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Please notice this: there is nothing so rare as an impossibility, yet the manufacturers of postage stamps come pretty near making the above probable.

Cheap, dirty and torn stamps stand about as much show in one's collection as a homely old man in a crowded street-car.

Seebecks are a kind of pincushion for beginners and a whetstone for the world at large. Some stones will grind more tools than others.

Caution is a kind of slow poison, but never killed a man yet; use caution in buying your stamps and you'll never die without leaving a legacy for some one.

There is no one so big a fool but what a bigger one can be found, thus there is hope for all of us.

The nearest most of us can come to owning a 3 cent pink is to cheat ourselves with the belief that we have got it.

Two-thirds of the "Phil. Papers" in this country retire from the business in disgust when they fail to see their name on their rival's review list.

Many people have more pride in their collection than they have faith.

England has produced a good flock of stamps, but few errors. An error now and then would make the stamps of this country interesting. It would also give the dukes a little money and keep them

from collecting the "American Heiress."

The stamps of the 1889 issue of Salvador would make a good advertisement for a burlesque company.

Uncle Sam never sells genuine postage stamps for less than their face value, reprinted periodicals are only gov. counterfeits. This is hard but a chilly reality.

Dealers in Boston are learning so much from juvenile Bostonians that they are losing the old time trade, the average man don't want to ask questions and it's too much work to carry Webster's latest unabridged dictionary around with him.

I love one woman not because she is weaker, and more lovely and pure than I am, but because she has a better collection than I have.

Just because a stamp is printed upside down on watermarked paper is no reason why we should reverse the thing and call the watermark inverted.

Any person employed in any branch of the U. S. postal service who shall willfully and unlawfully remove from any mail matter any postage stamp affixed thereto in payment of the postage, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

The 25c Canada Gas Inspection stamp is much rarer than the 50c value yet it is catalogued less. Large quantities of the 50c value being used annually. At the present time the 25c value is obsolete.