

will in a measure disfigure your collection. A good way to remove the paper is to press the stamp between two damp blotting papers.

Always press your stamps after wetting them as they are liable to curl up and crack if they are left to dry.

Collectors should not soak a mixed lot of stamps together as some of the colors will run and tint the stamp.

The next thing to consider is the hinges and this is a more important question than many collectors seem to think. Never use tough thick hinges for they are sure to tear either the stamps or the album. I use a thin die cut hinge that will peel without tearing.

Don't try to save money by making your own hinges as you are sure to lose in the long run, but buy good hinges. The "Perfect" hinge is the best I have ever tried and I advise collectors to use no other hinge on the market.

Last, but by no means least, I think collectors should mark details under their stamps. For instance if you have a Br. Colonial watermarked C. C. or C. A. mark the watermark under the stamp, or suppose you have a grilled U. S. mark the size of grille underneath the stamp. You will find this plan saves you both time and trouble.

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To Society Members.

The following extract from the speech of E. R. Aldrich Pres. of the P. S. of A., is worthy of the consideration of the members of all societies.

"The old saying, 'One well can not make a river,' would make an appropriate motto for any society. The officers can not make

a society, neither can a few members working for the upbuilding of any organization make the same impression as when every member puts his shoulder to the wheel and aids in the onward progress. It is united effort which always accomplishes great results. If every member would only do what he might, if a little old-timed energy was used, our society could easily be like this Greater New York, in which we are assembled, in size without a peer on the Western Continent."

C. A. Needham the largest dealer in Hamilton has made an assignment and another has left the city very suddenly; his present whereabouts is unknown.

There is great agitation growing among Canadian philatelists to form branch organizations of the D. P. A. One is nearing its first meeting in Toronto and the collectors of Winnipeg are doing their utmost to organize one in their city.

The Egyptian Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich. ask us to warn dealers against sending approval sheets to any of the following.—

Harry C. Fleming, Hastings, Neb.

G. W. Lemar, Elkart, Ind.

George Warriner, 195 Adelaide St. W. Toronto, Ont.

A. A. Scott, 175 Niagara St., Toronto.

Up to Sept. 20th we have seen no report of the S. of P. and E. S. P. S. conventions. These societies were to hold their convention during the latter part of August. What is wrong?

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