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The Benefits of stamp Collecting.

There is nothing with so much pleasure attached to it, that will tend to create fine tastes and a liking for geography and statistics in a boy or girl as philately, more commonly known as stamp collecting. Not only does it do this, but it moulds the character in many ways that will afterwards be of great benefit to the man or woman taking up the pursuit. It tends to refine and broaden the mind: opens the eyes of the boy to the extent of this great busy world, it creates a saving instinct, it opens up the possibilities of doing business with other boys, and at the same time gives a possibility of increasing his or her collection. As the boy gets deeper into the subject he will learn more modern history than

he ever learned, or can learn at school. He will know more about Kings, Queen's and Presidents of the different Countries and States, than ten boys, who are not collectors. There is nothing that will sharpen the faculty of remembering dates better than will philately; and the deeper the boy gets into it, the more he will learn of geography, history and of business. Because it is as natural for philatelists to trade, sell, and buy stamps, as it is for ducks to swim. There is abundance of pleasure in it, and it makes the long dark winter evenings a source of happiness to set up, mount, and add to the collection. Start your boy or girl at it. Buy a hundred or two all different stamps and a good album. I'm sure both you and the child will profit by it. Try it, and see if it is not the best thing you have ever bought for the child's amusement.

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