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

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I think I am correct in stating that the greater part of the proofs sold during the last five years have been sold to advanced collectors, although it seems to me it would be more natural to expect exactly the opposite.—F. C. Hammond.

I believe that had I not been a philatelist my knowledge of the most important historical events of the past half century would have been far more limited than it is; and I have no doubt that every real student of Philately can indorse my words with a like statement as to his own experience.—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

Some dismal croakers persist in their declaration that the Columbian issue will never be valuable, but these philatelic pessimists should remember that because of their historic association, beauty, and kindred reasons they will always be popular.—Gordon C. Corbaley.

There is but one way to collect envelopes and that is entire and unused if possible. This may seem to be an extreme assertion, but among those who collect envelopes earnestly, this is rapidly becoming the accepted opinion.—H. Moeller.

Stamp collecting may not be a great and glorious occupation; it may not entitle anyone to very great praise or distinction who has followed it as long and devotedly as I

have; but it is a pleasant pastime—a great resource in moments that would otherwise hang heavily on our hands; a legitimate relief to minds otherwise overworked and an education of no mean kind.—John K. Tiffany.

Admirers of beauty in postage stamps enjoy much better opportunities now for gratifying their taste and embellishing their collections than did the collector of twenty years ago.—J. M. Paine.

When one is momentarily in a state of financial embarrassment there is a decided temptation to increase one's collection by purchasing stamps on trust, but it is my experience that one soon becomes heartily disgusted with this objectionable practice.—W. A. Shryer.

I maintain that as an investment, as a pleasure and for patriotic pride no stamps are better to collect and specialize in, than the documentary revenue stamps of the United States.—W. Paul Steinbrecher.

We are a nation of sentimentalist and possibly there is no barometer which as truly records the rise and fall of sentiment as does Philately.—Roy F. Greene.

That a man or boy who has never tasted of the sweets of stamp collecting, should sweepingly condemn philately as a fool's hobby, argues ignorance or narrow mindedness or both. Yet philately does seem a silly hobby to the uninitiated. Most hobbies and games do. The onlooker at a lawn tennis match or golf, sets down these games as stupid.—"Veteran" in Stamps. See our Premium offers.