

Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and articles of noted writers carefully condensed.

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Philately undoubtedly is a science with some people who take delight in searching for the minutest details, for everything connected with stamps, however remotely. But for pity sake do not demand from every stamp collector that he shall treat his hobby scientifically. Some people have no use for any science whatever and there are few who really want science mixed with their pleasures. Do not specialize in one single country before you give general collecting a real good chance.—Karl Ludwig.

Are we really coming to collect for the money that is in it? It is a thousand pities if it is so. Professionalism has proven a clog on every amateur pastime. Professionalism is definable as "a pastime for financial gain." If one collects stamps with constant regard as to increased value, he comes near being a professional. He is surely no longer a collector but a speculator in stamps.—H. F. Swartz.

That part which condemns the collecting of hair-splitting varieties in fashionable stamps, is good, and is to be commended.—Ben. P. Thomas.

We are accustomed to consider the Seebeck stamps as the most flagrant example of speculative greed. But there are others; for instance, the U. S. Columbian issue was not wholly

above the suspicion of being inspired by sales to collectors—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

When you write next time to anybody, exclusively on your own account it would be a good scheme to enclose one of those new champion postage stamps, of course you understand that I mean, one that has never been licked.—Bill Nye.

The first series of Hawaii stamps—type set numerals—were set up and printed in the government printing office mainly for the use of missionaries.—Thos. G. Thrum.

I am fondly looking forward to the day when my philatelic library will be adorned with twenty postal card albums, which number it will require to hold all the cards that are yet in the reach of postal card collectors "while there is life there is hope!"—A. Reusch.

Our advice is to collect stamps in used and unused conditions. Of course there are exceptions, as sometimes unused should receive the preference and often the reverse. No preference is the best rule to go by.—E. Byron Horn.

It may be stated as a general and demonstrable proposition that the more cultured and refined an individual the more likely is he to be drawn into the ranks of philatelia's adherent.—Augustus Thompson.