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I had been married just one year: things became quite dull around the house, evenings especially, they seemed quite long, it seemed although ten o'clock would never come, when one year ago it would be twelve before I knew it. What could I do? I thought and tried to study out how to spend my evenings at home. One evening at tea I said to my wife "I think that I have got some stamps at mother's," and asking her to enquire of mother if she knew anything about them, for, of course, after I left home everything left also, so I finely decided to start a new collection to pass the evenings. I went and purchased an album and 1,000 mixed stamps and started. After tea I would get my album and stamps and start to work. It was quite a tedious task for the first month to take up a stamp and start to find the place provided for it in an 1895 international Album. Ten o'clock would come, my wife would retire and about eleven thirty she would exclaim in her sleep "Are you going to stay there all night," or else she would say that she would hide them or stick them in the stove, but she got used to it. I finally got all the varieties out of the mixture and now have a collection of 3,438 specimens.

Tom.

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