to insure their safe delivery.

The postage to England is five cents for a letter, or two cents for a card.

Packet "nine" is the popular packet with stamp collectors, and there is no reason why it should not be.

Read carefully Mr. F. L. Mills' Price List of Sets, on last page. The prices are very low.

The *Stamp World* has become famous for its regularity and cheapness.

Buy some mixed stamps and give them to your friends, the cost is slight and you will start several collections.

The large newspaper stamps are still in use, several hundred dollars worth having been sold last year.

Volume three of the *Stamp World* makes quite a nice book when bound. It costs but 25 cents, and the purchaser can get it bound to suit himself.

The rates of ocean postage fixed by Franklin in 1853, remained unchanged until 1868, when the cost was reduced from 25 to 12 cents. This explains why an ocean steamer is represented on the 12 cent stamp.

The cover of the Imperial Album is a sample of neatness, and for beauty of design and workmanship it would be hard to excel.

The five cent stamp now in use was manufactured by the American Bank Note Co.

The Stamp Act—Treading on another man's toes.

There has been a stamp display at several exhibitions.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.**STAMP DEALER.**

F. L. MILLS, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O., Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Stamps, singly, in sets or packets. Price lists free. Sheets on approval to responsible parties.

STAMP PUBLICATION.

The Stamp World, established 1880. A 12 page monthly magazine for stamp collectors. 25 cents a year, sample free.

STAMP ALBUMS.

The Excelsior, contains spaces for 1000 stamps, 28 cents. The Imperial, bound in cloth, 85 cents. The International, \$1.50. For sale by F. L. Mills, 124 Walnut street, Cincinnati, O.

CHEAP SETS

OF

Foreign Postage Stamps,

—FOR SALE BY—

F. L. MILLS,

124 Walnut Street, CINCINNATI, O.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

Remit in unused 1 or 2 cent stamps for amounts under 50 cents. All amounts over 50 cents by postal note. The stamps sold by me are genuine and in good condition. Positively no discount allowed from this list. Orders under 15 cents respectfully declined. Additional stamp for postage must accompany all orders under 50 cents.

Sets marked *C* are complete.

USED.

	No. in set.	Price. Cts.
Austria.....	15	10
Austrian Italy, 1867.....	4	7
Bavaria, (Figure).....	4	2
Belgium, 1849.....	2	8
" 1850.....	2	2
" 1869.....	5	2
Bermuda.....	3	4
Brazil.....	5	5
British Guiana.....	2	2
Cyprus.....	2	7
Cape of Good Hope.....	5	10
Ceylon.....	3	2
Chili.....	3	6
Cuba.....	5	5
<i>C</i> Denmark, 1864.....	5	10
Denmark, Official.....	3	3
Dutch Indies.....	4	5
" " ".....	9	20
<i>C</i> Egypt, 1879.....	6	18
Finland.....	4	5
France.....	10	5
" " ".....	20	12
Germany.....	10	5
Great Britain.....	10	5
Guatemala (bird).....	2	5
Hanover.....	2	2
Holland.....	10	5
Hungary.....	8	6
India.....	4	4
" service.....	3	5
" on H. M. S.....	2	3
Italy.....	10	5
Jamaica.....	3	2
" " ".....	6	10
Luxemburg.....	3	3
Mexico, 1882.....	3	7
" " ".....	5	15
Newfoundland.....	5	15
New South Wales.....	3	3
New Zealand.....	4	4
<i>C</i> Norway, 1856.....	4	15
<i>C</i> " 1872.....	6	10
<i>C</i> " 1875.....	8	8

	No. in set.	Price. Cts.
Orange States.....	4	15
Peru, 1867 (Llama).....	3	10
Philippines.....	2	10
Portugal.....	4	5
Porto Rico.....	5	8
Queensland.....	5	8
Roumania.....	4	5
Russia.....	5	3
Servia.....	4	5
Sierra Leone.....	4	7
Saxony (head).....	3	5
South Australia.....	2	2
" " official.....	2	3
Spain.....	10	5
" " ".....	50	35
Sts. Settlements.....	3	7
<i>C</i> Sweden, 1872.....	11	8
Switzerland.....	8	5
" " unpaid.....	4	4
<i>C</i> " " ".....	9	15
Tasmania.....	2	2
Thurn and Taxis.....	5	7
Turkey.....	5	4
Victoria.....	5	3
Venezuela.....	3	5
" 1863.....	2	15
Wurttemberg, official.....	4	4

UNUSED.

Argentine, 1882.....	2	5
<i>C</i> Baden, Unpaid.....	3	6
Barbadoes, 1882.....	2	7
Bavaria, 1870.....	7	10
Confederate States.....	5	20
Dominica.....	2	8
Germany.....	9	10
Grenada, 1882.....	2	8
<i>C</i> Guatemala, 1878.....	4	35
Hamburg.....	12	22
<i>C</i> Heligoland, 1867.....	8	25
Honduras.....	2	8
Iceland, 1882.....	2	7
Mauritius.....	2	7
Mexico, 1879.....	3	16
Paraguay, 5 and 10 ris.....	2	15
<i>C</i> Porto Rico, 1882.....	6	10
<i>C</i> Prussia, 1850.....	5	10
" " 1861.....	6	18
<i>C</i> Roman States.....	7	14
<i>C</i> Roumania, 1865.....	3	10
<i>C</i> " " 1866.....	3	10
Servia.....	7	16
Sandwich Isles.....	5	8
Saxony (arms).....	5	8
St. Domingo.....	2	7
" " Newsband.....	2	15
Tobago.....	2	8
Trinidad.....	2	9

