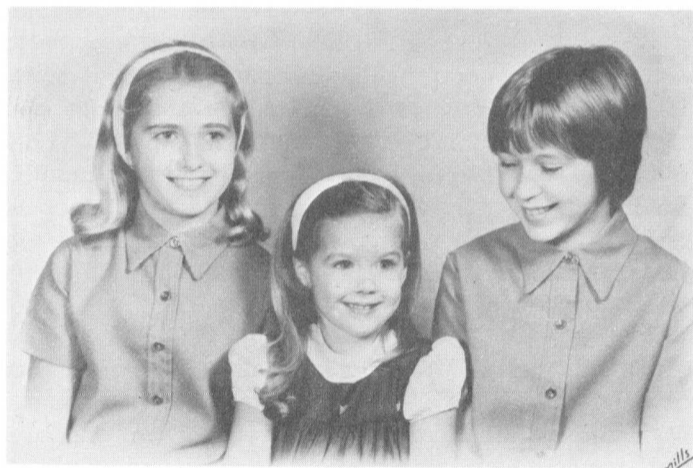


THE COBB CHILDREN FROM PORTLAND, MAINE ARE COLLECTORS

In response to your request for your Young People's edition, I am enclosing a picture of our three daughters and a little about them and their interests. They come by their collecting instincts quite naturally as their paternal side of the family have been auction-going-antique collecting for years. When they were small they tended to collect any and all things, but have now settled down to their own specialties.

Terri-Ann, age thirteen going on fourteen, attended her first auction several years ago, at which time she purchased a charming old pocketbook. Upon opening the purse, she discovered it contained many old colorful **calling cards** and she has become intrigued with these. The dainty folding hands, colorful birds, etc., with the names printed under these attached symbols are pretty to look at in their plastic-protected notebook. They have also become quite an investment as these items which used to be thrown away have now doubled and tripled in price. Terri-Ann is also a collector of horses, be they figurines or on scarves or in books. She is an active eighth grader, with bowling, swimming and water skiing as her favorite sports. She is an active member of her church's young people's choir, and a member of the Order of Rainbow Girls.

Alyson, two years younger, is a sixth grader interested in everything. She is an excellent student, takes baton and violin lessons, sings in the church choir, plays basketball, enjoys all water sports, and is in her fifth year of Girl Scouting. Alyson's hobby is collecting **old fans** of which she does on a limited basis as most lovely old fans are unreachable in price. However, she has accumulated quite a variety and is now working on ideas to display them. Like her sister she also has other hobbies. She is a cat fancier and has many displayed in her room, and on rainy days you can find her pouring over her stamp collection.



Terri-Ann (13), Melissa (4) and Alyson (11) Cobb from Portland, Maine.

Our last and youngest daughter, **Melissa**, age four, has not yet decided on her specialty but is open minded about saving everything. Of our three children, I think she might be most interested in continuing on our spoon collection as they have been a part of her life since she was born. As she does not attend school and is by my side daily, she has become a big help in washing and polishing and enjoys being "**Mama's spoon helper.**" At the ages of two and three she was noted for hollering out whenever we passed any kind of sign by the roadside, 'Antiques! Antiques!'

I think to get along with people you have to know the past as well as the present, and I believe my children have a greater understanding through this interest in how people used to live and the type of furnishing, clothing, etc., that they used. Not being able to do it on my side of the family, I think it is a marvelous thing for my children to be able to see and touch things that have been passed down since before the Civil War on my husband's side. To them it is a heritage to be treasured.

Sincerely,

Ann Cobb