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THE CONFESSION OF A STAMP COLLECTOR.

WITH every oncoming generation the great army of stamp collectors is being swelled by accessions to its ranks from every class and condition of men and boys.

In fact, almost every other household would seem to possess an album belonging to some one of its members, either in the form of a common scrap book, or in that of an album proper, resplendent in Russian leather binding, and imposing with its lock and key.

Regarding the collectors of N. Y. an enthusiastic reports that their number is 30,000 and is constantly increasing

"They call themselves philatelists," he goes on to explain, "a word that you will not find in any but the newest of the dic-

tionaries. This has been my hobby for three years. I got started on it in a purely accidental way. I'll tell you how it was. One day, about three years ago I was walking along Broadway, not far from Fourteenth Street. It was raining very hard, and my umbrella wasn't of much service, so I stepped under an awning to wait for the rain to hold up. I happened to stop by the stand of a dealer in old books. One of those I opened was a large album of stamps. "I had no particular knowledge then of stamps, but I saw at once that such a collection must have considerable value. I asked the dealer carelessly what he would take for the album. He said \$4. I took out \$4. at once and handed it to him. The book was care-

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both the cast and rubber in a screw press, applying sufficient heat to thoroughly soften the rubber, then turn down the screws hard, and let it stand until the rubber receives the exact impression of the cast and becomes cold, when it is removed, neatly trimmed with a sharp knife and cemented to the handle ready for use.

The Wealth of Vanderbilt.

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The first issue of *The Chicago Philatelic*, is out this month, now is the time to subscribe.

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