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

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The date of the earliest stamp collection is presumed to be unascertainable. The first I ever saw was in 1854. The stamps were arranged on a chart; the names of the countries were placed in a column on the left and the stamps followed horizontally; it contained about one hundred stamps.—Dr. Viner.

Philately, as I understand it, does not mean merely the accumulation of a number of pieces of paper of different colors and designs, and issued by various countries and towns, sticking them in an album and then boast of the large number you possess. It implies a careful and accurate study of the postage stamps of all nations, in all their phases and varieties.—T. Coke.

Make your writing so interesting that critics may come to a unanimous and aesthetic estimate. Every reader whether he be a philatelist or no, should enjoy and admire it, and each one should understand and interpret it alike.—Julius L. Cohn

The postage stamps of New Brunswick are among the finest and best in every respect of the postal issues of the world. This assertion may seem a little boastful but nevertheless it is a fact that for beauty of coloring, unique and artistic design, fine engraving and general good qualities they

are seldom equalled and never surpassed.—Raymond S. Baker.

Approval sheets are an incentive to encourage the study of philately among young collectors. The average youth, whose means are limited and whose collection is made up of the one hundred varieties or more advertised for a dime, seldom sees a good collection unless he receives them on approval or one of his friends exhibits some received on approval.—W. C. Moulton

There can be no doubt that the ribbed paper stamps of 1873-8 are a legitimate variety and a very interesting one. That they are the most beautiful specimens issued is evident to everyone who has ever seen a copy. There is a peculiar richness to them that gives them a very stable and beautiful appearance.—A. E. Layman

A collection of philatelic literature will always prove a source of never-failing pleasure and enjoyment to its owner, and the information that can be derived from one will more than recompense for the small outlay required for to form a philatelic library.—S. E. Simpson.

The stamps of Egypt have always had a great hold on the minds of philatelists, and have in a good many cases run a close second to the triangular capes, with young collectors, and it is surprising how few even among advanced collectors, know the great variety of types, apart from water-marks and perforation that can and ought to be collected.—G. B. Duerst.

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