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Hints to Collectors.

To be collected only genuine stamps in good condition, forgeries should not be placed in the album.

Before being stuck in the album, the stamps,

ought to be cleaned, by putting them on water, the printed side upwards, thus removing the adhesive paper; after having cleaned the stamp, dry it between sheets of blotting paper. Now the stamp is ready for the album. In order to be able to take the stamps easily out of it again, e. g. if to be placed in another book, or if put in a wrong place, it must not be stuck on, as was formerly the fashion, with gum, but small hinges of gummed paper must be used, about 3 inch and 1/2 inch wide, stick the one half on the