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The Boy Who is Father to the Man.

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It is an old saying, and a true one withal, that "the boy is father to the man!" It has often been noted that the brightest and most gentlemanly boys, are those who have been, or are now, identified with stamp collecting. The day when stamp collecting was looked upon simply as a craze, is now a thing of the past. In those days a collecting boy was rather looked at askance—now he is set down in the category of smart and intelligent young men.

What is this they say: "The same stone which the builder refused is now become the head of the corner!" The boy collector knows more of history and geography, than a non collector of equal age and equal chances. This has been proved in German schools where stamp collecting is recognized, and stamp albums are issued as text books. The Director General of these schools, in his reports, states that where these stamp text-books are used, that the pupils are advancing far more rapidly than those of other schools.

It is a notable fact that boys who began stamp collecting in their school days and gave it up, nearly always return to it when they advance in years. The pleasure and relaxation of the pursuit may fade for a moment, but it never dies.

Many a boy has started a collection to be continued by his father. It is not, as is generally supposed, that the greatest and most enthusiastic collectors are boys, but rather of grown men. Yet the greater part of the latter began collecting when they were at school. Good advice to a boy is not to sell his collection, but to lay it aside, when he decides to stop. He is almost sure to begin again and then he will have many vain regrets over sacrificing his treasures in order to purchase some passing fancy.

In our schools and colleges the boy collectors are generally those who are on "the top ring" of the ladder. And that's why "the boy will be father to the man."

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Who ne'er subscribed before,
And those that are subscribers now,
Please try and get us more.

Host—"Well Rastus what can I
Servia to"

Familiar Guest—"Hooover Samoa ob
dat Turkey wid lots ob Greece."

Sam—"Did you hear the latest fad
among philatelist!?"

Dan.—No. What is it!

Sam.—Why, the're beginning to
collect door mats because there are so
many stamps on them."