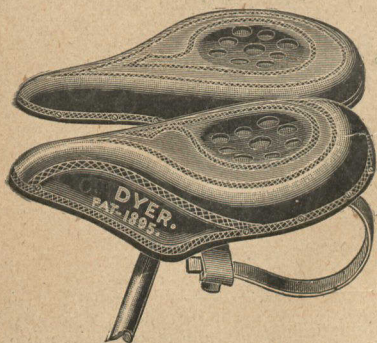


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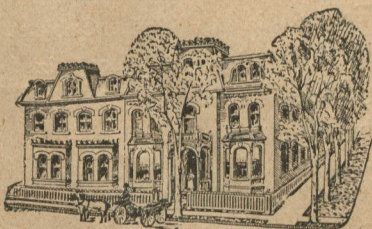
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## HINTS FOR YOUNG COLLECTORS.

BY "THE PROFESSOR."

As in other pastimes, stamp collecting possesses difficulties to those just commencing. This department will do all it can to answer questions from its readers, so do not be afraid to write.

In beginning one should possess a catalogue, an album, and stamps. The first thing to do now, is to arrange the stamps according to country or nation which issued them. By means of the catalogue one can do this easily, and after a few times, in most cases, can readily tell from what part of the world any stamp came. Here is a stamp on which is found the portrait of Queen Victoria, and upon reading the inscription around the oval we see "Canada postage, one half-penny." This stamp, it will readily be seen, is one of Canada. You take up another stamp, and on it is seen an engine, and in the oval "New Brunswick postage, one cent," and its reading proves it one of the old issues of Canadian provinces—of the time before Confederation. Another stamp you look at and on it read "Confederate States of America," and upon inquiry learn of the great war between North and South in the United States, the issue of these stamps by the Southerners, the defeat of their cause, and withdrawal of these stamps. In fact, this is one of the fascinations in collecting. It is not the mere possession of stamps, but in learning all one can concerning the issue, whose portrait or coat of arms, etc., as on it, when and why was it issued.

Stamps were issued by England in 1840, followed by Brazil later. During all these years, in a good collection, one can see the expanse of the British Empire, and read the history of nations, for changes are ever occurring.

It will repay a collector to subscribe to one or more of the many stamp papers published, as in them he will learn much of interest.

## NOTES.

The cost of completing sets of old issues, has led many collectors to make a specialty of gathering the latest issues in an unused state. These in most cases can be secured at small advance over face value, and they present an attractiveness to non-collectors that gives joy to collector. Next to collecting, the greatest pleasure is in arranging the stamps in an album. Some prefer having printed spaces, while others choose blank pages, and arrange their stamps to suit individual taste, devoting one or more pages to each country, according to the number of issues. Here is where unused stamps are seen to best advantage.

In the early days of collecting, a few enterprising dealers issued papers every few months, then monthly, and later still weekly. There are several of this class now, and within the past month a daily stamp paper appeared, and still continues its visits regularly.

It will pay all collectors to be members of some stamp society. There are two in Canada. The Dominion Philatelic Association and the Canadian Philatelic Association. The members receive free a stamp journal as the official organ. There is an Exchange Department for trading stamps, and also a counterfeit detector for forgeries. The dues are very small compared to the advantages received.

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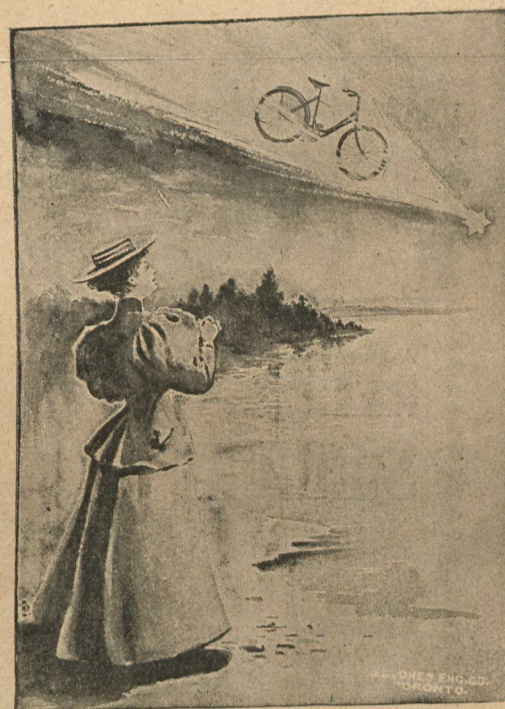
Life is very difficult. It seems right to me sometimes that we should follow our strongest feelings; but then such feelings continually come across the ties that all our former life has made for us and would cut them in two.—George Eliot.

Some real lives do, for some certain days or years, actually anticipate the happiness of heaven, and I believe if such perfect happiness is once felt by good people (to the wicked it never comes) its sweet effect is never wholly lost. Whatever trials follow, whatever pains of sickness or shades of death, the glory precedent still shines through.—Charlotte Bronte.

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