

stamps will increase in value. "Hustle considerable," and never let your interest flag. Add five more years to your time limit, and when you complete, come and read the inscription on my tombstone, and I'll come and read the epitaph on yours.

Written for the C. P. M.

DUPLICATES.

Every collector has duplicates. Some have more than others. The duplicates of some could be carried round in an envelope while many find it necessary to adopt some special method of keeping them. A book made similar to the dealers' stock book manufactured by Mr. N. Deichsbourg, of New York, is very convenient, as hinges are made unnecessary.

Many find an album, generally pocket size, just the thing to carry round duplicates in. A very convenient arrangement is made by folding back the flaps of envelopes and gumming each on to the next in order, forming a series of pockets from which the stamps may be slipped and replaced with ease. This purse-like arrangement of envelopes should be kept in a tight fitting box and will give excellent satisfaction.

Some collectors keep a bundle of small packet envelopes containing duplicates, with a description of the enclosed stamps on front of envelope. This is, however, a clumsy method. The stock book arrangement is a very good plan, but a great deal of patience is required to make one yourself, so perhaps the better way would be to spend a dollar and get one.

Duplicates are always valuable to a collector, as hundreds of other collectors can be found eager to exchange stamps. As a means for increasing one's collection I know no better way. Hoping that the above may be of some little advantage to you, I will close my humble effort.

THE CANADIAN SONS OF PHILATELIA.

A society bearing the above name is being organized. Membership is limited to collectors residing in Canada. The initiation fee is ten cents, the dues twenty five cents per year. Officers who are willing to work are desired. All offices are elective. Age limit of officers and other points will be settled at the initial convention, which will take place in August. A membership list is being made up, and the following gentlemen representing three papers will be pleased to correspond:—

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W. T. M. MacKinnon, Amherst, N. S.

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The Editor of the Washington Philatelist is of the opinion that Mekeel's Weekly needs an editor. The editor of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine is of the same opinion.

The latest S of P. news.—W. H. Emmet has resigned as an officer.—F. S. Fox and R. W. Ashcroft have been expelled—Kissinger's resignation has been accepted.

The philatelic "literary blacksmiths" who, monthly contribute to the "collector," did not occupy space in the Dec. number. The constitution was in possession.