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Suggestions for Young Philatelists.

By U. S. HAWKEYE.

In starting out to be a stamp collector do not lose sight of the fact that to succeed one must educate himself in the work. The best educators of the affairs of the world to-day is the daily paper. The best philatelic educator is the philatelic paper. Then about the first thing needed is a good philatelic paper or two. Subscribe to as many as you can easily afford to pay for. An outfit you may already have but if not then purchase as good an album as you can conveniently afford. To start in on packets if the contents of each are all different, is the cheapest and best plan of getting a good start with the least money. As the collection rapidly increases higher priced packets must be purchased. Where you buy from different firms one can often exchange the duplicates secured, to other collectors after benefitting your own collec-

tion with the finest specimens. This is not to be lost sight of. A good collection never has torn or badly cancelled stamps. With high priced stamps it is different, more will be said about this later on. Deal with good reliable parties and when you find anything not as advertised write the person or firm about it. Kind letters will make more friends than enemies and any firm will correct mistakes, if not, report the parties to the editor of your paper.

Cleanliness. To make a collection show up well and to make a stamp salable both must be clean and be kept clean. When one takes down his stamp book or looks over a consignment of stamps the hands should be scrupulously clean. In handling a stamp, even one of the most common kind never use a pencil but always use a smooth tooth-pick or stamp tongs. If you get into a good habit it will never leave you and it is as easy to remember as a bad habit, With one end of a common tooth-pick be-

tween the thumb and second finger use the pick as a shovel, the fore finger being free to aid in holding and raising the stamp after the pick is carefully pushed under it.

Examination.—Scrutinize the backs of all your stamps, If there is paper upon the back, especially from an envelope, carefully moisten the paper by dropping the stamp into a small dish of water, or better by moistening a strip of blotting paper and placing the stamps back down upon this for a few minutes. Remember that stamps are always worth more with gum on their backs. In attempting to free the stamp from all paper, do not peel the stamp from the paper but the paper from the stamp. This method prevents tearing to a great extent. While the stamp is of moderate dampness it is a good time to straighten out bent perforations and corners which are turned under. A deep crease can often be entirely removed by straightening the stamp out when moist and holding the two opposite edges of the stamp, parallel with the crease, hard down on a smooth surface until the stamp is thoroughly dry. While slightly dampened, especially with alcohol or benzine an almost imperceptible watermark is often made to brighten into view. But watermarks are best made out by holding the stamp between the eye and a window receiving the light from a bright sky or reflected sun light. Indistinct watermarks cannot be made out by gas or electric light. More will be said about watermarks under remarks on advanced collecting in a future paper.

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Editorial Comment.

A new stamp paper is to appear from Hamilton. It should be a "hot" one coming from such a hot city.

Recent News.

Berlin's new paper, the Canadian Collector, will be issued quarterly.

The Sængerfest held here in August was the means of bringing together quite a number of stampites and incidentally a good time was spent.

Mr. Chas. Weaver leaves in a few days for Toronto to attend the College of Pharmacy. He is Treasurer of the Ontario Philatelic Co., and we wish him every success while in the Queen City.

After Oct. 1st no postage stamps will be redeemed by the P. O. Dept at Ottawa.

We have been considering the advisability of changing the name of this paper to the "Boys' Own Magazine" and adding cycling, camera and story departments. Before doing this we would like to hear how our readers look upon it. This is your paper and it's for you to say whether the step shall be taken or not. Let us hear from you to-day.

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That Special.

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Don't overlook Whatley's adv.

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Something for you.

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