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How to Photograph Stamps Without a Camera.

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The idea is prevalent among stamp collectors and amateur photographers that it is a difficult thing to obtain a good photograph of a stamp.

The following way, which gives satisfactory result, is especially good because of its being so simple. The only articles needed are the printing frame and a plain sheet of glass to put in the printing frame instead of the regular negative.

A few words of advice might be useful to the ordinary amateur. In photographing a group of stamps it is well to select stamps of very nearly the same thickness. This would not, of course, apply to the photographing of a single stamp.

The directions, which are very simple, are: Place the stamp face up in the printing frame (so that the face of the stamp and the sensitized side of the paper are touching each other). Then print to good strength after which tone and then dry. This will give the picture of the stamp printed backwards. Now take this print and place in the frame over which place another sheet of printing paper so that the face of each sheet will come together.

Now put the frame in a very strong light (Sunlight preferred) and print to desired color.

The length of time taken to print the last picture is variable, as it all depends on the thickness of the paper used, a thin paper is the best as the time in printing is materially shortened. The picture, taken in this manner will have a white background.

If any one, after closely following the above, does not obtain good results would confer a favor on the writer if they state their case plainly after doing which I could probably remove the trouble.

Souvenir Card Collecting.

BY STAMP COLLECTOR.

Lately there has been started a new idea, that of collecting Souvenir Postal Cards. These cards are printed by a publishing company in sets of eight. The object of the proprietors is to introduce them as a branch of philately.

Speaking from a stamp collector's view of the subject I say they should be let alone. Why should these cards, which are really only a scheme by which some people hope to make some money, be collected? Surely there are enough stamps