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Stamp Collecting,

It is pleasant to notice the advance that has been made in Stamp Collecting during the last few years. Well do we remember the first indications of this spirit especially among the young persons of our population, spirit of emulation enterprize and rivalry actuated the minds of all and he was to be envied who possessed the largest and most *unique* collection. The minds of those thus employed was stimulated to some good purpose, habits of patience, perseverance, and assiduity would be formed and he would be rewarded who regarded the task as one of love and laboured diligently in it. Nor do we for one moment believe that the business of Stamp Collecting at the present time has in any way depreciated. But on the contrary, we think it has materially advanced, too much to effect any permanent usefulness amongst those who engage in its toils, this is owing to the large numbers who have embarked in the enterprize, and by speculation in stamps, have not only enriched themselves, but lessened the value of them in the eyes of those who take pleasure in their collection. This fact we do not at all lament, merely regarding it as the natural consequence of things.

What we do lament is the decay of that spirit of enterprize and energy which once animated the minds of our young stamp collectors, who, regardless of all obstacles, pursued their beloved avocation with a spirit of patience and application that was highly commendable. The

business has also advanced in the scale of art. We have now Stamp Albums manufactured of the best material and of elaborate finish, such as would be a suitable ornament to adorn the centre table of any drawing room in the land. These are generally of French and English manufacture, and ought to be in the hands of every one who take pride in Stamp collecting.

The best American Album we have yet seen is one manufactured in Hartford, and is really a beautiful article as regards workmanship, style, and finish. It can be purchased in Boston at a moderate sum. We advise all Stamp Collectors to secure one. An album well filled with rare and valuable stamps is a beautiful *souvenir* which all lovers of art should carefully prize. We hope our young friends will not be deterred from securing well filled albums, by any feeling of aversion to its toils arising from the superfluity of stamps or the cheapness by which they may be obtained. We are well aware that by the scarceness of any article its value is enhanced, and in like manner, where there is an abundant market there will be but few purchasers, especially when the source from which the demand must come is small. But we hope these considerations will have but little weight amongst our readers, let them remember that the purest gold can be had but by seeking, and that love sweeten all toil.

WE regret exceedingly our having omitted to inform our readers of the advent of a new candidate for *timbrophilic* support, which made its appearance in July last. In point of merit it fully equals all the other papers of its kind that are published in the United States. The title of it is the "*Curiosity Shop*" and is issued in Chicago by Messrs Haines and Olcott. We shall always be happy to hear of its success. On reference to our advertising columns further information concerning it may be gleaned.