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Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers
Carefully Condensed.

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It is said by those who know, that in making a fortune the first thousand dollars comes the hardest and costs the most, no matter how large that fortune may afterwards become. The very reverse of this is true in making a collection of stamps. The first thousand stamps cost the least and are usually the most easily obtained of any in the collection.—Rev. Hobart Clark.

One of the ugliest, most inconvenient and most expensive of philatelic fads.—U. S. plate number collecting,—has by its sudden popularity shown what a hold on the interest of collectors a mere notion of some genius may gain, when once the contagion starts.—Chas. E. Jenney.

Philatelia does not require any secret organization to make us an order of brothers; but I do think we could enjoy many an hour of travel, a day's sojourn, or even a short ride on the street car, if some emblem were adopted by which one philatelist might know another light, without any formality.—C. K. Sturtevant.

Viewed from a conservative standpoint, errors in surcharges are very seldom desirable property, and the less attention they receive at the hands of philatelists, the better for the pursuit. Of all philatelic speculations the easiest of execution, and of all philatelic pretences the most trans-

parent, surcharge errors are at best, a delusion and a snare.—Lewis G. Quackenbush

Many collectors who have rearranged their collection once or twice upon the issuing of new editions of the catalog have given up at last in despair, thinking that there could be no permanent arrangement of a collection, and have henceforth added stamps without attempt at any arrangement beyond grouping the various issues together.—Crawford Capen.

Envelopes are very poor things to invest in, and many dealers have told me that they do not handle them. So many collectors make a specialty of entire envelopes now, that the market for cut squares will soon be similar to the cut rounds.—Geo. S. Seymour.

The philatelist who is exact and methodical about his collection, and who makes it a point to carefully collect and classify all legitimate issues and new varieties, on returning to his album after neglecting it all summer finds himself over burdened with work.—M. C. Spears.

Every collector who makes a practice of studying his stamps, must have been struck with the similarity which often exists between the emissions of countries widely separated geographically, and with no political or other ties to bind them.—F. Putney Jr.

If you intend to be an active philatelist you should take two or three stamp papers. This paper is Canada's leader, you should subscribe at once.—Geo. W. Starnaman.