

## ARE YOU COLLECTING STAMPS?

**S**TAMP 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 •

**H**OW 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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### HOW TO SAY IT

1. There are other correct ways of saying "Yes," as "Certainly," "Surely" not "Sure," "Yes, sir. With great pleasure."

2. When you are requesting for something, always say, "May I..." not "Can I..."

3. Don't say: I entered *into* the room. "Into" is not necessary.

4. One does not say, "I climb up a tree." "Up" is superfluous.

5. Another common error: I don't know to my mother. Say: It depends upon my mother.



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them twice and some even three times! Of course, you know that these stories have been translated into French, German, and into many other foreign languages. Perhaps, when you grow up, one of you will translate these good books for boys and girls into the Philippine dialects. Don't forget.



I'll suggest two books written especially for girls. They are *INGER JOHANNE* and *WHAT HAPPENED TO INGER JOHANNE* by Dikken Zwilgmeyer. Here you find amusement and mischief a-plenty. *INGER JOHANNE* is a girl from the Land of the Midnight Sun. Can you imagine living in a part of the world where for two whole months it is dark both night and day? Then for another whole month the sun shines throughout day and night!



I do not want to forget *ANNE OF GREEN GABLES* by L. Montgomery. Just you read what Anne does to her long lovely red hair! You will never forget Anne, for you feel as if you had really met her in true life. (I read the book three times.)