

Postage Stamps

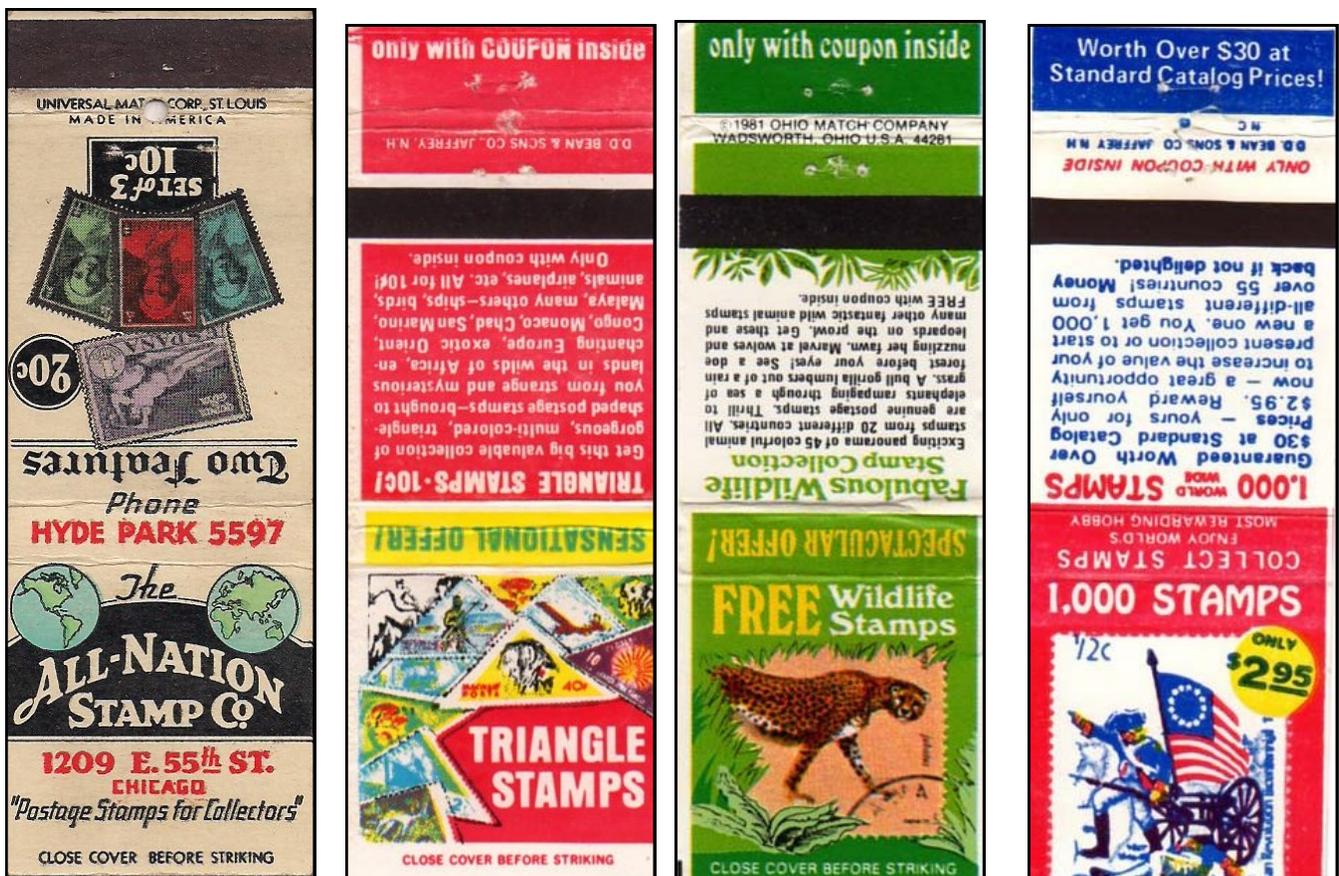
I used to collect stamps. I remember when I was a boy my father taking me to a large department store in downtown Los Angeles. They had their own stamp department. When I left, I had a brand new album, the prerequisite tweezers, a bottle of the chemical (carbon tetrachloride?) for bringing out watermarks, and several packages of stamp hinges, and stamps from around the world. Well, if you are, or were, a stamp collector, what better small category for you than postage stamps on matchcovers!

Most of the covers in this category were made for the vending industry in years gone by, and that means that many are not particularly quality-made covers. They may be a little off-center; the colors may be somewhat askew, etc., especially the earlier D.D. Bean covers (before they acquired their new 4-color machinery...That would be before their Joe Camel covers appeared.). Still, they're all colorful and attractive covers.

Although I don't collect them myself, I've seen enough to know that almost all of these issues are reverse-strikers, and I'm fairly certain that I've never seen a size other than 20-strike. Obviously, as well, you won't find any Fancies in this category.

The companies that offer these stamps include: Jamestown Stamp Co., H.E. Harris, Kenmore, Falcon Stamp Co., and more. The Jamestown Stamp Co. goes back at least as far as my boyhood, and I remember ordering stamps from them.

This *is* a small category. **Kathie Williman, MD, reported having 378 in her collection as of December 1210.**



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