



Yes, you got lots of trouble, trouble, folks—
 Right here in River City,
 Trouble with a capital “T”

And that rhymes with “P” and that stands for POOL!

(Meredith Wilson, The Music Man, 1957)

Of course the answer is to keep your family home with a table from the Brunswick Company, which began making billiard tables about 1846, and became a household name for billiards & especially for bowling for more than 170 years. Sadly, the modern Brunswick Company sold its sports line in 2019.

The stamp set, complete as shown above, was printed circa 1915, as listed by Bradbury in *United States Advertising Stamps 1912-1915*.

Artist and publisher unknown

If there is just not enough room or money for a billiard table, and not a maid to fix dinner while you play (see the stamp at center top), then perhaps you could consider collecting Poster Stamps instead. Although it does start with a “P” that rhymes with “T” and that stands for Trouble, my friend...

Poster Stamp Co. [1915] McCormick Armstrong Press. artist unknown.

