

ARE YOU COLLECTING STAMPS?

STAMP collecting is not very popular among young people in the Philippines. But in America and Europe, children and even grown-ups are interested in this pastime. They spend much money to obtain the rarest stamps.

Among the most noted collectors of postage stamps are King George V of England and President Roosevelt. Some of their stamps are worth hundreds of pesos each, because no other copies of them could be found anywhere in the world.

Old stamps that were used years and years ago are very valuable today. If you are lucky and industrious, you may get old stamps without spending a single centavo. In some corner of your house you may find old letters of your father or of your grandfather. These letters may have old stamps that came from India, or Russia, or Australia. These stamps left forgotten among cobwebs and dust may be worth one hundred pesos today, for all you know.

It is believed that the first stamps were used in the Philippines in 1854. These postage stamps bore the image of Queen Isabella of Spain.

Then there are the special stamps issued now and then by our government to mark a great event, as the coming of Loriga and Gallarza, daring Spanish aviators, and the arrival of Babe Ruth with other American baseball players. The number of stamps printed for such events is limited. It would be wise for you to keep several copies of them. There will come a time when they will be bought at a high price. So, you see, you may become rich some day from the stamps you have collected in your youth.

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• BOOK CHATS •

HOW many books have you on your bookshelf? What else would you like to read?

Of course, before I can suggest any interesting books, I must first know what you, yourself enjoy reading. Perhaps you will write and tell me the names of the books you own. Have you read any that belong to your friends? No matter whether you are in the fourth grade or in the seventh, or in any other grade, I would be happy to hear from you.

And by the way have you any books at home which you can read to your little sisters and brothers? What are the names of the books? Perhaps, you have some nice picture books too.

When you write to me, tell me about the following:

The titles of the books you own.
The titles of the books you have read.

Put a little check preceding the names of those books which you have enjoyed the most.

The names of the books which your mother or even you read to your little sisters and brothers. Don't forget the names of the picture books, too!

Write down your own name, your age, the name of the school you go to, and the grade you are in.

Now, if you tell me all of these things, it will be lots of fun telling you all about the good books you can read. We will have a book chat every month. Write soon.

Lovingly,

Mother Goose of Bookland

ALL ABOUT BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!

Stories of Fun and Mischief

So many men and women are writing books every day for the boys and girls all over the world. Did you know that very often these writers tell about adventures which happened to them when they

were your age? Of course, that is why so many of them make their stories sound so true and real.

I am thinking of Thomas Bailey Aldrich who wrote **THE STORY OF THE BODY**. In this story Mr. Aldrich tells all about the pranks and all about the mischief for which he and his playmates were blamed by the village folk. Those were the happy days when he was a real boy having a glorious time in Rivermouth and Portsmouth on the coast of the Atlantic ocean.

Another good book which tells about the doings of a jolly bunch of youngsters is Booth Tarkington's **PENROD**. This is followed by a second book called **PENROD AND SAM**. It's great fun meeting Penrod and his friends—not forgetting the faithful little old poodle. Both of these books are very amusing.

And you surely should have a chance to read **THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER** and the second book, **HUCKLEBERRY FINN** by Mark Twain.

Some writers choose what is called a pen name instead of using their own name. That is just what Mark Twain did, for his real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens. He was a pilot on a Mississippi river boat for many years. Having grown so very fond of the river life, he chose the nautical term to stand for his name throughout the remaining years of his life.

Now I can hear some girl saying "But not a single book for girls has been mentioned!" However, I can assure you that there is hardly a girl in the whole United States who has not read these numerous boys' books. In fact, I met many girls in the European countries who had read them. Some had read

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SAMPAGUITA . . .

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Being our national flower, the sampaguita must be cultivated widely in our gardens and in our public parks. It represents the beautiful in our country. Our poets often speak of our young maidens as the sampaguitas in this garden of the East.

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Aside from the profits, stamp collecting is enjoyable. Is it not a pleasure to know that the colored squares of paper that you keep come from strange and distant countries?

You will even be interested to increase your knowledge of geography. You would want to be acquainted with the countries and their people who used or still use the stamps in your collection.

Do you know how to begin the hobby of stamp-collecting? You may start with the postage stamps of our country. You need a stamp album in which to keep them. A good stamp album can be bought from any large store selling school supplies, toys, and stationery. The same store may have foreign stamps for sale.

You can get foreign stamps free by writing to boys and girls in other countries. When your friends from far away send you copies from their collection, they expect you to send yours too.

One thing to remember when you start this hobby is never to paste down your stamps. Stamp mounts can be bought from any stamp dealer. These gummed strips of paper are used to hinge down the stamps to the album like the lid of a desk. Thus, when you want to remove the stamps and transfer them to another album, you can easily do so without destroying them.