

A stamp is to many people just a slip of paper that takes a letter from one town or country to another. They are unable to understand why we stamp collectors find so much pleasure in collecting them and how we find the time in which to indulge in our hobby. To them it seems a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money but they do not realize that there are many who do buy stamps, many who find the efforts worth-while and many who, if they did not spend their time collecting stamps, would spend it less profitably. We all seek something to do in our leisure hours and what better occupation is there to keep us out of mischief than that of collecting stamps? An album, a packet of hinges, a new supply of stamps, and the time passes swiftly and pleasantly.

Stamp-collecting has no limits and a collection never has an end; countries are always printing and issuing new stamps to celebrate coronations, great events, anniversaries and deaths. And the fascination of collecting is trying to obtain these stamps before one's rivals. Every sphere of stamps-collecting has its fascination-- receiving letters from distant countries and discovering old stamps in the leaves of dusty old books. A stamp itself has a fascination all its own. Gazing at its little picture we are transported to the wilds of congo, the homes of the Arabs, and the endless tracks of the Sahara desert. There is a history in every stamp. The ancient Roman empire and the constitution of America, India's independence and the allied victory, are all conveyed to our minds eye by means of stamps. We see famous men, pictures, writers, scientists, soldiers, politicians and famous incidents. Stamps, so small and minute, contain knowledge that is vast and important.

The Habit of Stamp-Collection

Many people consider collecting stamps ~~habit~~ ^{stamps} useless, ~~and~~ time-wasting, and something that is needed to send a letter. For many, it is a profitable habit to spend their free time cheerfully. Stamp-collection is limitless and endless. Many countries issue stamps on ^{various} special occasions. ~~The~~ Stamp-collecting is interesting when one receives foreign letters, explore world-history and well-known people. These miniature stamps contain huge knowledge. (61 words)

1. In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unfortunately, it is in a bad way today. Many of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.



No Country is the Best

All people consider their own countries the best, but it is wrong. Every people and country have some positive and negative sides. ~~We~~ ^{They} should ^{try to} adopt the good ^{qualities} and remove the bad ones. Indians love their country, but many people are struggling financially there. They need to figure out the ways to help them, ^{and} make them feel ~~good~~ ^{better}. ~~By fostering good~~ ~~systems~~ They should follow the good things of other countries, too. (71 words)