

Stamp Collecting at the Dentist's Office

by Robert Martin

Ten days ago I broke a crown on one of my molars, which necessitated an immediate trip to the dentist. A new crown had to be ordered, so it would take a few weeks. Because I was scheduled to travel to Singapore and India in 10 days (today) my dentist fortunately found a way to expedite the manufacture of the new crown, and scheduled me to come in this morning to have it replaced.

Normally, today is his day off, but he volunteered to come in to help me out, so long as I would not mind his bringing his daughter to the office. (She is in the 4th grade, but no school today because school is out this week for the Fall break.) No problem, and I asked him if he thought his daughter would be interested in stamp collecting. I mentioned that I would bring the stamps, a small album, tongs and hinges — all for her to keep. Wonderful, he replied.

This morning at 7:30 am I met Elizabeth, and quickly, in two minutes, gave her an album, wrote her name on it with a black marker, showed her how to hinge a stamp, and gave her a bowl full of about 200 stamps and a bowl of 400 hinges. Off to the dental chair I went, while she entertained herself with stamps for 45 minutes in the next room. When I was finished, she had become an avid stamp collector, and took with herself about 20 stamps and 40 hinges for later. She had a grand time, and I think her father may become a collector, too.

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