

can run in silence.  
computer can:  
no input is required  
you make a mistake.  
each key depression.  
it slows the program.  
without sound?  
Y for yes, N for no.

tell the computer how  
your file organized:  
number of fields in each  
length of each field  
order of each field  
sequence in which your  
records to be kept.  
computer will then organize

ready to continue  
press any letter

an example of a re-  
stamp collection:

219  
1d  
scarlet  
K, E. VII, 1902  
L O. 50

H,

Here each value record has 5  
fields. The full size of each field is  
shown on lighter paper.

The fields total 37 characters in  
length. The computer can hold 800  
such records

goto 584

It is very important to choose  
suitable fields and field lengths.

In your example, reducing the  
description to 10 characters, the  
colour to a 4 character code,  
and hence the overall length  
to 28 characters enables the  
computer to hold 1050 records —  
an increase of 250 records...

goto 587

How many fields do you want?  
You can have up to 9.  
Press a key from 1 to 9

goto 592

Number of fields 3

Are you happy with this?  
Press N to make changes or any  
other letter to continue.