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When you first begin collecting, you are not satisfied because your collection does not increase fast enough. You would like to receive approval sheets every day if you have money enough to stand the strain. You collect quantity not quality; because if an inferior specimen of a stamp is offered you, you will accept it rather than wait for a better copy.—Walter A. Withrow.

Philately being a somewhat complicated and many sided study, it follows that the learner must make a mistake or two some time during the period in which he is in the primary grade; but he can minimize the effect of any errors so that their ill influence will be scarcely felt.—C. E. Severn.

While admitting that individuals have a perfect right to collect whatever they like, or even to imagine varieties if such is their humor, it becomes positively pernicious for priests of the order to insist on, as essentials, what have not even the prominence of indifferent truths, are in fact, the merest fads, calculated first to mislead and then disgust.—W. H. Wilson.

Revenue stamps were not so quick to adopt the perforating machine and hence we find imperforated revenue stamps being issued a few years after the perforating machine had been introduced into the postal countries of the globe.—E. Paget.

One of the very worst things that could happen to the interests of Philately, to my mind has been continually occurring year after year, for the past decade. I refer to the practice of the catalogue in anticipating the value of stamps and making prices on them that in the nature of things should belong to them some four or five years in the future.—S. A. D. Cox.

That the great majority of collectors are blind followers of fashions in their collecting is by no means an original idea. Every student of the vicissitudes of stamp collecting has recognized it. Today it is a boom in United States tomorrow in South Americans.—Chas. E. Jenney.

There is more in a little postage stamp than you or I can see at a glance. Aside from the historical, geographical and equational helps found in the study of Philately, where can where can we find in so small space, so much food for thought? How much better it is for our youth to spend their leisure moments with their collection of stamps than wasting it in reading dime-novels.—Rev. J. F. Reynolds.

We are frequently called "stamp fiends" I do not like the term—it is too suggestive of some objectionable habit—the use of some harmful drugs for instance. But there are some collectors who deserve the appellation of fiend, and it is these fellows the thoughtless careless fiends, I am after. You cannot always identify the fiend until you have once placed your album at his tender(?) mercy very much to your sorrow.—Ed. H. Hall.

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