



Editorial

HANDS OFF MY COLLECTION!

You know, there are problems...and then there are **PROBLEMS!** One of the latter was underscored by an old letter I happened to read recently. It was written by veteran collector Louis Cherney, MI, and appeared in the Nov/Dec 1992 RMS Bulletin. Louis was primarily talking about the full-books he had been collecting since 1954, but he happened to mention that his wife took half his collection during a divorce—ouch! Now I ask you, is there a “Match Tips” idea there or what!

Collectors! Revise your pre-nuptial agreements immediately! However, for those like myself, who are unfortunately past that point already, our options are somewhat limited. Still, I can offer you these suggestions...

- 1) See if you can renegotiate your marriage [*not likely, I'll admit*].
- 2) If you renew your vows occasionally, slip in a “hands off my collection” clause while your spouse is still starry-eyed.
- 3) Barring the first two options, be ready to lay your hands on something of your spouse's that will give you a bargaining base later on [*children come to mind here*].
- 4) Store your collection in an unnumbered, unknown, Swiss bank vault.
- 4) If all else fails, and a divorce is looming, pray for a random act of nature [*bolt of lightning, sink hole, localized meteor shower, etc.*].