The average collector only secures one specimen of each stamp issued by a given country and little dreams of the freaks and oddities collected by the specialist. He in turn is ignorant of many unique and “Positively Unique” (this latter by permission of “Drew” of Boston) collections which one will find in this country and abroad.

One collector collects in pairs, used or unused, and then in blocks of 4, 6 or 8 as the case may be, still another collects stamps by the entire sheets. A certain collector in England has a collection of the 1d blacks 1840, on the entire covers, each one dated and used each day while the issue was in use.

Some American collectors procure entire envelopes by the box. A collection of this kind is arranged on shelves the date, issue and size of the envelope being on each succeeding box, of course only the rich can indulge in this wholesale accumulation.

Several, in fact thousands, endeavor to secure, one specimen of the first issue of every country on the globe, but very few of these are complete as many of the first stamps issued are among the rarest of the race.

The collection of entires, both envelopes and adhesives, is very fascinating, the only thing that vetoes this among many collections is the space required for arranging and classifying them.

An odd and interesting collection of one collector consists of several hundred ordinary 1c and 2c stamps each one bearing a legible cancellation and representing all the large cities in the “Union.” This can be secured by any collector, at a slight cost and which when shown to visiting friends (non collectors) will cut more “ice,” as the kid says, than a collection of rare stamps. Right here I would say: it don’t pay to show rare stamps to folks unless they are educated enough to appreciate them. As stamps worth 2c are just as interesting to the average person as one worth $50.00.

The above are only a few of the many known oddities in the way of collections, there are probably hundreds of others just as interesting and unique.