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## The Boy Who is Father to the Man.

BY REGINALD KINNERSLEY.

It is an old saying, and a true one withal, that "the boy is father to the man!" It has often been noted that the brightest and most gentlemanly boys, are those who have been, or are now, identified with stamp collecting. The day when stamp collecting was looked upon simply as a craze, is now a thing of the past. In those days a collecting boy was rather looked at askance—now he is set down in the category of smart and intelligent young men.

What is this they say: "The same stone which the builder refused is now become the head of the corner!" The boy collector knows more of history and geography, than a non collector of equal age and equal chances. This has been proved in German schools where stamp collecting is recognized, and stamp albums are issued as text books. The Director General of these schools, in his reports, states that where these stamp text-books are used, that the pupils are advancing far more rapidly than those of other schools.

It is a notable fact that boys who began stamp collecting in their school days and gave it up, nearly always return to it when they advance in years. The pleasure and relaxation of the pursuit may fade for a moment, but it never dies.

Many a boy has started a collection to be continued by his father. It is not, as is generally supposed, that the greatest and most enthusiastic collectors are boys, but rather of grown men. Yet the greater part of the latter began collecting when they were at school. Good advice to a boy is not to sell his collection, but to lay it aside, when he decides to stop. He is almost sure to begin again and then he will have many vain regrets over sacrificing his treasures in order to purchase some passing fancy.

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Philately undoubtedly is a science with some people who take delight in searching for the minutest details, for everything connected with stamps, however remotely. But for pity sake do not demand from every stamp collector that he shall treat his hobby scientifically. Some people have no use for any science whatever and there are few who really want science mixed with their pleasures. Do not specialize in one single country before you give general collecting a real good chance.—Karl Ludwig.

Are we really coming to collect for the money that is in it? It is a thousand pities if it is so. Professionalism has proven a clog on every amateur pastime. Professionalism is definable as "a pastime for financial gain." If one collects stamps with constant regard as to increased value, he comes near being a professional. He is surely no longer a collector but a speculator in stamps.—H. F. Swartz.

That part which condemns the collecting of hair-splitting varieties in fashionable stamps, is good, and is to be commended.—Ben. P. Thomas.

We are accustomed to consider the Seebeck stamps as the most flagrant example of speculative greed. But there are others; for instance, the U. S. Columbian issue was not wholly

above the suspicion of being inspired by sales to collectors—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

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Our advice is to collect stamps in used and unused conditions. Of course there are exceptions, as sometimes unused should receive the preference and often the reverse. No preference is the best rule to go by.—E. Byron Horn.

It may be stated as a general and demonstrable proposition that the more cultured and refined an individual the more likely is he to be drawn into the ranks of philatelia's adherent.—Augustus Thompson.

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