

Pithy Philatelic Points. *Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers Carefully Condensed.*

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The dealer who possess a good stock of Newfoundland stamps may consider himself fortunate, as now better marketable stamps cannot be found anywhere. Being of a bright and artistic design, they sell at sight and are very popular among all classes of collectors.—R. S. Baker.

United States stamps of all kinds will always be among the most interesting subjects of philatelic study. There exist a great many opportunities for interesting and profitable discoveries in the series of issues, which have been made by the Government since it first joined the ranks of stamp issuing countries.—Crawford Capen.

One reason of the greatly increasing popularity of the collecting of plate numbers is the fact that the bureau has let their imprint, with plate number on each side of the sheet occupy the space of only three stamps.—J. M. Bartels.

Which derives the most pleasure and profit from his hobby—the ardent generalist or the minutial loving specialist—is, and must remain an open question of Philately.—William E. Ineson.

Cut stamps from U. S. wrappers, may be distinguished from cut manilla envelope stamps, by the laid lines in the paper. Those in the wrapper paper are horizontal while those in the envelopes are inclined. The laid lines in the manilla paper are not as plain as those in other kinds.—Fred B. Woolston.

I do not mean to infer that we have lost all our young collectors, for there are still a great many in the fold. But the lost

ones count. The chief causes for this are speculative issues and the great number of new issues.—A. Herbst.

Canada Revenues are undoubtedly growing in favor. No handsomer stamps have ever been printed than the green Quebec registration stamps or the bi-colored dollar values of the second and third issues.—Chas. E. Jenney.

The unphilatelic world are wont to lay stamp collectors in general, open to the soft impeachment of not being, compos mentis. Many Philatelists become indignant at being made the target of such ungente imputations and hurl defiance at those who traduce them—those who are not Philatelist.—C. E. Severn.

I believe in enthusiasm in collecting but some Philatelists overdo their favorite pastime. "Moderation in all things, especially Philately," is an excellent motto.—M. C. Spears.

A stamp collector is not necessarily a Philatelist; there are stamp collectors who do not deserve the title of Philatelist—who in fact do not know the meaning of the word—who take it upon themselves to pose as philatelists.—J. P. Glass.

Any collector who is tired of the awful wood-cuts with which printed albums are adorned(?) could do no better than try one of the so-called "blank albums."—S. B. Hopkins.

One can see that the readers of to-day are fast awakening to a realization of the fact that, by perusing the advertisements in their papers, they are put in a way of finding what they want with comparatively little trouble.—Printers' Ink.

The old reliable Eastern Philatelist and this paper both one year for 25c.