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"THEMATIC COLLECTION OF STAMPS"

by T. THANGARAJAH

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Staff
Principal manages a school

As I wrote in the June issue of this magazine, the fascination of stamp-collecting came upon me very early on in my life and I began no doubt like almost all others, with the intention of acquiring a lot-nothing short of the whole lot of the world in stamps! Needless to say that after dabbling in the world I found my interest rapidly waning. It is also needless to say that the contact of an English Military Officer, then stationed at Peradeniya with the SEAC convinced me of the futility of this ambition.

This made my interest to narrow down in my sphere of stamps to the Commonwealth only (then known as the British Colonials) which too, I realise now, is rather very cumbersome - especially as one sees the rate and competition with which stamps are turned out by the various countries. I am thoroughly convinced of the futility of even this narrowed field, not to speak of the drain on my purse. It is anyone's guess also to imagine when a daughter of one also gets in heart and soul to dive into the mighty ocean of philately what a great drain it will be on one's purse. Still my vanity and hers will not allow us to narrow down still further.

This however, did not deter me from going further to find out ways to keep one interested in stamps without entailing much expense and at the same time without losing interest in them. The result is thematic, or topical, collection. As this was the answer to my perplexities my next task was to choose my theme or topic. Art, culture, archaeology geography, great men, aeroplanes, railway engines, plants, birds, animals, reptiles, famous musicians, history, religion, space flight and a host of others loomed in the horizon. All of them did not appeal to me. As a geographer, however, the task of illustrating geography by means of stamps seemed a fruitful and absorbing study. I had pursued this thematic collection without in the least having an idea of a thematic collection then. So I had to select another and only 'religion' appealed to me.

Now I have two thematic pets - 'Geography in stamps' and 'Religion in stamps'. The former is for an utility purpose in that it is an aid in my profession as a teacher of geography. The latter is of course for joy and pleasure - serene and pure but also deep and unfathomable and that cannot be contained in human vocabulary. This is beside the scope of this article and let me turn back again to thematic in stamps. The pleasure and joys of the thematic collector will certainly vary directly or inversely as the themes and the likes and dislikes of the collector himself or herself.

So I shall here broadly make a few suggestions to create and interest in thematic collections. There is already the collecting instinct in man and it is quite remarkable in childhood apart from this some children are imbued with a spirit of adventure. This is the space age. There is also a thirst for Science amongst the school going population. Several countries have begun to issue stamps commemorating space events. All these can together make a few school going children at least to collect space-flight commemoratives. I am sure there is not only pleasure and joy but instructive education behind it. Well! this may be for the ardent physicist. The Biologist can collect birds, animals, reptiles, flowers and the like. Another may be interested in Communications. Such pupils will find railway engines, aeroplanes, first flight commemoratives, ships, carts and the like quite interesting.

The other day I had the fortune to get a set of christmas stamps issued by the Cook Islands for the christmas of 1966. The stamps of the denomination of 1 d, 4 d and 10 d show "the adoration of the wise men". These are reproductions of fine art by Fra Angelico, Valayquey and Bosh. The 2d has a reproduction of 'the nativity' by Memling while the 1s6d has that of "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Ribera. All these are masterpieces of art by the old

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masters. Recently several countries have begun to reproduce famous paintings in their stamps. For the Connoisseur of Art and paintings this will form a good thematic collection.

A historian has ample to study in his field through this fascinating hobby of stamp collecting. A single set of stamps sometimes relates the full story of a country. My English military officer friend, of whom I made a casual mention at the outset of this article, was stationed in Malta during 1940, 1941 and 1942 just before he was sent out to Ceylon to join the SEAC under Lord Mountbatten. While serving there he was able to get three or four sets of twentyone stamps in each of the Maltese stamps then in use. They were issued in 1938. He presented one set to me and we discussed the set for nearly an hour. Malta's story is unfolded through this set of stamps. I am not going to tell the story here and I leave it to the interested collector and reader to get these stamps and read the history of Malta there in. The island of Malta is a fertile state for the collector of subjects, as its stamps are devoted to illustrating the island's rich and varied history. The George Cross Commemoratives will narrate a story by themselves.

I am now sure that anyone who is perplexed over the immensity of philately will now take the cue from this article and use the first opportunity to put his or her collecting to some ordered purpose.

CEYLON COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE 1937 to 1967

		MINT USED	
1937 K. G. VI Coronation	3 vals.	1.00	.75
1940 Surcharge	2 ..	.40	.40
1946 Victory	2 ..	.40	.40
1937 New Constitution	4 ..	1.00	1.00
1949 First Anniv. Indep.	4 ..	1.00	1.00
1949 U. P. U.	3 ..	1.00	.75
1952 Colombo Plan Exhi.	2 ..	.50	.40
1953 Q. E. II Coronation	1 ..	.10	.05
1954 Q. E. Royal Visit	1 ..	.25	.10
1956 Royal Agriculture Exhi.	1 ..	.25	.10
1956 National Service	1 ..	.25	.10
- do - with white stroke	1 ..	2.00	.50
1956 Buddha Jayanthi	4 ..	1.00	1.00
1957 Ceylon Stamp Centy.	4 ..	2.00	2.00
1958 10th Anniv Human Rights	2 ..	2.00	1.25
1959 Pirivena Universities	1 ..	.25	.05
1960 World Refugee Year	2 ..	.50	.40
1961 Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike	1 ..	.50	.10

		MINT USED	
1961 Golden Jubilee of Ceylon Boy Scouts Association	1 ..	.50	.15
1962 Malaria Eradication	1 ..	.50	.15
1963 25th Anniv. of Air Mail Service	1 ..	1.00	.25
1963 Freedom from Hunger	2 ..	.75	.25
1963 Golden Jubilee of Ceylon Co-op.	1 ..	1.00	.15
1963 National Conservation	1 ..	.25	.10
1964 Birth Centy. of Anagarika Dharmapala	1 ..	.50	.15
1964 Industrial Exhibition	2 ..	.25	.25
1964 Centy. of Ceylon Railway attached pair	2 ..	1.50	.25
1965 I. T. U.	2 ..	.75	.25
1965 Co operative Year	2 ..	1.00	.25
1965 Centy. of Colombo Municipal Council	1 ..	.50	.25
1965 Centy. of Colombo do Varieties	2 ..	10.00	5.00
1966 Centy. of Kandy Municipal Council	1 ..	.50	.15
1966 W. H. O.	2 ..	2.00	.50
1966 UNESCO	2 ..		
1966 Rice Year	2 ..		
1967 1st Anniversary Poya Holidays	4 ..		
1967 Centy. of Galle Municipal Council	1 ..		

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A 91 Mozambique	675
A 93 Hong Kong	125
A 96 Canada	775
B 110 South Africa KG VI Royal Visit	3 pairs	...	1.00
B 113 Chile Air Mail	6 vals.	...	1.00
C 25 Hungary Fairy Tail	350
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C 34 Costa Rica	575
C 35 China Swan	550
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C 38 Portugal	550
C 39 Jugoslavia Spent	350
C 40 Maldiva	4	1.00
C 41 N. Z. 1960 Christmas	U 1 val.50
C 42 .. 196140
C 43 .. 196240
C 44 .. 196440
C 44 .. 196540
C 46 .. 196640

Stamps Issues Suggestions for 1968

February 4th 1968. Special issue to commemorate 20th anniversary of Independence of Ceylon-Four stamps.

Designs :

- 1) Portrait of the late Mr. D. S. Senanayake with Independence Hall or House of Parliament.
- 2) Portrait of Mr. Dudley Senanayake with view of Gal Oya tank or Gal Oya Valley Gal Oya Dam with Power House.
- 3) Portrait of Sir John Kotelawala with either Hydro-Electric Scheme Power House and Laxapana falls in background or Castlereigh Dam or Power Lines.
- 4) Portrait of the Late Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike with a view of the Lion Pillar and New Town, Anuradhapura or view of Ancient City of Anuradhapura.

Values :

10 cents, 30 cents, 50 cents and 75 cents.

Duration : Six months.

February 22nd, 1968. Special issue to commemorate Sir Baron Jayatilaka birth centenary stamps.

Designs and Value :

To be agreed to after consultation with Y. M. B. A. etc.

Duration : Six months.

May 1968. Special issue publicising Ceylon Temple Paintings (1st Series) 4 stamps with Souvenir Sheet.

Designs :

Sigiriya Frescoes.

Reproduce plates 2, 5, 8, 10 from "Buddhist Paintings from Shrines and Temples of Ceylon."

Duration : Six months.

Values :

20 cents, 25 cents, Re. 1/- and Rs. 2/-.

July 1968. Reserved for any special issues not provided for.

October 1968. Special issue of four stamps. Birds of Ceylon or Cottage Industries of Ceylon.

Designs : Birds of Ceylon

- "Ceylon Birds Book" 1) Pages 25, 10 16.
2) Pages 29, 33.
3) Pages 41, 42.
4) Pages 20.

Cottage Industries of Ceylon

- 1) Lacquer Work—Kandyan.
- 2) Masks.
- 3) Ebony Wood carvings.
- 4) Kandy Moonstone tray.

Values :

30 cents, 75 cents, 15 cents, 85 cents.

Duration : Six months.

December 1968. Temple paintings (2nd Series) four stamps.

Designs :

- 1 and 2 Degaldoruwa plates 21 and 22)
 - 3 and 4 Dambulla plates 26 and 27)
- Buddhist paintings from Shrines & Temples in Ceylon.

or Stone Works, Polonnaruwa.

Designs :

- 1) Nissanka Lata Mandapaya. 2) Watadage Entrance or Audience Hall. 3) Sculptured figure of Deva and 4) Parakramabahu statue.

Values :

50 cents, Re. 1/-, 60 cents and 10 cents.

Duration : Six months.

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9.	1956 National Service	1 "	—
10.	1957 Buddha Jayanthi	4	
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37.	1967 Centenary of Galle Municipal Council	1 stamp	-/50
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39.	1967 I.P.I. Asian News Papers Conference Kandy (Special Post Mark)	1 stamp	2.00

WRITING UP STAMP COLLECTIONS

by K. PATHMANATHAN

Seldom is a stamp collection complete without any writing up and the beauty of many stamp collections have been marred by excessive writing up. Stamp collectors should understand this point clearly before writing up their treasured collections.

If one desires to progress in philately, one should not only have the latest stamp of the country he collects which should be written up but also he should make provision for the next future stamp to be issued by the country details of which should have already been written up. By adopting this method of writing up before the stamp is issued, he can mount the stamp when it is issued and thereby complete the details of the stamp. He can, by writing to any of the philatelic Bureau obtain advance information of all forthcoming issues which will prove to be a useful guide both for writing up as well as to obtain future issues.

It is easy to collect stamps of countries like United States whose stamps are of the same size, perforation and printed by the same printers so that the only details necessary is the date of issue. He can devote a separate page for writing

the date of issue of stamps issued during a particular year so that the stamps could be mounted on blank pages and will stand out clearly. He can allocate a separate space for writing the name of the printers, number of stamps per sheet which will be the same for all the stamps. Thus the necessity of repetition could be easily eliminated. On the other hand, if he chooses a country whose stamps are of various sizes and shapes and printed by various printers who adopt various printing methods, he will have to spend much time gathering the necessary information for writing up his collection.

For the sake of convenience, collectors prefer to use printed gum labels to illustrate their collections but collections written by hand always present a pleasing appearance. At the start a stamp collector with a bad handwriting may experience difficulty in writing up his collection but with patience and experience this difficulty could be overcome.

If a collector uses the technique of writing up skilfully, his collection will be a thing of admiration both by the owner and by the on-lookers.

Tourist Year Stamps

To be issued on August 15th 1967

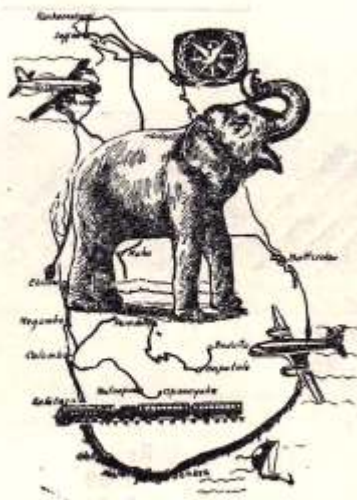
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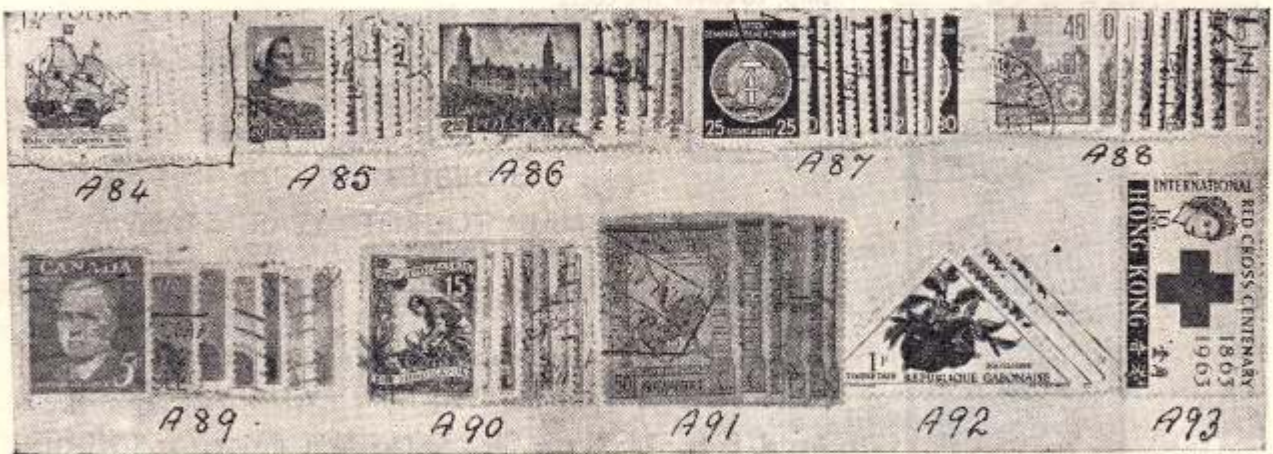
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Date of Issue : September 1967.

HUNGARY FISH



On the occasion of the XIVth Congress of "C. I. P. S." (International Federation of Anglers) and the XIVth World Angling Championship (at Dunaujvaros, Southern Hungary, August 20-28, 1967), the Hungarian Post Office will issue a set of seven stamps depicting fishes of Hungary. Day of issue: August 22, 1967. Size 43 x 33mm, photogravure in several colours. The designs are by Adam Cziglenyi, graphic artist. On each stamp the Latin and the Hungarian names of the fishes are indicated.

Denominations:

20 f: *Acipenser ruthenus* L. (sterlet). 60 f: *Lucio perca lucioperca* L. (perch-pike). 1 Ft: *Cyprinus carpio* L. (carp). 1,70 Ft: *Silurus glanis* L. (sheat-fish). 2 Ft: *Esox lucius* L. (pike). 2,50 Ft: *Aspius aspius* L. (chrup). 3 x 1 Ft: Depicts a scene from an anglers' competition: In the background a view of Dunaujvaros and the emblem of C. I. P. S. may be seen. Inscriptions (in Hungarian): 'International Federation of Anglers,' 'XIVth Congress of C. I. P. S. 1967' and 'Hungarian Post'. The surtax is to the advantage of the National Federation of Hungarian Anglers, organizer of the Congress and the Championship, to cover the costs.



Gibraltar

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST YEAR STAMP

To commemorate the International Tourist Year, Gibraltar issued 3 stamps on June 15th 1967. Values 7d, depicting Aerial Rope, 9d, Shark Fish, Re. 1/- Skin diving.

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පැන්ස 6 දං සහ දුඹුරු මුසු	„	3 සි.
පැන්ස 8 දුඹුරු	„	1 සි.
පැන්ස 9 දං සහ දුඹුරු මුසු	„	1 සි.
පැන්ස 10 රන්වන් පාට	„	1 සි.
සිලිම් 1 ලා දං පාට	„	1 සි.
සිලිම් 2 නිල වණි	„	1 සි.

දැනී රහිත මේ මුද්දර වර්ග හතර පැති කපා වෙන්කළ ඒවායි වික්ටෝරියා මහ රැජිණ රූපය යොදා සුදු කඩදාසියේ මුද්දණයකර තිබේ. සෑම මුද්දරයකම දිය සලකුණු යොදා තිබේ. නියම මුද්දර වර්ග අඳුනා ගැනීමට මෙය වැදගත් සාධකයකි. මේ දිය සලකුණු ඉතා පැහැදිලියට දැක්ක හැකියි. මෙම වර්ගයන්හි මුද්දරවල දැනී නැති බැවින් ඒවා නොවටිනා දේ ලෙස සලකා සමහරු එකතුකිරීමට අප්‍රිය කරත්. එංගලන්තයේ පාකින්ස් බේකෝන් මුද්දණ ශිල්පීන් මගින් මුද්දණය කරණ ලදී. මුද්දරයක උස මිලි මීටර් 26 ක් සහ පලල මිලි මීටර් 20 කි. වටිනාකම සහ රටේ නම ඉංග්‍රීසි අකුරෙන් සටහන් වී තිබේ. නියම මුද්දර හඳුනා ගැනීමට ඉහත සඳහන් දිය සලකුණු උපයෝගී කරගත හැකිවේ.

මේ මුද්දර කාණ්ඩය මෙතරම් වටිනාකමක් ඇතිවීමට හේතුවී ඇත්තේ මෙහි දුර්ලභ ගණයේ මුද්දර දෙවර්ගයක් ඇති නිසයි. මෙයින් පැන්ස හතරේ ලා රෝස පාටැති මුද්දරය රන් පටුම් 4500 කි. වාම පෙනුමක් ඇති කුරුසියක සටහනක් පිලිබිඹු කරණ මෙම මුද්දරවල රටේ නම සහ වටිනාකම පැහැදිලි ඉංග්‍රීසි අකුරෙන් සටහන් කර තිබේ. ඊළඟ මිල අධික මුද්දරය පැන්ස නවයයි. දං සහ දුඹුරු මුසු වණියක් දැක්වෙන මෙම මුද්දරයද පැන්ස හතරේ මුද්දරයට සමාන පෙනුමක් ඇත. මේ වර්ගයේ අළුත් මුද්දරයක් රන් පටුම් දහක් වටිනා අතර පැවිච්චිකළ එකක් පටුම් අනුවක් පමණ අගි. මෙහි සඳහන් මිල ගණන් රදා ඇත්තේ මුද්දරය සම්පූර්ණ තත්වයකින් තිබුණහොත් පමණකි. ඒ අනුව මිල බැඳුන, ඉරාණ, විදමන් සහිත තීන්ත පැල්ලම් සහ පාට වර්ගවලින් තොර මුද්දර පමණක් හොඳම වර්ගයට ගණන් ගැනේ.

මෙහි සඳහන් වර්ගවල මුද්දර ලබා ගැනීමේදී මෙහි සඳහන් කරුණු මැනවින් පරික්ෂාකර බැලිය යුතුවේ. ඒ සමගම සමහර මුද්දරවල හතර කෝණ පලදවීමෙන් පසු ඒවාට වෙනත් කුඩා කොටස් එකතුකිරීමෙන් සකස්කර ඇත. මෙවැනි මුද්දර එකතුකිරීම තිඛ්ඵලයි.

-අමරත්න
(උපුටාගැනීම තහනම)

இலங்கை தபாற் தலைகள்

(நான்காம் பகுதி)

இலங்கை தபாற் தலைகள் பற்றிய கட்டுரை யின் இப்பகுதியில் 17 தபாற் தலைகளின் விபரணம் பற்றி ஏடுத்துக்காட்ட வேண்டியுள்ளது. அவை 1857ம் ஆண்டு முதல் 1859ம் ஆண்டு வரையிலான காலத்தில் வெளியிடப்பட்டவைகளாகும். இலங்கை முத்திரைகளில் மிகவும் பெறுமதியுள்ள, கிடைத்தற்கரிய முத்திரைகள் இவ்வினத்தைச் சாரும்.



தபால் அச்சு இடப்படாத புத்தம் புதிய அசல் முத்திரைகள் ஒருதொகுதி 7400 பொற்காசுகளும், தபால் அச்சு இடப்

பட்டு தள்ளுபடியானவை 1300 பொற்காசுகளும் பெறும்.

அவற்றின் நிறங்களும் பெறுமதியும் பின்வருமாறு:-

நீலநிற	1 பென்ஸ்	முத்திரைகள்	3
பச்சை நிற	2 ..	"	2
இளஞ்சிவப்பு	4 ..	"	1
சிவப்பான மாநிறம்	5 ..	"	1
ஊதா, தவிட்டு நிறம்			
கலந்த	6 ..	"	3
மாநிறம் (பிரவுண்)	8 ..	"	1
ஊதா தவிட்டு நிறம்			
கலந்த	9 ..	"	1
பொன் நிற	10 ..	"	1
இளம் ஊதா நிற	1 சிலிங்	"	1
நீலவர்ண	2 சிலிங்	"	1

நாற்பக்கமும் வெட்டி துண்டாக்கப்பட்ட துண்டிடப்படாத இவ்வின முத்திரைகள் வெண்ணிற காகிதத்தில் விக்டோரியா மகாராணியின் உருவப்படமிட்டு அச்சிடப்பட்டுள்ளன சகல முத்திரைகளிலும் நீரெழுத்து உண்டு. அசல் முத்திரைகளாவென்பரீட்சிக்க நீரெழுத்து மிகவும் பயன்படுகிறது. அவற்றை தெள்ளத்தெளிவாகக் கண்டு கொள்ளலாம். இவ்வகை முத்திரைகளில் துண்டுகளில்லாததால், அவை பெறுமதியற்றவையெனக் கருதி சிலர் அவற்றை சேகரிக்க விரும்புவதில்லை. இங்கிலாந்தில் பாகிஸ்தான் பேகோன் அச்சு கத்தாரால் அச்சிடப்பட்டுள்ள இவற்றின் உயரம் 26 மிமீட்டரும் அகலம் 20 மிமீட்டரும். அவற்றின் பெறுமதியும் நாட்டின் பெயரும் ஆங்கிலத்தில் பொறிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இவ்வின முத்திரைகளுக்கு பெறுமதி ஏற்படக்காரணம் இவற்றிடையே கிடைத்தற்கரிய இரு முத்திரைகள் உண்டு. இவ்விரண்டில் 4 பென்ஸ் இளஞ்சிவப்பு முத்திரை ஒன்றின் பெறுமதி 4500 பொற்காசுகளாகும். கவர்ச்சியான ஒரு சிலுவையின் தோற்றம் கொண்ட இம்முத்திரைகளில் நாட்டின் பெயரும் பெறுமதியும் தெளிவாக ஆங்கில எழுத்துக்களால் காட்டப்பட்டுள்ளன. மற்றையவையுயர்ந்த ஊதாவும் தவிட்டு நிறமும் கலந்த 9 பென்ஸ் முத்திரைகள் 4 பென்ஸ் முத்திரைகளைப்போன்றே தோற்றமுடையதாகும் இவ்வின புதிய முத்திரை ஒன்று ஆயிரம் பொற்காசுகளும், பாவிக்கப்பட்டது தொன்னூறுபொற் காசுகளுமாகும். சகல அம்சங்களும் பூர்த்தியாகிக் காணும்பட்சத்திலேயே இவற்றுக்கு இவ்வின பெறுமதி ஏற்படுகின்றது. கரைபடியாத கிழியாத துண்டாயற்ற மசு அல்லது வேறு வர்ணம்படாத முத்திரைகள் மாத்திரமே நல்லவையெனக் கணிக்கப்படுகின்றன.

எனவே இம்முத்திரைகளை கொள்வனவு செய்யும்போது ஆங்கு கூறப்பட்டுள்ள காரணங்களை கவனமாகப் பரீட்சித்துப் பார்த்தலவசியம் நாலு கோணங்களும் பழுதான பின்னர் அவற்றுக்கு வேறு பகுதிகள் ஒட்டப்பட்டு விற்கப்படும் முத்திரைகளைச் சேகரிப்பது பயனற்றதாகும்.

—அமரரத்ன

உரிமை ஆசிரியருக்கே.

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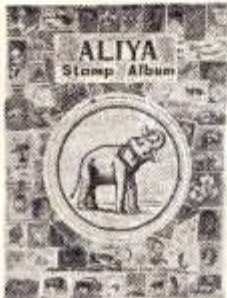
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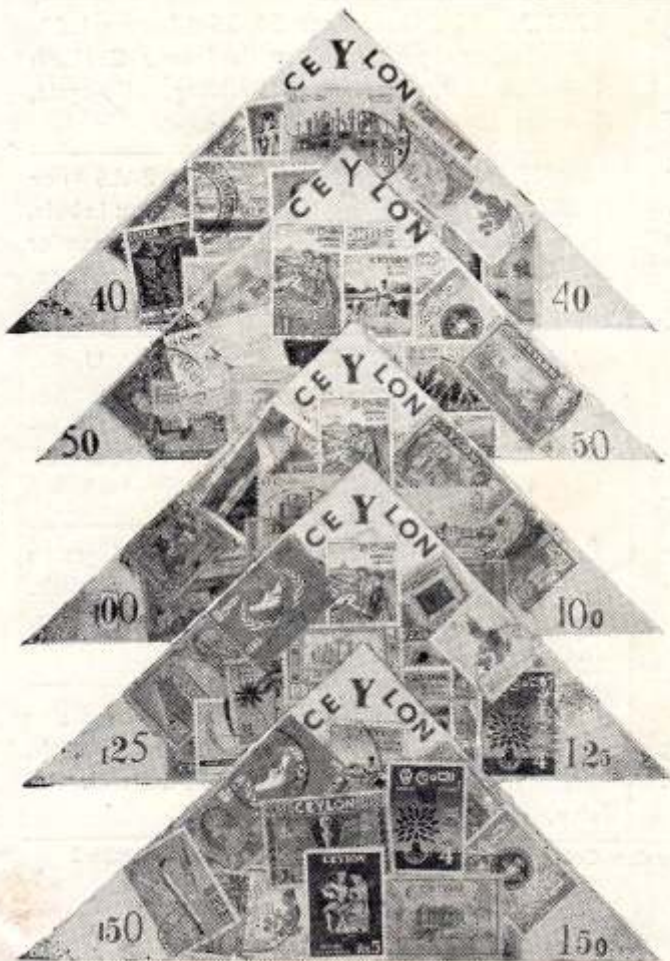
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