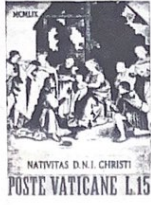


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VENEZUELA

VENEZUELA ("Little Venice"; 352,142 sq. mi.; pop. 6,512,000; cap. Caracas) was named by an early explorer from Indian villages built on stilts over Lake Maracaibo. Much pictured on postage stamps are leaders of its wars of independence: Miranda, Bolivar and Sucre. Half of Venezuela lies south of the great Orinoco River in an all but inaccessible wilderness. North of the Orinoco are grassy plains; along the Caribbean coast are sweltering lowlands; and in temperate mountain valleys of the north and northwest are located the principal cities. Venezuela ranks second (after U.S.A.) in world production of petroleum, its principal source of revenue, but most of the people are still poverty-stricken agricultural workers. After decades of corrupt dictators, Venezuela is striving today to re-establish democratic government.

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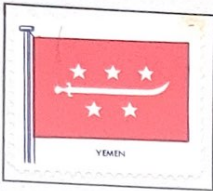


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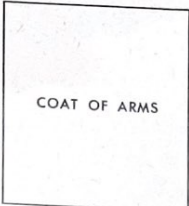


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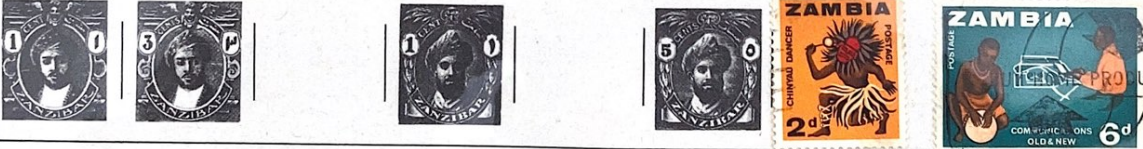
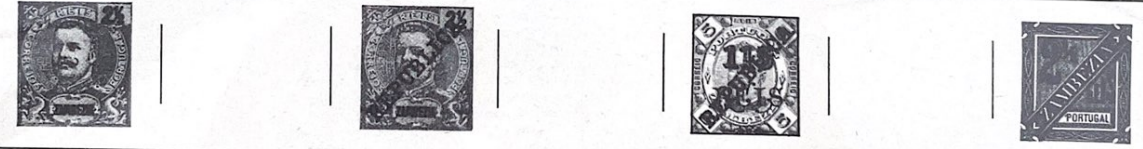
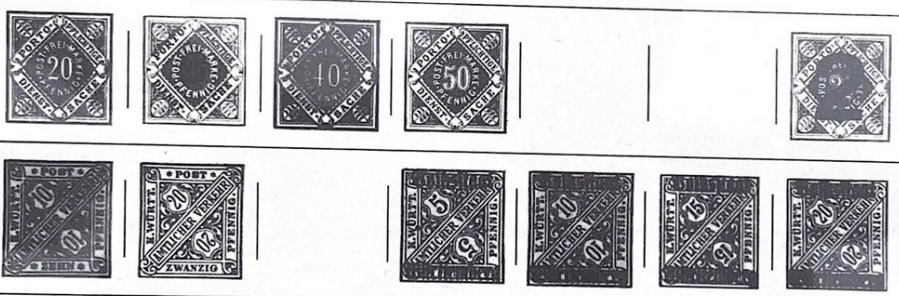
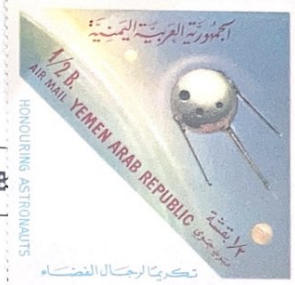


YEMEN

One of the few remaining absolute monarchies is the IMAMATE OF YEMEN (75,290 sq. mi.; pop. 4,500,000; cap. San'a), whose Imam Ahmed ibn Yahya Mohammed Hamid ed-Din traces his ancestry to Ali, son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed. Yemen in Arabic means "the right hand," which describes its location when a Moslem pilgrim stands facing east before the Holy Kaaba Stone in Mecca. Unlike most of Arabia, Yemen is mountainous and has adequate rainfall; the majority of its people have therefore settled down to agriculture, and fishing in the Red Sea. Principal export is the famed coffee shipped through the port of Mocha. Yemen federated in 1958 with the United Arab Republic, each country keeping its sovereignty but placing defense and foreign economic policy under unified control.



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It's easy to start a stamp collection — and inexpensive too. This album, some stamps, and a supply of "stamp hinges" to fasten the stamps in the album, are everything you really need.

WHERE AND HOW TO GET STAMPS

A treasure hunt is an exciting way to start your collection. Go on a search for stamps that may be stored away with old letters and papers in your own home, or in the homes of friends and relatives.

Have friends save stamps for you, especially businessmen and people with correspondence abroad.

Save stamps from everyday mail. Ordinary letters, postcards and packages will sometimes yield a fascinating variety of United States issues.

Trading with collector-friends is a fine way to dispose of duplicates in exchange for new stamps.

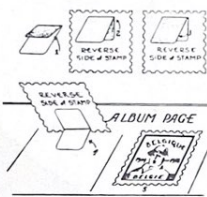
Buying stamps from a store or dealer is usually the favorite way of building a collection.

APPROVAL SELECTIONS

The major part of the stamp business is carried on through the mails by means of "approval selections." These are sheets, booklets or envelopes of stamps, marked with their selling prices, and sent by mail — "on approval" — to prospective customers. The collector examines the stamps, selects the ones he wants, and returns the balance to the dealer, together with payment for those he has kept for his collection.

Collectors receiving stamps on approval make it a point of honor to handle them carefully and return them promptly (within 15 days at the most), enclosing payment for the stamps they keep. It is a great tribute to the hobby that millions of dollars worth of stamps are sold every year, by mail, in a spirit of mutual trust between dealer and collector.

HOW TO USE STAMP HINGES



The best way to fasten stamps on album pages is with little slips of gummed glassine paper called "stamp hinges." The diagram shows how:

1. Bend back the top half of the hinge, and lightly moisten the gum as indicated by the shaded area in the drawing. (Most collectors moisten hinges by licking them, and hinge manufacturers are careful to use a pure and almost tasteless gum.)
2. Attach the hinge to the top of the stamps, with the crease of the hinge about 1/16" below the perforations.
3. Moisten lower half of hinge.
4. Now turn stamp over and attach hinge to album page. The stamp is now literally "hinged" into the album. Never remove hinges while they are still wet, or you may damage both stamp and album page.

WATERMARK VARIETIES, ETC.

Some stamps which on their faces appear to be the same are really different — and the most common difference is the "watermark." Watermarks are faint markings impressed into better-grade papers

during manufacture. (Hold a sheet of good writing paper up to the light and you will see the watermark.)

To see a stamp's watermark, place the stamp on a flat black surface or on a "watermark detector" sold for the purpose, add a few drops of carbon tetrachloride (sold in any drugstore) and the watermark — if there is one — will usually show clearly.

Some stamps also vary as to perforations per inch (an inexpensive perforation gauge may be purchased to check these); and as to colors, shades, and kinds of paper. A stamp catalog will explain these differences more thoroughly.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A STAMP CLUB

Stamp collecting is twice as much fun if you can talk and swap stamps with other collectors. The best way to do this is by joining or starting a stamp club. A club enables you to increase your knowledge of stamps, dispose of your duplicates in exchange for stamps you want, and participate in enjoyable club activities, all at the same time. If there is not a stamp club in your neighborhood, it should be easy to persuade your friends to form one.

A stamp club may be as formal or informal as you please. It can be started by saying, "Let's meet at George's house tomorrow night and swap stamps." Or, if you wish, you can organize a regular club, with elected officers, a constitution and formally-conducted meetings. In either case, meetings should be held regularly, and if possible in some permanent meeting place. If a club room is not available, the meetings can be held in turn at the homes of the various members, where some obliging wife, mother or sister will usually be glad to serve that indispensable feature of all group meetings — the refreshments.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Dues for club members should be kept moderate; just enough to furnish the "eats" and to provide a "kitty" for special occasions, such as the purchase of stamp prizes for your club contests.

Never forget that the primary purpose of a stamp club is pleasure and anything which is disagreeable or boring to a majority of the members should be carefully avoided. Get the official business over with as quickly as possible and let the fun begin. Here are a few suggestions for keeping your meetings lively: treasure hunt, for stamps hidden around the room; guessing contest; grab bag; auction sale of duplicates; and, of course, stamp trading, to which a large part of every meeting should be devoted.

GETTING NEW MEMBERS

One of the most important club activities should be helping to spread philately: showing other people what stamp collecting is all about, starting new collectors, and getting new members for the club.

Visitors should be invited frequently to club meetings and encouraged to start stamp collections of their own.

Urge each of your friends to get an album and some packets of stamps, start a collection of his own, and join your stamp club. The more members you have in your club the livelier things will be. It means bigger and better entertainments, more opportunities for swapping duplicates, and more fun for each and every one who belongs.

SOME WORLD FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

... And what they said about America's favorite hobby



QUEEN ELIZABETH II
"Stamp collecting is one of the greatest pleasures of my life", wrote the late King George V. Today, this royal enthusiasm for stamps is shared by his granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II.



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
"More than the prizes of a hobby for the enjoyment of leisure hours, the stamps of the world are powerful object lessons in the eternal hunger of men for knowledge and news about their fellow men."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
"I commend stamp collecting because I believe it makes one a better citizen", wrote the late former president, who was himself a life-long collector, and whose collection was valued at many thousands of dollars.



ROGER W. BABSON
"Stamp collecting is not only an excellent stimulus to learning geography and other subjects, but it also furnishes the fundamentals for a business training. I believe that people not only have in stamp collecting a legitimate form of investment, but also that it gives them an interest in foreign countries which they might not otherwise acquire."



HERBERT C. HOOVER
"All of the Hoovers have been stamp collectors," said Mr. Hoover to a group of stamp collectors who were calling at the White House. And thus the thirty-first President of the United States went on record as another of the many famous personages who are interested in the enjoyable hobby of collecting postage stamps.



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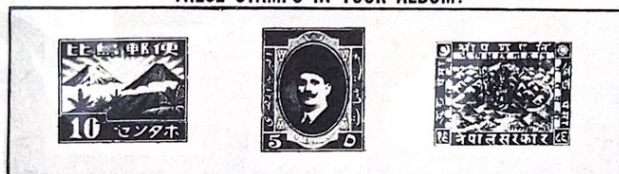


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AMERICA'S FAVORITE HOBBY



Numerous authorities have stated that America's favorite hobby is stamp collecting.

Life Magazine, after a comprehensive survey reported that "of all hobbies, stamp collecting is most widespread".

Boy's Life, official publication of the Boy Scouts of America, surveyed its two million readers and found postage stamps first in popularity among indoor hobbies.

And Arthur Summerfield, when Postmaster General estimated that there were in the United States nearly twenty million stamp collectors. These include people in all walks of life, and of all ages and incomes.

Stamp collecting has been a favorite hobby of many world-famous people. Here are some of their comments: "All of the Hoovers have been stamp collectors" (Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the U.S.)... "To encourage stamp collecting is to render a real social and educational service" (Roger W. Babson, business analyst and financial adviser)... "Every development of this changing world is reflected by stamps and I have made my collection a vital part of my experience" (Ezio Pinza, star of opera, stage and screen)... These are but a few of many celebrities who could be listed here if space permitted.

IT'S EASY TO GET STARTED

Why do stamps appeal so intensely to so many millions of people? Primarily, it is certainly because a

stamp collection provides a constant, unfailing source of recreation and pleasure. "Twice happy is the man who collects postage stamps," said a philosopher, "for he has two worlds to live in."

An appealing fact about the stamp hobby is that it's so easy to get started. This album, some stamps, and a supply of stamp hinges are all you need.

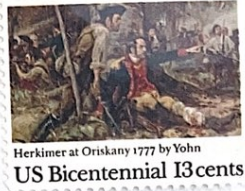
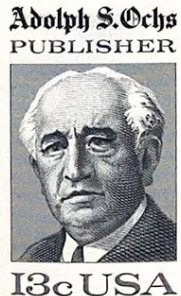
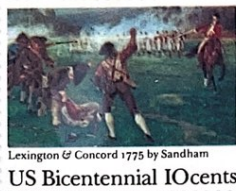
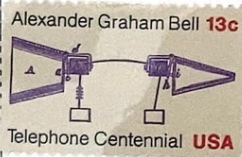
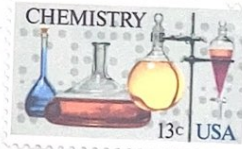
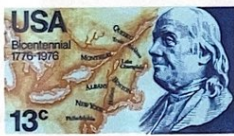
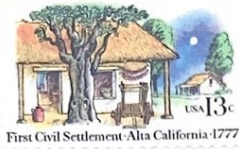
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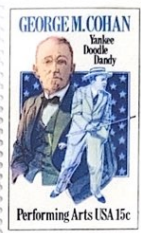
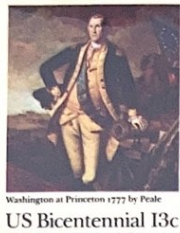
Stamp collecting has been aptly described as "a fascinating hobby for young people of all ages — from eight to eighty." It provides a pleasant, enriching, companionable pastime for the whole family.

"Stamp collecting," says Catherine Clifford, in an article in Parents' Magazine, "has opened up whole new fields of common interests for our family." Parents and children can spend endless happy hours together with stamps — getting better acquainted with the world and its peoples — and with each other!

Every postage stamp tells a story. The stamp collector roams the whole world from Aden to Zululand — in the pages of his album. As your own collection grows into an ever-expanding gallery of pictures and portraits from foreign lands, you too will find — as President Franklin D. Roosevelt so well expressed it — that "stamp collecting dispels boredom, enlarges our vision, broadens our knowledge, and in innumerable ways enriches our life."

Show This Album to Your Friends and Tell Them About the Stamp Hobby





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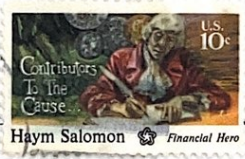
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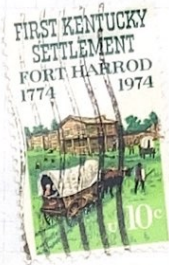
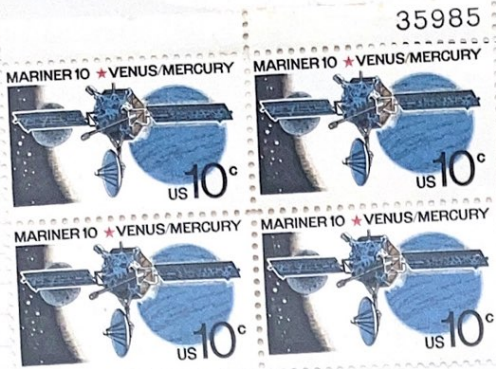
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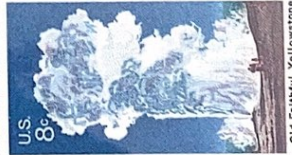


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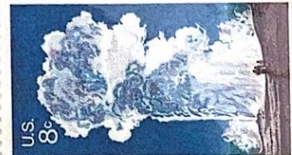
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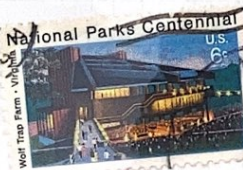
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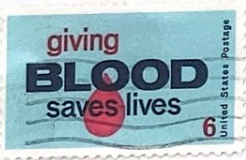
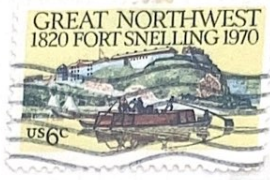
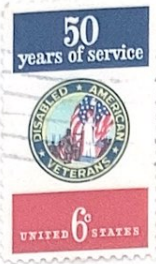


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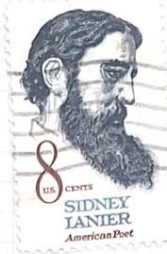


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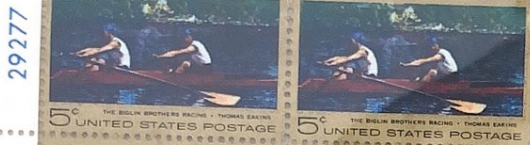
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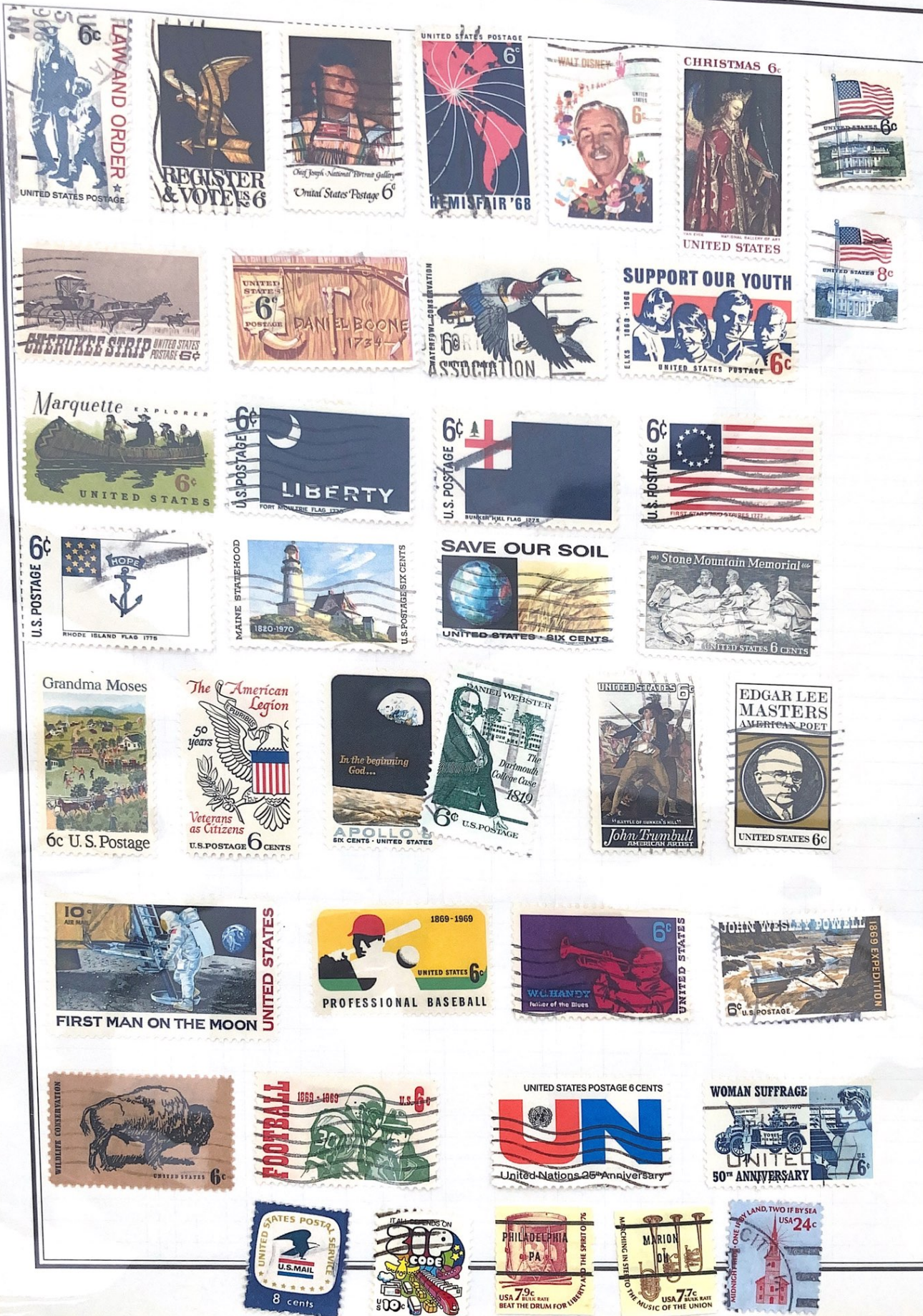
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