

FLASHBACK!

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Stapling covers to your pages is not recommended; in fact, we have discovered only one type of satisfactory album—the Photo Threaded page. When you staple the covers you cannot tell what is on the inside. There is no way to rearrange them and besides this, you not alone destroy their value, but you can never sell or give them out in trade. Please stop this practice if it is not too late. It is almost as bad as clipping off the abrasive.

Feel sure that the members would be glad to know about the match-box you mentioned. It is to be dropped over the Philippine Islands in denominations of a million or so with the slogan of McArthur back in 1942: “We are coming back!” And it looks as if the Yanks will be coming back before the year is out.

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The 21-Feature

This has always been a mystery. It commands simply a passing fancy- noone has ever thought of listing this size, yet it is more artistic and far less unwieldy than the royal flash. Perhaps there is a dissidence of opinion among the feature and the odd size collectors as to whether the matches should be removed. As a feature it is a most compact booklet- but here again comes the problem of display. As a pressed cover it makes a beautiful display and there are just about enough covers to fill a fair sized album. *[Ed. Note: I do the 21 Feature listing now, and there are currently 1,481 listed]*

The Giant

Half of the collectors who accept the Giant consider it to be the easiest of all the Lion feature matches to handle as well as display, the other half remove the matches and simply regard the Giant as one of the odd sizes. Perhaps it is more impressive with matches intact- but let us not begin an argument at this point. Before the war there was always the “guy” who launted the Ford, Chevy, Plymouth- loved to exhibit himself in nothing less than a Rolls Royce or Lincoln. The GIANT was created for the purpose of catering to such a particular whim, and as a result much beauty is to be found in many of the Giants- the N. Y. and S. F. Worlds Fair, numerous hotels and swanky cafes. From the standpoint of utility, the book has always been most impractical, and was one of the first to go out when the paper situation became acute. There are, and will be many Giants to go around for years. Last year National match Co. of N. Y. released many cases of old stock which was attended by a flurry of exchanging among the collectors. Some have close to 1,000 different, but the market has been quiet of late.

The Midget

In contrast to the ten strike the MIDGET is an assembled proposition, and were it not for this fact this size might have been the most popular of the odd sizes. Production has generally stopped on the midget as well, although there are many who collect and advertize for Midgets. The Lion midget is the standard and its frequency is approximately 70 out of 100. It is a much higher grade of product than the Ohio junior, whose frequency is about 25%. The remaining midgets are Diamonds...