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Collector Frustrations

-All those nice covers that are gold or silver on black or dark blue. The gold or silver has tarnished to black and you can't see anything anymore! *I wonder what would happen if you cleaned those covers with tarnish remover..hmmmmm!*

- Mirro-Gloss covers where the plastic is coming off. *I suppose you could try applying a little clear glue, but I've never tried it.*

- Metallic covers! They're easily creased, and once they're creased, it's permanent.

- All those good covers that have been stained, corroded, crinkled, or holed. *Imagine how many thousands of such covers have been discarded because of that.*

- And those old Diamond covers that have had the striker material applied over the staple! *Darned difficult to get the staple out without tearing up the striker.*

- What about all the covers that have been 'shucked' by someone simply ripping the match combs

out all at once, leaving a gaping hole in the cover?

- Those great old covers whose strikers have been colored over by black markers.

- Or, those great old covers whose strikers have been entirely replaced with strikers from other covers.

- Foreign boxes that have been put together with Super Glue.

- Covers that have been written on, with ink, on the outside.

- Covers that have been taped on the outside. *On the inside is OK.*

- Foreign covers with detachable strikers...only the strikers aren't there anymore!

- Covers that have been sun-faded.

- Covers whose corners have been bent, worn, ripped from trying to fit them into slotted pages.

....See any cover gripes I've missed? Send 'em in.