

The Bulletin

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KURT OTTENHEIMER WINS HALLOCK CARD AWARD

Helen Ratzer, Chairman of the Hallock Card Award Committee, announced the selection of Kurt Ottenheimer as the 1990 Hallock Card Award. The award is given to recognize the most significant contribution in a single year or a continuing outstanding performance to the club. Kurt was selected on the basis of his outstanding handling of the Perfins Publicity Project. This is the project that has increased the Clubs membership by more than twelve percent since its inception.

Despite the disadvantage of being born in New York City in 1931, Kurt was awarded Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Education from the City College of New York and with the exception of his dissertation completed the requirements for a Doctorate in Education from Nova University, Virginia. He had a wide spectrum of teaching and administrative positions in education. These range from Industrial Arts teacher, high school assistant principal, and dean of students. This experience ranged from secondary schools on Long Island to New York University, where he was an Assistant Professor.

Kurt retired in 1987 to pursue his many interests which include:

Stamps - especially perfins, Spanish Civil War, Brazil, China, Japan, First Day Covers, and historic post cards of Long Beach.
Travel abroad and Elderhostel programs in the U.S.
Crafts - Stained glass, leatherwork, woodworking and furniture refinishing.
Helping People as An Arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau and as a tax assistant for the elderly and needy.

Kurt was married on June 8, 1952 and he and his bride of 38 years come next June have three daughters and one son. Kurt has achieved his goal of becoming a "Renaissance Man" in the eyes of his wife, Adele, and family.

Our congratulations and thanks, KURT OTTENHEIMER.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton Maryland, December 15, 1990

There are a number of small items that I would like to bring to your attention this month.

First, Kurt Ottenheimer was selected as winner of the Hallock Card award. I can think of no more deserving individual to receive the award that is named after our founder.

Second, the President's message is a traditional feature of the first issue of the year. This one is no different. It itemizes the Club's accomplishments and lists the projects that we have on tap. The President, Dick Mewhinney, has been modest in blowing his own horn. Most of the things that we accept as done would not have been completed without his leadership and work.

Third, I receive a lot of help in getting the Bulletin out. My thanks to Publisher Helen Ratzer and our printer "Brad".

Finally, this issue contains the last auction that will be run by Ed Linn who deserves a "big round of applause" for everything that he has done for the Club.

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NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE...

CORRECTION TO MEMBERSHIP LISTING:

An incorrect address was listed for León H. Janssen. The correct address is: Stramproyerweg 24, B-3950 Bocholt, Belgium.

CLUB NEWS - Outgoing auction chairman Ed Linn reports the following results for the mini-auction of four lots which were held out of Auction #43. Lot #1 - \$25.85, Lot #2 - \$14.30, Lot #3 - \$9.45, Lot #4 - \$7.70. According to Ed:

It is interesting to note that one lot received two identical bids and went to the first bid received. One lot was not 10% over the next high bid, but it was successful since it was received first. However in two cases, the high bid did not win the lot because it was less than 10% over a previously received bid. The moral, bid early.

Just a reminder, Ed will run Auction #44 which is in this issue. Auction #45 will be handled by Hal Krueger.

Noted in a sales list from James McKenzie, P.O.Box 964, Station B, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2T6, Canada: 101 perfins from all reigns QV to ERII including 2 Wilding mint blocks of 4. \$31.00. Since the price is quoted is in Canadian dollars, we may deduct 11% leaving \$27.59. This would result in a price of 27.3¢ a stamp which is a bit high for an lot which is not fully described. However consider the lot contains Victorian issues, which certainly are higher in value than the average perfin. In addition the two mint Wilding blocks also should be consider as of above average value. The list contains 441 offerings ranging from large lots to single stamps of Great Britain. A number of difficult items were listed - Penny red, letters in all four corners, plate 225; a 1½ d OP-PC error and the 2½ d mauve LH-FL error.

John Moller (#2564) has reported that Peter Engelbrecht (#1741), Brenderup Fyn, Denmark passed away suddenly on November 2, 1990. This is a great loss for perfin collectors especially in Denmark. Peter was one of the great pioneers who developed the first half of "The handbook of Danish Perfins", a catalog of Danish perfins.

In addition, John reported that the Danish Perfin Society (DPS) published a new perfin catalog in August 1990. The catalog is entitled Katalog over Danske Firmaperfoeringer. The catalog is printed on

European standard A5 (21x51 cm) in a four ring loose leaf system. This arrangement will permit annual revisions at a lower cost than a bound catalog. The catalog illustrates more than 1,000 perfins in photo-contact print. Users, where known; period of usage if the user had a permit, up until 1917; the number of holes; perfin size and if known the position and type of stamps perforated. The catalog contains a price list and according to John this has caused a lot of discussion. The catalog was exhibited at the national exhibition, NIESTVED 90, where it received a Silver Medal.

At present, the society is working on a translation of the Forwards and Instructions in English and German. John has been requested to let us know when these become available as well as ordering information.

Nathan C. Buckwalter (#2865) was kind enough to provide a clipping from The Philadelphia Inquirer, Sunday October 21, 1990. The article, entitled "Collectors' specialty that is full of holes", was written by Dominic Sama, Inquirer Stamps writer. This is another example of the outstanding work by our publicity chairman, Kurt Ottenheimer. Don't forget to bundle up your duplicates for this project and mail them to Kurt at: 462 West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561.

John "Bob" Fowler (#2937) dropped us a note about how he put together his award winning exhibit:

Putting the perfins exhibit together was quite a project. Being a new member of the Perfins Club and not having many perfins, or any way to identify them at the time, it was one page at a time and then downstairs to the wife for her approval. With the little writeup that I got out of the book by Richard McP. Cabeen, Standard Handbook of Stamp Collecting, I went to two pages of railroad perfins. The next page consisted of banks and education.

I had several copies of pattern W6, that varied in position from centered on the top to centered on the bottom. Five of those went on one page with the comment "perfin collectors go for centering."

The next two pages were an assortment of perfins that I was able to identify -- at the time I did not have a copy of The Catalog of U.S. Perfins. The next page told how a stamp was fed through a perforator and showed good and bad examples. This brought me up to page nine and I was running out of material. I used an eight stamp exhibit on the PRR that was sent to me when I joined. It was prepared by John Suffka (LM56). With that and a little blurb about the Perfins Club and how to join, my nine page exhibit was completed.

This is a unabashed plug! I have been trying to obtain an advertising cover - perfined or not -- from the Baltimore Bargain House for an exhibit that I am working on. The quest, of several years, had been unsuccessful until I dropped a note to our Cover Sales Chairman, Albert Spencer. The lot of Maryland perfin covers that he sent on approval contained not one Baltimore Bargain House cover. There were FIVE DIFFERENT ADVERTISING COVERS from this emporium. No doubt they will surface some day in a Bulletin article. If there is something you are looking for or if you have covers to sell contact: Albert Spencer, Cover Sales Chairman, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

Club Member Asks About B&O Perfins

Have you seen a stamp with small holes in the center which form "B&O"? The holes are known as perfins by a group of philatelists interested in this form of collecting.

Dave Bize, Jr. is a new member of the Perfins Club, an organization of philatelists devoted to the collection and study of perforated initials and insignia in postage stamps. He specializes in the B&O (Baltimore and Ohio RR) perfins and is interested in hearing from anyone who might have such a stamp in his collection.

Mr. Bize may be contacted at 1006 W. Dawes, Lincoln, Nebr. 68521. Further information about the Perfins Club may be had from Richard L. Mewhinney, 4 John Glenn Rd., Morristown, N. Y. 07960.

Once upon a time a new member sent in a "Thumbnail Sketch". In this brief outline of his collecting interest's he expressed a desire for information on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroads perfins. Without notification the publicity release shown to the left appeared in Linn's Weekly Stamp News. The year, 1967, the culprit - Dave Stump. Needless to say the B&O perfins poured into Lincoln.

I am now offering this accumulation for the benefit of the Club. The first check made out to the Perfins Club for \$50.00 will receive the following: (Scott Catalogue Numbers) 303 - strip of 4, 465 - mint blk of 6, 685 - mint strip of 3, 720 - mint blk of 4, 707-09-15 - mint singles, 807 - unused plate blk, 3 covers, at least 100 used copies plus another 100 copies of RR perfins. David Bize (#766), Route 5, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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\$250 worth of perfins on covers were sold during October. Net profit to The Perfins Club was \$50.00. Many more covers are needed, foreign as well as U.S. How to sell your covers? See the back page of the Membership Listing in the October issue of The Perfins Bulletin or write to: Perfins Club Sales Department - Covers, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED - U32 on cover; send details or photocopy with price. Also wanted British perfin UFCo on cover. Write to Stuart A. Johnston (#2713), 6115 Midwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835-3775.

FOR SALE - My perfin collection of 3641 different U.S. in albums. Some odds and ends. Serious collectors only. Also other U.S. collections, Match & Medicine, Wines, Mr. ZIP, etc. Send SASE to Charles H. Thompson (#615), 302 West Stanage Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

WANTED - Perfins on U.S. airmail and special delivery stamps. I am compiling a listing of designs, your duplicates and collection lists are essential. E.J. Buckler (#2858), 200 Diplomat Parkway, Apt 833, Hallandale, FL 33009.

WANTED - Lithuania, Memel, Central Lithuania perfins and general material. Will trade or purchase. S. Alsis (#2727), P.O.Box 102, feeding Hills, MA 01030.

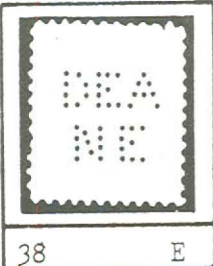
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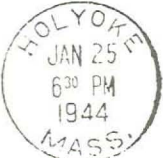

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After Five Days Return To
WORTHINGTON PUMP AND MACHINERY CORPORATION
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

This Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation cover has a perfin pattern D38. The reason is that someone at Deane (pattern D38) provided a perfined stamp as a courtesy for a reply. This is not Worthington Pump's pattern.



George F. Blake, Inc.
198 Mechanic Street
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AUCTION # 44 - CLOSES March 1, 1990

PLEASE READ THESE RULES BEFORE BIDDING: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder: Under \$1, a \$.05 advance; \$1 to \$2, a \$.10 advance; \$2 to \$5, a \$.25 advance; and over \$5 a 10% advance.

No unlimited bids will be accepted. No single bids for groups of lots will be accepted. Please make your bids in multiples of \$.05. In case of tie bids, the first bid received will be accepted. Cash deposits on bids are not required. All single perfins are complete and in good condition unless otherwise specified. Straightedges are not considered damaged. In larger lots, mixes, etc., incomplete perfins, splits and duplicates are to be expected.

BID BY LOT NUMBER NOT BY CATALOG NUMBER:

U.S. regular stamps between Scott Catalogue numbers 331 and 546 are listed "as is" and are not returnable. Lots are returnable if the Perfins Catalog number is incorrect. HOWEVER, LOTS MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT! All lots are to be paid for within three days of receipt. Foreign Catalog numbers are those of recognized catalogs available to members through the Perfin Club Library. LOTS ARE TO BE PAID FOR WITHIN THREE DAYS OF RECEIPT!

ABBREVIATIONS:

blk - block	ho - hole out at	pr - pair of stamps
blk4 - block of 4	margin, not	prov - provisional
cc - corner card	complete	pp(s) - pulled perf(s)
cd - post card	inc - incomplete	sc - scuff of stp face
cl - clipped	iss - issues	se - straight edge
co - company	LL - large letters	sl - small letters
cp - clipped corner	lp - light punch; hole	sp - split perfin pat
cr - creased stp	barely seen	stp - stamp
cv - cover	m - mint	str - strip of stamps
dam - slight damage	mb - minimum bid	st - stock transfer
such as tear;	mg - monogram	th - thinned stamp(s)
corner off	mx - mix	tp - triple punch
diag - diagonal pat	nr - no rating	tr - tear in stamp
dif - different	off - official	unl - unlisted
dp - double punched	ovpt - overprint	v - variety; 1 or more
dup - duplicate	pat - pattern(s)	holes do not match
h, th - perf pat inc	pb - plate block	the catalog
by # of holes	pc - precancel	illustration

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ED Linn
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Sacramento, CA 95864

Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No	Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No
72	S673,S&S/LTD		212	108	B26,BAT, pp's,or	C	510
73	U179,US/L		212	109	B116-21,BFG	C	E15
74	W292,W.G.	240,243x2		110	B116-26,BFG	C	720
India				111	B116-32,BFG	C	814
75	CB dam ov		118x4	112	B116-40,BFG, po	C	557
76	116,TC/&S		175	113	B116-44,BFG	C	C12
Italy				114	B128,B--H, pp, so	C	398
77	C.I.	9980,998T		115	B132,BH/MC	C	406
Japan				116	B167,BM/Co, or	C	405
78	X3,Anchor	325x3,265x3		117	B182,BoH, sp	C	433
Netherlands				118	B194,BP(Co),	C	331
79	B18,BS		317	119	B204,BRD(diag)	C	425
80	K4,K	344,346,353		120	B226,BS/CO, 3h	C	524
81	K4,K		311,348	121	B233,BTC, se	E	627
82	K4,K		311,348	122	C10,Cin star	C	1510
83	V21,V.D.S. Flap missing		60	123	C39,CB/FT	C	558
Portugal				124	C42,CBP(diag) so	C	406
84	BES		641	125	C71,see photo	C	319
Venezuela				126	C109,CEC	D	E16
85	Zo,G.N		282	127	C122,CF	C	375
Switzerland				128	C152:3,5,12,17,22		
86	P4,P.I.C.		180	129	C152A:8,9,15,20		
Foreign covers mix				130	C152B:2,13,14,15,18,19		
87	11 dif covers			131	C1520:8,9,15,16		
Postcards				132	C152H-9, so	B	900
Germany				133	C162,CH/&S	C	425
88	F101, arrow/F.D. 2 punch holes		334	134	C219.5,CNB(diag)	C	695
Great Britain				135	C250,(Co)(Lo)/NIAL	B	377
89	E106.2, ED/Co		111	136	C340,CT/C, se,po	C	E13
90	I130.1, I.I.&Co/L		160	137	C356L,CUD/ANY	C	943
91	P&B		127	138	C372,CW/P,	C	699
92	W382.1, WH/S	210,211		139	C372,CW/P, th	C	699
93	W382.1,WH/S		236	140	C386,C&C, dam	C	512
Stamps-United States				141	E14,EB/F	C	405
94	A36,ABC se		C 378	142	E57,EK/C, pp's	C	684
95	A37,AB/Co se		C 300	143	E78,EM/Co, tr	C	308
96	A81,AC/M-T		B 406	144	E122,ES&/MCo	C	502
97	A192,ANB		C 562	145	E136A,E&/CR, pp	C	425
98	A221,4 dif		E	146	F37,FB/Co	C	425
99	A221-2,AR		C 375	147	G23,GAI/Co	C	406
100	A221-12,AR		C 554	148	G72-1,(GE), or	E	Q10
101	A221-38,AR		C 815	149	G72-1,(GE), pp	E	304
102	A268.3,AT(CO) or		B 634	150	G72-13,(GE)	C	825
103	A270-16,ATF/Co, pp		C 399	151	G72-31,(GE)	C	554
104	A270-16,ATF/Co		C 403	152	H8,H	E	Q10
105	A270-16,ATF/Co, pp's		C 404	153	H13,HAC/Co, 2h	C	807
106	A304,A&S		C 319	154	H37,HB/&W	C	554
107	B5, B in a box		C 554	155	H83,HH/Co, se	D	305
				156	I61,INR(diag)	C	807
				157	I91,IS(Co), or, tr	E	Q10

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158	I107,IT(Co)	C	405	208	P188,PPI/ECO, 2h	C	402
159	I107,IT(Co), se	C	405	209	P230,P./U.J., so	C	425
160	I107,IT(Co)	C	406	210	P235,PW	C	732
161	I107,IT(Co), se	C	406	211	P248,P&/Co, or	C	406
162	I107,IT(Co), se	C	09	212	R15,RA/176	C	499
163	J18,J/C	C	499	213	R30,RC/C, op,dam	C	332
164	J96-4,J-M, pp's	C	728	214	R43,RCP	C	825
165	J140,JS/BCo	C	406	215	R56,RE/LT	C	567
166	J150,JS/INC, po	E	405	216	R75,RK(diag)	F	319
167	L29,LB	C	405	217	R109,RM/Co	C	319
168	L90,LH(diag), 2se, so	B	463	218	R120,RRC(diag), se	C	529
169	L187,L7N/RR	E	319	219	S16,S in octagon	C	785
170	M36,MB	C	09	220	S16,S in octagon	C	785
171	M66, see photo	B	406	221	S28,SAL(diag)	E	319
172	M84,M/Co, pp	C	634	222	S169,SK/&Co, 3ho	B	634
173	M129,MH	C	406	223	S170,SL(mg)	E	319
174	M140,MI/W, dam	C	379	224	S195-34,SO	C	529
175	M47,NC/BK	E	303	225	S195-44,SO	E	319
176	N113AB2	C	814	226	S195-49,SO, po	D	612
177	N113AB9, dam	C	595	227	S195-50,SO	C	558
178	N113AB14	C	814	228	S215A,SP(diag), ho	F	319
179	N113ABb1, or	D	C10	229	S301,SVW, se, hl	C	375
180	N113ABb2	C	C39	230	S338,S/&Co, se	D	304
181	N113ABb12	C	698	231	T51,THE/HB(Co),pp's,se	C	425
182	N113ABb12	C	556	232	T68,TM/CO	C	376
183	N113ABb14, ho	C	807	233	T87,(TRT)	C	375
184	N113B	C	907	234	T108.5,TU,mg, se	D	C10
185	N113Bb1a, pp's	C	905	235	U40.5,UM(diag), ho	C	1818
186	N113Bb2a	C	811	236	U40.5,UM(diag), pp's	C	1282
187	N113Bb2a, or	C	811	237	U60,UP(diag) 11 dif, face val	79 cents	
188	N113Bb4	C	375	238	U74,USE(diag)	C	1035
189	N113Bb5a	C	815	239	U91.5,U with S/S inside	C	807
190	N113Bb5a	C	933	240	U107,U&U, or	C	425
191	N113Bb11	C	811	241	V21, VOLK	C	815
192	N113Bb11, or	C	811	242	V72-19,VE	C	807
193	N113C4	C	908	243	V72-69,VE	C	804
194	N113C4, or	C	804	244	V122.5,WLS, h	C	720
195	N113C6, h	C	503	245	V142C,WNU(diag), po	D	694
196	N113C6	C	503	246	V199-3.5,UU, pp's	C	634
197	N113C7, or, pp's	C	429	247	Y2,CYAC,mg	B	406
198	N113C8, or	C	807	248	Des 40.5, see photo	B	685
199	N131,NPB	E	303	249	Soh #13	M	331
200	N152,NS/Co	C	814	250	Soh #14	O	332
201	N187,NY/(CCo), pp's	C	425	251	Soh #74	O	331
202	N190,NYE/Co	C	367		Blocks of fours- mint		
203	P52,P/Co	E		252	U60,UP, 3h	E	774
204	P53,PD, po	E	583	253	U60,UP, 3h	E	C26
205	P90,PG	C	499	254	U60,UP, 3h	E	E15
206	P101,PH	D	306	255	U60,UP, 3h	E	E16
207	P186,PPG	B	556				

Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Stamp No.
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Collections--Great Britain

1	623 all different pats, mb \$20.		
2	69 all different pats, mounted		

Covers--United States

First day of perfin use

3	A215.5, APS (diag)		1596
4	A231.7, ARM (diag)		1735
5	J3.5, JAG (diag)		1597
6	W20.5, WAL/KER		1622
7	Des #50, (lighthouse)		1605
8	Des #50, (lighthouse)		1605
9	Des #50, (lighthouse)		1605

Regular use

10	A233.5, ARI/PEX	E	1993
11	A233.5, ARI/PEX	E	1556
12	C239, COC (diag)		
	front face only	C	332
13	E70.5, EL/PEX	E	1447
14	M282, M&Co		
	illegal size	B	406
15	P80.1, PF,		1727
16	P196, PRR	F	742
17	S308, SW/P	D	807
18	U76, US/F&G	E	332
19	Des #50, (lighthouse)		1759

Sets of three different covers for ARI/PEX

A233.5 (lighthouse)

20	1990 set		
21	1990 set		
22	1985 set		
23	1984 set		
24	1984 set		
25	1983 set		
26	1975 set		

United States Covers

27	Eleven Different covers		
28	Five Different covers		
29	Eight covers		

Foreign Covers

Argentina

30	5, ACO		438
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Australia

31	G/NSW		166, 183a
32	MLD, mg		67, 71

Belgium

33	N13, NR/Co, sp		147
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Canada

34	B14, BT dam	I	MR4
35	C15, C/GE h	H	285x2
36	C38, CMS (diag)	G	254

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37	C41, CNR (diag)	H	287
38	C45, CNR (diag)	I	233
39	C52, CPR (diag)	I	219
40	C52, CPR (diag)	I	211
41	C53, CPR (diag-up)	H	197
42	C53, CPR (diag-up)	H	361x2
43	C53, CPR (diag-up)	H	340
44	08, OH/MS	I	254
45	08, OH/MS	I	254

Ceylon

46	VRT		284
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Cuba

47	19, SA/RRR		RA4
48	19, SA/RRR		RA4
49	19, SA/RRR h, inc pat		RA4, RA8

France

50	CNE, taped tr in ov		379, 382x2
51	CNE		541

Germany

52	A495, AM dam ov		404
53	A495, AM dam ov		404
54	S643, S&G		
	front face only		69, 87
55	S643, S&G		
	front face only		86

Great Britain

56	A19.1, AA/CoLd		235
57	B73.2, BBK		262
58	B73.2b, BBK		248
59	B74.1, B/BK ov tr		262
60	B532A, B&O, 4ho		212
61	D1.1, D		262
62	F116, F/D/J		239x6
63	K68.1, KE/F		306, 294x2
64	M36.7, MB		
	oversized ov		159, 161, 163
65	P&B, h		127
66	P109A.5, P&Co		189
67	RM/SP		151, 152x2
68	S67, S&S/Co/L		131
69	S673, S&S/LTD h		162
70	S673, S&S/LTD		212
71	S673, S&S/LTD		212

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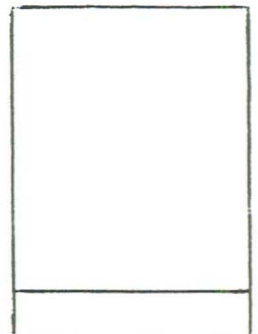
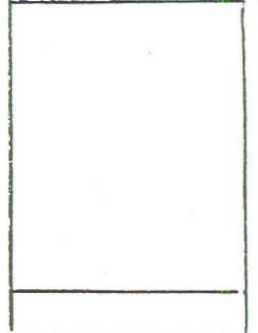
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ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS

<u>Catalog Number</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Scott Number</u>	<u>User</u>	<u>Cancellation</u>
1.	BES		Banco Espiro Santo e Commercial de Lisboa	
2.	B.P.B.	RA3		
3.	CFP	RA2	Credit Franco Portugais	Lisboa

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ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS

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Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No	Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No
256	U60,UP, 3h	E	E17	304	300 mix		
	Blocks of fours-used			305	400 mix		
257	A187.5,AM/ICE	E	720	306	450 mix		
258	B3,B	F	720	307	500 mix		
259	I54,IM/O, se(x2)	D	557	308	1200 mix		
260	P174,PPC	E	562	309	31 U60,UP's on Scott #832		
261	S195-50,SO,	C	720	310	106 U60,UP's on Scott #642		
262	W153,WP	E	720	311	Hundreds of U60,UP's on Scott #774		
263	W199-4,WU	E	720		FOREIGN STAMPS		
	Small groupings of stamps				Argentina		
264	A-F, 13 dif D's pre 1919			312	17 dif patterns		
265	J-N, 16 dif D's pre 1919			313	10 dif patterns		
266	R-W, 10 dif D's pre 1919			313.5	13stps, 11 INUTILAZADO (9 dif issues) & 2 Numeral Telegraph Punches		
267	A&B, 7 dif D's on pre 1919 2 ot reds				Australia		
268	B-D, 8 dif D's on pre 1919 2 ot reds			314	16 stps, 15 dif pats		
269	F-H, 8 dif D's on 2 oent reds			315	08 pat (3types) 13 stps		
270	J&L, 6 dif D's on 2 ot reds			316	08/NSWQ, 3 dif stps		
271	M&N, 10 dif D's on 2 ot reds			317	24 stps, 15 pats, mix		
272	O-S, 10 dif D's on 2 ot reds			318	YG pat, 100 mix stps		
273	T-Des, 9 dif D's on 2 ot reds			319	G/NSW pat, 160+ mix stps		
274	A-L, 15 dif D's on 1922 issue				Austria		
275	D-J, 16 dif D's on 1922 issue			320	M100,M.S.		115
276	I-O, 16 dif D's on 1922 issue			321	Des 15, Anchor, see photo		115
277	P-S, 22 dif D's on 1922 issue			322	72 stps, few dups, good selection		
278	T-W, 13 dif D's on 1922 issue				Bavaria		
279	50 dif D's, all complete			x323	A1, A		100
280	9 dif D's, mostly se			324	A4, A.B.&C.		241
281	5 dif D's			325	A6, AE		79
282	150 dif E&F pats, all complete			326	A7, AE		98
283	10 dif -D-F's			327	A8, AE.		79
284	4 dif D-F's			328	A10, AEG, dam		79
285	A-G, 23 dif E's, Wash, Frank, to 1919			329	A11, AF		98
286	L-R, 20 dif E's, Wash, Frank, to 1919			330	A12, AF		100
287	S-*'s, 15 dif E's, Wash, Frank, to 1919			331	A13, A.F.		63
288	A-F, 20 dif mostly E's, 2ot to 1919			332	A14, AF1		100
289	G-N, 21 dif mostly E's, 2ot to 1919			333	A19, see photo		78
290	O-Z, 20 dif mostly E's, 2ot to 1919			334	A21, ALLIANZ		266
291	A&B, 24 dif E's, 1922-25			335	A25, A.M./1908		96
292	C&D, 29 dif E's, 1922-25			x336	A26, AN		95
293	E&F, 24 dif E's, 1922-25			337	A27, AN		263
294	H-K, 29 dif E's, 1922-25			338	A28, AS, ol 2 sides		80
295	L-N, 29 dif E's, 1922-25			339	A30, AV		95
296	P-T, 33 dif E's, 1922-25			340	A32, AW		79
297	U-Des, 32 dif E's, 1922-25			341	B1,B		259
298	A-J, 39 dif E's, 1938 issue			x342	B2, BASF.		79
299	L-W, 58 dif E's, 1938 issue			343	B4, BV.B.		62
300	35 dif E's all Scott #720's			x344	B4, B.B.		63
301	139 E&F mix, many dups			345	B6, BD ol		80
302	150 U.S. Commemorative mix			x346	B8, B.E.		261
303	300 E's mix, 1922-25						

x = cover

Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No	Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No
381	G14, G.F.K.A.		95	430	M34,MO, h pp's		99
382	G15, see photo		60	431	M39, M.P./G.		80
383	G16, GG/M		78	432	M43, M.W.		97
384	G22, G.K.		64	X433	M44, M.Z		121
385	G23, G.L.		97	434	M44, M.Z pp		60
386	G28, G.P., pp's		103	435	M48, M.&B.		98
387	G31, GR, pp's		78	436	M50, M.&S.		60
388	G32, Gr.F, pp's		78	436-1	08, O.&B.		99
389	G33, GS, top ol, pp		102	436-2	T6, TW, h		95
390	G38, G.V, se, pp's		97	437	E, 6 dif stps		
391	G40, G.W.		80	438	13 dif pats		
392	G41, G.Z.		64	439	10 dif pats A-B some faults		
393	G43, G.&H.		63	440	10 dif pats J-L some faults		
394	H3, H.A.		137		Belgium		
395	H5, HB		63	441	CB, pp's		94
396	H8, HC/K		63	442	C85, C.N.		424
397	I3, see photo		95	443	D25, DFC, dam		55
X398	J8, J.B.		63	444	D47, DN/C, ol		152
399	J9, JB(mg)		63	445	E14, E.C.		153
400	J10, J.BWE		78	446	165 stps ,mix		
401	J22, JMR		60		Bulgaria		
402	J23, JMR		63	447	see photo		
403	J25, JORDON		84	448	see photo		
404	J28, J.S., pp's		77		Canada		
405	K8, K.H.C.		83	449	C46, CNR(diag)		233
X406	K9, K.M.F.		63	450	C46, CNR(diag)		223
407	K10, K.O., pp's		77	451	4 dif International Harvester Pats		
408	K11, KP,, ol		81	452	08&09, OHMS 50 mix		
409	K12, K.S.		63	453	30 stamps mix		
410	K14, KV		96	454	30 stamps mix		
411	K18, K.&M.		63	455	30 stamps mix		
412	K19, K&N		83	456	30 stamps mix		
413	L2, L, h		95	457	80+ mix, at least 15 pats, most dups		
414	L3, L.A., pp		60		Canal Zone		
X415	L3, L.A.		62	458	5A, PSN(diag)		108
416	L4, L.A./&O., pp's		62	459	5A, PSN(diag)		108
417	L8, L.H.		96		Cape of Good Hope		
418	L17, LS, lp		95	460	BB/&Co, 4h		64
419	L20, L&C		94	461	see photo (C&H ?)		62
X420	L21, L&H, pp		77	462	SE/&Co, dble pat		60
X421	L25, L&M		68		Ceylon		
422	M2, M pp's		98	463	W/&Co		201
422-1	M7, MAFFEI		78	464	6 dif pats		
423	M12, MB, ol		196	465	5 dif pats, lp		
424	M15, M.C., pp's		240		Chile		
425	M16, M.C.		261	466	E.W.		124
X426	M17, see photo		62	467	11 A, LN/CO		C22
427	M22, MH/WE		63	468	7A, DF/C 5 dif stps, lp		
428	M24, M.K.		63				
429	M31, MN		78				

Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No	Lot #	Description	Rate	Scott Cat. No
China			223	Germany			86
469	H4,HS/BC		317	510	A722, AUG.BLU.		70
470	N1,NCB(diag) ol		323	511	A722, AUG.BLU. pp's		378
471	N1,NCB(diag) on paper			512	B390,B.L.A.		420
Costa Rica			082,091	513	B390,B.L.A.		846
472	1C,Star pattern			514	B393,B.L.A.		416
Cuba			254	515	B632,B&B		84a
473	3A,BNC		264	516	B686,B.&G.		87
474	12A,NCB(diag)		RA12	517	C43, see photo		68
475	9A,GE, h			518	C454,C/S7S		417
476	18A,RV/&Co., se		264	519	D28, DB		358
477	4B,SA/RRA		267	520	D133, DG		146
478	4B,SA/RRA, lp		C19	521	D138, DG		353
479	8 dif pats			522	E71, EC/A ol		332
480	24 stps, 3 pats			523	E122, EG ol		331
Czechoslovakia			210	524	E218, EM, h		422
481	M11, M.F.&C.		82	525	ES		356
482	R26, RM(script), or		70	526	E349, EV, ol		353
483	see photo			527	E391, E&/C, so		428
484	10 dif pats			528	F64, FB		96
Denmark			93	529	F1, F in flag on pole		356
485	F12, F.D.B., th		239	530	F64, FB, ol		83
486	N20, NESA		703	531	F81, FB/&Co		83
487	T23, toP(diag)		280	532	F101, Arrow/F.D.		368
488	Sym 3, 2 wavy lines			533	F167, FH, pp		293
489	42 stps, 35 dif pats, 7 partials			534	F391, F.V.		427
490	40 stps, mix			535	G31, S, see photo		324
Egypt			54	536	G167, GE, corner or		358
491	T1, TC/&S			537	H311, HV		69
492	5 dif pats			538	H658, HWB, ol		330
493	A1, AB/E, 4 dif stps			539	K115, KE/G, or tr		374
France			265	540	K307, K.V.		359
494	A.0 (7 1/2)		267	541	K339, K.Z., h		208
495	C(sm)		138	542	L26, L.A.		69
496	CL (7) h		263	543	M120, M.C.		83
497	CNE (5)		265	544	M129, Mo(mg)		355
498	G.T (7), dam		267	545	R35, R.A./&Co		357
499	HH (5 1/2)		264	546	R59, RC, pp's		333
500	L.H (7 1/2)		154	547	R84, RD/J		358
501	M.H (6)		143	548	R166, RK, ol		81
502	M.H (6)		271	549	R172, R.K.		358
503	SO (5 1/2)		194	550	R339, RY/N		376
504	SO. (7)		146	551	R361, R&/C		193
505	SO. (7)		255	552	R383, Circled R&K		406
506	SM (5 1/2) h			553	S45, S, dam		82
507	280+ mix			554	S287, SLC, dam		124
French Morocco			105	555	T95, T.J.Z., h		299
508	BEM		102	556	U7, U		118
509	BEM			557	U22, see photo		324
				558	V5, V		

559	W229, WM/C	424	606	George V	about 357 stps
560	W310, W.T., h	416	607	Edward VIII	about 32 stps
561	Des 23, Circle bisected	83	608	George VI	about 500 stps
562	Des 40, crown	90	609	Victoria and George V, 4 dif pats	
563	Des 78, keyhole	81	Guatemala		
564	Des 114, see photo	81	610	1C(x2), 2C, 3C, OFICIAL, 4 dif stps	
565	35 dif pats		Hong Kong		
566	270 mix		611	A1, AK/&Co, pp's	36
561-1	Kodak Type Numeral Punch		612	T2, TC/&S	139
Greece			613	6 dif pats	
567	T.E.	RA59	Hungary		
568	2 dif stps & pats		614	K14, K.F.&T.	38
Great Britain			615	5 dif stps, 3 triangle dot pats	
569	B73.1, B BK, tr, or	161	India		
570	B111.3, BC	319	616	262, PI/C	310
571	B111.3, BC	626	617	17 dif pats	
572	B150.4, B/&Co	367	Ireland		
573	B150.4, B/&Co	367	618	G18, GSR	106
574	B173, BCS/Ld	358	Italy		
575	C46.1, C B,	262	619	B.C.I	95
576	C46.1, C B, h	262	620	B./C.I.	70
577	C851.3, CWS	235	621	CI	104
578	C851.3, CWS	235	622	F.G	215
579	D1.10, D	237	623	75 stps, mix	
580	E1.1, E, lp	353	624	B.C.I., 42 stps	
581	E&E/Ld, (Like E136.1)	239	Jamaica		
582	E&E/Ld, (Like E136.1)	235	625	JF(Co), 4h	122
583	G310, GLC	499	Japan		
584	G561.6, GWR, pp	237	-626	D35, S in triangle	98
585	H707, HT(mg)	237	-627	E8, C.C.	196
586	H707, HT(mg)	237	-628	E48, KT	131
587	I.C. (5 1/2) (Not #28)	192	-629	E62, S.A	122
588	I.C. (5 1/2) (Not #28)	187	-630	E64, SC	248
589	I156, IL/EA	971	-631	E78, TD(mg)	261
590	I156, IL/EA	627	-632	F6, TH circled	584
591	J196.1, JD	296	-633	F16, double S in triangle	131
592	J196.1, JD	367	x634	G13, CBI, lp	175
593	L102.1, LCC	321	x635	G21, DBK	439
594	L102.1, LCC, 2ho	262	x636	G21, DBK	430
595	L414.1, LN/E	262	-637	H8, C.R.&C, 2ho	101
596	L414.1, LN/E, h	258	-638	H16, JOAK(diag up), lp	272
597	M1.1, M	239	-639	H37, see photo	103
598	M1.1, M	239	x640	H37, see photo	96
599	S121, SC	259	x641	H43, H&S/BC	104
600	S121, SC		-642	R60, see photo	144
601	W B/C, W50.1 with large holes	892	x643	W14, see photo	196
602	21 dif		x644	W14, see photo	194
Great Britain Monarchs on stamps-mix condition			-645	W65, see photo	96
603	Victoria	about 100 stps	-646	X5, minor	142
604	Elisabeth II	about 400+ stps	647-649	no lots	
605	Edward VII	about 132 stps			

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Norway
Japan

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705 - 2.80
712 - .45
713 - 5.25

727 - .27

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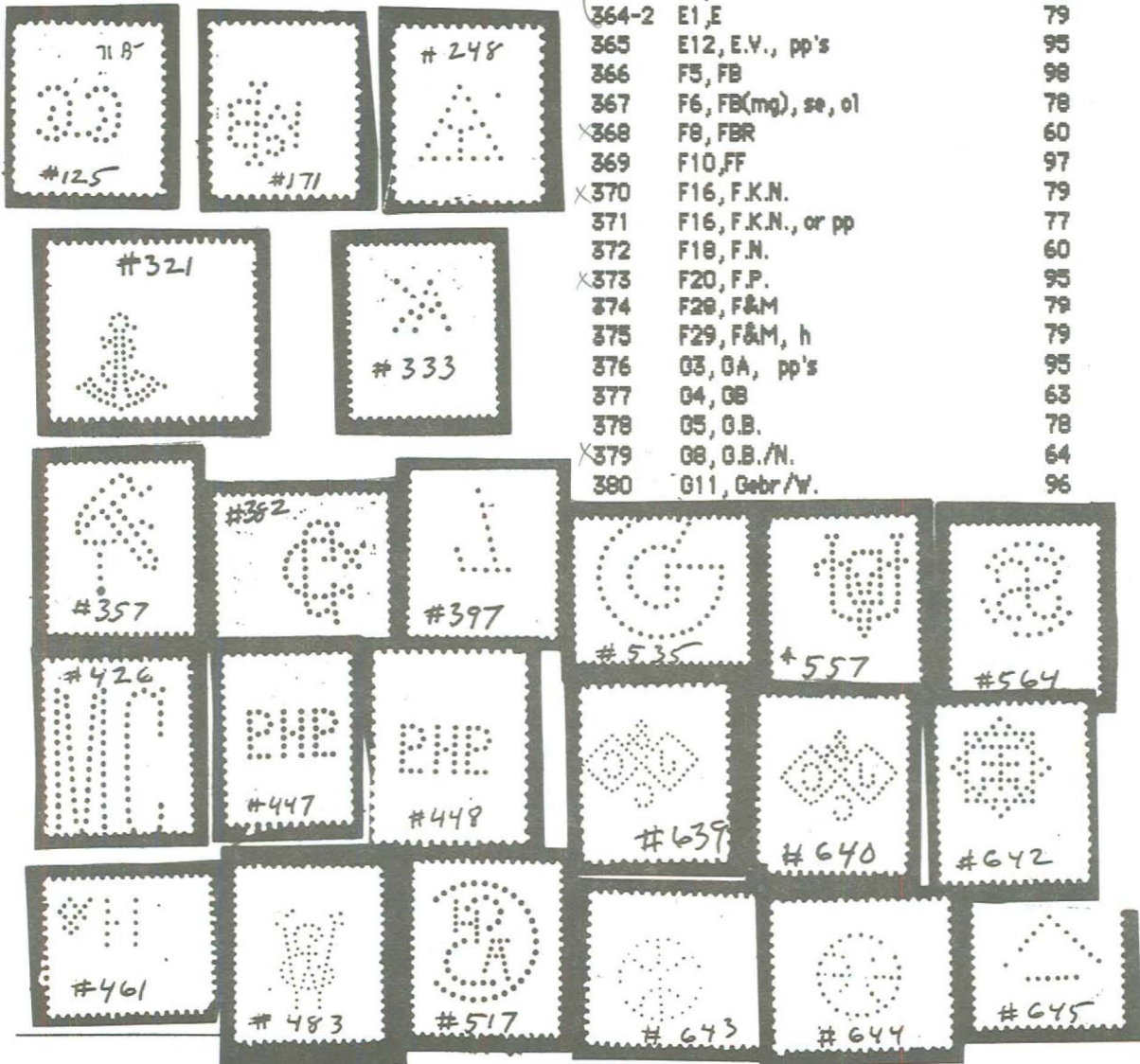
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Portugal				Malaya			
687	7 dif pats			650	4 stps, 3 pats		
Queensland				Malta			
688	OS(large) pp's		41	651	A.M./B., 1p, ho		168
Romania				Mexico			
689	B42, see photo		416	652	12A, MOS/LER		314
690	See photo		220	Netherlands			
691	30 dif pats			653	C.D., hi		65
SAAR				654	D5, D.(small)B.(large)		56
692	R.V.		103	655	D5, D.(small)B.(large)		56
Slovakia				656	D11d, D.E.		283
693	see photo, th		43	657	D11d, D.E.		345
South Africa				658	H20a, H.E.O., corner or		285
694	B.K, 2ho		24	659	J24, J.T.V./&Co		75
695	D.C., or		57	660	K3, K		62
696	IHC		30	661	K3, K		66
697	JWJ/&Co		2	662	K3, K		285
698	JWJ/&Co, 1p		24	663	K3, K		283
699	SB/SA, 4ho		4	664	L13, L.R., 3h		345
South Australia				665	L13, L.R., 3h		345
700	7 stps, 6 dif pats, onelp			666	N.B./V., sp		172
Spain				667	S39, S.X.		308
701	B78, B.H.A., pp		521	668	S39, S.X., h		219
702	B78, B.H.A., 1p		809	669	W2, W		345
703	113 mix, many dups and 1p			670	88 dif pats		
Straits Settlements				671	23 dif pats		
704	HSB, 4ho		84	Netherland Indies			
705	7 dif pats			672	S23, S.M.N, so		166
Sudan				New Foundland			
706	SG		83	673	A8, h and A9		174,191
707	4 dif stps, 3 dif pats			674	A9, 4 dif pats		
Sweden				New South Wales			
708	A20, ASEA, ho		422	675	4 dif stps and pats, dam		
709	see photo		184	New Zealand			
710	7 dif pats			676	36, W&T/Ld, h		99
Switzerland				Norway			
711	F7, F.C.W., or, pp		82b	677	BG/&Co		288
712	see photo		180	678	AM, pp		323
713	27 dif pats			679	BD		118
714	7 dif pats			680	H.L./&Co, h		462
Tasmania				681	Rr., pp's		87
715	T		104	Papua			
Thailand				682	OS(large), or's tr		60
716	see photo		159	Peru			
Trinidad & Tobago				683	3 dif pats		
717	3C, DC		80	Phillipines			
Tunisia				684	4 dif stps, 3 pats		
718	C.N.		117	Poland			
719	T pat on 4 stps			685	B.P., 1p		268
				686	E.H.		232

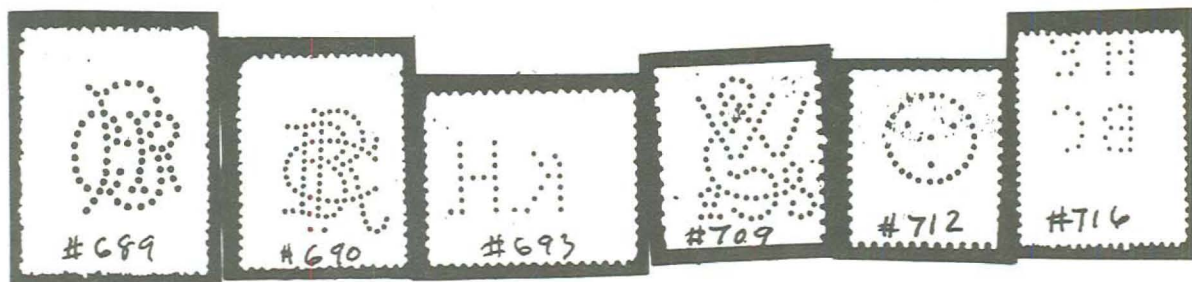
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722	G.N	273
723	G.N	298
Victoria		
724	16stps, mix, 9pats not all complete	
Western Australia		
725	19stps, mix (123 large OS on 9 dif pats	
Wurttemberg		
726	Arrow/F.D., tr, pp	60
727	WEBER, ho	59
Yugoslavia		
728	H.F.S	120
729	JB(mg), pp's	33
730	S.K.	25
731	S&V, or, weak perfs	45
Foreign leftovers, grab bag of 2 oz.		
732	mix, dam, lp	

Lots Number 347 - 380

U.S. Perfins *Bavarian*

347	B9, BF	97
348	B17, BKN, lp	96
349	B20, B.L./&Co	79
X350	B25, BV	95
X351	B26, BV	98
352	B29, BZ	97
X353	C3, C.C.	64
354	C5, C.C.	62
355	C5, C.C.	62
X356	C15, CS, pp's	106
357	C18, see photo,	97
358	C21, CV	263
359	D1, DB, pp's	96
360	D4, D.D./G.	100
361	D9, D.M.	63
362	D12, DrB/N	82
X363	D13, DrB/N.	78
X364	D16, D.T/F.W.	263
(364-1	E1, E	78
364-2	E1, E	79
365	E12, E.V., pp's	95
366	F3, FB	98
367	F6, FB(mg), se, ol	78
X368	F8, FBR	60
369	F10, FF	97
X370	F16, F.K.N.	79
371	F16, F.K.N., or pp	77
372	F18, F.N.	60
X373	F20, F.P.	95
374	F28, F&M	79
375	F29, F&M, h	79
376	G3, GA, pp's	95
377	G4, GB	63
378	G5, G.B.	78
X379	G8, G.B./N.	64
380	G11, Gebr/W.	96





The Secretary's Report
 The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645
 Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:

- 2972 Struyk, Margaret M.; 1403 Marble #4, Chama, NE 68124
 U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 2973 Chamberlin, Robert L.; 2816 Highland Drive, Rogers, AR 72756
 U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 2974 Schweitzer, Robert J.; P.O.Box 9653, Coral Springs, FL 33075
 Beginner By: Rickard (#1802)
- 2975 Roussel, Montcalm; 1503 Des Pionniers, St. Nicolas, Quebec,
 Canada GOS 2Z0
 General By: Smith (LM87)
- 2976 Stral, Harold M.; 4438 Estes, Lincolwood, IL 6046
 General By: Walker (LM105)
- 2977 Wilken, Gene; 11600 San Marcos, Atascadero, CA 93422
 General By: Randall (#1336)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: ON ENTRANCE

- L135 Blakenbrough, Colin; 64 Brooklyn Ave. Loughton, Essex
 1G10 1BN, England
 U.S., Holland, Hong Kong By: Ottenheimer (LM86)

REINSTATED:

- 1229 Jensen, Robert S.; 2485 North Sherman Street, York, PA 17402
- 939 Groleau, Father Gabriel; 3-1 Done-Machi; Taira, Fukushima-Ken
 970 Japan

DROPPED: NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND FAILURE TO ANSWER OFFICIAL
 CORRESPONDENCE.

- 2930 Westphal, William W; 1912 Westwood Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92706

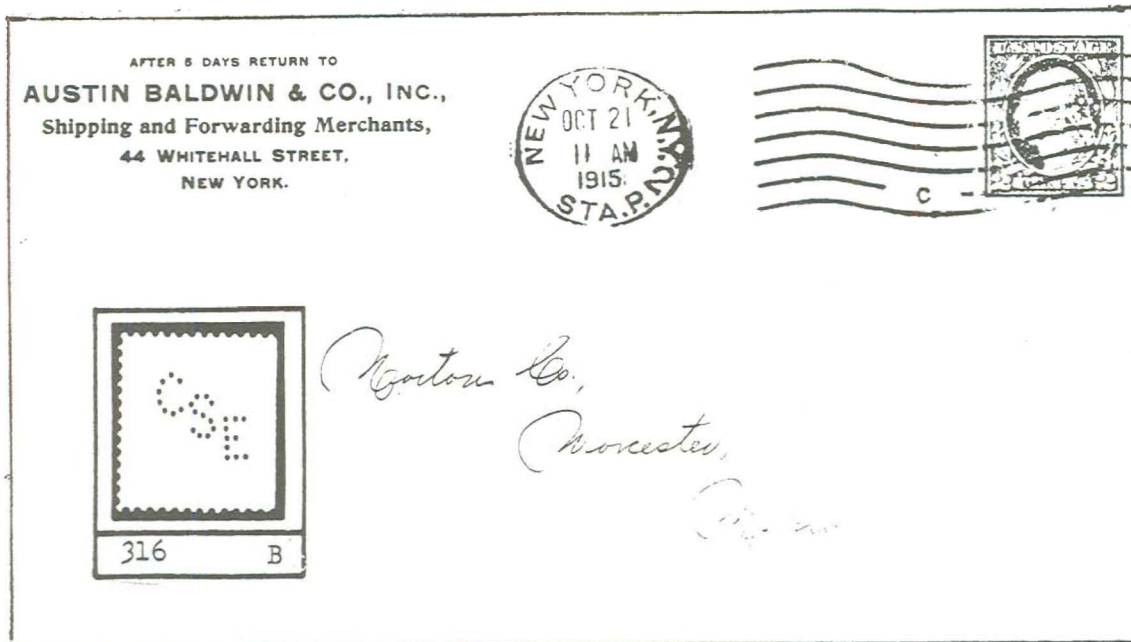
ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 2842 Propst, Marion F.; Box 44, Richville, MN 56576
- 1041 Fentin, Arthur; 27 Abbey Lane Apt. 403, Delray Beach, FL 33446
- ML28 Johnson, Jonathon C.; 717 25 Avenue, NW; Calgary, Alberta
 Canada TM2 2B4

SUMMARY: Members as of September 30, 1990	897
New Members	+ 7
Reinstated	+ 2
Dropped	<u>- 1</u>
Members as of October 31, 1990	905

WHY SOME PATTERNS SHOW WRONG USER

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

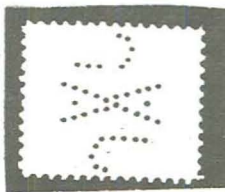


Austin Baldwin & Co. Inc. were shipping and forwarding merchants as their corner card indicates. This time it was for the Eyetinge Co. who was the user of pattern C316. "Eyetinge" has an interesting ring to it, wonder what they did?

Any cover used by forwarding agents may have a stamp of the firm that they were working for at that time.

JA TIMES TWO

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



You are looking at an unusual pattern. Before you jump to any conclusion about it being a different pattern, I should mention that it is a double punch of pattern J2 from Milwaukee. Evidently, it was made by an employee wiling away some time.

However, in this case we are fortunate, because this perfin can tell us something about this particular device. One pattern has a missing hole. This then definitely indicates a multi-head perforator. The stamp is a 10¢ perforated 11, which preceded the perforation 10. Only eight copies were reported during the last "C" rate survey. The small quantity may be due to use of the perfin only on packages or registered mail rather than all of the company's mail.

EXPERIMENTAL CANCELS AND PERFINS

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor
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I have had an interesting correspondence with a stamp dealer that concerned some banknote issue stamps with perfins. My first thoughts were that the perfin was some type of revenue punch cancel. However, the examples had an "experimental cancel." Now my knowledge of cancels is almost nonexistent, except for Circular Date Stamps (CDS). Are these "5"s similar to the ones in TPB, October 1989, p. 177?

Pictured below are some examples. If any of our readers can provide any information, please let me hear from you. The "5" that appears in the stamps is a perfin; however, it could be a security punch. The description accompanying the illustrations was provided by the dealer.



Perfin "5" Most Unusual
Very Scarce on this
Few rough perfs at left
FINE, Unused, No GUM
#159.....\$75.00
89 Spec.Cat.200.00



VERY FINE, FULL GLAZED OG
#147 var \$160.00
Cat Unlisted Net 150.00

V.F. by FINE, No Gum
#152 var \$132.00
Cat Unlisted Net 125.00



The "5's" are well within the borders of the bottom two stamps.

A61 USER IDENTIFIED

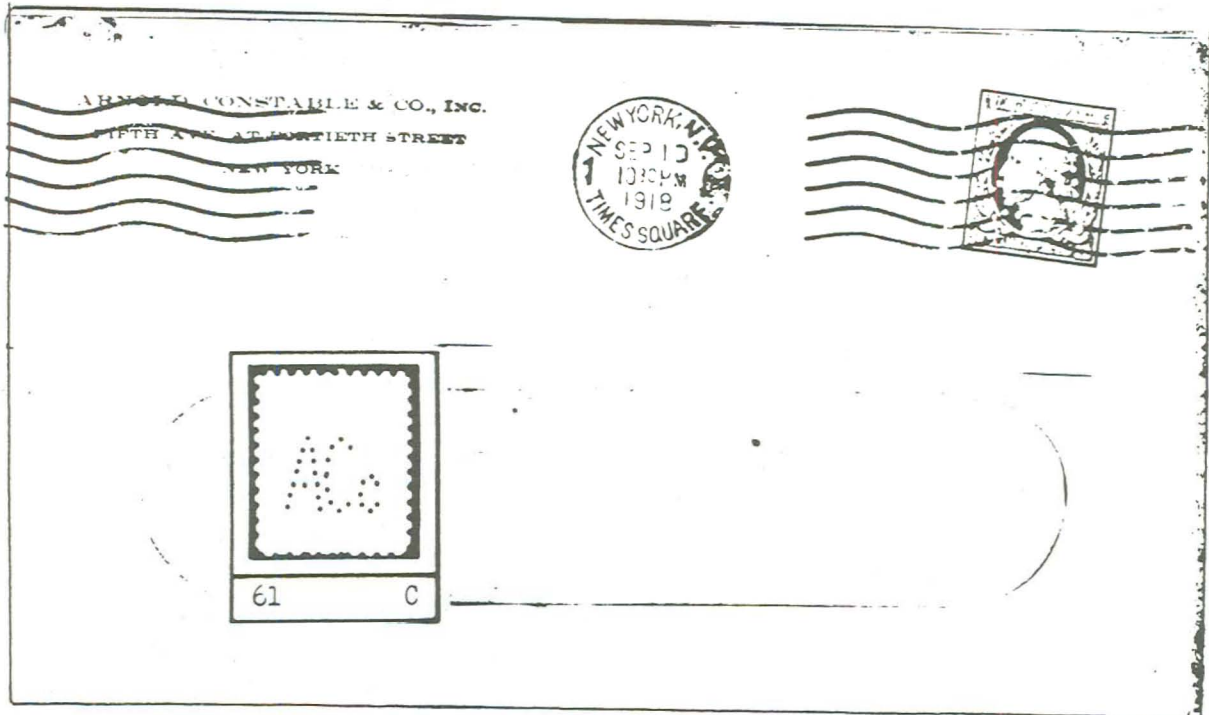
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Perfin pattern A61 has Allis Chalmers Company listed as the user in The Catalog of United States Perfins; however, it is not listed with positive identification. Shown below is a cover with the positive identification of Arnold Constable & Company, Inc. of Fifth Avenue at Fortieth Street, New York City. Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company will be listed as a an additional user of the pattern, until such time that additional evidence is presented to the U.S. Catalog Editor to prove or disprove the evidence at hand.

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This cover was submitted by Philip Jones (#1033).

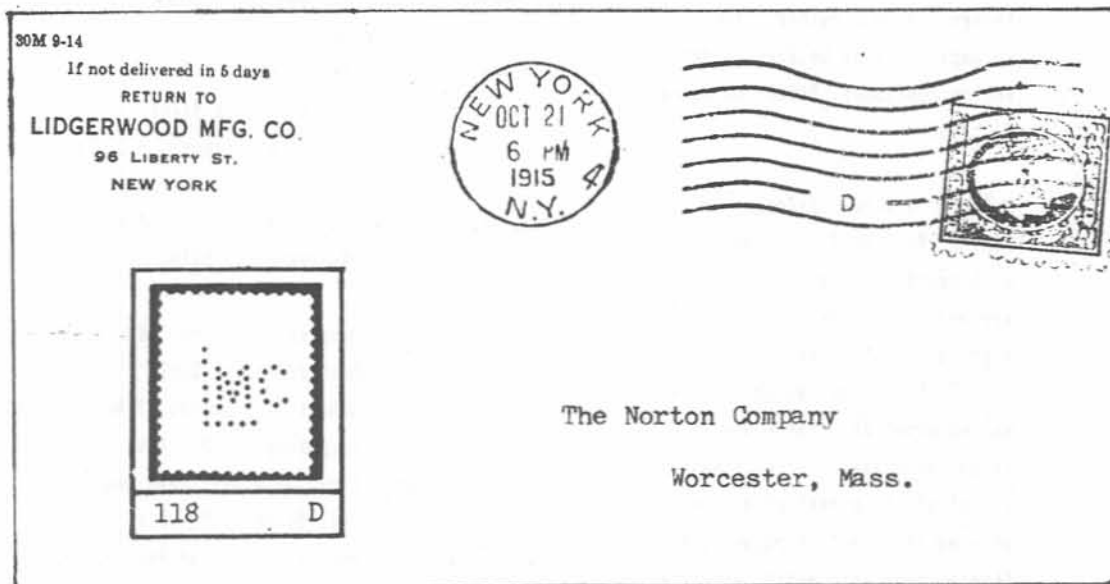
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L118 - Lidgerwood Mfg. Co.

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
and

John F. Lyding (L-116), P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 2114-3342



Members will want to correct the spelling from "Linderwood" to "LIDGERWOOD" on page 249 of the CATALOG of UNITED STATES PERFINS the confirmation is illustrated above.

This corner card refers to the "NYC" branch office listed in the supplementary data of the catalog. The firm was a very large postage user. Note the print order of 30,000 on September 14 listed in the upper left corner (i.e., 30 M 9-14). This cover has a glassine front, so it may be assumed that they mailed plenty of billings, possibly for wholesale or retail firms.

The addressee, "The Norton Company" is interesting for a multitude of reasons. First, it is obvious that it was a large recipient of mail from the simple address listing only the city. Second, a large amount of this company's incoming mail has survived and is readily available on the philatelic market. Despite a rather diligent search by John Lyding, we have been unable to locate an example of The Norton Company's outgoing mail.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton Maryland, January 15, 1991

It is difficult to type 1991 rather than 1990. I find it somewhat easier to do this for the first issue of the year. In December, it is easy to remember that the January issue is dated next year, but by the middle of January, when 1991 should be automatic, I wind up dating things 1990 rather frequently. Perhaps, this is because I dated an entire checkbook "1991" on December 31, 1990.

I faced a moral dilemma early this month. For the first time in years, a shipment of unsolicited approvals arrived. I despise unsolicited approvals, but these were perfins. Out of the entire lot (2.5 ounces) I wanted about 50. There was no doubt in my mind that the originator did so out of the purest of motives. He offered to accept in payment, what I thought they were worth and offered to provide me with names and addresses of possible trading partners. I know that I had no legal responsibility to return the perfin lot; however, I did with a check for those that I took. I noted that I did not wish to receive additional shipments. Did I do right? JFL

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NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE. . .

Kurt Ottenheimer, Club Public Affairs Chairman sent me a short reminder to plug his publicity project. If you have those spare perfins necessary to use in the project, please bundle them up and mail them to Kurt at: 462 West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561.

Kurt notes that he would appreciate getting a clipping from members when one of his articles plugging the perfins giveaway appears in the press. During 1990 we received coverage in:

The Philadelphia Inquirer, PA
The Daily Sentinel, CO
The Milwaukee Journal, WI
Dayton Daily Times, OH
Asbury Park Press, NJ
The Dallas Morning News, TX
The Providence Journal-Bulletin, RI
The Palm Beach Post, FL
Orange County Register, CA
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Bob Dann (#484) notes that he put off mounting his collection of perfins because he could not figure out just how to organize them. He wanted to show a prime example of each perfin face down and, using other copies face up, illustrate the length of time that it was in use. Bob reports:

Finally, I have figured out how to present them. The blank catalog pages available from the Club are six spaces high. In the second and fifth rows I mount my best examples of each perfin face down. Just above them I mount the earliest issue of each perfin face up, and just below them (in the third and sixth rows) my most recent issues. The result is colorful and suggests the period of time over which each perfin was in use.

On plain paper pages interleaved with the album pages, I plan to identify the company using each perfin, together with a short description of their activities. Also, on these pages I plan to mount any individual issue of particular interest for each company. For example, the Northwest Territory issue with the GN perfin will illustrate much of the area served by the Great Northern Railroad.

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If you wish to place an advertisement or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor, John F. Lyding, P.O.Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114. If you want a checking copy, please enclose a SASE.

WANTED - Foreign perfins, all countries except UK. Send offer with price to Eugene Buckler (#2858), 200 Diplomat Parkway, Apartment 833, Hallandale, FL 33009.

U.S. Official Postal Guide issue for September 1923, describes the first through-service trans-continental air mail carried out successfully that month, including photographs. Great for airmail or topical collectors! Only one copy available. \$12 or best offer. Robert T. Dann (#484), P.O. Box 575, Harrison, ME 04040.

Wanted - Greek Perfins on and off cover. Please describe, perfins of many European countries available for exchange. Hans Danzer (nonmember), Blodigstr 12a, 8000 München 45, Germany.

FOR SALE & WANTED - Perfin covers. Contact Perfins Club Cover Sales Manager: Albert Spencer, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

FOR SALE & WANTED - Perfins. Contact Perfins Club Sales Manager: Sal Guarini, P.O. Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401.

FOR SALE - CATALOGS AND SUPPLIES. See advertisement on Page 30.

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Fresh from Great Britain

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

I was pleasantly surprised to receive the strip illustrated to the left from W.J. Hanson of Chester, Cheshire, Great Britain, in response to my request for potential single die produced perfins.



This SMS pattern looks like a sure winner. Each punch is in a different position and two stamps show a portion of an adjoining punch. In order to be a single die, each pattern must show two different spacings between adjoining ones. On this strip, only two have these measurable possibilities.

Lay a piece a white paper across and under the top hole of the letter S showing at the edge of perforations horizontally to the second from the bottom hole of the letter M. Mark the position of both holes on the paper. Then move the paper to the corresponding position on the second stamp (i.e., the one with a complete letter S on the right side.) You may be surprised to find that the spacing is the same as on the top stamp.

Regardless of the unusual spacing for each row, the distance between the two dies is the same. If we have done our measurements correctly, this is a multi-head die. Why the operator did not punch the stamps in the vertical format as was intended by the manufacturer or why he shifted position after each punch, is speculation.

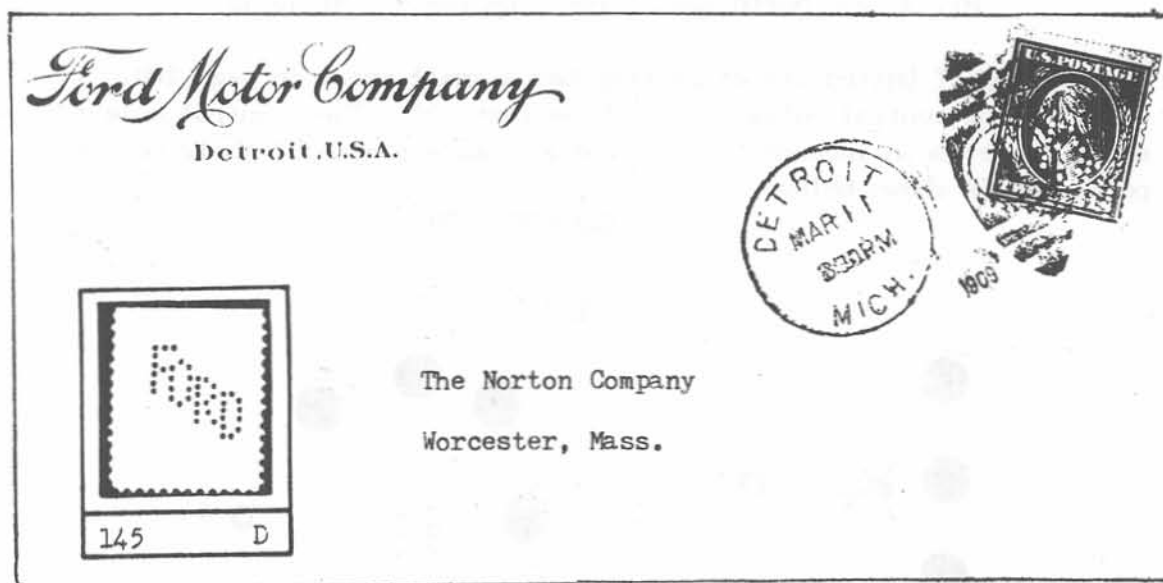
Ford Motor Company - F145

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

This old Ford Motor Company cover with F145 pattern, brings back fond memories of the old "Tin Lizzies" that young people used to learn how to drive in my day. I paid \$75.00 for my first one, using money earned selling papers, running my Ice Ball stand and salvaging things to sell to the junk man with his horse and wagon.

Car owners of today, might not know how to operate without a fuel pump, no self-starter, and often a need to use the reverse pedal to

slow you down when the brake pedal wears out. There is much that can be told about our early cars.



U.S. Catalog Notes

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In The Perfins Bulletin for March 1989 there is a reference to patterns G155 and G155F (See "Catalog Dilemma" TPB, March 1989, pp. 68-69 by William F Polzin). Pattern G155 was deleted in Additions and Corrections Number Three (A&C #3 - 11/86) as a partial die variety of pattern G155B.

The patterns illustrated in the article are both pattern G155F. The one without the control hole is a partial G155F. Pattern G155 does not match up well on G155B or G155B.5, but it could still be a die variety partial of either or both.

If a reader has an attached pair or strip, I would appreciate your submitting the item so that I can make a contact print for the Club's proof files.

If no evidence is forthcoming, G155 will be reconsidered for reinstatement as a separate pattern.

Liquid Carbonic Company - L55

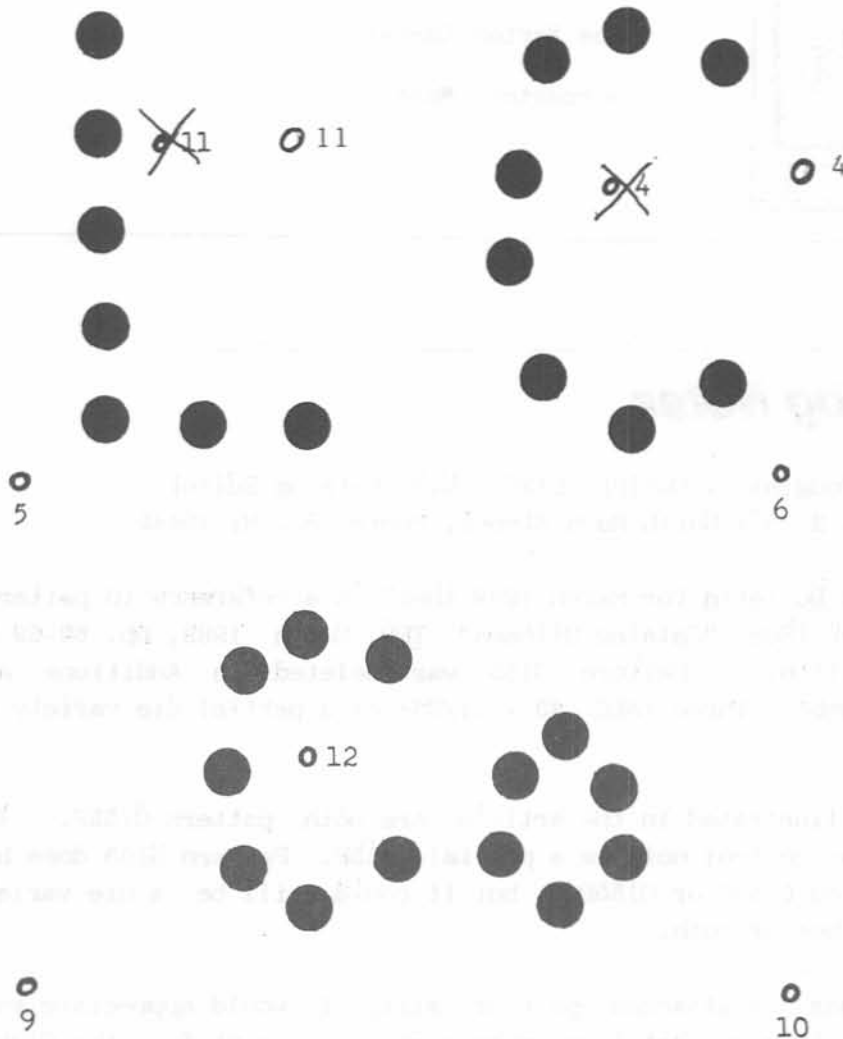
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The Catalog of United States Perfins has a small error on page 260. It involves the control holes of perfin pattern L55. The control hole #4 and #11 are shown incorrectly. You should make a note of their correct positions as shown below.

LIQUID CARBONIC COMPANY

260

L 55



Numbers designate the approximate location of control holes

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- 2979 Abbey, Neil R.; 835 Turk St., Apt. #515, San Francisco, CA 94102
U.S. By: Guarini (#1220)
- 2980 Rainville, Frederick F.; 259 City Hill St., Union City, CT 06770
U.S., Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 2981 Anderson, Russell H.; 115 Clearview Ave., Torrington, CT 06790
Scandinavia By: Walker (L105)
- 2982 Levesque, Rejean; 819 Mozart; Beloeil, Quebec, Canada J3G 5E2
Great Britain By: Smith (LM87)
- 2983 Faudeck, Henry F.; 1977 Waycross Road; Fremont, CA 94539
U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM87)

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- 2911 Blocker, Dorothy M.; 17060 Jodave Street., Hazel Crest, IL 60429

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- LM26 Osterhoudt, George D., Jr.; 36637 Cord St., Zephyrhills, FL 33541
- 2645 Brown, S David; 135 D Pleasant St., Melrose, MA 02176
- 2193 Henry, Leada N.; 1528 Freeman Ave #201; Long Beach, CA 90804
- 1363 Stiles, Everett; 3839 Brockton Ave #M, Riverside, CA 92501
- 904 Wolfe, Mrs. Isabell B.; P.O.Box 103, Monroe, OH 45050

CHANGED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- L136 Settgast, Jurgen; Wundstr, 38; 1000 Berlin 19, Germany
(Former 2719)

SUMMARY: Members as of October 31, 1990	905
New Members	+ 6
Deceased	- 1
Members as of November 30, 1990	910

WHATZIS?

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obverse



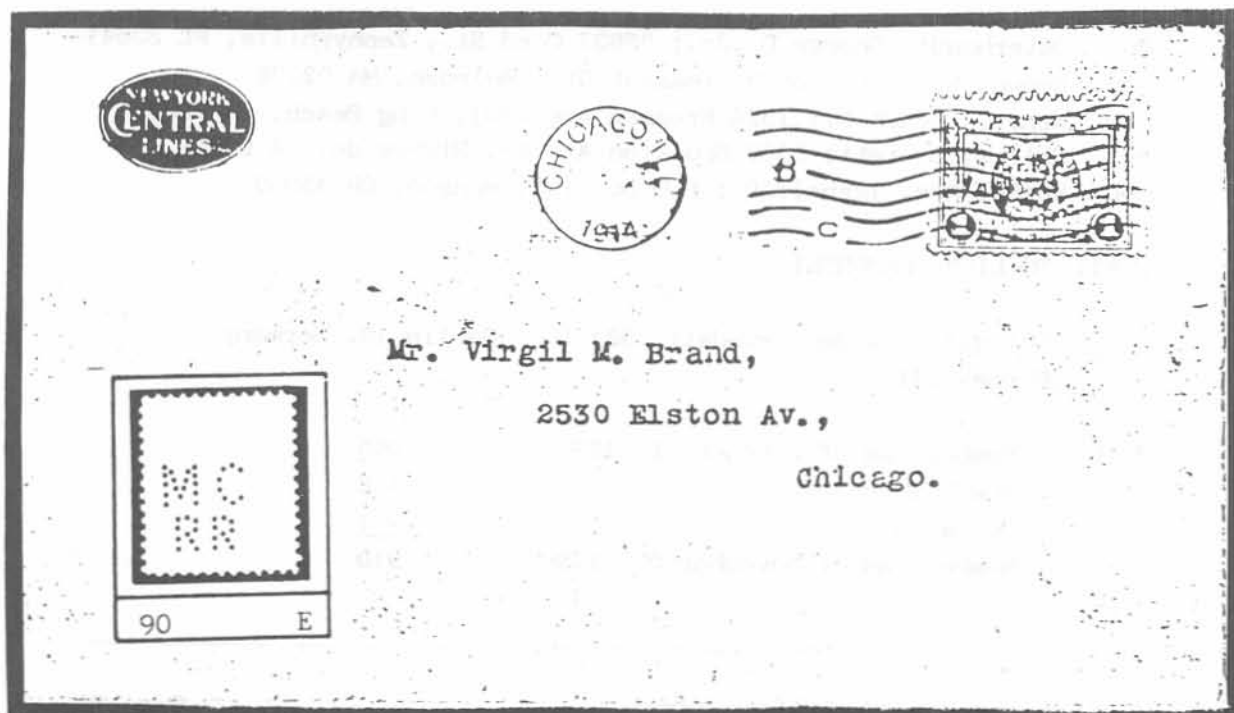
reverse

The pattern illustrated above was submitted by Club Sales Chairman, Sal Guarini (#1220). The pattern appears on Scott Catalog number 721.

The pattern is slightly larger than the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch permitted by the Domestic Mail Manual and the holes are $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in diameter. The pattern is shown as it appears from both sides of the stamp. If you can provide any additional information regarding this pattern, please drop me a note.

Pattern M90 Inquiry

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GERMAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

Only one perfin has been reported from German Offices in Morocco.

Recently, - the 1980's - German perfins with fraudulent colonial overprints are being reported. Though the stamps of only two colonies are listed, the collector is cautioned to be skeptical of possible additional findings. The perfins from German Southwest Africa and Togo receive "F" classifications because of fraudulent overprints.

Seaport administration fees were paid with private revenue stamps. One perfin type has been found on both the Afrika Linien and the Deutsche Ostafrika Linie (Woermann Line) stamps issued from 1903-1922. Though at present it is unknown if these revenue perfins saw use in Africa, they are related items and are included here for the record. There is a possibility that some of the Hamburg American Packet Company (HAPAG) fiscals might have seen use on some African runs. (See Additions and Corrections #6, Sep. '87 for Latin American section of W.P.C.) Obverse and reverse of shipping line stamps are illustrated.

GERMAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINs

GERMAN OFFICES IN MOROCCO

1 C.N. Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Tangier

GERMAN AFRICAN COLONIES

South West Africa
F1 CS&S

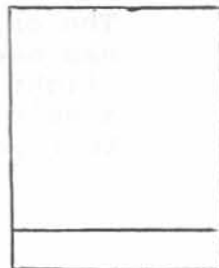
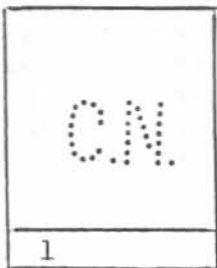
Togo

F1 B.F. (Scott #3)
F2 D&S (Scott #5) Remscheid cancel

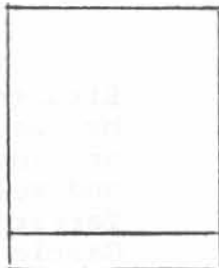
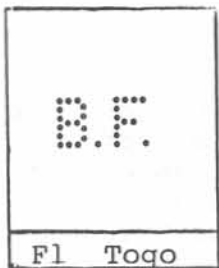
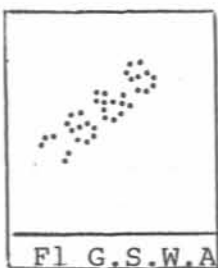
GERMAN AFRICAN SHIPPING LINES

B1 S&T. African Lines
B2 S&T. German East African Lines

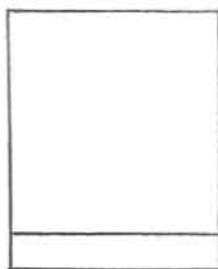
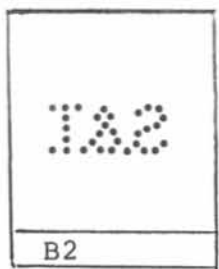
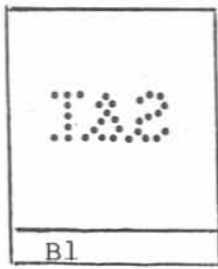
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GERMAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINs



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ITALIAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

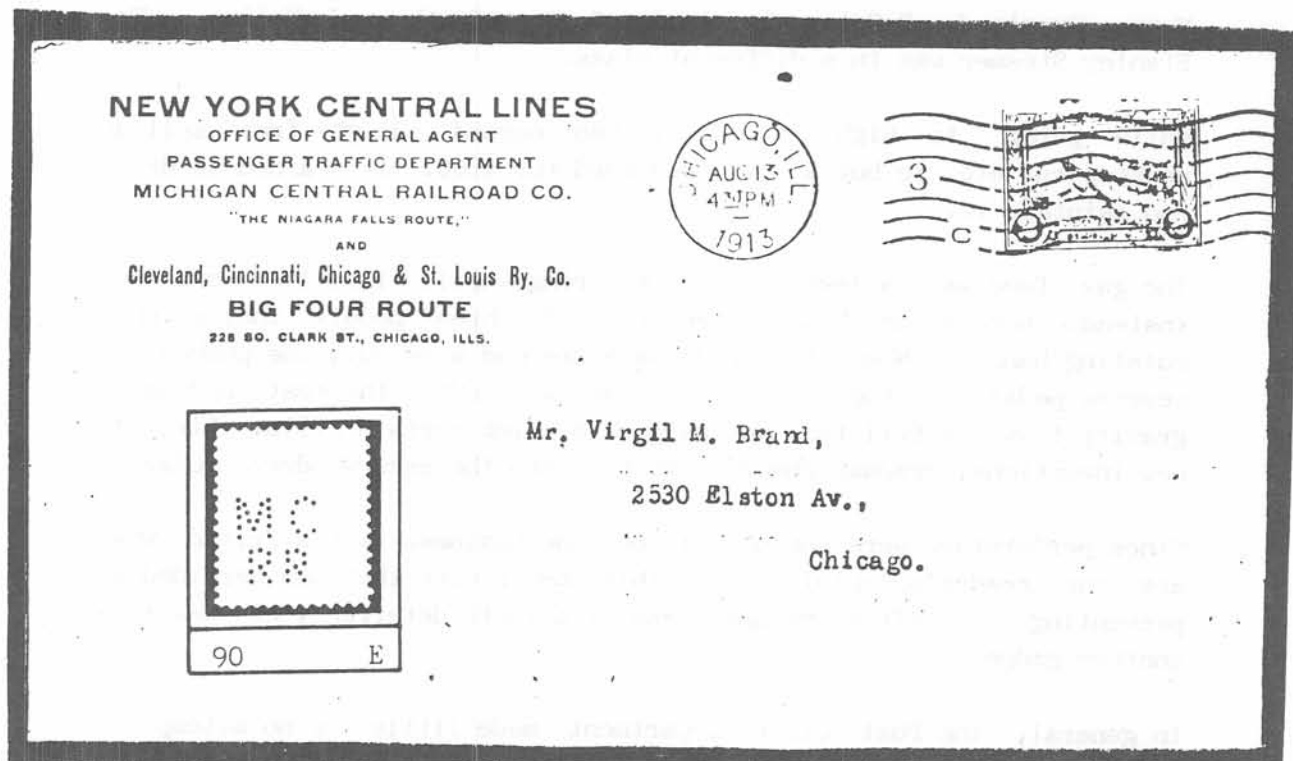
The only known perfin type from the Italian colony of Eritrea has been reported on both postal and special delivery issues. Slight differences in the perfins suggest the possibility of a multi-head machine or two machines. Members are encouraged to report cancellations found on stamps with this perfin.

SPANISH AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

Situated 60 miles off the northwest coast of Africa and owned by Spain since the late 15th century, the Canary Islands provided important coaling station ports for the transatlantic and West African shipping. Similar to those found on Niger Territories stamps (See W.P.C.), the perfin of the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company has been reported on a British stamp, Scott #114, with a Sta. Cruz de Tenerife cancellation.

The only reported perfins on stamps of Spanish Morocco, are those used by the Banque d'Etat du Maroc from various cities. No perfins have been reported on stamps of Spanish Offices in Morocco (1903-1914), nor on those of independent Morocco (1956-present).

Here are two covers submitted by member Paul Gault (#744). Perfin pattern M90 was used in both of these instances by the New York Central Lines. Do any of you railroad buffs have an explanation for the use of perfin pattern M90 by the New York Central Lines? If you do, perhaps you would like to tell the rest of the members. Drop a note to Bulletin Editor, John Lyding at P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, Maryland 21114-3342 with your answers.



Looking Back

Harry Rickard (#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

Throughout this century, man has come up with various ideas that would make life easier. The automobile was one, stamp perforators supposedly also were one of these ideas.

The automobile ranks up there with man's great inventions. With our present transportation needs, we could not do without a car. However, its inglorious beginning bore little resemblance to the type of vehicles we drive today. Its humble beginning was merely the old horse carriage with a motor that moved it along at no more than 15 miles per hour.

After learning that a motor car was better than keeping a horse and buggy, the number of firms making automobiles grew and grew. Each one tried to make their car better than the other manufactures. It took several years to get rid of the open cars and enclose it with glass windows. Motors ranged from one to sixteen cylinders. Tires had tubes and you could expect a flat tire or two on any trip and had to carry your air pump and patches.

Here are a few brand names: Abbott, Chalmer, Chandler, Elcar, Hudson, Moon, Overland, DeSota, Overland, Scripps-Booth and Velie. The Stanley Steamer was in a different class.

While going to High School, I had earned enough from selling newspapers, etc. to buy an old used Ford for \$300. I learned to drive and maintain it.

The gas feed was a lever on the steering wheel. I built a foot feed instead. Reverse and brake were two of three pedals that gripped rotating bands. When the asbestos brake pad wore out, one pushed the reverse pedal to stop. The gas tank was under the seat and had a gravity flow. A full tank was needed to climb certain hills. Like all new inventions, gradual changes evolved into the cars we drive today.

Since perforators were supposed to be the business man's friend, what are our reader's opinions of this new device that was heralded as preventing the theft of stamps? Was it a theft deterrent, or was it a another gadget?

In general, the Post Office Department made little or no attempt to verify if other than the designated firm was using the perforated stamps. Little changed in the firm's offices except that an office boy or junior clerk was given extra work using the device and to sweep up the tiny confetti (frips).

I have seen many pieces of mail of an apparent personal nature that carried a firms pattern. To my knowledge, no records or information exists as to how much thief was avoided and if the cost of the device and of the clerk's time was ever recovered the cost of the perforator. A great idea but, did it accomplish its objective?

Hungarian Card

Illustrated on page 41 is a postcard from Hungary with a regular stamp, card and stamp are perfined with the words:

VERMES LAJOS TANAR
TESTGYAKORLO INTEZETE
PALICSON

G. Wills & Co. GW/F & GW/P

In Black Swan, September 1987, p. 132, Brian Pope reported that he had located a reference in the Departmental Register AA:PP 23 to the effect that G. Wills and Co. had written to the DPMG in Perth requesting permission to use GW/F as their perforator.

In the March 1988 issue of the same journal, Ivor Stockwell, extended the data about this perforator and reported that August 1904 at Fremantle is the earliest known usage and that the latest usage was accomplished by adding a pin to the letter "F" to convert it to a letter "P." This later usage, according to Stockwell extended until 20 February 1936.

In September 1988, Perfins Club member, Dr. Derek Pocock (#425), completed the story. His article is reprinted below:

MORE ON THE GW/F PERFORATOR



I enjoyed Ivor Stockwell's article in Black Swan March 1988, dealing with this perfin of George Wills & Co although it reminded me of my own delay in getting down to studying perfin material. Believing that if you don't do it now, you never will, I looked up my GW/F and GW/P material and found that the story can be extended as can some of the dates. I believe we can extend Ivor's two types to at least three with several variations which can almost be dated during the life of the perforator.

Firstly, the GW/F itself has a full stop after both the G and W. (Fig 1). I can extend the Fremantle period from 27 July 1904 through to April 1907. I have a Perth date (MRR Perth) of February 1907 but this is probably a 'rogue' posting.

It is after the arrival of the perforator in Perth that it starts to go wrong. Sometime around 1914-15 the bottom pin of the F breaks off, followed by two pins on the side of the G. Next the right side of the W becomes weak and finally the full stop after the W breaks off.

(Fig 2). This takes the machine to about 1918 when it was repaired and modified to GW/P apparently by removing one pin from the bar of the F and adding a new one to make a P. (Fig 3).

This first GW/P appears to have lasted until 1921-22 but the tops of the W and the P became damaged. (Fig 4). About 1922 the machine was renovated and the original F bar restored, making a flat top P. (Fig 5). My only copy of this is on a 2d rose scarlet of 1922.

In the next 3 or 4 years this pattern shows gradual deterioration. First the full stop of the W breaks off followed by lower pins in the G and the W and later still at the top of the W. (Fig 6).

In 1926 the machine was again mended but with a crooked right side to the W and no full stop after it. (Fig 7). This pattern appears to continue until the machine was withdrawn from use in 1936 although my last example is 1934.

So, a fascinating little story. Many of the dates are assumed from the issue dates of the stamps themselves because the perfins are commonly found with a machine cancellation showing no dated portion. Finally, as I traced the stages, I reflected on the minutiae of our hobby such as the study of progressive plate flaws on stamps. Now, in similar fashion, we can trace the deterioration and repairs to a small perforating machine. Are we fast reaching a stage of knowing everything about nothing? And if so, does it matter so long as we enjoy ourselves?

Derek Pocock

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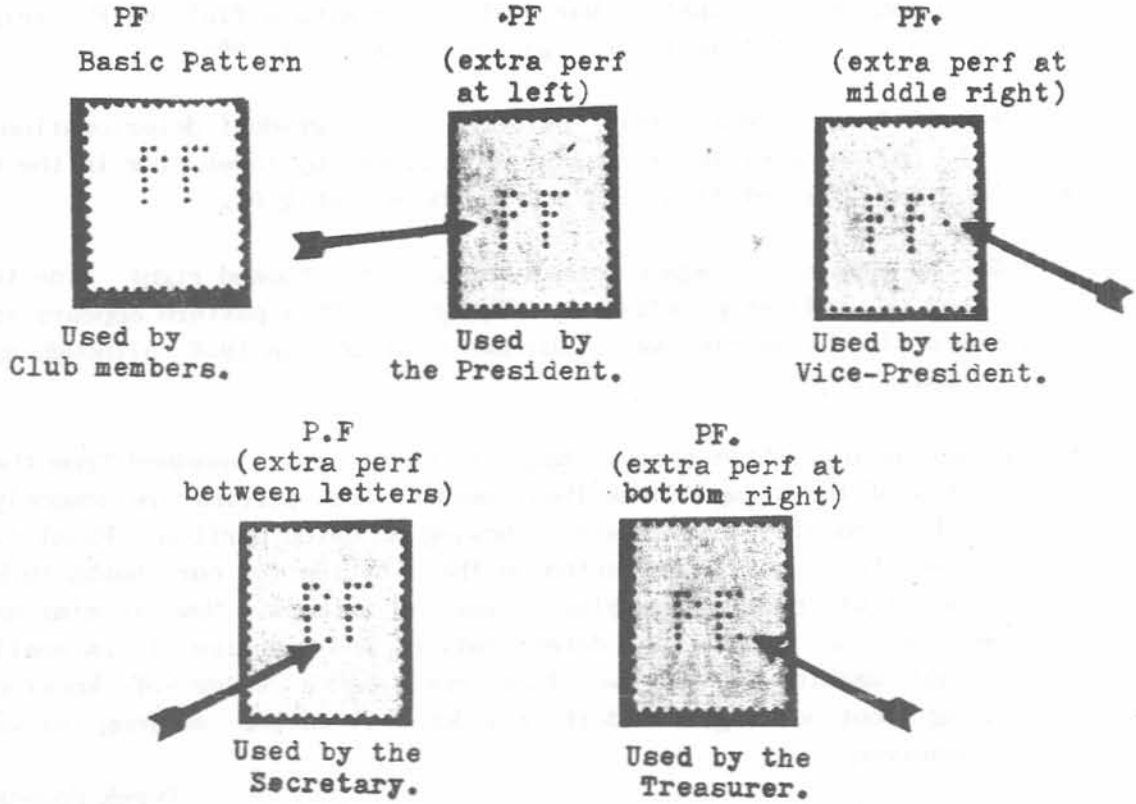
More on SESCAL77

Albert E. Spencer (#1261), Club Cover Sales Chairman, has provided the next three pages which illustrate a small portion of his Musical Perfins Collection.

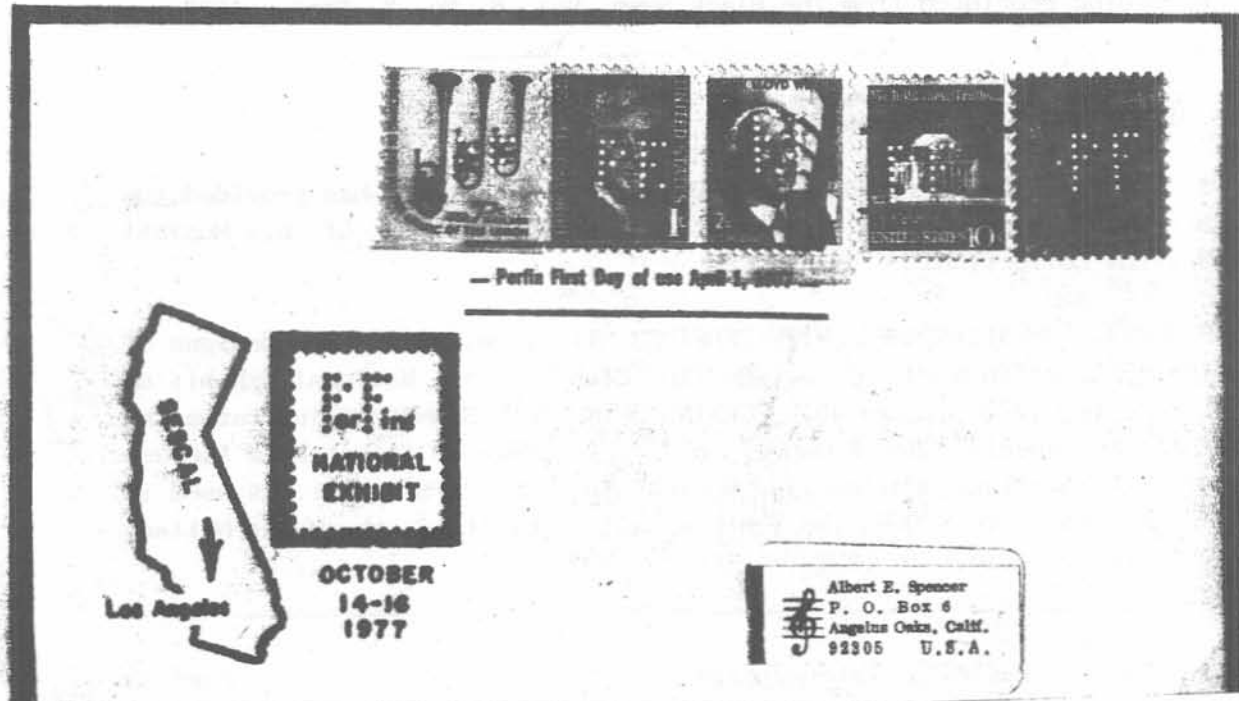
Page 44, "MUSIC STAMPS WITH PERFINS" illustrates the five designs of the "PF" perfin used by the Perfins Club at its National Exhibit at SESCAL in 1977. Page 45, "PERFINS ON MUSICAL STAMPS" illustrates the shows the special SESCAL Cancel in detail. Page 46 illustrates the use of The American Philatelic Society perfin "APS" that was used in conjunction with SCOPEX the tenth annual exhibit of the Mount Nittany Philatelic Society in 1977.

MUSIC STAMPS WITH PERFINS

On April 1, 1977, THE PERFINS CLUB issued a series of five designs for use by club members and officers.



All Five Varieties Used On First Day Cover, Long Beach, Calif.



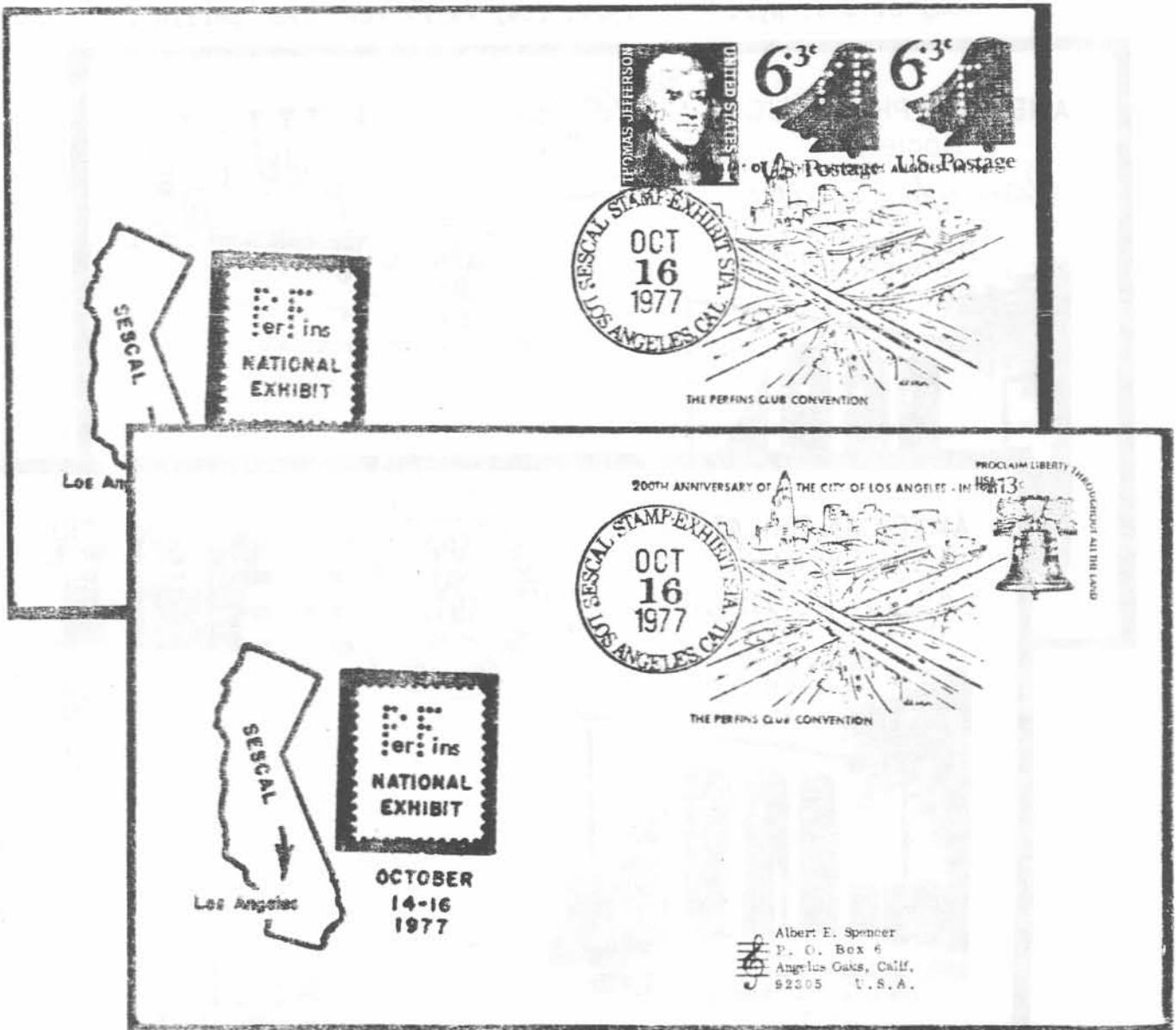
PERFINS OR MUSICAL STAMPS

1973 6.3c and 1975 13c Liberty Bell stamps with "PF" Perfin used. October 16, 1977, the last day of the Perfin Club Convention at SESCAL.

This was also the last day of use of the "PF" Perfin. The "PF" perforator was



destroyed on October 17, 1981.



THE "APS" PERFINS ON MUSIC STAMPS

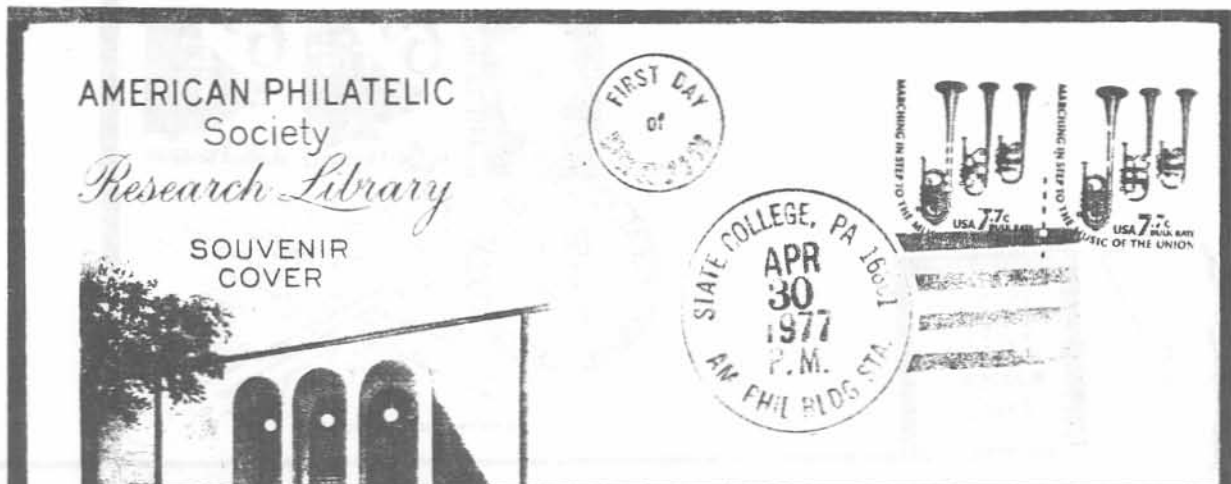
APS

The American Philatelic Society



The American Philatelic Society started use of this perfin April 30, 1977, in conjunction with "SCOPEX" the 10th annual exhibit of the Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society, State College, Penn.

These two covers bearing music stamps were canceled at the American Philatelic Society Building Station on the first day of use, April 30, 1977. They carry the "APS" perfins.



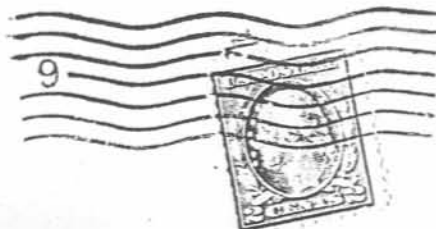
Purchased, Merged or Moved?

Joann Thomas (#835F), P.O. Box 48, Redlands, CA 92373

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MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTERS

900 SPRUCE STREET



"The recollection of QUALITY remains long after the PRICE is forgotten."

TRADE MARK REG. IN U. S. PAT. OFFICE

E. C. SIMMONS

This cover strip illustrates the use of perfin Pattern Design 41 on the cover of the recognized user (Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, Mo.) It also provides some information not given in The Catalog of United States Perfins. It provides a date of usage (12/03/19), an address (900 Spruce Street), and the fact that E.C. Simmons is the trade mark holder. As a sideline it may be noted that the Winchester-Simmons Company of Jasper Arizona is listed in the supplementary data as an additional user.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

SHAPLEIGH HARDWARE COMPANY



900 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.
U. S. A.



This second envelope posted on January 20, 1956 from the same Spruce Street Address bears the same Keen Kutter logo in the corner card. However, a new name, Shapleigh Hardware Company is in use. In addition a new logo (DE in diamond) has been added to the corner card. The rear of this second cover (illustrated on the back cover) provides some additional details and we can note that E.C. Simmons name has been replaced in the Keen Kutter logo by Shapleigh.

The second envelope was mailed with a 6¢ T. Roosevelt stamp with perfin pattern D36. If we look that pattern up in The Catalog of United States Perfins the user is listed as Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company of Saint Louis. Simmons Hardware Company is listed in supplementary data as an additional user.

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Did Simmons merge with Shapleigh and Norvell buy in later? Or did Norvell take over control of Simmons and then sell out to a new partner, Shapleigh? And just where does Winchester fit into this picture. Could these problems be resolved with a usage section, by user in our new catalog?



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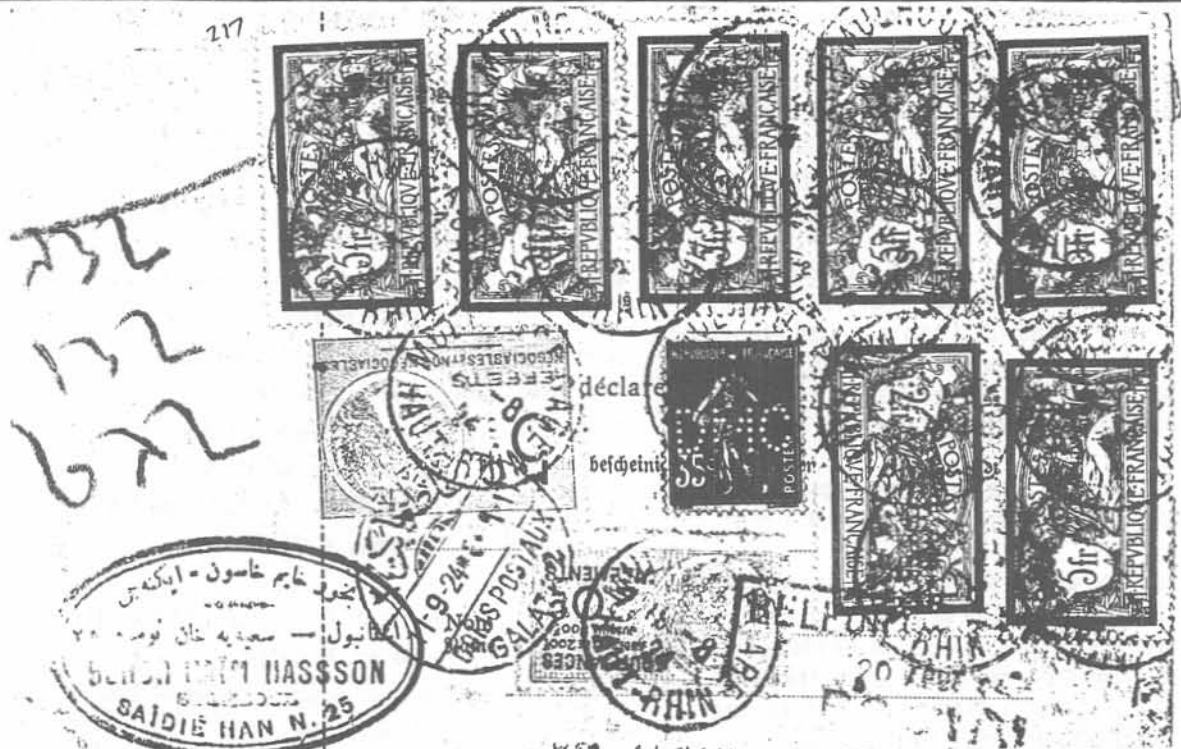
KEEN CUTTER
FOR GENERATIONS
A STANDARD
OF QUALITY
FOR FINE TOOLS
AND CUTLERY



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Abschnitt.
Peut être détaché par le destinataire.
Kann vom Empfänger abgetrennt werden.



Nom et domicile de l'expéditeur
Name, Wohnort und Wohnung des Absenders

Dollfus-Mieg & C^{ie}
Société anonyme
MULHOUSE (Haut-Rhin)

FRANCO

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B. 6190 Mulhouse 2
620 Gare (Haut-Rhin) 5695
Ci-joint Anbei
Valeur des marchandises
Bewertung der Waren
Via Marseille-Joliette
A An
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(Turquie)
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Wohngewicht 10 " " Acheminement: Postleistungsvermerk:
Marseille
Mulhouse

This fun find showing the "DMC" (Dollfus-Mieg & Cie) on every stamp front and rear is shown courtesy of James Estes (#2964).

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton, Maryland, February 15, 1991

One of the questions that authors ask frequently is when will my article appear in print? The unqualified answer is, I do not know.

At present, I am fortunate to have a fairly large backlog of material at hand. The cover article was submitted well over a year ago by a very understanding Jim Estes.

The second page is reserved for this column, the list of officers and committee chairmen, and the postmaster's notice. Want Ads and Notices are run as soon as possible. Club news, including the Secretary's report are published in as timely a fashion as possible.

Articles are always welcome, especially if they are more than the photocopy of a cover.

You may note a new type font in parts of this issue. This is as a result of shifting from WordPerfect 4.2 to WordPerfect 5.1. Unfortunately, one of the side effects was the loss of all unpublished Want Ads and Notices. I apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused. If your ad has not been published, please send me a copy. It will be published as soon as possible.

JPL

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Notes from Here and There . . .

Do yourself, the Club, and the Secretary a BIG favor. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. The price of postage has gone up and the Club does not mail dues notices. Annual membership fees are \$7.00 for the United States and Canada, \$9.00 elsewhere. Mail your check to Ralph W. Smith, R.R.1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

Kurt Ottenheimer, Club Publicity Chairman dropped us a short note along with a copy of his latest publicity success. *Boy's Life*, February 1991, p. 61 contains an article about perfins and the Perfins Club. It includes our standing offer of a free packet of perfins. With a circulation of 1.25 million, I am sure that Kurt will be working nights to keep up with the demand.

You can help too, by sending duplicates of those F rated perfins in addition to the ones listed in the perfin pamphlet. Just in case you have forgotten, we need copies of the below listed patterns for the give away packets.

A272	G132	W12	U55
B3	I117	U39	
B275	N213	U39.5	
D120	R47	U41	

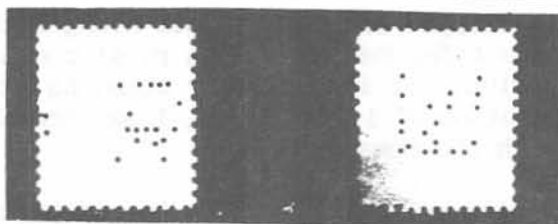
It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Ms. Ona McKey (163L) of Edna, KS. Ona joined the Club in May of 1952 and became our vice-president and contact chairman in January of 1959. During her tenure of office we had the greatest growth of new members up until that time. She became president in July of 1962 and held that position through December 1966. Ona was in correspondence with many of the old timers. She passed away on January 8, 1991 after a convalescence from April of 1990.

Briefly noted on page 61 of *Catalogue Philatelisth Bibliothek München Tel 2* (Municipal Philatelic Library of Munich).

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This is the second part of the Bibliography of Periodicals and Auction Catalog holdings: Book additions 1984-1990 of the Municipal Library of the City of Munich, Germany. The catalog lists about 2,300 book titles, 1,250 periodicals and 335 catalog runs of auction companies. 430 current periodicals and 200 current auction catalogs are listed. The bibliography is available from *Deutsche Briefmarhen Zeitung*, Postfach 13 63, D-5408 Nassau, Germany. Price was not available.

Carl Faulkner provided us with a copy of "Perfins on Falkland Island Stamps" by Stefan Heijtz. This article appeared in *The Upland Goose*, December 1990. I have written for permission to reprint the article. If you forward a copy of an article from an other publication, please do what Carl did. Provide the name and address of the publication and/or its editor's name and address. Thank you, Carl.



Can anyone describe these two types? Both are on the 16¢, 1918 airmail (Scott Catalog number C2). The missing pins pose a real mystery. If you can solve this one, please write to Joe Kirker (#1777), Box 360, Lansing, IL 60438.

The Perfins Club -
Statement of Income and Expenses - Period Ending 12/31/91

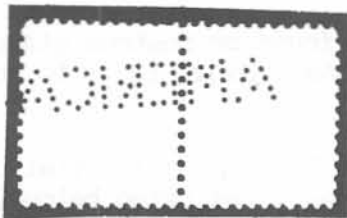
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Sales Circuits:	316.14	Publisher's Expense:	1,758.51
Auctions:	289.46	Secretary's Expense:	539.12
Interest Income:	2,254.63	Treasurer's Expense:	31.86
Donations:	8.00	Other Officer's Expense:	460.37
Total Income	\$13,675.80	Catalog Expenses:	4,725.66
		Publicity Expenses:	227.36
		Awards & Show Expenses:	198.78
		Total Expenses:	\$15,792.64
		Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,116.84)

American Appraisal Company

John R. Macdonald (#2938), 515 East Anderson Avenue
Phoenixville, PA 19460



I discovered the item shown to the left in either one of two accumulations. These are a batch of precancels my dad purchased from an unknown source sometime prior to 1972 or it was one of a bunch of "seconds" found when I helped clean out a flooded basement following the Kingston, PA flood in 1972.



All stamp collectors are in truth accumulators and consequently this item lay fallow among other things until I started to look at my perfins as a result of Bob Murrin's (LM2) offer to purchase U.S. perfins that he needed. I mailed Bob a few of my duplicates and he suggested that I might consider joining the Club, which I did.

Along with my membership application, I sent in a request for information about the illustrated "AMERICA" punch. I was delighted to receive detailed information about my copy, which does not quite match the entry in The Catalog of United States Perfins, the letter "E" missing a pin and the letter "R" being slightly different. The illustrated copies are on a pair of Scott Catalog number 635, precanceled "MILWAUKEE" (PSS T&T 236).

I decided to provide this article for the Bulletin for several reasons. The catalog article is dated; not all members have a catalog; and finally, Secretary Ralph Smith provided some additional details about this perfin.

The American Appraisal Company illustration from page 522 of The Catalog of United States Perfins is illustrated in reduced size below.

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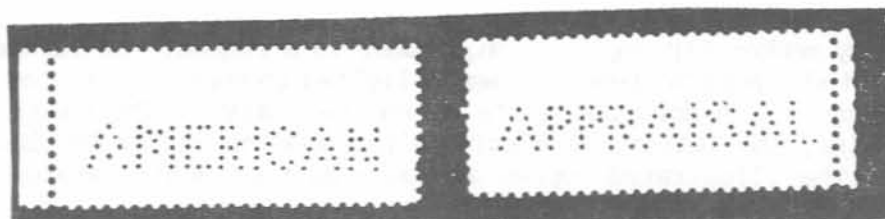
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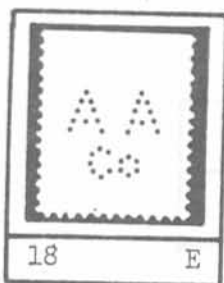
The various perforations above have been found on postage stamps. All have been precancelled except for numbers 1 and 3. The following examples shown were submitted by various members.

According to the catalog these perforations have been found on postage stamps. All have been precanceled except for numbers 1 and 2. The catalog fails to note that these were precanceled "MILWAUKEE".

Among the data provided by Secretary Smith were the following illustrations showing the complete words "AMERICAN" and "APPRAISAL" as illustrated below.



These perforations were used by the American Appraisal Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on mailings in 1933. The assistant secretary of this company provided the information that the wrong die was inserted in the perforator, this die not having been designed to perforate postage stamps. While many segments of this pattern exist, few complete copies are known to exist and most having missing holes.



The Catalog of United States Perfins perfin pattern A18 (shown to the left) is attributed to the American Appraisal Company of Milwaukee, WI. The catalog entry also indicates that this is a positive identification. Based upon these data can we assume that the American Appraisal Company device was equipped with replaceable dies, one set for postage stamps and the other which was used to certify or authenticate appraisals made in the course of business.

The Secretary's Report

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645
Dryden, ME 04225

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Argentina and Hungary | By: Doyle (#1407) |
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SUMMARY:

Members as of November 30, 1990	910
New Members	+5
Deceased	-1
Members as of December 31, 1990	914

Perfin Patterns on the 2c Shield

Joseph Laura, Jr. (#1238), P.O.Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576

Perfin patterns on this stamp, Scott Catalogue number 319, have previously been listed under the "02" series. I am listing them as they should be, as a separate issue. This will make a change in the listing of previous tally sheets for the 1902 issues. The 2¢ denomination, Scott Catalogue number 301, which is the only 2¢ value in the series is perhaps one of the rarest U.S. stamps found perfined. This is despite the fact that the stamp by itself is of insignificant value as a used stamp. Perfins known on this issue (Scott Catalogue number 301) will be listed on a following tally of the 1902 issue.

The 2¢ shield is a challenging specialty collection, there are four color varieties and two die varieties. In this tally, I have listed only the ones that are in my personal collection. Readers are asked to submit their listings of perfin patterns which are not listed. These contributions will be added to a revised tally list.

I will gladly buy or trade for any patterns not on this list.

Letter A	Letter A	Letter B	Letter C	Letter C	Letter C
37	288	185	102	300	421
40	304	187	105	317	422
60	306	202	111	347	423
64	Letter B	235.5	118	351	424
76	2	256	123	354	425
94	29	266	135	356	Letter D
97	53	270	145	362	14
102A	60	277	177.5	364	28
149	110	287	182	382	36
162	118	290	230	385	94
179	126	Letter C	238	386	112
182	139	1	255	390	136
197	151	24	267	416	141
210	152	65	284	418	Letter E
267A	167	76	288	419	7
268	170	91	290	420	8

Letter E	Letter H	Letter L	Letter P	Letter S	Letter W
26	23	128	3	138	7I
50	29	135	22	170	12
55	44	140.5	37	172	13A
57	54	146	51	177	19
70	83	156	101	184	36.5
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72-26	63	69	64	7	
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9	66	74	92	7Fa	
15	76	81	107	7H	

Perfin Prices at Bourses

Alan Sandy (#2539), P.O. Box 2159, Petaluma, CA 94953

At bourses, Great Britain perfin collectors are asked to pay too much for perfins. Having learned that some collectors do want perfins, many dealers figure that they can get premium prices for them. Even dealers with modest pricing goals want 40 percent of 1990 Scott (which would be on average about 30 percent of 1988 Scott). These dealers do not understand that perfins collectors are interested in the pattern rather than the stamp. Most mount their perfins face-down and pay little attention to which stamp they are mounting. It is frustrating to a perfin collector to see perfins that he or she may want and to be unable to buy them at a fair price. So maybe the question is whether we perfin collectors should develop a pricing policy of our own.

At the first meeting of our new Northern California chapter of the Perfins Club, we discussed the problem of values and agreed that ten percent of catalog is about the right price for higher catalog items. This figure has to be adjusted for the catalog used, but the point is that it sends a message: perfins are sought by only a small number of collectors and we do not intend to pay as much as the typical bourse buyer will pay for un-perfined stamps.

I have found that I need to set myself a rule before I shop for perfins. I do not buy anything later than Edward VII, since most later stamps have little or no market value and since I hope to find them in large lots at a penny or so each. I tell myself (and sometimes the dealer) that, where the catalogue is above \$2.00, I will pay 10 percent of catalog for Victorian and Edwardian perfins THAT I WANT. When the catalog value is less than \$2.00, I will pay a reasonable percentage and full catalog for any Victorian stamp that I want cataloging 20¢ or less. Obviously, this rule is more symbolic than actual. A perfect CDS on a bright and fresh Jubilee with a complete sharp perfin will make me bend my rule.

One reason for this tight-fisted approach is the method I find myself forced to use when locating perfins. Sure, I recall some of the patterns in my collection; but usually when I see a perfin for sale, I just do not know whether I have it or not. My collection sits on my shelf in 13 three-ring binders -- the Tilles pages with facing blank and also some home-made leaves for covers and spacing varieties etc. I have not quite gotten around to making a list of what I have because one needs the illustrations to discriminate among the many similar patterns.

Anyway, the upshot is that I have to buy perfins I may already have, so I just have to pay a price I could mostly redeem through trading.

Some specialized collectors save by "pattern and face". This sort of accumulating can hardly go on if high prices are paid. The essence of perfin collecting is that one gets a large number of stamps and thus a lot of fun for little money. Another type of collecting is the "synoptic" collection: one tries to get a perfined copy of every stamp from a country. I have the impression that there are relatively few such collectors, but for them I can

understand that the stamp is more important than the pattern, so they might be willing to pay more.

My scheme is directed primarily at bourse dealers. When we buy perfins in the club auction or from Perfin Club circuits, we have the chance to check our collections against the patterns. Then indeed, the market value of perfins at all levels goes up some from my rule. And of course, there are special markets for various types such as monograms, officials, line-engraved, etc. Perhaps other Great Britain perfin collectors can write up the problems of valuation in these specialized areas.

Eds Note: Member Sandy's article is adapted from a shorter piece originally published in the GBCC Newsletter with permission of that publication. The GBCC newsletter is the official publication of the Great Britain Collectors Club.

W111 - State of Wisconsin

Joe Kirker (#1777), Box 360, Lansing, IL 60438

ILLUSTRATION HERE

This copy of perfin pattern W111 illustrates use of the State of Wisconsin's general use perfin from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Wisconsin Senate on April 26, 1948.



ITALIAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

The only known perfin type from the Italian colony of Eritrea has been reported on both postal and special delivery issues. Slight differences in the perfins suggest the possibility of a multi-head machine or two machines. Members are encouraged to report cancellations found on stamps with this perfin.

SPANISH AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

Situated 60 miles off the northwest coast of Africa and owned by Spain since the late 15th century, the Canary Islands provided important coaling station ports for the transatlantic and West African shipping. Similar to those found on Niger Territories stamps (See W.P.C.), the perfin of the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company has been reported on a British stamp, Scott #114, with a Sta. Cruz de Tenerife cancellation.

The only reported perfins on stamps of Spanish Morocco, are those used by the Banque d'Etat du Maroc from various cities. No perfins have been reported on stamps of Spanish Offices in Morocco (1903-1914), nor on those of independent Morocco (1956-present).

ITALIAN AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

ERITREA

- 1 B.N./C. Banca Nazionale di Credito (Napoli)
(Tentative identification)

NOTES:

SPANISH AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

CANARY ISLANDS

- 1 UN/CO Union Castle Mail Steamship Co.
Sta. Cruz de Tenerife, (Tilles 142.1)

SPANISH MOROCCO

- | | | |
|----|-------|--|
| 1a | BEM | Banque d' Etat du Maroc |
| 1b | BEM | Banque d' Etat du Maroc , Larache |
| 1c | BEM | Banque d' Etat du Maroc , Alcazarkivir |
| 2a | B.E.M | Banque d' Etat du Maroc , Larache |
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TANGIER International City

- 1 BEM Banque d' Etat du Maroc, Tangier

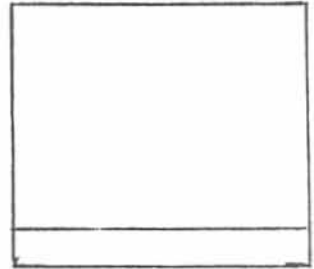
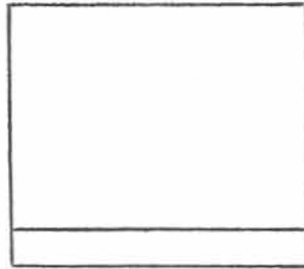
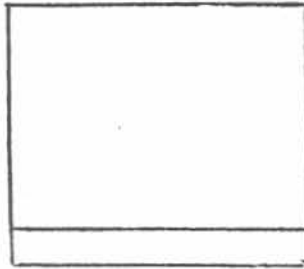
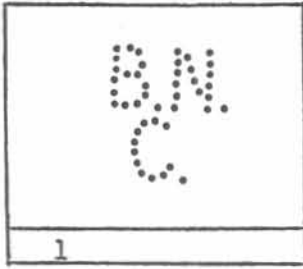
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Type 1b - Larger holes, wider width than type 1a.
Type 1c - Holes of top and bottom bars of "E" more widely spaced than types 1a and 1b.

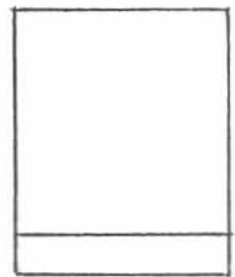
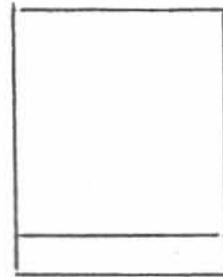
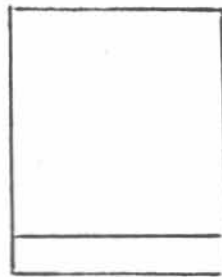
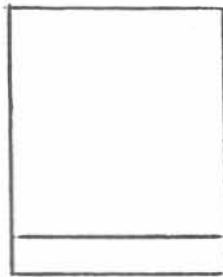
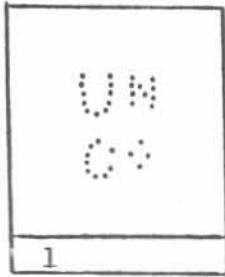
Types 2a
and 2b - Both contain periods. Identified by cancellations and missing holes.

Tangier 1 - Consistent missing hole in "B" in examined copies. Compare British Morocco in W.P.C. for similar type.

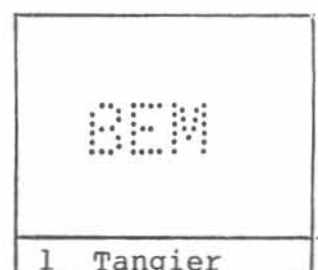
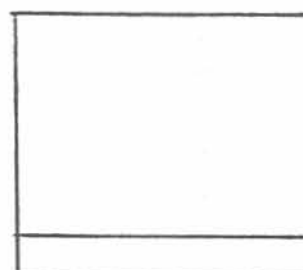
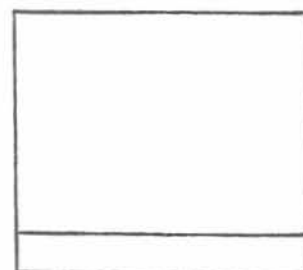
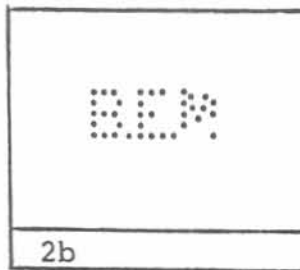
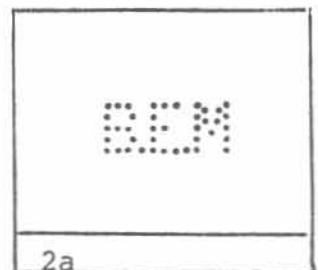
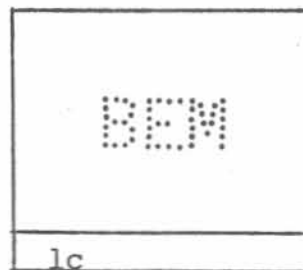
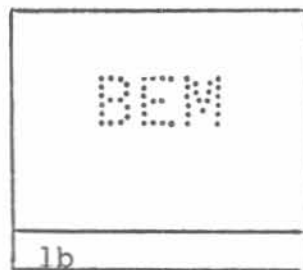
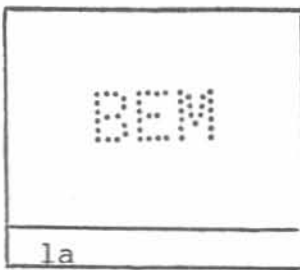
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SPANISH OFFICES: MOROCCO, TANGIER

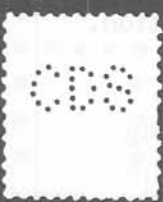











Introduction to Cataloging Perfins

The article which follows, entitled "Cataloging Perfins", was provided by Paul A Mistretta (L111) former Bulletin Editor. By way of introduction the best we can say is that Paul received this from Dorothy Hazard (LM92) when he joined the club. The information may be found in the previous U.S. Catalogue (Lougee 1966). It was not continued in the current Catalog of United States Perfins, (Balough and Balough). Paul notes that the coding for pattern configuration and the underscore used to indicate serif on specific characters were ignored in the current catalog.

Ten symbols and a few rules govern the cataloging of U. S. and most foreign Perfins.

Most Perfins are arranged on a horizontal plane in either one, two, or three lines. But some Perfins consist of fancy monograms or letters within letters. The ten symbols shown below are used to describe all Perfins.

	Symbol "H" One horizontal line		Symbol "2H" Two horizontal lines
	Symbol "3H" Three horizontal lines		Symbol "A" Letters in an arc
	Symbol "C-O" Condensed; ie, some holes of one letter form part of another		Symbol "D" Diagonal
	Symbol "DU" Diagonal, up		Symbol "EN" Letter(s) enclosed in border such as circle--but not in another letter
	Symbol "EX" A second letter within the outer letter		Symbol "M" Monogram

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The envelope was posted at 7 a.m at Tamaqua, PA on July 26, 1932. A date stamp at the bottom shows "Jul 29, 1932" which I take to be a receipt stamp at the Philadelphia Electric Company in Ardmore, PA. To compound the mystery the written notation in blue pencil is in part overwritten in black pencil. This states, "1-11-4 / Due 62¢ / Due 7/21/32 / P.E. Reutter / 118 Revere Rd / Memor Park, PA".

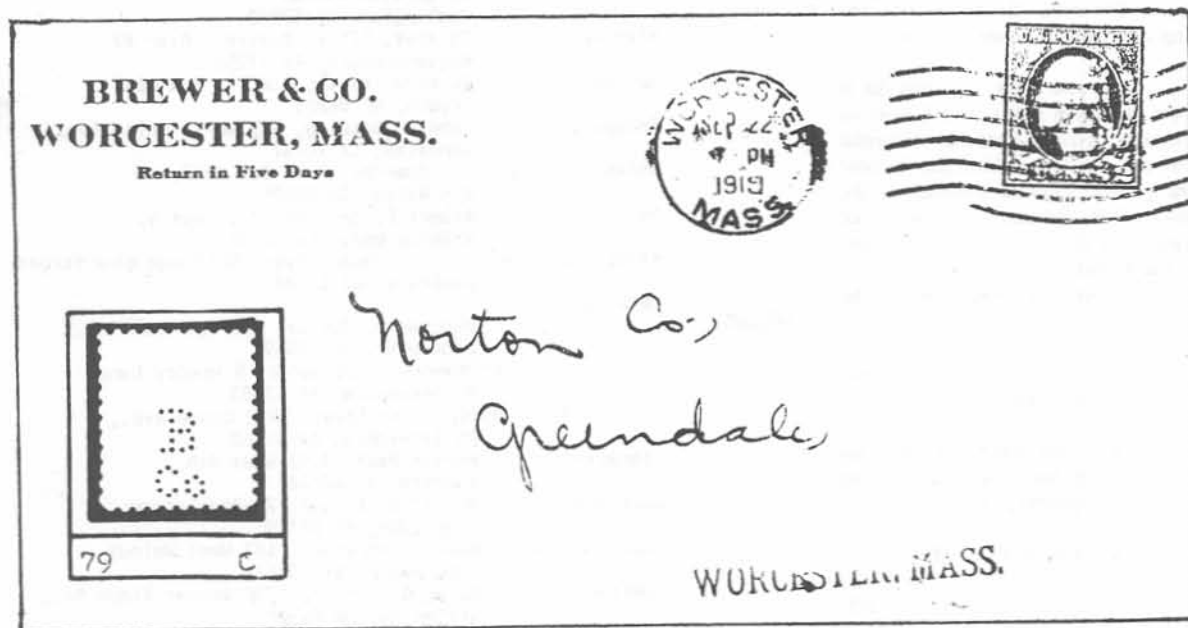
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AN ENIGMA?

Harry Rickard (#1802)



Yes this cover with perfin pattern B79 poses a small problem to think about. Note that the name and supposed address are hand written. The letter was mailed at Worcester, Mass. post office with a written destination of the Norton Company at Greendale. A hand stamp of "WORCESTER, MASS." was applied. Did the postal clerk apply it since he knew that the Norton Company was local or, did someone at Brewer catch it? Is it possible that Greendale is a section of Worcester?

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It pleases me greatly that 1990 was an extremely successful year. Many projects settled into place and the outcomes are pleasant to note. With the start of 1991, I begin my third term as president of the Perfins Club. I only hope that we can continue to achieve our goals.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Crofton, Maryland, March 15, 1991

"Beware, the Ides of March." If I remember Julius Caesar correctly, this was the date of the Soothsayer's warning to the Emperor. In later years, it was the cry of the Internal Revenue Service in the United States. However, the filing date was changed to April 15 many years back.

As you know, this editorial is written at least a half a month prior to publication. Hence, I have to be careful about using material which may become dated quickly. I did not comment on the Persian Gulf incident in January or February for that reason. Now that the war has ended, I do not have to worry about any comment being overtaken by events.

- I pray for the swift and safe return of our troops.
- I pray that there will be no more losses of life due to unexploded ordnance.
- GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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During my last term, we were able to produce catalogs of Railroad Perfins, Romanian Perfins, Indian Perfins and Bavarian Perfins. We also saw a variety of smaller projects developed such as the listing of 1902 perfined issues and the checklist of U.S. perfins. Our Bulletin has developed constantly. The World Perfin Catalog continues with the Americas section completed and we are well into the African pages. We hope to publish the American section completely revised and in catalog form in 1991.

The growth of membership over the past year has been astounding and much of the credit for this goes to Kurt Ottenheimer for his most efficient and diligent handling of the brochure and sample perfin program of public relations. Our membership as of October 31, 1989 was 767. As of October 31, 1990, the membership totaled 905. This is an increase of 148 and we are at an all time high.

Plans are in the making for various projects that we would like to see accomplished. We have hopes that a new Austrian catalog will be out by the time this appears in the Bulletin. Work is progressing on the new United States Catalog-Album. While we may be hard pressed to reach the target date of January 1, 1992, publication surely can be achieved in 1992.

Perfin lists are being developed for airmails, special delivery, black Hardings, C-11s, and parcel post issues. The perfin ratings are being refined and may be expected to be presented at the time that the U.S. Catalog comes out.

I want to thank all of you for the continuing support and I hope that we can accomplish most of our goals over the next three years. May I take this opportunity to once again enlist your aid in club work. Presently all official positions are filled, but there is much help needed on the projects. We particularly need computer people for the new U.S. catalog. If you have a pet project, be assured that we will do our best to give you all of the help you need.

Dick Mewhinney

J.A. Roebling - Engineer

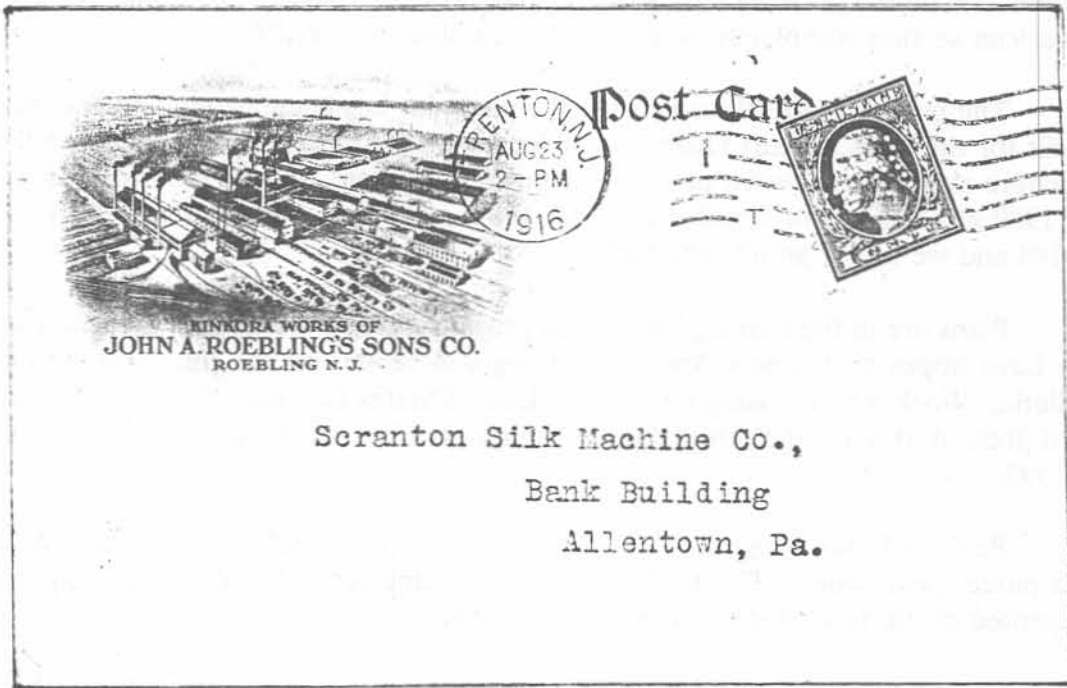
Sylvia M. Gersch (#1825F)

The article about J.A. Roebling's Sons Co. use of perfin pattern R5, TPB, July August 1990, pp. 161-2 led my husband Bill and I to check our collection. We found a number of items, which are described later in this article. After reading the article, Bill recalled that John Roebling had been associated with the building of the Brooklyn Bridge.

A summary of an article on John A. and Washington A. Roebling from The Encyclopedia Britannica, 15th. edition (1978), Macropodia, Vol 15, Chicago, pp. 983-984 is provided below:

John Augustus Roebling was a pioneer in the design of steel suspension bridges. His best known work was the Brooklyn Bridge. He was among the

first to recognize the resilience of steel wire and to weave it into massive cables of great strength and flexibility.



Trenton, N. J., 191

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your order 3820,
our number 13206, which we have entered.

We expect to ship within *less 1-2 days*

In future correspondence with respect to this order, kindly
refer to our number. *Balance 4-6 weeks*

Thanking you for the same, and trusting to be favored
with your future orders, we are

Yours very truly,
JOHN A. ROEBLING'S SONS CO.

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He was born in Mulhausen, Prussia on June 12, 1806 and trained as an engineer before emigrating to the United States in 1831. He settled in a small colony near Pittsburgh, PA which later was named Saxonburg. He married and had nine children, the oldest of whom was Washington Augustus.

After several years as a farmer he obtained employment with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a civil engineer. His first assignment was to replace the hemp hawsers on the canals with wire cables. He developed methods for standing and weaving the cables and established a factory to manufacture such cable in Trenton, NJ. This factory became an industrial complex producing everything from chicken wire to 36-inch cables. It remained a family owned business for three generations.

Washington Roebling, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, joined his father's business. Father and Son built four suspension bridges: two in Pittsburgh, one at Niagara Falls, and one across the Ohio River. The one across the Ohio River connecting Cincinnati, OH to Covington, KY is named the John A. Roebling Bridge.

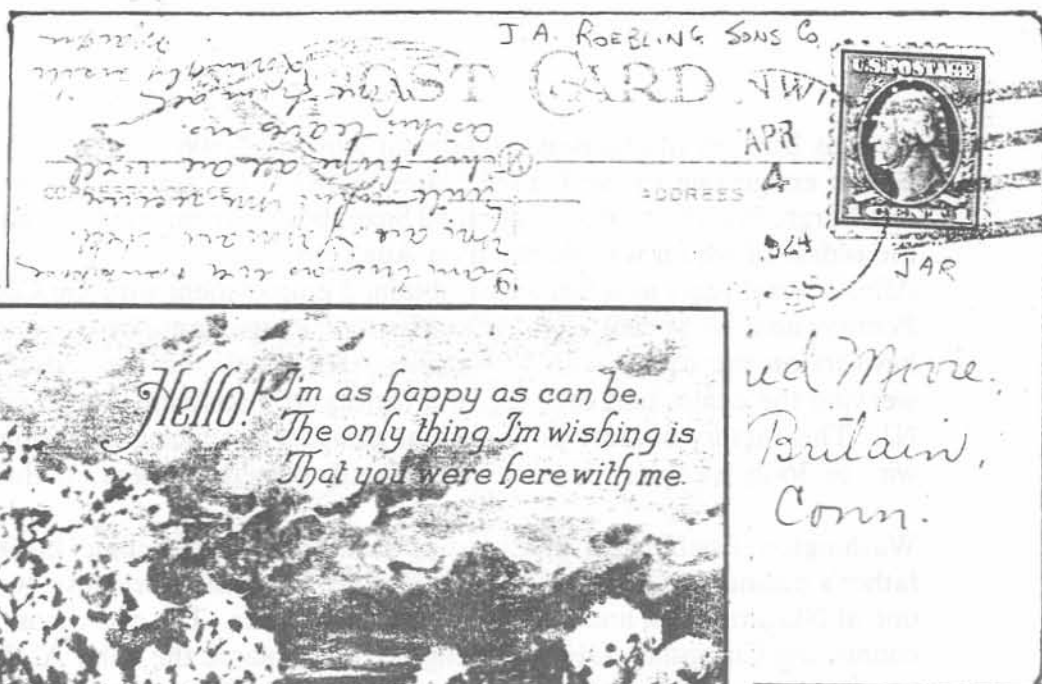
John was appointed the chief engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge, which at the time it was built was the longest such bridge, spanning 1595 feet. Unfortunately, he died in 1869 after contracting tetanus as a result of an accident at the bridge footing.

Washington was then appointed chief engineer of the bridge. The requirement for slow decompression after being under pressure was not well understood in those days and Washington was removed from one of the compressed-air chambers unconscious after spending 12 hours there. His health was permanently affected and although he lived to be almost 89 he was unable to return to the bridge site. He continued to supervise construction by using a telescope from his bedroom window to observe the spinning of cable. His wife conveyed his instructions to the engineers and foremen. The bridge took 13 years to build and was completed in May of 1883. Washington Roebling died on July 21, 1926.

In our collection, we have two items with the "JAR" perfin. One of these, illustrated on the previous page, is from the "Kinkora Works of John A. Roebling's Sons Co, Roebling, NJ." Like the previously published cover it is also addressed to the "Scranton Silk Machine Co.", but at Allentown rather than Scranton. The postmark of August 23, 1916 is almost exactly 3 years later than the previous item. The second item, shown on the next page, is a personal use in April of 1924 from "Margie" and is addressed to a Mrs. Wilfred Moore in New Britain, CN.

The Britannica article states that the Roebling Industrial Complex remained a family owned business for three generations. We would be interested if anyone has been able to trace this company. We have not been able to find a listing in the Thomas' Register of American Manufactures, Dunn's Marketing Services, Ward's Business Directory of Major U.S. Private Companies, or Standard and Poor's.

Also, we would be willing to trade a JAR perfin for a railroad perfin on Scott Catalog number 922, the 1944 Transcontinental stamp.



Scott Catalog Number	Issue Date	Notes
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E11	05/02/17	Postmark 1923 ?
499	05/23/17	Postmark TRENTON FEB 5
501	05/23/17	2 copies
506	05/23/17	5 copies
508	05/24/17	5 copies, 1 postmark TRENTON, 1 postmark 1925
510	05/24/17	
515	05/12/17	
567	05/01/23	
585	04/04/25	
591	06/08/25	3 copies, 1 postmark TRENTON, NJ MA 28 8PM 1 postmark TRENTON, NJ JAN 25, 3:30 PM 1 postmark 1928
597	04/04/25	3 copies, 1 postmark TRENTON
641	1931	TRENTON registry
707	01/01/32	
713	01/01/32	2 copies both TRENTON registry
804	04/25/38	
812	04/04/38	Postmark TRENTON
820	10/03/38	



Notes from Here and There . . .

Secretary Ralph Smith tells me that renewal checks are coming in very slowly. If you have not sent your check in yet, do so today. The fee is \$7.00 U.S. and Canada, \$9.00 elsewhere. Send the check to The Perfins Club, Ralph W. Smith, Secretary, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

Kurt Ottenheimer, Public Affairs Chairman, 462 West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561 would like to know if any member reads a column written by a philatelic writer in their local newspaper. Send him the name of the writer, newspaper name and the address of the newspaper. Kurt will contact the writer about perfins.

Robert T. Dann (#484) bet that I would receive at least 50 answers about my query on the use of a NYC perfin on Michigan Central Railroad stationary. See *The Perfins Bulletin*, February 1991, p. 39. Well it was not quite that large a response, but Bob provided the following data:

From Robert G. Lewis' *Handbook of American Railroads*, Simmons-Bordman, NY, 1956.

Fourth largest U.S. railway in standpoint of mileage is The New York Central Railroad Company. Total system milage, excluding that of the separately operated Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, was 10,613 as of April 1956. About 60 percent consists of lines operated under lease or contract, principally the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis (Big Four), the Boston & Albany, the Michigan Central, the Peoria & Eastern and the West Shore. Operations extend into 11 states and two provinces of Canada. From point of revenues, both freight and passenger, the Central is second only to the Pennsylvania.

The Encyclopedia Americana, 1981 adds the Toledo and Ohio Central Railway to those operated under lease by the New York Central. Railroads affiliated with the New York Central through stock ownership at that time, in addition to the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, were the Chicago River and Indiana Railroad Company. From a book on the New Haven Railroad I learned that the Boston & Albany lease to the New York Central was negotiated in 1900 to last 99 years.

Considering just the leased lines, we could keep an eye out for NYC perfins on stationary normally associated with these perfins:

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|---|-------|------|
| o | BIG/4 | B139 |
| o | B&A | B252 |
| o | T&O | T123 |
| o | MC | M40 |
| o | MC/RR | M90 |

Stretching it a bit, we might even find NYC perfins on the affiliated lines where we normally would find:

o	P(LE)	P124
o	CRI	C291
o	CR/&I	C299
o	IHB	I40

The New York Central even had substantial stock ownership in the Reading Company, Rdg/Co. (R47) as did the B&O, but I do not believe that they participated in its day to day management.

Interlocking ownership arrangements seemed to be the rule among the railroads, as each firm sought to complete its routes to major markets and assure itself of through freight business. No wonder they eventually came under control of the Federal Government through the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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Robert W. McQuown (#1963) responded from the viewpoint of the Michigan Central Railroad and adds history through today. Citing *Poor's Manual of Railroads*, 1903:

Chartered in 1864, and purchased from the State of Michigan the Detroit to Kalamazoo, 144 miles. The extension to Kensington (ILLINOIS) was put in operation in May 1852. At Kensington connection is made with the Illinois Central RR., and 14 miles of that line are used to reach Chicago. In 1903 the New York Central and Hudson River R.R. owned about 86 percent of the capital stock of this company. The railroad forms part of the New York Central system, but is operated as an independent organization.

The original Charter of this company was repealed by an act of the Michigan Legislature in extra session, 1900. The company, therefore, resolved to surrender its charter and to incorporate under general railroad law. This was accordingly done, and certificate of such surrender and incorporation was filed Dec. 30, 1901.

This railroad was controlled by the New York Central System and subsequently was part of the Penn-Central system when these two lines merged on May 8, 1968. We all know that Penn-Central went bankrupt and evolved into Conrail which is government owned.

There were dozens of short lines that made up the Michigan Central R.R. and many of them have been almost lost to history.

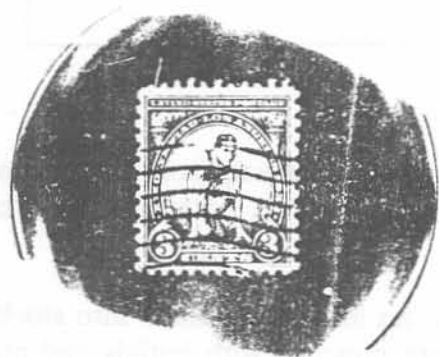
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As suggested, there were a large number of responses to this question. In addition to providing an answer, Sylvia Gersch (#1825F) suggested that we need a research editor. Any volunteers? Other responses from Shannon D. Lientz, Stu Johnson, and F.J. "Joe" Miller.

We have received permission to reprint "PERFINS ON FALKLAND ISLAND STAMPS" from the December 1990 issue of *The Upland Goose*. This reprint will appear in a future edition. The Editor, Mrs. M.G. Wharton, suggested that we might also like to reprint a letter about Charles & Louis Williams, which appeared in the January 1991 issue. If some member will be kind enough to mail me a copy of this letter, I would appreciate their kindness.

VORLÄUFER is the journal of the German Colonies Collectors Group. The society is in the process of developing a definitive article on the perfins of the German Post Offices abroad. I have received a thirteen page copy of the editor's notes for this article. The author has promised to publish his results in *The Perfins Bulletin* as well as *VORLÄUFER*. In the interim, we have been granted permission to print the summary which appears in the center section of this issue (Pages 82-83).

This research project will extend the boundaries of our knowledge and if you are able to provide additional data, please contact John Kevin Doyle, 5815 Lenox Road, Lisle, IL 60532.



A new novelty item by member Fred Saner. This is a poor photocopy of the stamp pin badge that is being advertised in this month's "Want Ads and Notices" column.

Fred sent me a sample with the front and back of a perfin encased in a 2" silver backed disc badge. See his ad.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL from a member.

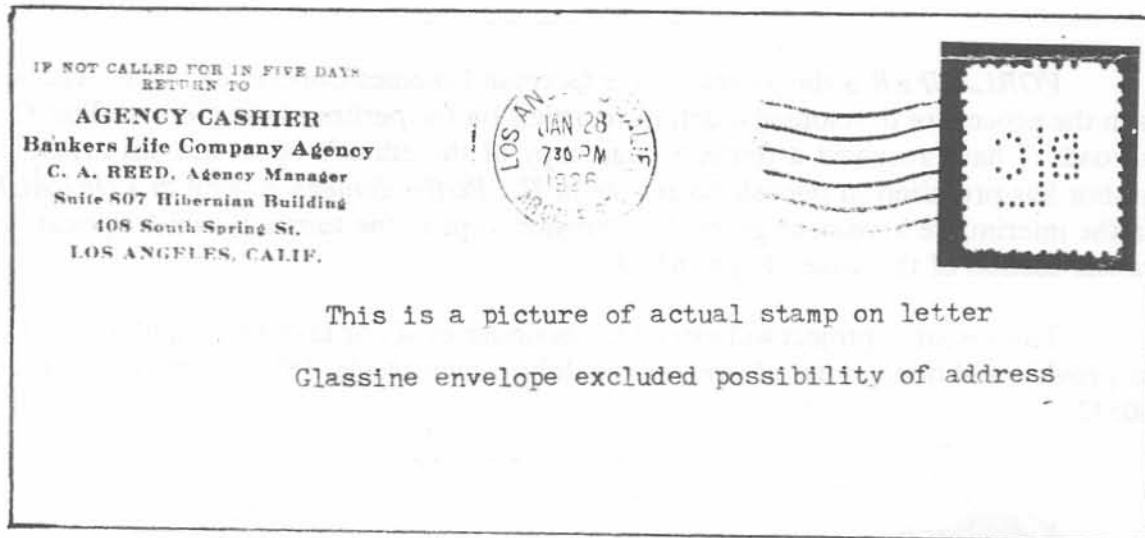
With the new postal rates now in effect, I would suspect that a dues increase may be in the offing. I for one would not object. In 53 years of collecting stamps this is the first stamp association that I have found which provides more to the members than the current dues can ever pay for. I am impressed by the caliber of everyone I read about, have been in correspondence with, and in the *Bulletin* with its wide range of informative and educational articles.

B153 USED IN LOS ANGELES

Harry Rickard (#1802)

Reading the eight line corner card on this cover shows that the firm is an agency. This probably means that there is a headquarters and other branches.

Pattern B154 also uses the letters "BLC" but in a different design. However, pattern B154 is attributed to Lincoln Export Co. and the letters do not match. This may be a misidentification of the pattern's user. Now how did this happen and do we have sufficient information to determine if a correction should be made?



The firm could have disposed of their perforator and it was acquired by Lincoln Exports or the firm itself could have been acquired by Lincoln Exports. I doubt it as there is a very logical explanation.

Some mail rooms removed stamps provided for replies and placed them into stock where they were used as needed. The fact that they were punched with initials had no bearing on the matter.

When the stamp was finally used it could wind up on the reply to the original query or any other outgoing mail. When a cover is found where the perfin pattern has no resemblance to the firms name this is often the case.

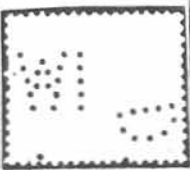

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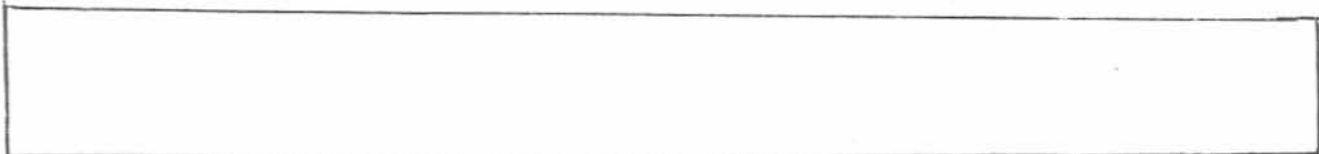
- Pages 83-84 - Additions and Corrections to *The World Perfins Catalog*, Africa
- Pages 85-86 - Summary of Perforated Initials on Stamps of the German Post Offices Abroad, J.K Doyle.

REMEMBER

Get your dues payment to Ralph Smith
This Year's Convention is in California.

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE WORLD PERFIN CATALOG AFRICA 1

<p>SP PW</p>	<p>EAST AFRICA & UGANDA A1 (Better photo)</p>	<p>MP</p>	<p>MAURITIUS A11 Independent State Mauritius Publicity</p>
<p>ACC</p>	<p>GOLD COAST A0.5 Scott 148</p>		<p>NORTHERN NIGERIA A1 Revenue use</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>KENYA,UGANDA, TANG. A0.1</p>	<p>AA TC</p>	<p>SOUTHERN RHODESIA A0.5</p>
<p>BML</p>	<p>KENYA,UGANDA, TANG. A0.2 Scott 104</p>	<p>S B</p>	<p>ZANZIBAR A1 Republic 1964 Standard Bank</p>
<p>JD</p>	<p>KENYA,UGANDA, TANG. A0.5 Scott 107</p>	<p>BEM</p>	<p>BR. OFF. IN MOROCCO A2.1 <u>French Currency</u> Banque d'Etat du Maroc Scott 433</p>
<p>S B</p>	<p>KENYA,UGANDA, TANG. B0.5 Standard Bank Overprinted "Uganda Revenue" Scott 107</p>	<p>S M </p>	<p>MAURITIUS A12 Stafford Mayer & Co.Ltd.</p>
<p>96</p>	<p>MAURITIUS A7.5</p>		
<p>MP OB</p>	<p>MAURITIUS A8 (Better Photo)</p>	<p>NIGER TERRITORIES - Other possible cancels on British stamps used there: Abutshi, Burutu, Lokoja. MAURITIUS - A4,type cc, has been reported with customs cancel.</p>	



Perforated Initials on Stamps of the German Post Offices Abroad

<i>German Post Offices in</i>	<i>Perfin</i>	<i>Attributed to / City</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Turkey	A.P.C.	Anglo-Palestian Corporation Jerusalem, Beirut, Jaffa	
	B.H.	Hongroise de Banque et Commerce Smyrna	
	BIO	Banque Impériale Ottomane Constantinopel	
	CL	Credit Lyonnais Constantinopel	- tiny letters - known also with dot centered between C and L - see also next perfin
	CL	Credit Lyonnais Constantinopel	- 'C' and 'L' overstruck - see also previous perfin
	EOB	Etablissements Orosdi Bank Constantinopel	
	F.C.	Friedrich Clemm Smyrna	
	G.S.	Geo. Stameny Smyrna	
	K.B.	Brin[c]kmann & Clemm Constantinopel, Smyrna	
	O.C.M.	Oriental Carpet Manufacturing, Ltd. Smyrna	
	P.M.	Paul Milberg Smyrna	- all eight orientations are known
	S.P./C.	<i>unknown</i> Constantinople	
	WBV	Wiener Bank Verein Constantinopel, Smyrna	- see also next perfin
	W.B.V.	Wiener Bank Verein Smyrna	- see also previous perfin

Perforated Initials on Stamps of the German Post Offices Abroad

<i>German Post Offices in</i>	<i>Perfin</i>	<i>Attributed to / City</i>	<i>Notes</i>
China	B&S/S	Butterfield & Swire Shanghai	
	D.A./B.	Deutsch Asiatische Bank Shanghai	- also occurs inverted, reversed/inverted, and reversed - see also Kiautschou
	HF/d/DB	Haupt Filiale der Deutschen Bank Shanghai	- currently known only on vorläufer
	HS/BC	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Shanghai	
	K.B.	<i>unknown</i>	- probably an erroneous listing
	K&W	Kelly & Walsh Shanghai	
	L.S.	L. Soyka Shanghai	
	PC/A	<i>unknown</i> Amoy	
R&Co	Reiss & Co. Shanghai		
Kiautschou	D.A./B.	Deutsch Asiatische Bank Tsingtau	- also occurs inverted, reversed/inverted, and reversed - see also China
Marocco	C.N.	Credit Nationale Tanger	

J. K. Doyle
February 24, 1991

Want Ads and Notices:

Want Ads and Notices are published without charge for Club members on a space available basis. Items submitted by non-members may be accepted if space permits and the item is considered of interest by the Editor.

While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate, the Club cannot be held responsible for want ads or notices.

If you wish to place an advertisement or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor, John Lyding, P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114-3342, USA.

WANTED - Railroad perfins on Scott Catalogue number 922, the Trans-continental Railroad stamp. I am offering to trade railroad perfins or other perfins. I would like to have a variety of railroad perfins in this beautiful stamp for the first page of my railroad perfin exhibit. Sylvia Gersch (#1825F), 27020 Cedar Road #104-1, Beachwood, OH 44122.

WANTED - U32 on cover; send details or photocopy with price. Also wanted British perfin UFCo on cover. Write to Stuart A. Johnson (#2713), 6115 Midwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

NOTICE - The Illini Precancel Club's annual Spring meeting will be held at the Executive Inn, Vincennes, Indiana May 2-4. An early bird session on May 1. Perfins Club members are invited (ask for Helen Ratzler). For reservations call 1-800-457-9154.

SPECIAL OFFER -You send perfin or precanceled stamp(s) to be returned to you in S.A.S.E. (58¢) safely displayed on a 2" pin badge, \$1.00 each. cash or equal trade value in perfins or commemorative precancels. A great gift for philatelic friends. Fred Saner (#2703), 192 Good Hill Road, Oxford, CT 06483.

WANTED - Perfins on Scott Catalog Numbers 899-900-901. Face up, completely undamaged. Immediate payment. Send stamps with price to Francis Stunzi (#2665), 37 Smith Street, Rouses Point, NY 12979.

WANTED - New member and new perfin collector seeks perfins of Denmark. George A Sellnau (#3005), 1511 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057

WANTED - U.S. private perfins with control perfins, on or off cover. I have some to trade or give your asking price. If control perfins are your collecting interest, let's talk. A.S. Glass (#2840), 383 Bambury Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

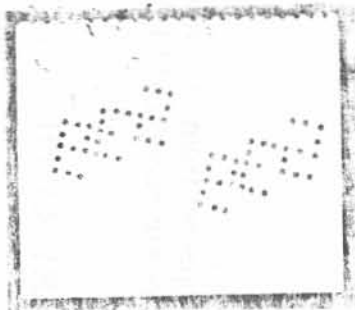
HELP - Topical collector of ceramics and glass seeking related mint or on cover perfins (from original source) relating to bricks, china, sparkplugs, etc. Collector or dealer material welcomed. Tom Fortunato (non-member), 42 Maynard Street, Rochester, NY 14615-2022.

Nature abhors a vacuum. Editors abhor an unfilled page. It is apparent from the amount of white space on this page that Contributions, Articles, and Notes are needed. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR DUES TO SECRETARY RALPH SMITH

PERFINS ON LARGE SIZE STAMPS

Harry Rickard (#1802) and John Lyding (LM106)



Large size stamps are not very popular with perfins collectors. When mounted on standard size pages pre-printed like the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, they just do not fit. Mixed in with regular sized stamps, they just do not seem to fit. That is probably why Harry did not soak off the illustrated perfin until long after he retired as U.S. Catalog Editor.

The pattern is listed in "Additions and Corrections Pages Number 3 (11/86) as the personal pattern of George E. Shuck.

Mr. Shuck was a member, but he is not listed in our current membership list. Why did we lose a member who was willing to spend a fairly substantial amount of money to purchase his own perforator? What happened to the device? Did member Shuck find that perfins were not his cup of tea, or is there some other reason why we no longer have the pleasure of his company. We suspect that time and age may have made their mark, but we are not sure. If you know, drop a note to the editor, John Lyding at P.O.Box 3342, Crofton, Maryland, 21114-3342.

Whether or not you get enjoyment from collecting perfins depends upon what you put into it. Here are some of the ways that we have found to increase our perfins holdings:

- Write to members with similar collecting interests, offering to trade, buy or sell.
- Place an advertisement in the *Perfins Bulletin* offering to trade, buy, or sell.
- Try an advertisement in the philatelic press. For many years, Harry had a standing wanted advertisement in *Linn's Stamp News* offering to buy perfins.
- Try to become the PERFIN PERSON at your local stamp club. John has had this reputation at his local stamp club for such a long time, that he gets offered all of the perfins that members locate.
- Make up an exhibit of perfins for your local stamp club's next show. While it takes sixteen pages to fill a frame and you may think that is a lot of pages to fill with perfins, it is not. The first page is a title page (no stamps required) and one of the secrets to many award winning collections is the fact that they use a lot of WHITE space around the stamps and covers. In addition, many clubs have one page exhibits.

The Secretary's Report
The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645
Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:

- 2989 Perry-Hooker, John H.; Doe Corner, Wells River, VT 05081
U.S. Railroads, Beginner By: Smith (LM87)
- 2990 DeRoest, Doug L.; 482 Modelaire Dr., Lagrange, OR 97850
General By: Smith (LM87)
- 2991 Woods, Leo E.; RR1 Box 109, Ryan, IA 52330
U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 2992 Strouts, Jack W.; RT 2 Box 50, Eureka Springs, AR 72632
U.S. (803-34) Beginner By: Bowman (#1279)
- 2993 Bard, Jacob M.; 155 Astor, Chicago, IL 60610
Mexico By: Bowman (#1279)
- 2994 Fortun, J.T.; P.O. Box 457, Ephrata, WA 98823
General By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 2995 Cole, Virginia St. C.; 6638 Van Winkle Dr., Falls Church, VA 22044
U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)

DECEASED:

- LM13 Pot, H.T.; Crayenstersingel 61, 2101 Heemstede, Netherlands
163L McKee, Mrs Ona, Box 302, Edna, KS 67342

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 2648 Denney, John S.; 701 Green Mountain Dr. Apt. 2109, Little Rock, AR 72221
2936 Haslet, Chris; 4 Hereford Rd. Foxlow Park; Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9PG, England
2953 Aid, Joe R. Jr.; 432 Caldwell Street, West Plains, MO 65775

SUMMARY:

Members as of December 31, 1990	914
New Members	+7
Deceased	<u>-2</u>
Members as of January 31, 1991	919

BACK TO BASICS

Getting Started -----

Robert C. Vorhis (#2453)
1560 Stoneleigh Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

In Manchester, New Hampshire, at the recent joint convention of the Precancel Stamp Society and the Perfins Club, the members present were unanimous in the opinion that a monthly column slanted towards the beginning perfin

collector is needed in The Perfins Bulletin. This sounds easy to do, but when confronted with the task of preparing a monthly column, it is hard to visualize how to answer such an obvious need. The past few months when I should have been writing this column, I found that I needed to think through what it is I want to present to you. You can now determine if I have succeeded in that effort.

Even beginning collectors can follow markedly different paths. One major factor is what material is available to collect? Is a collection available to use as a starting point? Is a large unsorted lot available? Is there another collector available to suggest the direction in which he thinks you should head? Do you have enough perfins already accumulated so that you have some ideas as to what you would like to collect? The answers you give to these questions hopefully will be of some help in getting you started.

A question invariably asked by a beginner relates to whether or not to buy the Catalog of United States Perfins. My mentor urged me to buy the Perfins Club catalog and to use it as an album. The first part of that advice is excellent; the last part is questionable. Certainly buying the catalog gives you access to the perfin patterns that have been used in the United States and in addition provides a wealth of details about who used each pattern and where the pattern was used. However, you may want to emphasize what you have rather than what you do not have. In that case, you would be better off not to use the catalog as an album; instead use a loose-leaf notebook for an album rather than the album itself.

Many who buy the album may be repelled by the minor differences which distinguish a low-rated perfin from an expensive one when both of them were used by the same company. At the start one may want to try to get only one pattern from each issuing organization. That would hold expenses down and give a representative collection. If even that seems like to big a project one can narrow down the field of interest.

One choice could be to concentrate on railroad perfins. These are not only relatively abundant and inexpensive and a major attraction is that the perfins club has available the Railroad Perfins of the United States and Canada. This is the work of Robert Gray and having been published in 1987 it is of recent vintage.

The Catalog of United States Perfins comes complete with a number of Additions and Corrections pages (A&C). It is my recommendation that you make these corrections in sequence (i.e., add A&C #1 completely before going on to A&C #2, and so forth). Transcribing the additions and corrections into my catalog was a tedious time consuming job; however, it is important that it be done in a correct fashion to prevent problems later on. Changes are made and then often unmade. Many of these seem not to make any sense, but were based upon the best information available at the time that the correction was published. While there is a revised edition of the catalog under consideration, you must remember that this may turn out to be a long term effort.

In order to see a perfin pattern it is best to look at the back of the stamp. That means that when mounted with a stamp hinge the front of the stamp is not exposed and it may only be seen when it is flipped up or it is removed

from the album. This assumes that hinges will be used to mount perfins; however, such mounting can cause problems. If the perfin is punched into a valuable stamp, the collector will not want to risk damaging the stamp by hinging the face of the stamp and thereby reduce the value of the stamp itself.

In conclusion, it should be noted that perfin collecting should be a fun thing to do and it should be done the way that you want to do it/. Listen to advice, but heed it only when it squares with your own aims. Also, please remember that this column is intended to be of help to you, so please feel free to send me your questions as well as suggestions that you would like to pass along to others.

Editor's Note: The following items may be purchased from the Perfins Club Catalog Sales Division:

U.S. Perfins Catalog 547 p., Balough. 5 supplements included . \$35.00

Individual Supplements:

U.S. Catalog, 1st. A/C 14 p., 1982, Balough \$2.50

U.S. Catalog, 2nd. A/C 10 p., 1985, Rickard \$2.50

U.S. Catalog, 3rd. A/C 5 p., 1986, Rickard \$2.00

U.S. Catalog, 4th. A/C 3 p., 1986, Rickard \$1.50

U.S. Catalog, 5th. A/C 4 p., Rickard \$1.50

U.S. Catalog, blank pages to mount perfins, 10¢ per page. MINIMUM 25

Album Pages: Types A30, B42, and D21; 10¢ per page, Minimum order \$2.50

Railroad Perfins, Catalog, 1987, 52 p., 1987, Gray \$5.00

"Checklist of U.S. Perfins: First Revision", Nov/Dec 89, Bulletin. \$2.00

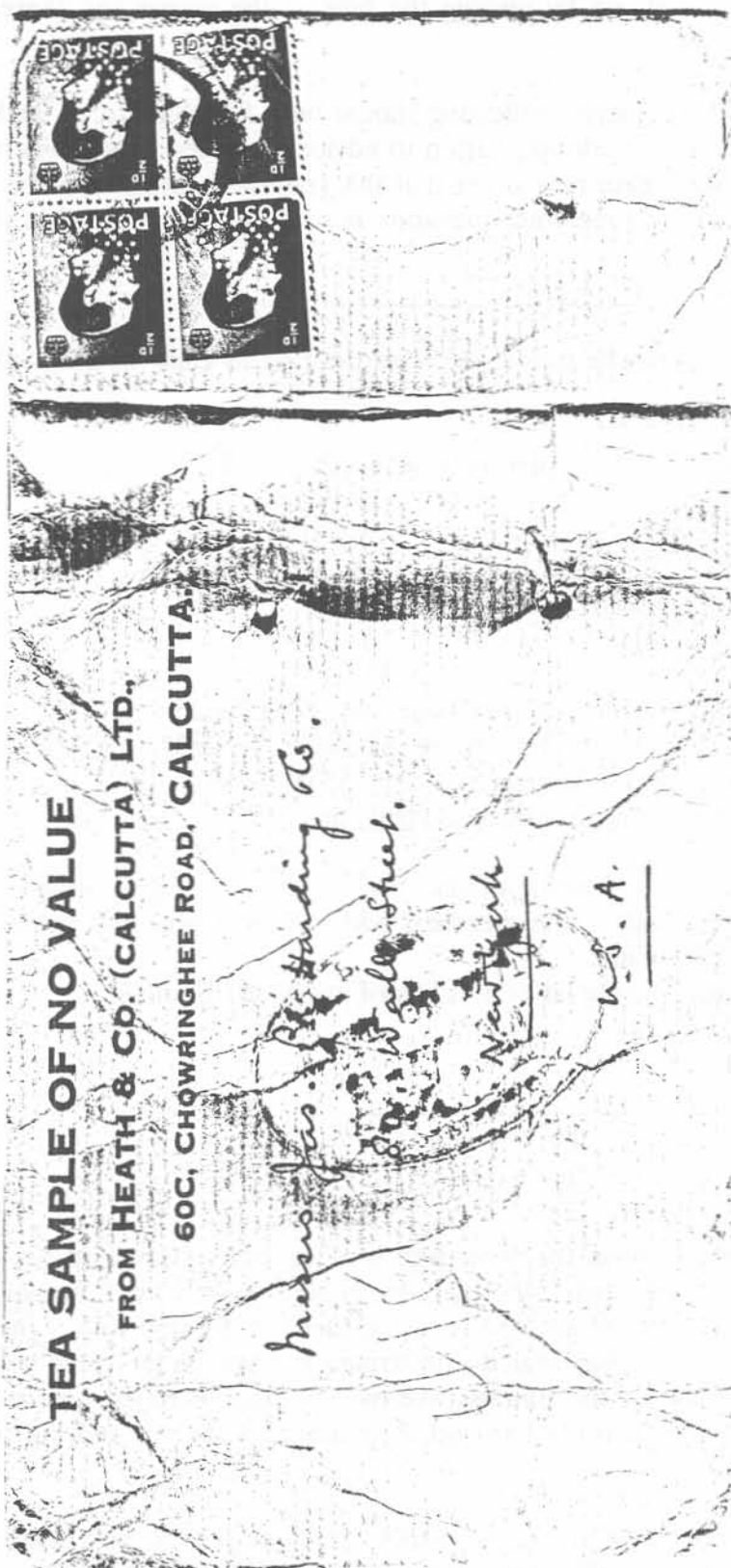
The above prices are postage paid to U.S. and Canada. We will quote foreign postage, air and surface. Please remit in U.S. funds. Non-members add 15% to price, plus postage. Make checks payable to The Perfins Club.

Send orders to: The Perfins Club, Catalog Sales and Distribution, 301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188.

OF NO VALUE

The rather strange looking item on the next page is a tea bag. That is to say an envelope used to ship a sample of tea from Calcutta, India to New York City. The heavy manila paper was reinforced at the bottom and at the top (under the stamps) with a glued in stiff cardboard support. It apparently was sealed with string tied through the three holes that can be seen and a fourth one under the stamps. We owe our thanks to the neat mail room clerk who cut the string rather than the bag and then removed the tea and put the string inside the empty bag.

The corner card of Heath & Co. (Calcutta) Ltd., 60C, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta, India to Messrs. Jas. R. Harding Co., 80 Wall Street, New York, U.S.A with two pence in postage. The postmark on the stamp is smudged and can not be made out. The oval rubber stamp which partially obliterates the address can not be made out with the exception of the letters "A.V.M." in the lower half.



The use of four ½d King Edward VII stamps indicates usage in 1936 or shortly thereafter. All four stamps are punched JL/C°. This is perfin pattern J493.2A according to Perfins of Great Britain, by H. Tilles.

JFL

HANDSTAMPED DATED PERFINNED PRECANCELS

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A LIMITED (?) FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION

A number of years ago Peggy Lee was singing an unusual song entitled "Is that all there is?" It had a philosophical and mystical quality about it - definitely not Cole Porter, Gershwin or Rogers and Hart. In any event, Helen joins Peggy Lee in asking the same question! She wonders if there are any more handstamped-dated-perfinned-precancels than those listed below. A study of the usage of different denominations and dates will be done some time in the future.

By July of 1938, when handstamped dateds came on the scene, perfin devices were becoming fewer and fewer in the U.S. Many of the devices probably ended up in scrap metal drives during WWII. This listing is based upon Helen Ratzer's accumulation augmented by items from Dr. Jon Wilson, Doug Cutler, Joe Laura, and material shown to Helen by Dale Besom. Dale also has four different handstamp dates on Baltimore and Philadelphia integrals. I guess all fields are plagued by SAPS*.

If your not emotionally attached to HD-P-P's, Helen would like to buy or trade for the things. Any information answering her question "Is that all there is?" would be welcome.

Pattern	Number	Identificati	TownState	PCTyp	Symbol	Cont	SecondID
AR	A221-6	American Radiator Co.	Philadelphia, PA	61	AR&SS	C21	A.R. & Standard Sanitary
AR	A221-22	American Radiator Co.	Buffalo, NY	61	ARCO	C2	
BB	B42	Butler Brothers	New York, NY	63	BB	C2	
C**H	C146	Cutler Hammer Mfg.	New York, NY	63	C-H	C13	
CHI	C152G-18	International Harvester	Baltimore, MD	61	IHC	MSS	
CI/CO	C165.5	Citizens Insurance Co.	New York, NY	63	NBM	C4	No. British & Merc. Ins.
C(LIC)	C188	Colonial Life Insurance	Jersey City, NJ	247	CLI	C3	
CPR	C280	Canadian Pacific RR	New York, NY	63	CPR	C8-3	
FF	F73	Fireman Fund Insurance Co.	San Francisco, CA	?	F.F.	S8	
HALL	H20	Hall Lithography	Topeka, KS	61	HLC	?	
HKC	H96	H. Kohnstamm Co.	Brooklyn, NY	61	HKC	C4	
HKC	H96	H. Kohnstamm Co.	New York, NY	63	HKC	C4	
HOOD	H146	Hood Rubber Co.	Boston, MA	61	HRCO	C3	
HW	H196	Unidentified	San Francisco, CA	?	HWC	?	
IBT/CO	I20	Illinois Bell Telephone	Chicago, IL	61	IBT	?	
LB	L34	Lane Bryant	New York, NY	L-26E	L.B.	C4	
L/LIFE	L112	Lincoln Life Insurance Co.	Fort Wayne, IN	61	LNI	?	
L/LIFE	L112	Lincoln Life Insurance Co.	Fort Wayne, IN	225	LNI	?	
NBM	N34	No. British & Merc. Ins.	New York, NY	63	NBM	C4	
PD	P55.1	Parke Davis Co.	Denver, CO	61	P D	C3	
PD	P55.1	Parke Davis Co.	Denver, CO	L-2E	P D	CE	
PD/CO	P56.7	Parke Davis Co.	Kansas City, MO	63	P D	C12	
PLD	P123	Pennsylvania Labor Department	Philadelphia, PA	61	PLD	C13	
PLD	P123	Pennsylvania Labor Department	Philadelphia, PA	71	PLD	C13	
PP/C	P179	Paramount Pictures	New York, NY	71	PPD	C22	Paramount Film Delivery
PP/C	P179	Paramount Pictures	New York, NY	63	PPC	C4	Paramount Pictures Corp
PP/C	P179	Paramount Pictures	New York, NY	63	PY	C4	
TB	T11	Taylor Brothers	Cleveland, OH	61	T.B.	C4	
TB	T11	Taylor Brothers	Cleveland, OH	232	T.B.	C4	

US/MC	U82.1	United Shoe Machine Co.	Boston, MA	61	USMC	C13	
US/MC	U82.1	United Shoe Machine Co.	Boston, MA	203	USMC	C13	
W	W2	American Steel Wire Co.	Milwaukee, WI	61	WDS	C3	Wadhams Oil Company
W	W2	American Steel Wire Co.	Milwaukee, WI	237	WDS	C3	Wadhams Oil Company
WB	W24	Washer Brothers Haberdashers	Fort Worth, TX	239	W.B.	C3	
WTCO	W196	Wisconsin Telephone Co.	Milwaukee, WI	61	WTC	C3	
WU	W199-17	Western Union Company	Chicago, IL	L-42E	WU	C3	

A MESSAGE TO NEW MEMBERS

Harry Rickard (#1802)

I was pleased to hear that a number of new members joined the Perfins Club after reading the article I had written for Linn's Stamp News. A sad thing is that some of our new members do not stay with us very long.

After analyzing the situation and comparing it with my experiences as a novice, I believe that there is a solution that will keep new members happy for the rest of their collecting career. Read on, about some of my experiences as a beginner, and see if you can ascertain what members must do to really enjoy the search for perfins.

After a brief period of buying from the Club's supply of stamps, I began writing to long time members, and asking if they had any perfins to sell. All seemed to have some and I obtained many good patterns, reasonably priced. Eventually, I had some duplicates which with I could do some exchanging by making a listing and asking the other person to list what they had and thus arrange for a trade.

This first step was the result of being a doer and not waiting for something to happen.

The next step was placing a buy ad in Linn's Stamp News. At first, it was just for U.S. perfins. Some respondents also wanted someone to take their foreign perfins, so I started buying those too. That started me on world wide collections and I wrote to various members who collected other countries and traded with them. I was always busy and wrote articles showing various patterns and thus developed new sources of trading.

The next step was to attend the Club's annual meetings. I have written about these in a previous article and will not repeat it here.

I would also write articles showing some interesting stamps and learned that members also liked to collect specialty items. The most sought after group was the 1902 issues. I made a listing of what I had and submitted it for publication in The Perfins Bulletin.

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NEW MDR PATTERN

Harry Rickard (#1802)



I wonder how many members have this MDR pattern and believe it to be M97? I hope that there are at least a few, as my nice looking copy actually has a thinned section on the face side.

During the early period of perforator usage, probably as late as the beginning of the rotary press issues, single die perforators were very common. The reason for this popularity was price.

Always check your early copies with catalog photos. I am please to report that some members have taken the trouble to do this and as a consequence, they were able to report the discovery of new patterns.

It is not difficult to visually check this pattern against the catalog photo to locate the differences. Here they are:

- Compare the right legs of the letter "M" where they meet in the V section. The catalog copy shows the top hole of the V below the vertical leg. In this copy the first hole is at the same height as the top hole of the right hand vertical leg. The joint forms a right angle rather than an acute angle.
- In the letter "R" there are differences in the rounded portion. The catalog shows the first three holes in an almost straight line. This illustration has the first hole opposite the vertical leg almost level with the top hole. The second hole is noticeable lower than the first hole. The third hole is also lower than the second hole.

These differences are probably the result of an single die device. Templates were usually used in the manufacture of multi-head machines. This resulted in similar patterns, except for an occasional mishap or a repair.

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I would be pleased to know if you are fortunate to uncover any copies of this new pattern which has been reported to Doug Cutler, the U.S. Catalog Editor for inclusion in the next set of Additions and Corrections pages.

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British Commercial Overprints

Richard L Mewhinney (LM60)

Most perfin collectors who have become greatly involved with the area of study are also interested in various other methods of security endorsement. All of this started with the officially approved underprints and overprints on the penny reds of Great Britain. The use of perfins followed this usage and seemed to take over as the most used method of security endorsements. Searching through early stamps of India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, China, Japan, and several other countries will bring forth security endorsement overprints.

One area of collecting of security overprints has blossomed into quite an interesting field. That is the area presently being referred to as British Commercial Overprints. It has been noted that the Great Britain Collectors Club here in the United States has been paying attention to these stamps and has started a listing of known designs. Also, the Perfin Society in Great Britain has some of them offered in their recent auctions.



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A new group was formed in Great Britain in December of 1988 as a subsection of the Precancel Stamp Society of Great Britain and shortly thereafter became an independent organization. This new organization is The British Commercial Overprint Study Circle. The group now totals over 40 members and has so far produced two of the four proposed catalogs of the British Commercial Overprints. The first section is made up of overprints of Utilities (i.e., Electricity, Gas and Water Boards and Companies). The second section contains the overprints of Banking and Insurance.

Section three is planned to be published sometime this year and which will contain the overprints of Local Governments. Section four will complete the catalog and will list the overprints of private firms.

Crofton, Maryland April 22, 1991

Another tax season has ended and hopefully, I will finally be able to work on perfins this year. One of the difficulties of producing a periodical is that a deadline is associated with each and every issue.

For The Perfins Bulletin, this occurs on the 15th of every month except June and November. If you note the dateline on this column it will be evident that I did not make it this month. I hope that the four day delay will not be too big of an inconvenience to publisher Ratzer or our members.

If there is a "RED DOT" on your mailing label, it means that Secretary Ralph Smith did not receive your 1991-92 dues renewal check when he was processing those labels. If your check and the Bulletin crossed in the mail, we are sorry. On the other hand, if you have not mailed that renewal, please do it today.

Renewal notice postage to more than 900 members would run about \$300.00. In addition, the stationery, etc. has a cost not to mention, addressing all those envelopes, etc. The Club would rather spend those funds in improving our services and holding down the costs of membership.

I keep track of the postage that I use for Club Business and note that the following changes have occurred in my relatively short tenure. When Helen and I started out as publisher and editor you could mail five letters for \$1.10. Next we shifted to four letters for \$1.00 and now four letters cost \$1.16. Since we started, first class postage rates have gone up approximately 32%. The increase in Second Class Mail rates has more than kept pace. During this time, Club dues have only been increased once.

At \$7.00 annually in the United States and Canada (\$9.00 elsewhere) this must be the best bargain in philately.

This is the last page of The Perfins Bulletin that I put together. In this morning's mail I received information about the PSS/Perfins Club annual convention. All of the details will be published in the June issue. However, some details and a hotel reservation form are included in this issue.

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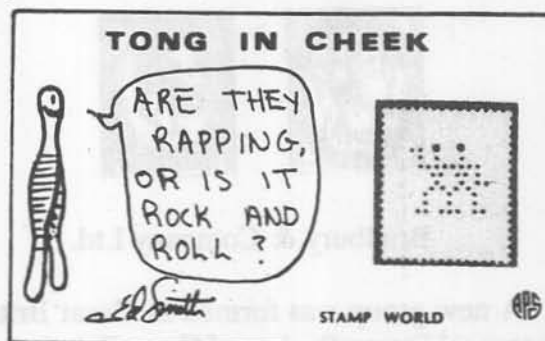
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It is to be noted that several members of the Perfins Club have joined the circle and they are actively collecting commercial overprints. The collecting of the overprints is not necessarily an easy task. There are hundreds of different overprints and the multitude of varieties. One of the nice things about the overprints is that they are still quite inexpensive, but they are rather illusive.

Anyone interested in this area of collecting should contact: The British Commercial Overprint Study Circle, John D. Bonney, 115 Blindman's Lane, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, Herts, EN8 9DH, United Kingdom.

Notes from Here and There . . .

Secretary Ralph W. Smith has spent a lot of time marking your mailing label with a red dot if we have not received your renewal check. If your check and the *Bulletin* passed each other in the mail, we are sorry. On the other hand, if you have not sent in that check, do it today. The rate for the U.S. and Canada is \$7.00 everywhere else it is \$9.00. The address is: Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

In other words, if there is a red dot on your mailing label and you want to remain a member, send the Club your renewal payment.

Briefly noted: Eugene Buckler (#2858) was awarded a Silver medal at the Hollywood (Florida) Stampede on February 24, 1991. His five (5) frame entry was entitled U.S. Perfins. Our congratulations are extended. And speaking of Eugene, he is attempting to compile a checklist of perfin usage on U.S. Airmails and Airmail Special Delivery. He requests that you mail him a list of your holdings. Please provide Scott Catalogue number and Perfin Pattern number. Eugene adds, "I would also like to find out in particular, about C1 to C6 and the early Special Delivery." The addresses are listed below:

Permanent Residence

96 Fifeshire Road, suite 602
Willowdale, Ontario
Canada M2L 2XL

Winter Address

200 Diplomat Parkway, ste 833
Hallandale, FL 33009

Bob Murrin (LM2), P.O.Box 10100, Saint Petersburg, FL 33733 sent me copies of his latest sales lists. There sure are a lot of goodies on this set of offerings. In addition to a wide array of U.S. Perfins, the lists contain covers and perfined offerings from around the world. Countries noted: Bavaria, Belgium, France, French Morocco, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Papua-New Guinea, Poland, Salvador, Spain, etc.

Jacob "Jack" Kisner (#2168) has submitted a long list of potential corrections to the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. These are being reviewed by the U.S. Catalog Editor for possible inclusion in the next edition of the catalog. There never was a better time to submit potential corrections and additions to the catalog. The Club is in the process of producing an updated edition which will incorporate all additions and changes made since the 1979 edition was published.

Send material to: Douglas Cutler, U.S. Catalog Editor
RT2 -337 N Rush Street
Pentwater, MI 49449

Robert E. Gagnon (#2698) provided a potential answer to the question posed by Joe Kirker in *TPB*, March 1991, p. 52.

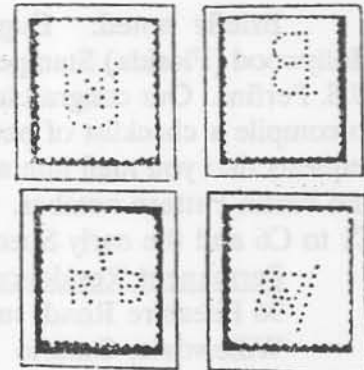
Both stamps are partially perfinned examples of either M106A or M106B the "MET/LIFE" perfin. On the left example, the "M" is reversed at the lower right and for the right stamp the "M" is reversed, but now at the lower left. I have a complete copy of this perfin M106B on this particular stamp (Scott Catalogue number C-2).

We are also indebted to Robert Gaganon (#2698) for providing a copy of "Philatélie - La chasse aux perfins peut être giboyeuse; il en existe 40,000" by Denis Masse which appeared in *La Presse*, Montreal, Canada, Saturday, September 22, 1990. A portion of the article is illustrated below.

Philatélie

*La chasse aux perfins
peut être giboyeuse;
il en existe 40 000*

**DENIS
MASSE**



Cette rangee de perfins fait voir, dans l'ordre habituel de gauche a droite, les sigles de l'Universite du Kansas, de la ville de Boston, de la Banque de la reserve federale et des chemins de fer Wabash.

In commenting on "G.Wills & Co. GW/F & GW/P", *TPB* February 1991, pp. 42-3, Jack Brandt (LM14) notes that he can extend the Fremantle period of usage of G.W./F State 1 to May 28, 1907. In addition Jack also noted that your editor screwed up his own ZIP code on page 26 of the same issue.

The June 1961 edition of the *Perfins Bulletin* was produced on a mimeograph machine and contained the following advertisement:

Dress up your collection with a cover and 10 other off-cover singles of the 1917-19 issue. I will send you P-#53, which is P(CS), Ex 11-(4-4), used by Crucible Steel Company of America, from Pittsburgh. One copy on cover, plus 10 other different off cover, all for \$1.00 Without cover, 75¢. Also available a few 1914-15 issues.

The advertisement was inserted by member #475 who is no longer with us.

Elwood Meschter (#1966) writes:

The misuse of the Philadelphia Electric Cover on the back page of *TPB* for March 1991 may be a puzzle, but it falls short of a "mystery."

Try this scenario: A salesman for Atlas Powder visiting the coal mines in the Tamaqua area simply reached into his briefcase and pulled out a perfin and stuck it on the preaddressed envelope to pay the electric bill. (Perhaps Atlas Powder even had a branch office or warehouse in Tamaqua.)

In years of searching for correctly-used perfins on envelopes with corner cards, I have discovered that the improperly-used ones, like this, far outnumber those correctly used.

I find that there is too much emphasis paid to perfins that were obviously misused. Here in the Chicago area, "I WILL" perfins once were a drug on the market, being used on private correspondence as well as on a wide variety of business envelopes and only a rare cover of the City of Chicago corner card.

I have long since misplaced the articles that described how enterprising city employees peddled sheets of perfins to local businesses at a discount. I have no idea of how long the practice lasted or when it stopped, but I guess it continued for many years.

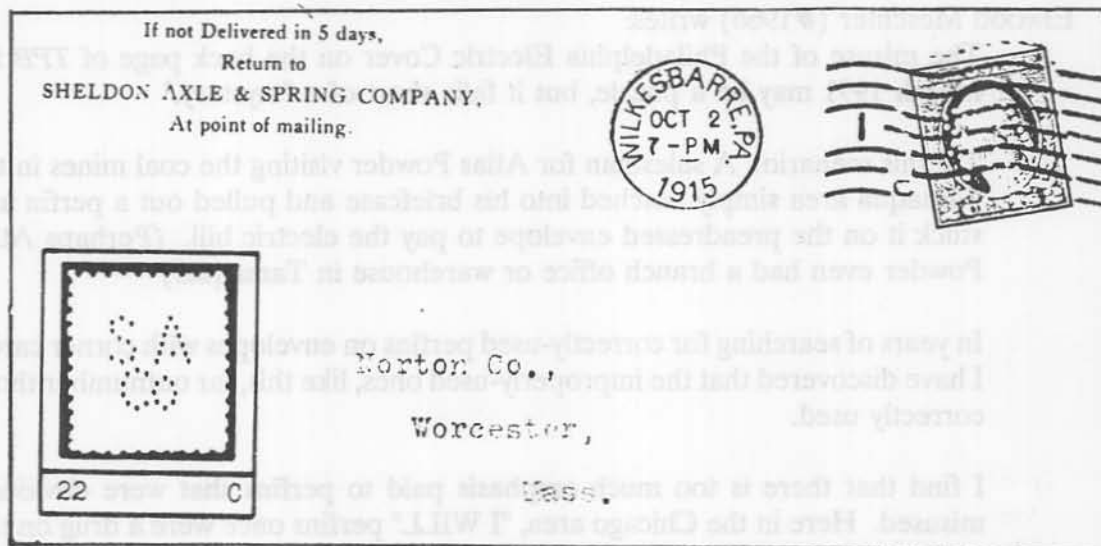
This is just a small reminder that the Perfins Club will be represented at the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) 70th annual convention in Concord, CA. The dates are August 6-10, 1991 and the event will be held at the Holiday Inn, Concord, CA. Details to follow.

Jack Strouts (#2992) dropped us a short note to point out that Greendale referred to in "An Enigma?", *TPB*, April 1991, p. 73, is located on Route 13, possibly inside Worcester, north of the city. His advice is to save some old road maps as well as an atlas or two as things change.

Roy Gault, the member who is doing the inventory of perfins on Great Britain 1d penny reds (letters in all four corners) is also embarked on a survey of POKO dies on stamps of Great Britain. If you are able to contribute to either of these surveys you might wish to contact Roy at: 27 Marigold Drive, Burbage, Nr. Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 2SJ, England. Since this work is unfunded, may I suggest that you might wish to consider including several International Reply Coupons in any request for worksheets.

S22 - Sheldon Axle & Spring

Harry Rickard (#1802)

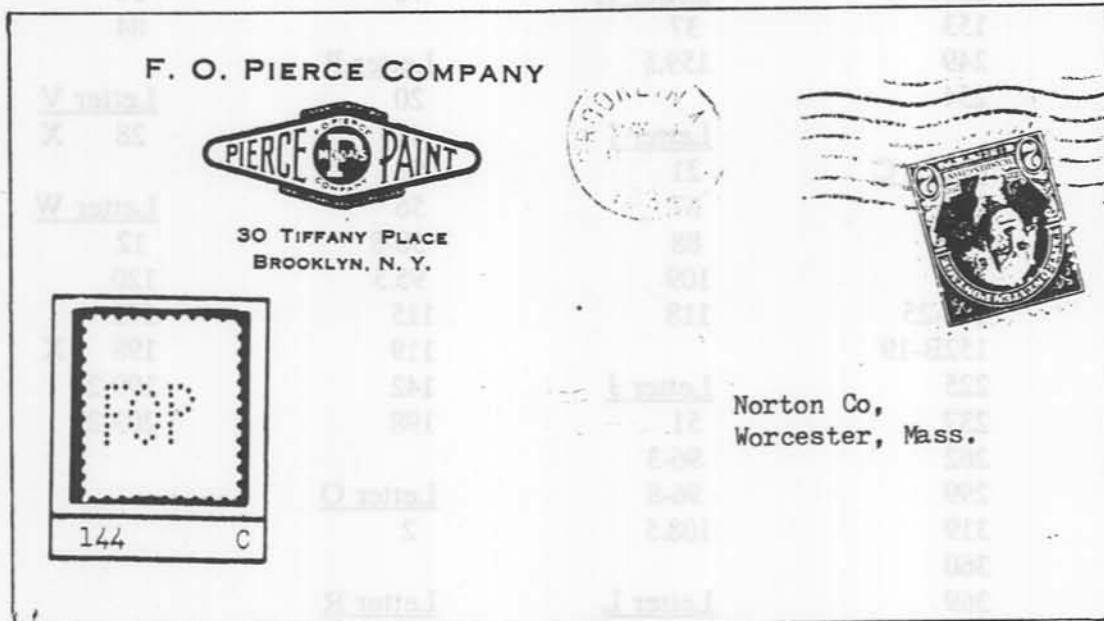


S22, the pattern of Sheldon Axle and Spring Company is on this cover with the notation, "At point of mailing". This could indicate that there were other offices or plants. The U.S. Perfins Catalog shows no other usage location. Does anyone have a cover or other information concerning other locations? If so, please contact the U.S. Catalog Editor so that the Club's catalog may be corrected.

F144 - F.O. Pierce Company

Harry Rickard (#1802)

I wonder if F.O. Pierce Paint Company was a victim of the depression. The name is not currently familiar. The office person was very careless. The FOP design is poorly located on the stamp and the stamp was not only placed upside down, at an angle and lower than normal. Perhaps they did not expect to be there much longer.



Black Hardings

Harry Rickard (#1802)

In addition to the one-of-a-kind collecting to fill our albums, quite a few members have tackled the field of collecting topics. The largest field is undoubtedly the avidly sought after 1902 series. Listings of known patterns have been published in the Bulletin from time to time. Another interesting field is the Black Hardings, issued after the death of President Harding. This issue was produced perforated 10 and 11 by 10½ and the former are the toughest to find.

The table below is an initial listing of patterns known on Black Hardings. A "X" in the column following the listing indicates that the pattern is also known in perf. 10. No attempt has been made to differentiate between full and partial patterns. If you can add to this listing, please drop John Lyding a note at P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, Maryland 21114-3342. Your editor will maintain a listing for future publication.

<u>Letter A</u>	<u>Letter G</u>	<u>Letter N</u>	<u>Letter T</u>
65	72	113-D10	12
221	77-29	149	81-3
	132	182	124 X
	150		
	181		

Letter B

11
91
139
153
249
254

Letter H

37
159.5

Letter C

43
117
124
152-25
152B-19
225

Letter I

21
67
88
109
118

Letter J

237
262
299
319
360

51
96-3
96-8
108.5

Letter L

369
395
402
417
424 X

16
44
78 X
144

Letter D

120

Letter M

9
75
83 X
90
92
148
164 X
165
188 X
192
211

Letter E

28 X
54
73
98
101.5 X
124.5

Letter F

72
77
222

Letter O

56
70

Letter P

20
41
51
56
58-8
95.5
115
119
142
198

Letter Q

2

Letter R

62
75
120

Letter S

2-31
2-34
29 X
121
195-48
204
234
284
287
362

Letter U

41
54
84

Letter V

28 X

Letter W

12
120
173
198 X
199-25
203-2

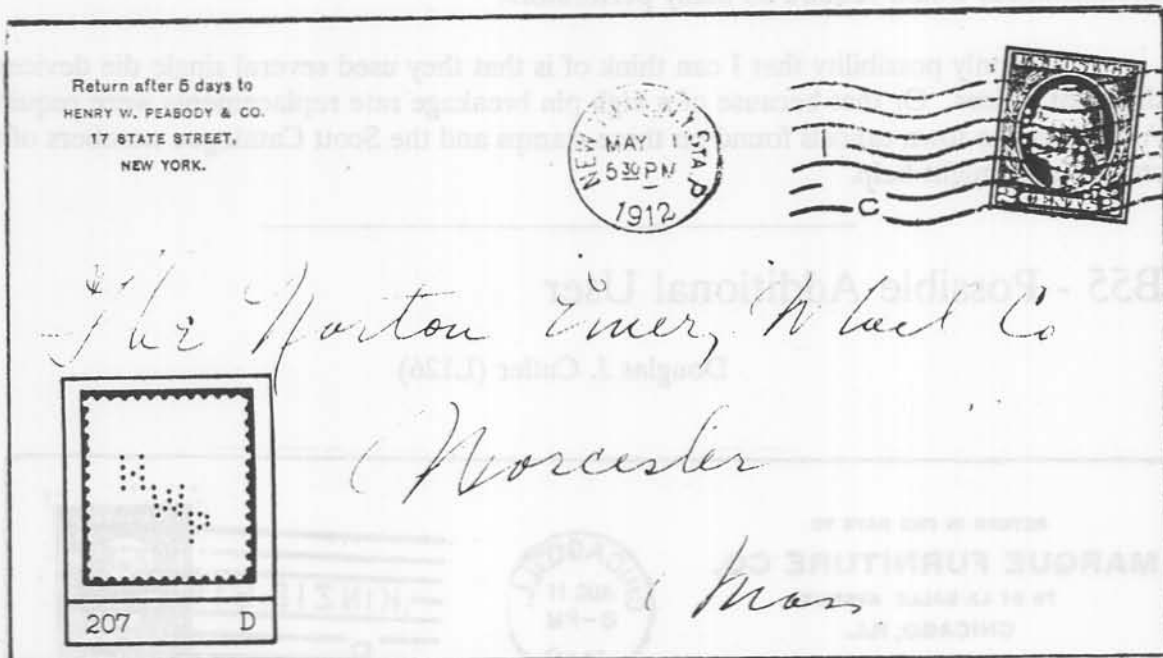
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H207 - Henry W. Peabody & Co.

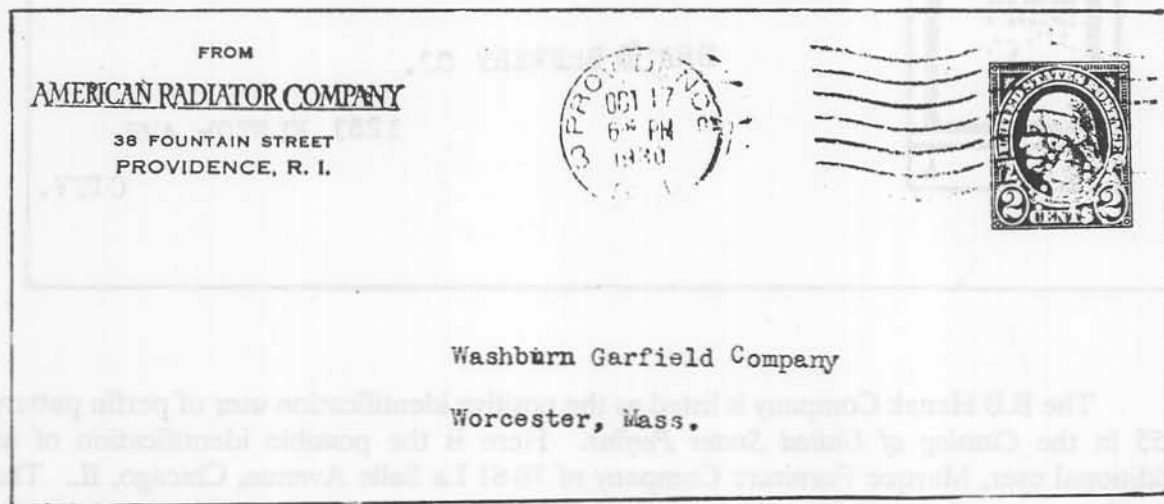
Harry Rickard (#1802)

This firm, Henry W. Peabody & Company used two perforators. H207, shown here, appears on 1911 and 1912 issues. Pattern H208 is found on Scott Catalog number 707, indicating that the company may have had a replacement device made some time between 1912 and the later date. This cover unlike many other covers

sent to this company is addressed to the "Norton Wheel Company." Wheel, of course refers to grinding wheels, the main product of the Norton Company.



American Radiator Company
Harry Rickard (#1802)



The listing of fifty company locations that used perfins is evidence that they were a leader in the field of radiator heating. I remember seeing radiators in schools and commercial buildings, but I never enjoyed their welcome warmth in a home. I do however remember the whistle of escaping steam. Coal furnaces and fire-side grates were the mainstay in the Pittsburgh area where I formerly lived.

Of the fifty patterns listed, I note that 19 have had their ratings changed as result of various surveys. Buffalo has eight different patterns credited to its usage. While this is possible, it is improbable. However, there may be someone out there who can explain what circumstances would require so many perforators.

The only possibility that I can think of is that they used several single die devices at different offices. Or that because of a high pin breakage rate replacements were required. A study of the town cancels found on these stamps and the Scott Catalogue numbers of the stamps also might help.

B55 - Possible Additional User

Douglas J. Cutler (L126)



The B.B Hanak Company is listed as the positive identification user of perfin pattern B55 in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. Here is the possible identification of an additional user, Marque Furniture Company of 78-81 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, IL. This is either an exchange of postage or the evidence of some relationship between the B.B.Hanak Company and the Marque Furniture Company.

If you can confirm this usage, please submit to the U.S. Catalog Editor for entry into the proof files. We owe our thanks to member Paul Gault (#744) for this cover.

JUST IN CASE. IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN. A RED DOT MEANS YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED. SEND YOUR DUES CHECK TODAY.

FRENCH AFRICAN COLONIAL PERFINS

This section of the African catalog lists the following French affiliates: French offices in Egypt, including Alexandria and Port Said, Algeria, French East Africa, French Morocco, French West Africa, Madagascar, Reunion, and Tunisia.

French stamps were used in Algeria before 1924 and again between 1958 and 1962. Consequently, certain French perfins can be found with Algerian cancelations. Along with Algiers--Morocco, Tunis, and Tripoli comprised the Barbary States. A French perfin has been reported with Tripoli de Barbarie cancelation--an indication that it is likely other French perfins will be reported with North African cancelations. No listing of these items will be made at this time, but further reports may warrant inclusion on an A&C page.

Because of the variations in the Banque d'Etat du Maroc perfins (BEM), your editor thought it advisable to provide spaces for copies canceled in various cities. Blank spaces are provided for additional stamps from cities not yet listed. It is not known at this time if perfins were distributed from central office locations to selected communities, or if each local office had its own perfin device.

Tunisian T perfins are listed in the official classification (C) because the perforation converted the postal stamps to postage due issues, T being the symbol for TAXE.

Diagonal crossed lines, once considered precancels, are common on most of these perfins. However, some covers show that the crosses tie the tax stamps to the envelopes as a cancelation.

There are three major types of the T punch: small holes (rarest), large holes with four or five holes (commonest) in the stem of the T. The larger hole varieties are found normal, inverted, double, and sometimes sideways. Illustrations show the three major types and a few secondary varieties.

Because perfins occur frequently on large size stamps of certain French colonies, accommodating spaces are provided for those who wish to use the catalog as an album.

FRENCH OFFICES IN AFRICA: EGYPT

ALEXANDRIA

- | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|
| 1 | B.M. | Banque Mosseri |
| 2 | CL | Crédit Lyonnais |
| 3 | CL/A | Crédit Lyonnais |
| 4 | C.N. | Comptoir National d'Escompte |
| 5 | EOB | Ettablissement Orosdi-Bank |
| 6 | IOB | Imperial Ottoman Bank |
| 7 | OB | Ottoman Bank |
| 8 | R/&Co/Ltd | Reinhart & Company, Ltd. |
| 9 | R.O.L. | Revue L'Orient Litteraire |

PORT SAID

- | | | |
|---|------|------------------------------|
| 1 | C.N. | Comptoir National d'Escompte |
| 2 | DMC | Dollfus Mieg et Cie. |
| 3 | IOB | Imperial Ottoman Bank |
| 4 | M.A | |

NOTES:

Alexandria #3 - Much variation is evident in both the shape of the letters and the hole arrangement.

Alexandria #6,7-These two types may be from the same perfin device, since multiples of Egyptian perfins (see Egypt in W.P.C.) show examples of both types.

Dr. H. Tilles catalog Perfins of the Middle East reports the following examples:

On stamps of Alexandria- CL/C, R/CO

On stamps of Port Said- C&/Co

ALEXANDRIA

BM	CL	CL A	CN	EOB
1	2	3	4	5
IOB	OB	IOB	ROL	
6	7	8	9	

PORT SAID

CN	DMC	IOB	M.A	
1	2	3	4	

ALGERIA

1	AKN				Oran
2	A.L.				
3	AM				
4	AS				
5	B.B	Barclay's Bank			Alger
6	B.B	Barclay's Bank			Oran
7	BNC				
8	BP				
9	CAM	Compagnie Algérienne de Meunier			Alger
10	CIMA				Alger
11	CL	Crédit Lyonnais			Bone-Constantine
12	CL	Crédit Lyonnais			
13	CL	Crédit Lyonnais			Oran
14	CL	Crédit Lyonnais			Philippeville- Constantine

PORT SAID

15	CL	Crédit Lyonnais			
16	C.L	Crédit Lyonnais			Constantine
17	C.L.	Crédit Lyonnais			
18	C.L.	Crédit Lyonnais			
19a	C.L.	Crédit Lyonnais			Alger-Bourse
19b	C.L.	Crédit Lyonnais			Blida

NOTES:

Types 19a and 19b may be from the same perfin machine.

Want Ads and Notices:

Want Ads and Notices are published without charge for Club members on a space available basis. Items submitted by non-members may be accepted if space permits and the item is considered of interest by the Editor.

While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate, the Club cannot be held responsible for want ads or notices.

If you wish to place an advertisement or notice in the *Bulletin*, please mail it to the editor, John Lyding, P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114-3342, USA.

WANTED - to purchase, perfins, airmails (Scott Catalog numbers C1 to C6) in as many patterns as are available. Please offer with price to: Eugene J. Buckler (#2858), 200 Diplomat Parkway, #833, Hallandale, FL 33009.

WANTED - any China perfins. Also Thomas Cook and Sons and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. perfins from any country. Trade or purchase. Donald Rice (#2699), Rt. 2, Box 186, Contoocook, NH 03229.

WANTED - To trade or buy: Hungary FISH design perfin pattern, on and off cover. Offers to Rudy Roy, Box 5367, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-0367

WANTED - Perfins of the Netherlands, any issue, any amount of duplication. Send with your price for the lot: Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238), P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576.

WANTED - New member and beginner perfin collector seeks perfins of Czechoslovakia. I have U.S. and foreign to trade. Would like to trade and correspond with fellow Czechoslovakian perfin collectors. Jerry Kotek (#2705), 424 Corbin Road, York, PA 17403.

WANTED - Scout topical collector seeking U.S. 974, 995, 1145, 1199; Australia 216, 249; Great Britain 334-336, Netherlands 206-8. Will pay \$10.00 up for covers. Al Hartman (#2721), Box 2435, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

WANTED - Railroad perfins on Scott Catalogue number 922, the Trans-continental Railroad stamp. I am offering to trade railroad perfins or other perfins. I would like to have a variety of railroad perfins in this beautiful stamp for the first page of my railroad perfin exhibit. Sylvia Gersch (#1825F), 27020 Cedar Road #104-1, Beachwood, OH 44122.

WANTED - U32 on cover; send details or photocopy with price. Also wanted British perfin UFCo on cover. Write to Stuart A. Johnson (#2713), 6115 Midwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46835.

SPECIAL OFFER - You send perfin or precanceled stamp(s) to be returned to you in S.A.S.E. (58¢) safely displayed on a 2" pin badge, \$1.00 each. cash or equal trade value in perfins or commemorative precancels. A great gift for philatelic friends. Fred Saner (#2703), 192 Good Hill Road, Oxford, CT 06483.

WANTED - Perfins on Scott Catalog Numbers 899-900-901. Face up, completely undamaged. Immediate payment. Send stamps with price to Francis Stunzi (#2665), 37 Smith Street, Rouses Point, NY 12979.

WANTED - New member and new perfin collector seeks perfins of Denmark. George A Sellnau (#3005), 1511 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057

WANTED - U.S. private perfins with control perfins, on or off cover. I have some to trade or give your asking price. If control perfins are your collecting interest, let's talk. A.S. Glass (#2840), 383 Bambury Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

HELP - Topical collector or ceramics and glass seeking related mint or on cover perfins (from original source) relating to bricks, china, sparkplugs, etc. Collector or dealer material welcomed. Tom Fortunato (non-member), 42 Maynard Street, Rochester, NY 14615-2022.

The Secretary's Report

The Secretary is:

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NEW MEMBERS:

- 2996 Kuehn, Ron L.; P.O. Box 216; Eastlake, CO 80614
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U.S. Beginner By: Ryan (#2601)

- 2998 VanTrump, George; Jr.; P.O.Box 260170, Lakewood, CO 80226
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- 2999 Bibelhausen, D. Joan; 1902 Mitscher Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701
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- 3000 Gault, Roy; 27 Marigold Drive; Burbage, Near Hinckley; Leicestershire,
LE10 2SJ, England
Line Engraved By: Lyding (LM116)
- 3001 Rozmin, Daniel; 2022 D Bassler Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89030
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World Beginner By: Estes (#2649)
- 3005 Sellnau, George A.; 1511 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057
Denmark Beginner By: Smith (LM87)
- 3006 Gasior, Stanley J.; 4317 Ash Avenue, Hammond, IN 46327
U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)

DECEASED:

1177 Ball, Charles I.; 4085 W 214TH St., Fairview Park, OH 44126

REINSTATED:

1941 Yao, Jack; 1-S-222 Ardmore Avenue; Villa Park, IL 60181

ADDRESS CHANGES:

2979 Abbey, Neil R.; 835 Turk Street Apt 520, San Francisco, CA 94102

LM74 Weiler, William M.; 356 Lincoln Street Apt 14, Waltham, MA 02154

SUMMARY:

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New Members		+11
Reinstated		+ 1
Deceased		- 1
Members as of February 28, 1991	930	

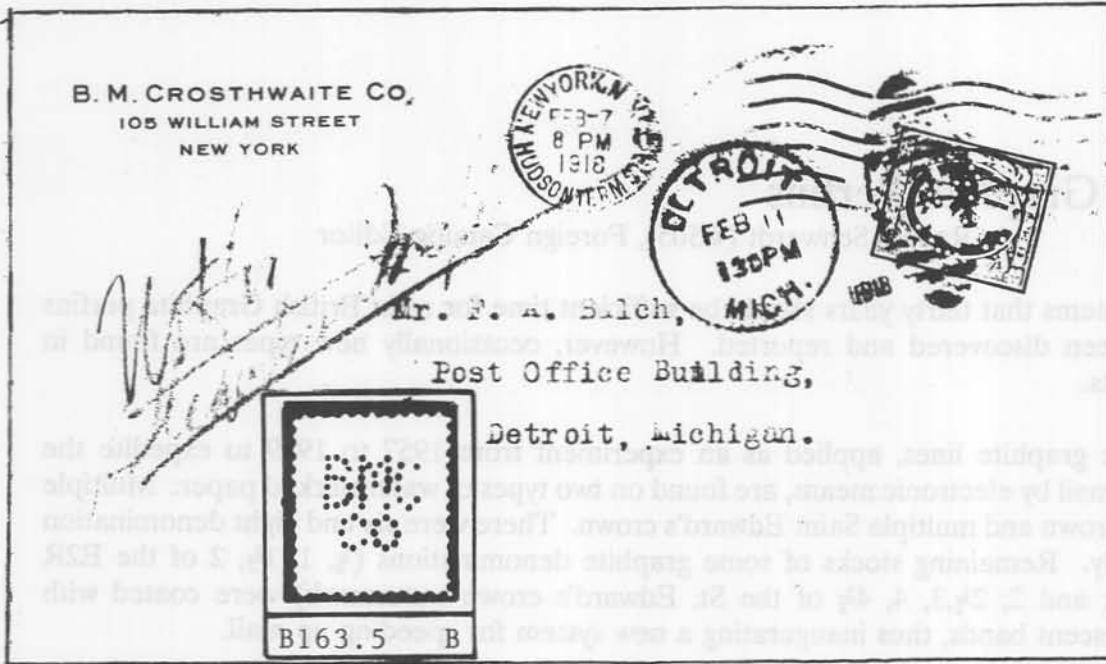
Correction to the Secretary's Report of January 1991. Please note that the correct address for member #2993, Jacob M. Bard is 1555 North Astor, Chicago, IL 60610.

B163.5 - B.M. Crosthwaite Co.

Douglas J. Cutler (L126)

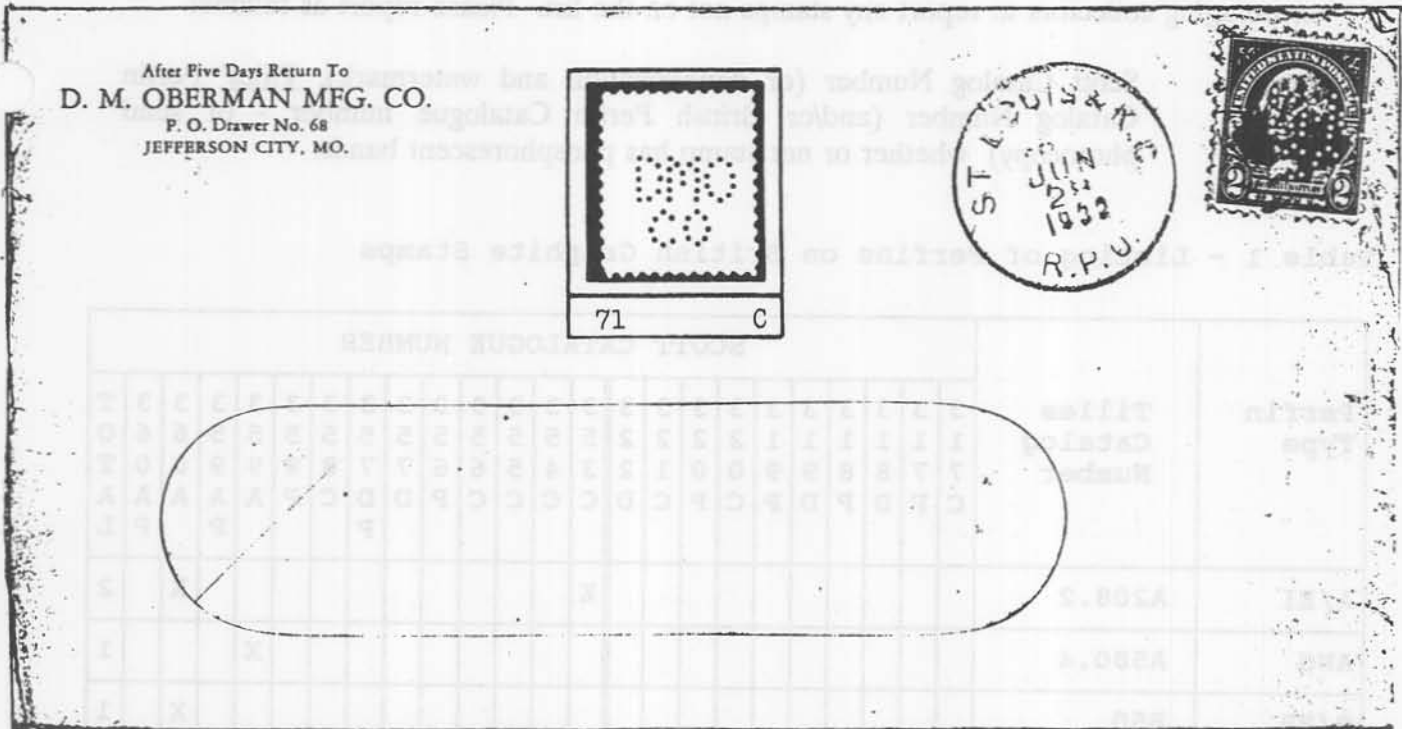
New positive identification for perfin pattern B163.5 has been submitted by Perfin Bulletin Publisher, Helen Q. Ratzer (LM-47F). The user is B.M. Crosthwaite Company of 105 William Street, New York City.

An interesting facet of this cover is the cryptic pencil notation "Not for/Steamboat Insp's". Can anyone supply further information about Crosthwaite or the pencil note? I seem to remember that Crosthwaite may have been an agent for one of the steamship lines.



D71 - D.M. Oberman Mfg. Co.

Douglas J. Cutler (L126)



Here is positive identification for perfin pattern D71. The user of this cover is D.M. Oberman Mfg. Co., P.O. Drawer 68, Jefferson City, MO. Our thanks to member Bill Allen (#629) for submitting this cover.



As a freshman member of the club my first project was the study of TRAV patterns. At that time, only one pattern was listed (T81). It really was a headache as all of the patterns seemed to be so much alike. However, I gradually figured out the differences in contours and hole placements. Since then, several additional TRAV patterns have been found. So, do not be surprised when more turn up. Travelers Insurance did have many offices and it appears that each one had their own perforator.

When I acquired a TRAV envelope from Utica, NY, I decided to check it. I removed the stamp for checking and sure enough, it did not match any of the existing listed patterns. There were similarities, as should be expected but, none of the listed patterns were a positive fit.

I tried a new and seemingly infallible method of checking. Laying the stamp face down, I laid a straight edge across the top edges of each row of holes. This shows the variations in hole placement. By using a piece of white paper, it gave a good contrast with the stamp placed on a dark background.

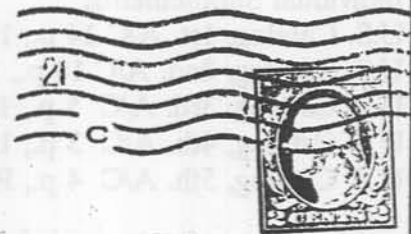
The hole variations were clearly seen and it was definitely not one of the existing patterns. So, check any copies that you have against this copy until this new pattern is illustrated in the next set of Additions and Corrections (A&C) pages.

Because of the methods used photos in the Bulletin do not necessarily match catalog photos, hence caution should be used in matching patterns.

C184 - C.L.S.&A RR

Harry Rickard (#1802)

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
THE CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY.
ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE
ROOM 900 TRANSPORTATION BLDG.
CHICAGO, ILL.

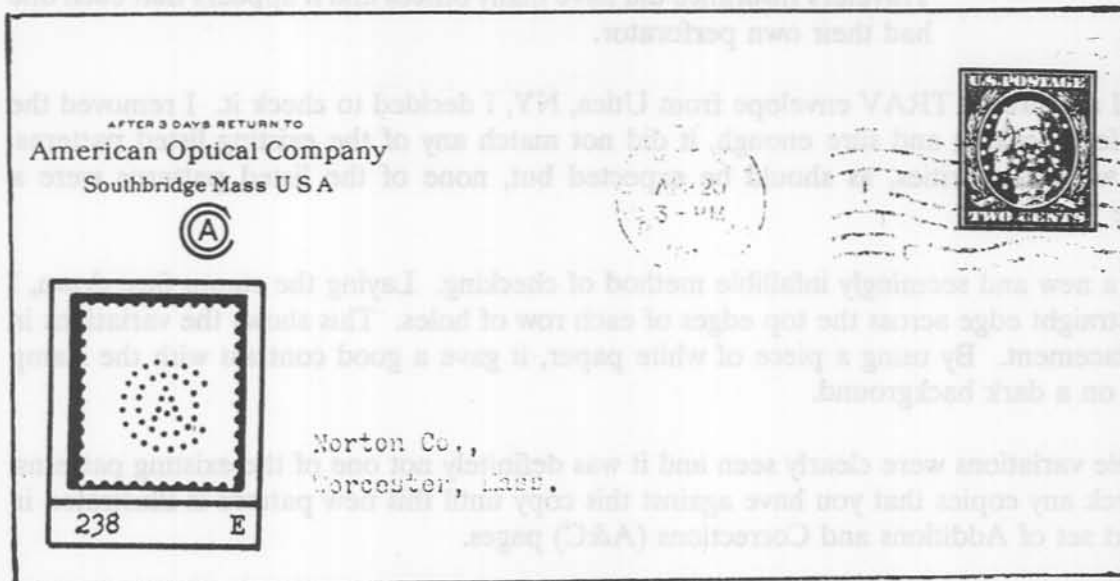


Norton Co
Worcester, MASS

Although the CLA of pattern C184 indicates the Chicago, Lake Shore & Alton Railroad, their corner card omits the Lake Shore. Does this 1915 cover indicate an earlier version of the company's name?

C238 - American Optical Company

Harry Rickard (#1802)



Note that pattern C238 shows Southbridge, MA as the home of the American Optical Company in 1912. Was Southbridge absorbed into Boston resulting in the U.S. Catalog listing of Boston or did the company move?

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Now is the time to plan for the Annual (1991) gathering in Concord, California at the Holiday Inn (1-800-HOLIDAY).

All registrants are invited to a gala Welcoming Party on Tuesday evening and for the "Early Bird" an up-front session is scheduled Monday, August fifth at 10am sharp.

The Holiday Inn offers the modest rate of \$45.00 (single) and \$50.00 (double). The registration "package" offers several options: (1) Registration-\$3.00. (2) Banquet/Saturday night-\$20.00. (3) Tour #1 to San Francisco area (Wednesday)-\$13.00. (4) Tour #2 to Napa Valley Wineries (Friday)-\$37.00. Note: The "Welcoming" Party will be \$0.00 with your registration badge in hand. Bourse tables are \$60.00 each. Bruce Johnson is the bourse chairman. Send your check to Roberta Colman (Please specify what it is for) P.O.Box 102, Clearlake, CA 95422.

At the 1990 convention in New Hampshire some twenty-nine states were represented, plus two International Clubs. Considering the great number of perfin specialists in California both the Golden Gate PC Club and the Southern CA PC Club extend a special hope that CA will be out in force.

Concord is on the East Bay side and the best air route is via Oakland International Airport. By car from San Francisco over the East Bay Bridge to Walnut Creek (Route 24) and thence to Concord (Route 680). Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) also serves the East Bay area as does bus transportation.

If you need any special help, additional information or a running commentary on the "Tours" scheduled, please write to: Gene Wilkin (#2977-PSS 6093), P.O. Box 2500, Atascadero, CA 93422.

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Robert Schwerdt appreciates the assistance of Perfin Club members for their assistance with the French African Section of The World Perfins Catalog that is being published starting with this issue.

To be added to the list of original contributors (see *TPB*, January 1988, p.8.) are Ken Aws, Joe Laura, and Robert Dedecker, co-author of *Catalogue des Timbres Perforés France et Colonies*, who provided illustrated information for several dozen perfins which was unavailable elsewhere. Special thanks to President Dick Mewhinney for many hours at his keyboard preparing copy for the printer.

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Notes from Here and There . . .

Concord is the Place for August

The 1991 Precancel Stamp Society/Perfins Club Convention will be held from Tuesday, August 6 through Saturday August 10, at the Concord Holiday Inn, Concord, CA. For those who just can not wait to get started, there will be an Early Bird session on Monday, August 5, 1991. A whole week may seem like a lot of time to spend stamping in one room, but you will be amazed at the number of stamps available and the interesting people to talk to. For precancels, even a week is not sufficient to see all the stamps available. And there will also be perfins, perfins, and perfins. You also will have the opportunity to meet some of those people whom you have only met through the pages of the *Bulletin*. Our President, Dick Mewhinney, like the past two Conventions so much that he is coming all the way to California for this one.

The Convention normally runs from 9AM to midnight each day, except that the Early Bird session is informal and the Convention will open about 10AM on Tuesday to allow the setup of Bourse tables. Tuesday evening, there will be a PSS welcoming party for all those with registration badges (one registration for all attendees) about 5PM. Registration is not required if you just want to come in and browse around. There will be a Perfins Club party Wednesday evening, 5-6PM. There will also be two tours offered, one on Wednesday and one on Friday. The Perfins Club business meeting will take place on Thursday evening.

The Holiday Inn is right off of I680 in Concord at 1050 Burnett Avenue, just around the corner from the Concord Avenue exit. The telephone number is (415)-687-5500. Concord is about 30 miles from San Francisco. If you fly, it is preferable that you fly into Oakland, which is closer to Concord and has a convenient shuttle to take you to Concord, where the hotel van will pick you up. Don't forget to ask for the special Convention rates, tell them that you are with the PSS Convention.

The San Francisco Bay area is one of the most beautiful areas in the world -- almost as nice as the Chesapeake Bay -- and here is your chance to

Crofton, Maryland, May 18, 1991

I have been thwarted in my fond hope that I would be able to get to my perfin collection at the end of tax season. A number of items have conspired to prevent me from that task. Several are related to my position at the Motor Vehicle Administration while others are more Club related.

If you have written, the letter has not dropped into a black hole. The answer will appear in *The Perfins Bulletin* or I will eventually get around to it.

Yesterday was the running of the Preakness. I managed to stop off in Laurel, Maryland (Location of another Maryland track) for a "Stamp Show." The quotation marks are there because this was in fact a bourse that has no exhibits. I managed to pick up three Danish perfins. "EE" on Scott Catalog numbers 105, 178 and 180. Unfortunately, I had to purchase these as stamps rather than as perfins.

The dealer, a Scandinavian specialist, noted that she had little knowledge of perfins from the literature, but that she was getting a lot more requests for perfins than in the past. In addition, she also noted that perfins seem to sell quickly, despite being priced as stamps.

During May, my travels were to Clearwater, FL and Annapolis, MD. Annapolis is only 12 miles from here, but I hosted a three day meeting at the Maryland Inn and Governor Calvert House. My June schedule calls for trips to Portland, OR and Las Vegas, NV. The former is on business, the latter to visit one of our daughters and family.

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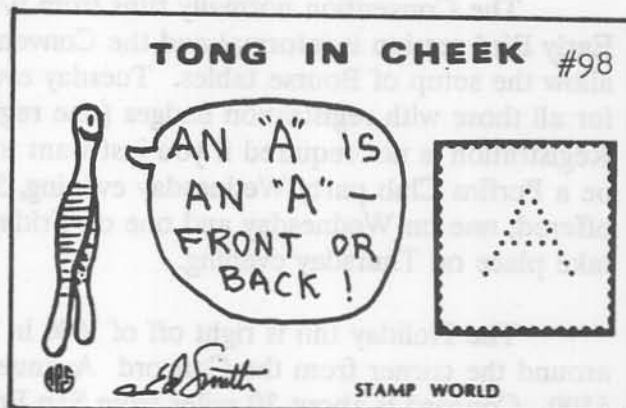
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see it and to pick up some nice perfins to boot. You can take the Bay Area Rapid Transit System (BART) from Concord directly into San Francisco for shopping or sightseeing. If you don't want to do it on your own, we will have a guided tour of San Francisco and one of the Napa Valley wineries.

Last year we had about 40 perfin collectors, including 15 who came solely for perfins. There will be a special Perfins Club bourse table, and several others that will be heavily perfin oriented. There will be plenty of tables at which you can sit and sort or trade your stamps, but if you want a bourse table all your own, including a backup table, they are \$60.00 each, for the entire convention. The bourse room will be locked every night, with a guard in the room, so material may be safely left over night.

Preregistration package: (choose what you want)

Registration	\$ 3.00
Banquet (Saturday night)	\$20.00
Tour of San Francisco and area, Wednesday	\$13.00
Napa Valley Winery tour	\$37.00
Total for all events	\$73.00

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If you have any questions don't hesitate to call John Randall at (415) 233-6647.

Secretary Ralph W. Smith spent a lot of time marking your mailing label with a red dot last month if we had not received your renewal check. If your check and the *Bulletin* passed each other in the mail, we are sorry. On the other hand, if you have not sent in that check, your membership ends on June 30, 1991. The renewal rate for the U.S. and Canada is \$7.00 (\$9.00 elsewhere). The address is: Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

The Hallock Card award is presented annually to a member of the Perfins Club to recognize the most significant contribution in a single year and/or to recognize a member who has consistently assisted the development and growth of the club. Nominations for this award should be mailed before August 15, 1991 to:

Kurt Ottenheimer
462 West Walnut Street
Long Beach, NY 11561

The selection criteria are entirely the purview of the committee. While no one has ever won the award twice, there is no rule to prevent this. Past winners are: David C. Stump, Leonard H Paul, Dorothy H. Savage, James P. Harris, L.R. Murray, Richard L. Mewhinney, Vojetech Maxa, Ivan Ley, Jack Gooding, Floyd A. Walker, Robert J. Wolley, Joe and Dorothy Balough (Co-winners), Jack Gooding, Robert J. Schwerdt, Rudy Roy, John Johnson, Gary Tomasson, Paul Mistretta, Ralph W. Smith, Helen Q. Ratzler, and Kurt Ottenheimer.

The June 1961 edition of *TPB* had the following advertisements:

Your ----- has a selection of extra fine rare British "overprints" and "underprints", just received from England and which will be sold at cost. Prices are \$1.00 UP! Many of the "underprints" are in BLACK ink. Write ---- for detailed information. The prices vary according to the plate number of the penny reds.

We still have on hand accumulations of U.S. Perfins selling for \$1.25 per thousand, postpaid. New accumulations coming in all the time. Write to -----

Underprints and overprints at \$1.00 and perfins at \$1.75 per thousand have gone the way of the mimeograph machine that was used to produce that copy of *TPB*. We thought that you might like to know what perfins cost 30 years ago.



R.D. Matthews (LM49)' 3252 Dunkirk Ave, Coquitlam, BC Canada V3E 1G4 submitted the perfin pattern illustrated to the left as a potential variety of perfin pattern H127. He wrote: This does not appear to be just a case of broken pins because I am sure that broken pins would be far more random. I would say that it has had the pins purposely removed. Notice that it still reads HNB. Larry O would appreciate in hearing other peoples thoughts on this perfin.

Many of us get a bit of a kick out of complaining about the service of the postal service and this little article submitted by President Dick Mewhinney might prove amusing.

Recently our former club secretary, Floyd A. Walker received via mail three issues of *The Perfins Bulletin*. They were dated October 1975, November-December 1985, and January 1986. These arrived at his home on three separate days.

All three had been addressed to James M. Chemi, editor of *The American Philatelist* at a Phoenix, AZ address. The bulletins were sent out just about the time that we were changing from first class to second class mailings. The return address was Floyd's.

This is really a mystery -- Did the post office have the bulletins for over 15 years? Did they get into the mails recently? If so, how did it happen? Were they delivered many years ago and now thrown out? Because they have no stamps on them and were permit mailing, we will probably never know.

"An Enigma?" *TPB*, April 1991, page 73 asks if Greendale is a section of Worcester. Bob Szymanski (#2862) writes:

Living near and working in Worcester, I can say without doubt it is still called such by the locals. The area is still dominated by the Norton Company and the letter

having been mailed to Worcester would have no problem reaching the proper destination without the handstamp. If I can match the handstamp type with any other letters, I shall forward these to you at a later date.

Joseph Laura (#1238) provided the information that "Greendale, Station E, Worcester, MA is listed in an old postal directory of the late 1880's. Stanley Alsis (#2727) wrote that Greendale is a part of Worcester and that:

The Norton Company in Greendale is a large manufacturer, fulfilling many government contracts. A few years ago the Norton Company underwent a buyout by a British firm. The Norton Company owners took the British offer over another offer from the workers.

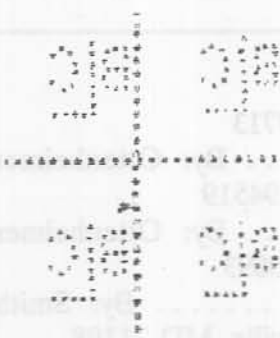


Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 1 is an example of a block of four perfins that were made by Sylvia Gersch (#1825F) with a Logitech Scanner and printed from PSPLUS. Figure 2 was transferred to a Prosoft printshop program (FONTASY) and the size was adjusted slightly.

Neither figure has been "cleaned up" by adding missing pixels to the scanned picture. I am not satisfied with either print, but the *Bulletin* editor tells me that these are much better than he can produce with his Logitech Scanner and PaintShow Plus. If there are other members with scanners available, please contact John Lyding with examples of the quality that you can obtain.

Eugen J Buckler (#2858) has certainly doing his bit to make perfins popular. His latest effort at Stamporee '91, May 10-12 in West Palm Beach, FL produced two silvers a silver/bronze and a bronze. A four frame exhibit of U.S. Airmails including perfins took a silver. A four frame exhibit entitled "Perfins at their Best" took a silver, while another two frame exhibit of "Perfins" took a bronze. In the non-perfin category, he won a silver/bronze for a four frame exhibit of "U.S. Precancels". Eugen is coordinating checklists of perfins on airmails and parcel post stamps. If you can contribute information, please drop him a note: Eugene Buckler, 200 Diplomat Parkway, ste 833, Hallandale, FL 33009.

William Hanson (#2651) noted that the stamps shown on the "Tea Bag" shown on page 92 *TPB*, April 1991 are in fact Edward VIII. He also noted that:

Tea bags and perfins are, in fact, kindred spirits as they both rely on perforations for fulfillment.

The article on "Black Hardings" by Harry Rickard *TPB*, May 1991, pp. 103-4 has produced a number of reported additions, including a much more extensive listing by Joe Laura. A more complete article to follow. In the mean time if you have additional items or corrections to report, please drop a note to Joe Laura, P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576. Joe is coordinating checklists of various issues including the "Black Hardings."

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The Secretary is:

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 U.S., Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 3024 Anderson, Richard E.; 315 North Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219
 U.S. Beginner By: Walker (LM105)
- 3025 Phillips, Stuart J.; 219 Stilt Court, Foster City, CA 94404
 Beginner By: Walker (LM105)
- 3026 Mitkus, Harry; 33 Mid Iron Drive, N. Reading, MA 01864
 U.S. & Canada Beginner By: Brown (#2645)

LIFE MEMBER BY CONVERSION:

- L137 Baekers, William F.; P.O.Box 3052, 5003 DB Tilburg, Netherlands (2441)

DECEASED:

- 1217 Powell, Dr. Reginald W.; 1 Windmill Way; Lyddington, Oakham, Leicester
 LE15 9LY, England
- 2672 White, Oliver E.; 200 Whitaker Drive, Missoula, MT 59803

REINSTATED:

- 2067 Izdebski, Gregory A.; 2033 Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122

RESIGNED:

- 651 Thompson, Charles H.; 302 West Stanage, Champaign, IL 61820
- 1745 Phillips, Edwin B.; 74 Westbrook Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757
- 966 Harrell, Florence; 12433 Waverly Road, Madera, CA 93638

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 1680 Hunewell, Marvin D.; P.O. Box 190047, St. Louis, MO 63119
- 1041 Fentin, Arthur; B5B Coffee Run, Hockessin, DE 19709
- 2018 Kunavich, Ronald G.; 1591 Crown Point Ct.; Chula Vista, CA 91911
- 2742 Denn, Bonnie J.; 701 Parker Ave #102, San Francisco, CA 94118
- LM62 Rohrer, John W.; P.O. Box 44, Spring Arbor, MI 49283
- 2770 Selles, Robert H.; 1420 Locust St. Apt 24-N, Philadelphia, PA 19102
- LM35 McNabb, Betty; 1287 Capri Drive, Panama City, FL 32405
- 2344 Braun, Richard H.; 1205 Comalli, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
- 2682 Ross, Robert A.; P.O. Box 21292, Columbus, OH 43221

SUMMARY:

Members as of February 28, 1991	930	
New Members		+20
Reinstated	+ 1	
Resigned	- 3	
Deceased	<u>- 2</u>	
Members as of March 31, 1991	946	

The Norton Company

Harry Rickard (#1802)

What was so important about this company that loads of mail arrived continuously with out a post office box number or street address of any kind? At some period in my perfin collecting, I had gotten a group of covers from around the 1912 era. Most of these were addressed, "Norton Co., Worcester, Mass.", nothing more.



While preparing the covers for our Bulletin, which takes days of preparation, photocopying, trimming and writing, I noticed one cover that was different. It was one of the few with a hand written address and it was so lightly written that I had not bothered trying to read it. It gave me the answer to part of my problem.

This unique cover was addressed to the "Norton Emery Wheel Co." Now, the question is whether they were a one product company or did they supply a diversity of wares? If you have this knowledge, please contact me. I will supply the information for all to know.

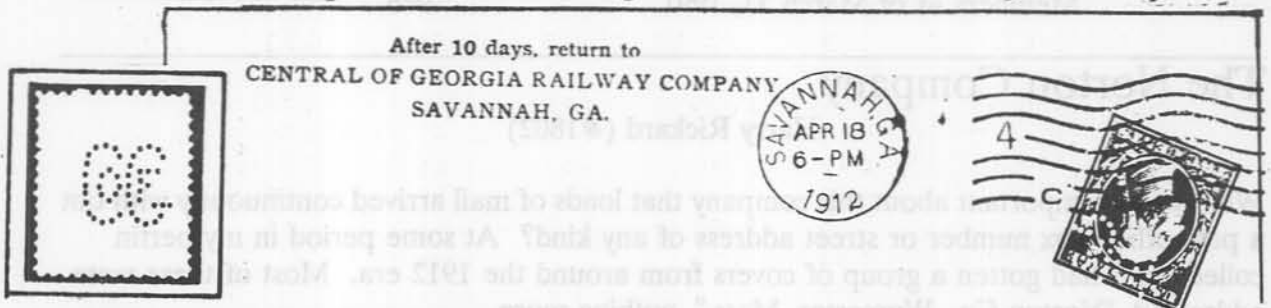
Editors Note: If you collect covers, you will know that all of the Norton Company's incoming mail must have made it onto the philatelic market. Sylvia Gersh (#1825F) notes that they have 51 covers addressed to Norton between 3/12/09 and 2/21/38. There is still a Norton Company at 1 New Bond Street, the same address that is on a cover from the American Locomotive Company (9/11/37). Sylvia intends to follow this up. She suggests that a small fun exhibit might be entitled, "Who is Norton?"

On the other hand, I would like to see a piece of outgoing mail from Norton. If you have such a cover, please send a photocopy to the editor.

C246 - Central Georgia RR

Harry Rickard (#1802)

This copy of perfin pattern C246 is on Scott Catalog number 332. All pins are intact. My collection has this perfin on Scott Catalog number 807. That is a long tenure for a device



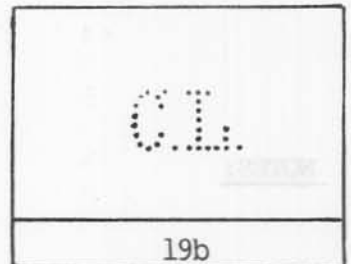
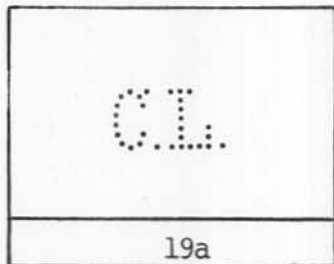
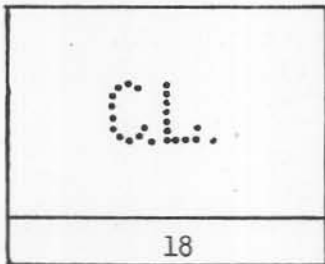
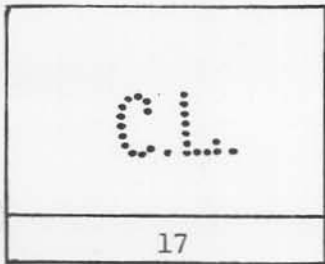
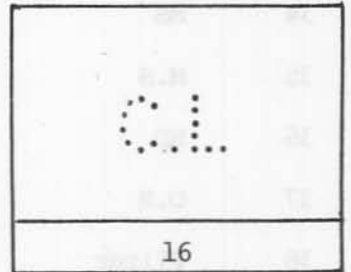
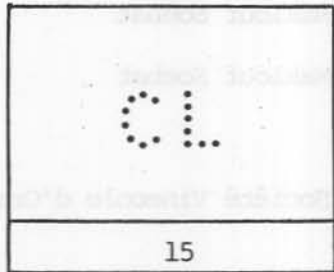
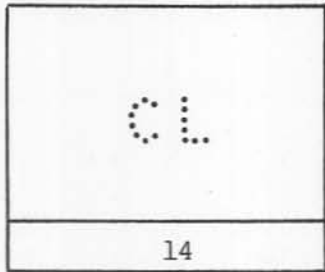
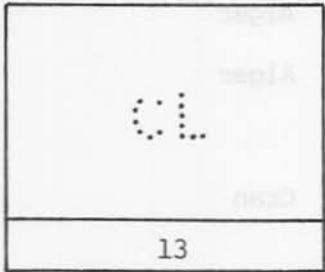
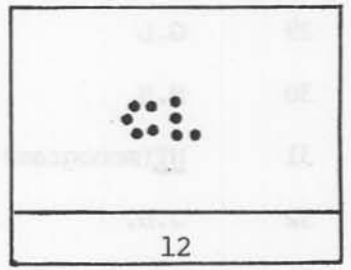
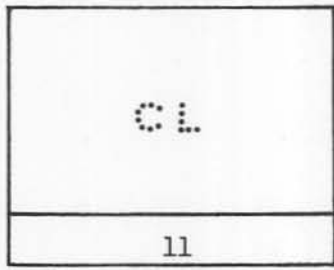
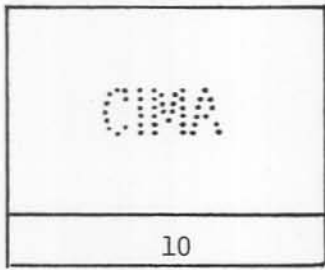
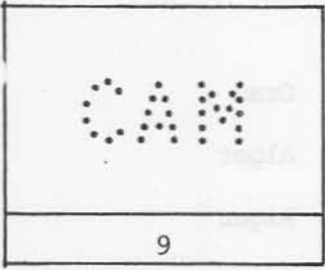
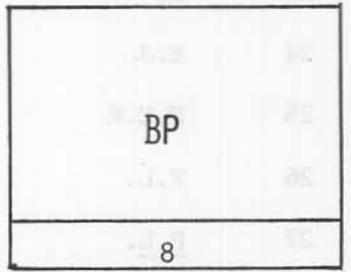
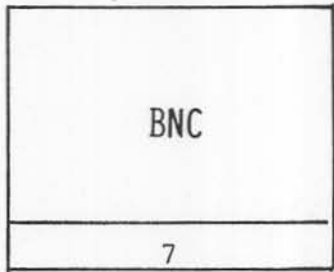
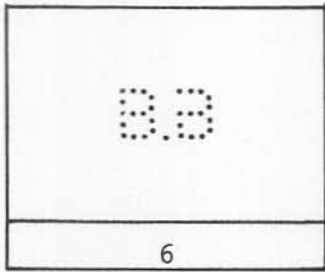
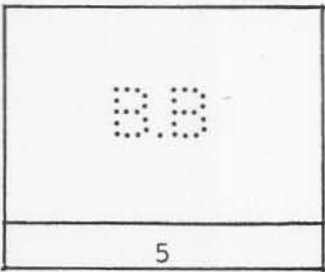
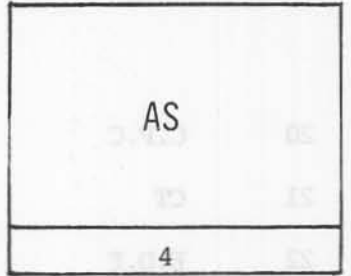
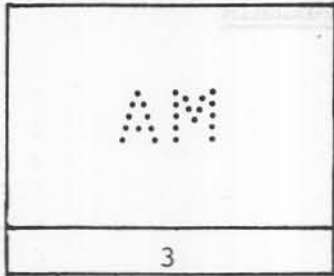
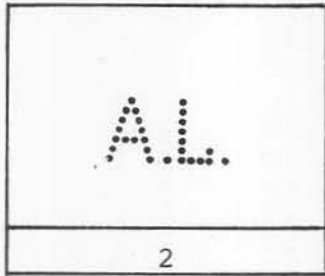
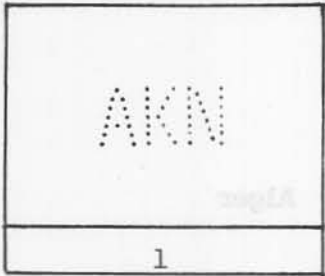
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005	.35	055	1.50	105	1.40	155	.50
006	.25	056	1.40	106	2.50	156	.60
007	.35	057	2.25	107	1.60	157	.20
008	.35	058	2.25	108	.60	158	.50
009	1.60	059	3.25	109	.70	159	.50
010	.25	060	1.40	110	.60	160	.60
011	.10	061	4.25	111	.60	161	.60
012	3.50	062	1.40	112	.40	162	.90
013	.25	063	1.20	113	.70	163	1.30
014	2.10	064	2.75	114	.90	164	.25
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016	.40	066	1.40	116	.60	166	.40
017	2.10	067	1.40	117	1.10	167	.90
018	.40	068	1.40	118	1.30	168	3.75
019	.25	069	1.00	119	1.30	169	1.10
020	.20	070	1.40	120	2.25	170	2.00
021	.15	071	1.20	121	.40	171	3.25
022	.25	072	1.00	122	.60	172	.50
023	.20	073	4.25	123	.50	173	1.30
024	.15	074	2.25	124	1.40	174	.20
025	.25	075	1.80	125	2.50	175	.50
026	.25	076	6.05	126	.50	176	.60
027	11.00	077	1.40	127	1.60	177	.15
028	5.50	078	15.00	128	2.50	178	.60
029	8.80	079	2.75	129	2.50	179	.20
030	5.50	080	2.50	130	2.75	180	.60
031	3.75	081	2.10	131	.70	181	.30
032	7.15	082	2.10	132	3.75	182	.30
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036	2.25	086	5.50	136	.70	186	1.20
037	1.10	087	22.00	137	.70	187	.60
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040	1.10	090	1.10	140	.60	190	.90
041	1.10	091	1.00	141	3.00	191	.60
042	1.10	092	1.00	142	.60	192	.10
043	1.10	093	1.00	143	.60	193	.60
044	.50	094	.60	144	.90	194	.15
045	.50	095	2.00	145	.40	195	1.60
046	11.00	096	5.50	146	2.25	196	.70
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205	.60	255	.20	305	6.60	355	.70
206	2.25	256	.20	306	7.45	356	.40
207	6.05	257	.20	307	12.00	357	5.00
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218	.20	268	.90	318	4.00	368	.25
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221	.75	271	1.10	321	5.00	371	.25
222	3.75	272	1.10	322	15.40	372	.30
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224	.70	274	1.60	324	2.75	374	1.30
225	.75	275	2.60	325	1.40	375	.25
226	.50	276	2.50	326	1.40	376	.60
227	1.30	277	2.75	327	1.40	377	.30
228	.75	278	2.15	328	.60	378	.60
229	.60	279	6.50	329	.70	379	.20
230	2.00	280	.15	330	.70	380	.90
231	.90	281	.15	331	.60	381	1.10
232	.50	282	5.50	332	2.25	382	5.50
233	.90	283	.15	333	.60	383	.60
234	.30	284	.15	334	2.50	384	.60
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236	.50	286	.20	336	.70	386	.60
237	1.50	287	.25	337	1.40	387	.25
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241	1.40	291	1.00	341	1.20	391	.60
242	.60	292	1.30	342	.45	392	.60
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248	6.60	298	3.25	348	.60	398	.40
249	8.80	299	5.50	349	1.30	399	.60
250	8.80	300	.20	350	.60	400	.60

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20	C.P.C			
21	CT			Alger
22	E.D.F			
23	EJ			Oran
24	E.J.			
25	F.C.R			
26	F.L.			
27	<u>F.L.</u>			
28	FT	F. Tinee et Cie.		Alger
29	G.L			
30	H.S			Oran
31	<u>HT</u> (monogram)			Alger
32	J.D.			Alger
33	JS			Oran
34	MS	Maklouf Soebat		Alger
35	M.S	Maklouf Soebat		Alger
36	ND			
37	O.R	Société Vinecole d'Oran		Oran
38	Pilter			
39	RR			
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43	SEG.			
44	SG			
45	SG	Société Generale		Alger
46a	S.M	Société Marseillaise de Crédit		Alger
46b	S.M	Société Marseillaise de Crédit		Oran
46c	S.M	Société Marseillaise de Crédit		Philippeville- Constantine
47a	S.M.C			Alger-Strasbourg
47b	S.M.C			Blida
47c	S.M.C			Oran
48	T.R			Alger
49	V.O.C	Vacuum Oil Company		Alger
50	VP			
B41	Fiscal R.W			

NOTES:

Types 46a,46b,46c may be from the same perfin machine.

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Only one fiscal perfin has been reported.

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416	.90	466	3.75	516	.20	566	40.00
417	.40	467	2.25	517	4.25	567	.45
418	.25	468	1.10	518	.20	568	.80
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439	.10	489	8.00	539	.15	589	.20
440	.10	490	2.15*	540	.20	590	.15
441	.30	491	1.20	541	.15	591	.20
442	.40	492	3.25	542	.20	592	.20
443	.20	493	3.25	543	.20	593	.20
444	.20	494	.60	544	.65	594	.15
445	.20	495	.20	545	.25	595	.15
446	15.00	496	.15	546	.10	596	.15
447	.15	497	.20	547	.20	597	.15
448	.20	498	.15	548	.05	598	.15
449	.15	499	.20	549	.20	599	.15
450	.15	500	.15	550	.40	600	.20

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605	28.60	655	.20	705	3.25
606	31.80*	656	.20	706	.10
607	2.00*	657	.25	707	1.60
608	49.50	658	.20	708	.40
609	.90	659	.20	709	.70
610	1.10	660	.20	710	2.25
611	1.10	661	.30	711	.30
612	1.80	662	.30	712	1.90
613	4.25	663	.20	713	5.80
614	.70	664	.20	714	1.40
615	1.10	665	.20	715	.20
616	1.10	666	.20	716	1.00
617	3.85	667	.20	717	.60
618	.10	668	.20	718	.30
619	.10	669	.25	719	1.20
620	.15	670	13.00	720	1.30
621	.10	671	3.00	721	.60
622	.15	672	.50	722	.60
623	5.50	673	2.50	723	.60
624	6.70	674	3.25	724	4.50
625	.50	675	1.10	725	7.25
626	5.00	676	2.25	726	3.00
627	1.10	677	3.05	727	3.00
628	5.00	678	.60	728	1.40
629	RET	679	1.70	729	.60
630	5.25	680	.50	730	1.20
631	2.25	681	1.20	731	.15
632	.60	682	1.10	732	13.40
633	4.50	683	2.00	313.5	4.25
634	1.10	684	4.75	364-1	.15
635	.60	685	2.25	364-2	.15
636	.60	686	2.50	422-1	1.10
637	5.00	687	1.60	436-1	.90
638	2.50	688	.20	436-2	.90
639	6.60	589	.20	561-1	.30
640	6.60	690	.20		
641	1.05	691	6.75	RET=Returned	
642	9.00	692	2.00	*=Reduced price	
643	1.50	693	2.75	to winning	
644	1.40	694	1.20	bidder because	
645	.70	695	.20	of lot condition	
646	3.00	696	1.20		
647	NOT USED	697	.20		
648	NOT USED	698	.20		
649	NOT USED	699	.20		
650	3.25	700	3.25		

Editor's note: Closing out this auction, ends Ed Linns's term as Auction Chairman. The Club's thanks to Ed for his outstanding work during the past several years. The Club's new Auction Chairman is: Harold W. Kruger, 24 Blackstone, Cambridge, MA 02139. If you have material for auction, please send it to him.

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WANTED - The Club's Catalog Sales Manager has been moving large amounts of covers. Unfortunately, his supply is running low. If you have duplicates or extra covers to sell, please send them to: Albert E. Spencer, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 94401. Indicate the price that you want, let Al suggest a price.

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WANTED - Unexploded booklets: BKC 14 and BKC 18; Lindberghians 178 and 179; crash covers: 34.12 and 74.2; airport dedications: C217, D245 and X76; CAM's: 19E107, 20E33, 20W57, 40S17, 51E18f & 47W3; airfield cancellations: BNA 6, 8, 13, and MEM 1, 5, and 6.

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Eritrea (Italian)	Paraguay
Roud Ile	Schleswig
Mongtseu (French China)	
Tchongking (French China)	
Crotia-Slavonia (Yugoslavia)	

If you can supply two, the third is negotiable.

Contact Robert Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

WANTED - Penpal. Sixteen year old Jaroslavtsev Paval; Tarashantev St. G26 W68; Volgograd 7, USSR 400007. Writes in English, desires correspondence and exchange of stamps and postcards.

WANTED - to purchase, perfins, airmails (Scott Catalog numbers C1 to C6) in as many patterns as are available. Please offer with price to: Eugene J. Buckler (#2858), 200 Diplomat Parkway, #833, Hallandale, FL 33009.

WANTED - any China perfins. Also Thomas Cook and Sons and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. perfins from any country. Trade or purchase. Donald Rice (#2699), Rt. 2, Box 186, Contoocook, NH 03229.

WANTED - To trade or buy: Hungary FISH design perfin pattern, on and off cover. Offers to Rudy Roy, Box 5367, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-0367

WANTED - Perfins of the Netherlands, any issue, any amount of duplication. Send with your price for the lot: Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238), P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576.

WANTED - New member and beginner perfin collector seeks perfins of Czechoslovakia. I have U.S. and foreign to trade. Would like to trade and correspond with fellow Czechoslovakian perfin collectors. Jerry Kotek (#2705), 424 Corbin Road, York, PA 17403.

WANTED - Scout topical collector seeking U.S. 974, 995, 1145, 1199; Australia 216, 249; Great Britain 334-336, Netherlands 206-8. Will pay \$10.00 up for covers. Al Hartman (#2721), Box 2435, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

WANTED - Following question answered for next edition of The Catalog of United States Perfins. Must submit cover or photocopy. Covers will be returned:

Should the user of perfin A306 be listed as "Abraham & Strous" or "Abraham & Strauss?"

Do you have any other corrections of names and or addresses. If so, please send cover and or photocopy of cover to: John Lyding, P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114.

WANTED - Perfins on Scott Catalog Numbers 899-900-901. Face up, completely undamaged. Immediate payment. Send stamps with price to Francis Stunzi (#2665), 37 Smith Street, Rouses Point, NY 12979.

WANTED - New member and new perfin collector seeks perfins of Denmark. George A Sellnau (#3005), 1511 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057

WANTED - U.S. private perfins with control perfins, on or off cover. I have some to trade or give your asking price. If control perfins are your collecting interest, let's talk. A.S. Glass (#2840), 383 Bamberly Road, Mundelein, IL 60060.

HELP - Topical collector or ceramics and glass seeking related mint or on cover perfins (from original source) relating to bricks, china, sparkplugs, etc. Collector or dealer material welcomed. Tom Fortunato (non-member), 42 Maynard Street, Rochester, NY 14615-2022.

Horizontal Format

Harry Rickard (#1802)



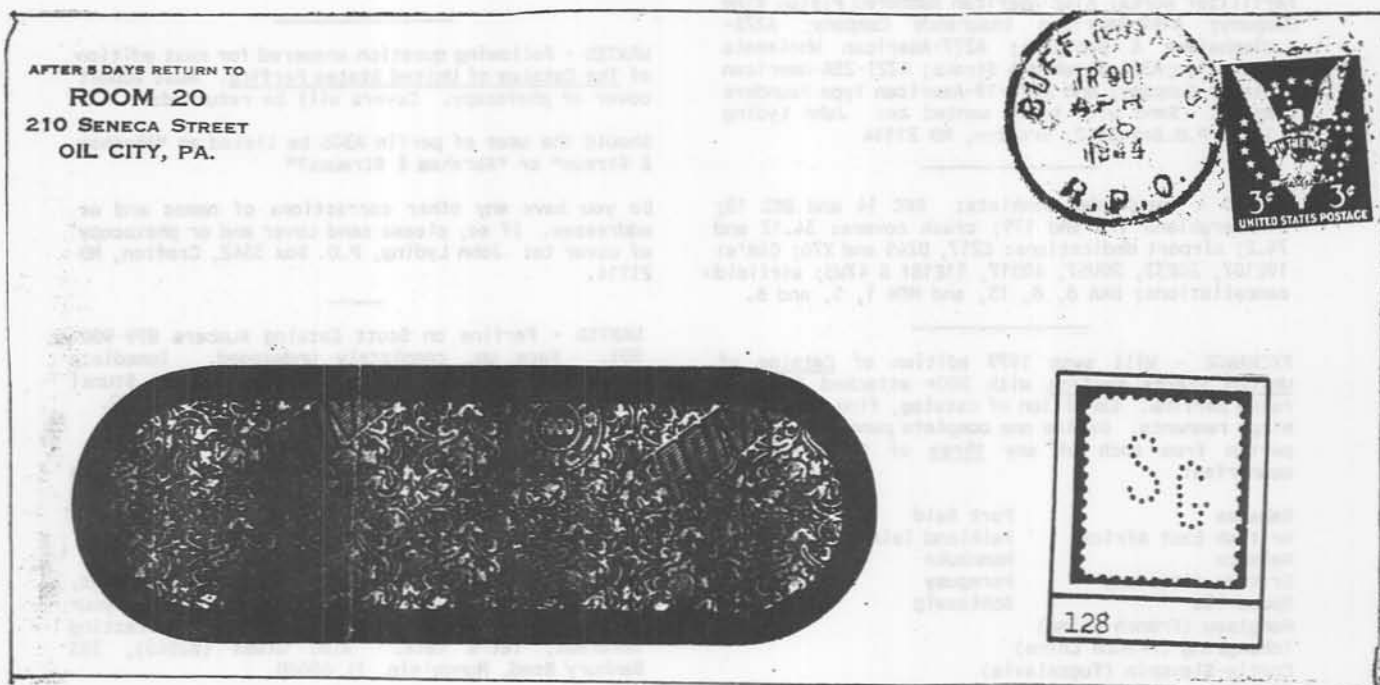
B188A

Club members who have been collecting for a period of time know that many perfins are found in horizontal format unlike the illustrations in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. To make vertical patterns read horizontally, the catalog editor must first make a print so the photo shows correctly, reading left to right. Next, he cuts out the small pattern picture and pastes it on a blank vertical stamp. Then, when the catalog pages are printed, all patterns are shown in vertical format, reading from left to right.

Many single die users broke sheets into strips to make the stamps more convenient to feed into the perforator. This matter of convenience produced horizontal perfins like this copy of pattern B188A. This pattern is illustrated in the new issues section of Additions and Corrections Pages Second Update issued in May 1985 in a vertical format.

Unknown Sender and Recipient

Harry Rickard (#1802)



This cover presents an interesting situation which I will try to solve. The window envelope deprives us of the addressee's name and address. The corner card referring to a

room number on Seneca Street in Oil City, PA is not of much help unless someone out there can has access to a 1944 Oil City directory.

The Catalog of United States Perfins lists Oklahoma City as the origin of pattern S128 which is the perfin pattern used on this envelope. Both Oklahoma City and Oil City have oil connections, so there is a possible tie-in for this cover.

Did an Oklahoma City petrochemical company send a perfined stamp to Oil City for a response to an inquiry? If this was the case the illustrated cover shows the use of a courtesy stamp and it is of interest, but of little consequence.

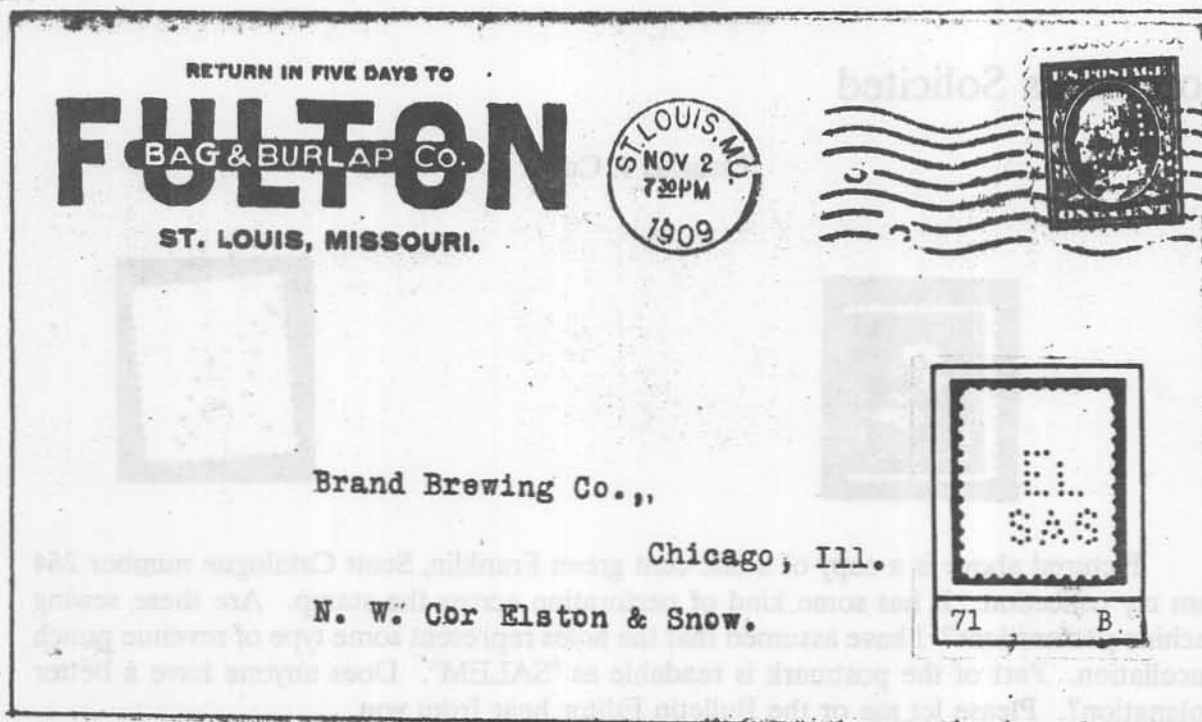
On the other hand, if a petrochemical company in Oil City, PA had sent a stamp with their perfin pattern to a company in Oklahoma City and that company used it on the cover which was later used to identify the city of usage for pattern S128, we have a incorrect identification in the catalog.

I think that the latter is the case; however, this is based on circumstantial evidence (i.e., the D rating for pattern S128 and the use of window envelopes which indicate a high volume of mail).

The U.S. Catalog Editor has been requested to consider this cover and article for possible use in the preparation of the next Additions and Corrections (A&C) pages.

Fulton Bag & Burlap Co. - E71

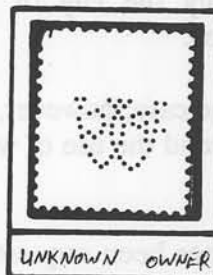
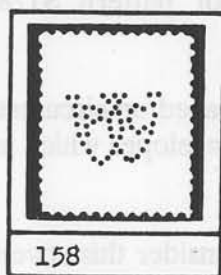
Douglas J. Cutler



Perfin pattern E71 is known with a precancel from Atlanta, Georgia. Here is evidence of a possible user from Saint Louis, Missouri. However, Fulton Bag & Burlap Company does not relate to the pattern's "EL/SAS". Perhaps a member in the Saint Louis area could dig up further information on the Fulton Bag and Burlap Company. It is easy to imagine a relationship between Atlanta, Georgia and bags and burlap. Our sincere thanks to member, Paul H. Gault (#744) who submitted this cover.

Unknown Owner

Douglas J. Cutler



A member has submitted a pattern similar to perfin pattern W138. Unfortunately, I do not know who submitted the pattern. All that I have is a contact print which I received from the previous U.S. Catalog Editor. Would the member who owns the new pattern please submit it to me so that a decision can be made regarding inclusion in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* and to permit us to make a contact print in the correct view.

Comments Solicited

Douglas J. Cutler



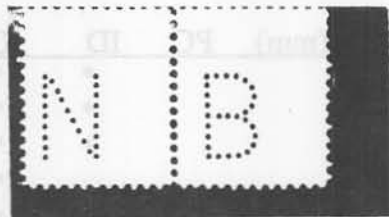
Pictured above is a copy of a one cent green Franklin, Scott Catalogue number 264 from my collection. It has some kind of perforation across the stamp. Are these sewing machine perforations? I have assumed that the holes represent some type of revenue punch cancellation. Part of the postmark is readable as "SALEM". Does anyone have a better explanation?. Please let me or the Bulletin Editor hear from you.

National Bank of the Republic

Harry Rickard (#1802) and John F. Lyding (LM106)

The National Bank of the Republic is the only one that we know of who had their name on a ten die perforator (i.e., NBREPUBLIC). The picture of the first two letters was the first and only proof, I know of that the name was in one continuous pattern. This proof was sent to former U.S. Catalog Editor K.F. Lougee by a member about the same time he received an inquiry as to whether the pattern was a continuous ten letter one.

The illustration shown below is from a letter sent by Lougee to former Club President, Dave Stump. Unfortunately that letter is not of sufficient quality to permit reproduction here and therefore it has been quoted in its entirety.



1847-C Euclid Street
Santa Monica Calif.

August 14, 1962

Dear Dave-

Recently one of our newer members sent me a small lot of perfins asking that I identify them for him.

Among the various patterns was a PAIR on one stamp the letter N appeared, and on the other the letter B. Each letter is just under 11mm tall, and I believe that this pair is the first real evidence of the elusive perfin NBREPUBLIC.

The B, which apparently is the first B of the pattern, and seems to be our #2 on the B list.

The N, apparently is #3 on the N list.

Probably the R is of the same height.

Since these two letters are apparently the first two letters of the pattern, I am assuming that the letters EPUBLIC are of smaller size probably around 8 or 8½ mm.

I would appreciate your checking your holdings and see if you have any of the other letters which might be a part of this perfin.

A photo of the pair is enclosed for your file.

I have written the owner of the pair seeking to learn, if possible, where he obtained this pair from, and any other information concerning the pair.

Photos courtesy of Mr. L.R. Murray.

Your comments please,
Sincerely,

/s/ K F Lougee

CC ASB
LRM

NOTE. If one had only a single of the B, I see nothing by which it can be determined whether it is the Breck item or the Bank item. If memory serves me well, one of you gentleman has a Breck cover. Will you please see if you can find any distinguishing feature. Thanks. KFL

We can only speculate whom ASB was and what is the mysterious "Breck Cover". Did Mr. Lougee mean perfin pattern B2 attributed to Joseph Breck & Son of Boston, MA? That pattern, B2 does resemble perfin pattern B1 which is the identity that the "B" in NBREPUBLIC is currently assigned in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. In any event there are some interesting questions to be answered. We have attempted to trace development of this group of patterns checking the *Catalog of United States Perfins* by Joseph J. and Dorothy Balough, 1979. The below listed patterns are attributed to the National Bank of the Republic by that source:

Letter	Pattern	Page	Size(mm)	PC	ID	Comments
N	N3	287-8	11		*	"N" of NBR
B	B4	35-6	11		*	"B" of NBR
R	R3	371-2	11		*	"R" of NBR
E	E1	131-2	8			"E" of NBR
P	P3	343-4	8½		*	"P" of NBR
U						No entry for NBR
B	B1	36-7	8½		*	"B" of NBR
L	L2	241-2	8		*	"L" of NBR
I	I4	203-4	8½	PC	*	"I" of NBR
C	C1	68-9	8			"C" of NBR

There are several interesting items about the table of extracts from the catalog. First, the sizes do not seem to be consistent. We can assume from Lougee's letter that the suspected N of National was 11mm, and in fact the catalog entry lists 11mm. The N of the sample from the Lougee letter shown above measures in at 10-3/4mm as does the B. But these are photocopies of photocopies and therefore their size can not be established with any certainty except to say that they both are of the approximately the same height.

By measuring the size of the catalog photos from center of hole to center of hole, we get some interesting comparisons, as noted below.

Pattern	Listed Size (mm)	Measured (mm)
N3	11*	11¼
B4	11	11
R3	11	11¼
E1	8	8½
P3	8½	8½
B1	8½	8½
L2	8	8½
I4	8½	8½
C1**	8	8½

Notes: * Originally listed as 12mm change published as 11mm.
 ** Listed in catalog as 'C'

The table above indicates that Joseph and Dorothy Balough measured to within a quarter of a mm and that they rounded to the nearest half mm as the measured rather than comparing all of the NBREPUBLIC perfins as a group.

The following questions arise:

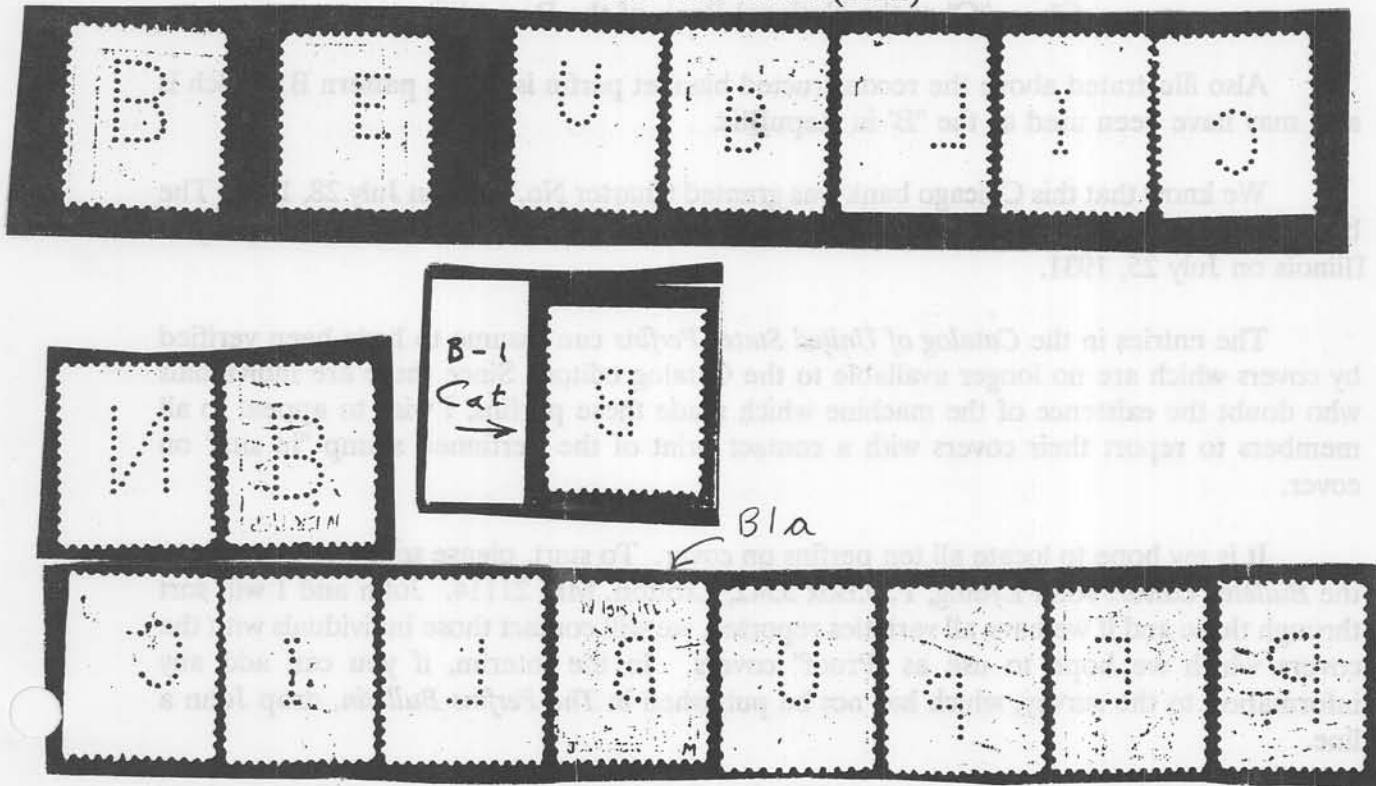
- o Why is their no notation of this as a group in the catalog? The existence of the group was not only known, the catalog entries hint at a group.
- o Why is the description of pattern C1 listed as "*C*" rather than "C"?
- o Why is only one of the group (i.e., pattern I4) known precanceled?
- o Where is the elusive "U" of "REPUBLIC", is it pattern U1 which seems to fit the mold?

Obviously, we are unable to provide any answers to our questions. We leave it to the U.S. Catalog editor to see if he can improve the listings. We leave the task of providing positive identification for pattern E1 to someone who may be lucky enough to locate that pattern on a cover with corner card. And finally, we leave the identification of the letter "U" up to someone with a pair or strip containing that letter.

Editor's Note; A second article about the National Bank of the Republic was submitted to *TPB* about the same time at the previous article was being prepared. That article is printed below. The article was prepared by F.J. "Joe" Miller. Joe was formerly a major contributor to *TPB* and his articles were noted for their thorough research and accuracy. Welcome back, Joe.

National Bank of the Republic

F.J. "Joe" Miller (212L)



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The illustrated perfins are quite controversial. This is a reconstructed set of an extremely rare "Blanket Type" perfin. Blanket is the term applied to a device when the letters of the perforator cover more than two stamps. Illustrated above are:

- N2 "N" of the National Bank of the Republic
- B4 "B" of the National Bank of the Republic
- R3 "R" of the National Bank of the Republic
- E1 "E" of the National Bank of the REpublic
- P2 "P" of the National Bank of the RePublic
- U1 "U" of the National Bank of the RepUblic
- B1a "B" of the National Bank of the RepuBlic
- L2 "L" of the National Bank of the RepuBLic
- I4 "I" of the National Bank of the RepuBlIc
- C1 "C" of the National Bank of the RepuBlIC

Also illustrated above the reconstructed blanket perfin is perfin pattern B1 which is also may have been used as the "B" in RepuBlic.

We know that this Chicago bank was granted Charter No. 4605 on July 28, 1891. The bank was placed into voluntary liquidation and absorbed by the Central Trust Company of Illinois on July 25, 1931.

The entries in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* can assume to have been verified by covers which are no longer available to the Catalog editor. Since there are individuals who doubt the existence of the machine which made these perfins, I wish to appeal to all members to report their covers with a contact print of the perfined stamp "in situ" on cover.

It is my hope to locate all ten perfins on cover. To start, please send photocopies to the *Bulletin* editor: John Lyding, P.O.Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114. John and I will sort through these and if we have all varieties reported, we will contact those individuals with the covers which we hope to use as "Proof" covers. In the interim, if you can add any information to the survey, which has not be published in *The Perfins Bulletin*, drop John a line.

The Bulletin

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Charles H. Regnier

It is with regret that we announce the passing of former Perfins Club President, Charles H. Regnier .

Charlie was member #62, having joined the Club in March 1946. He became the third president of the Club for the period January 1956 through December 1958.

Over the years, Charlie was active in Catalog development, nominating committees, and was the Club's first contact chairman. He won several show awards with his display and wrote a number of articles for the Perfins Bulletin. In addition to the Perfins Club, Charlie was a member of the Perfins Society (GB) #24, the Precancel Stamp Society, and the Ilini Precancel Club. He carried on an extensive worldwide correspondence and was never too busy to help.

Notes from Here and There . . .

The article about Black Hardings *TPB*, May 1991, p. , must have brought those out of the woodwork. I have received several corrections, including one from the author. All contributions are being forwarded to Joe Laura (#1238) who is compiling this list for the Club. Thanks for the contributions from: Bob Foley (#1340), John Harting (#2304), Steven Endicott (#2284), Bob Murrin (LM2), Bill Cummings (LM25), and Charlie Pearson (#2300).

The date you have with the PSS/Perfins Club Annual Convention in Concord, CA is fast approaching as August 6-10 is just around the corner. Last year in Manchester there were 38 members of the Perfins Club in attendance. With at least 115 members in California alone, the hope is that Concord will bring out a record number of participants.

Chinning with Roberta Coltman, Secretary-Treasure of the Golden Gate Precancel Club and eminent perfins collector and mentor in that area, I asked, "What is it that would bring out more perfins collectors to the annual?" Her reply was revealing. "You know" she said "Many perfins collectors think it is just a formal meeting or two when they should know that it is a chance to find new patterns and to do a lot of trading." "Some think that five days is too

Crofton, Maryland, June 17, 1991

One of the problems that faces all organizations is the cost of mail. At the Motor Vehicle Administration, my division mails approximately 75,000 renewal notices each month. Unfortunately, a number of these "pieces" are returned because the driver failed to notify the State that they moved.

Since the law requires the notices to be mailed first class, it does not cost the State any additional funds for "Undeliverable as Addressed" or "Moved Left No Forwarding Address." It is an inconvenience to the driver, who fails to renew their license. In fact, depending upon the circumstances, it can be a major problem.

The Perfins Club does not have the luxury of sending out the Bulletin by First Class Mail. Like most publications, we use Second Class because of the lower cost. However, second class mail returned to us with address changes (see the notice at the bottom of this page) costs us 35¢ a pop.

Okay, 35¢ is not a lot until you multiply it by the number of members that move, who do not give us sufficient notice to change their address.

Every year a renewal time, we get a number of renewal checks addressed to the Treasurer. Perhaps it does not make sense, but renewal notices should be mailed to the Club Secretary.

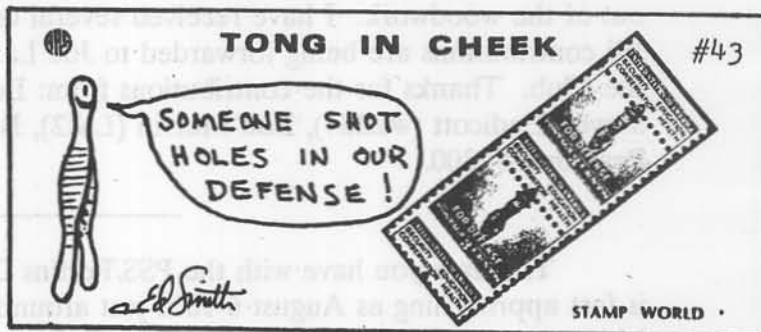
The membership period is July through June, annual dues are \$7.00 or \$9.00 (see notice on the upper right hand side of this page).

In July, I will be traveling to Greensboro, NC.

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much, but after that first time an annual meeting they find out, like everyone else, that five days isn't enough. The time goes very happily, but all too quickly.

Many exciting plans are "in the works" for spouses or those who can tear themselves away from the tables. One to wine country is especially promising.

In response to our plea for confirmation of covers, Doug Turner (#2549) has reported several items to U.S. Catalog Editor, Douglas Cutler. While these changes are not official until approved by the U.S. Catalog Editor, the items are reported below as an unofficial guide:

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| E71 | Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills |
| E82 | Possibly Eilers Music Company, the pattern does not fit quite right. |
| F37.5 | The Fechheimer Brothers Company. This confirms a previous report. |
| P165.7 | Associated Oil Company. |

If you have an item to report or confirm, please send them to Douglas Cutler, Rt. 2 - 337 North Rush Street, Pentwater, MI 49449. If you mail a photocopy to John Lyding, *The Perfins Bulletin*, P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114, we will print your report in the *Bulletin*.

David Andersen (#1898), 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee NSW 2777, Australia reports that the Australian Official Perfins Supplement no. 3, January 1991 is now available. This supplement of 12 A4 pages includes all information in supplements 1 and 2 as well as more recently supplied information. U.S. \$2.00 or UK £1.00 (banknotes only please) includes airmail postage. Available from: David Anderson, 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee NSW 2777, Australia.

Brian J Freeman (#3008), 987 Via Montanas, Concord, CA 94518-4211 is fortunate enough to live within walking distance of the Holiday Inn where the PSS Convention will be held. He has offered to provide detailed maps of the area to members for the cost of postage. I am sure that we will see Brian at the convention.

Albert Spencer (#1261) reports that perfin B161 BM/C is Boston Music Company who bought out Hatch Music Company in 1919. However, Al does not have a cover of either Hatch or Boston. If you have a cover that can confirm this, please contact Al at: P.O. Box 6 Angelus Oaks, CA 92305. Al would also like to have a verification of Design #25 (Lyre) - whether it is Bramback or Bacon Piano Company.

F. Louis Wolff (#1973) sent a photocopy of a letter he mailed to the editor of *National Geographic* regarding their article, "Chicago - Welcome to

the neighborhood", May 1991. Just finished the informative article. As a stamp collector your reference to the "I WILL" slogan got my attention.



There is a segment of stamp collectors who collect perfin. These are stamps perforated by private businesses, with post office approval, usually showing the initials of the business. The city of Chicago has been perfinning their stamps for more than 60 years with the "I WILL" slogan.

Enclosed is a 1940's stamp showing the perforated slogan. I'm not certain that they still do it today.

I now know how the "I WILL" slogan came about. Thank you for helping me and other philatelists answer this riddle.

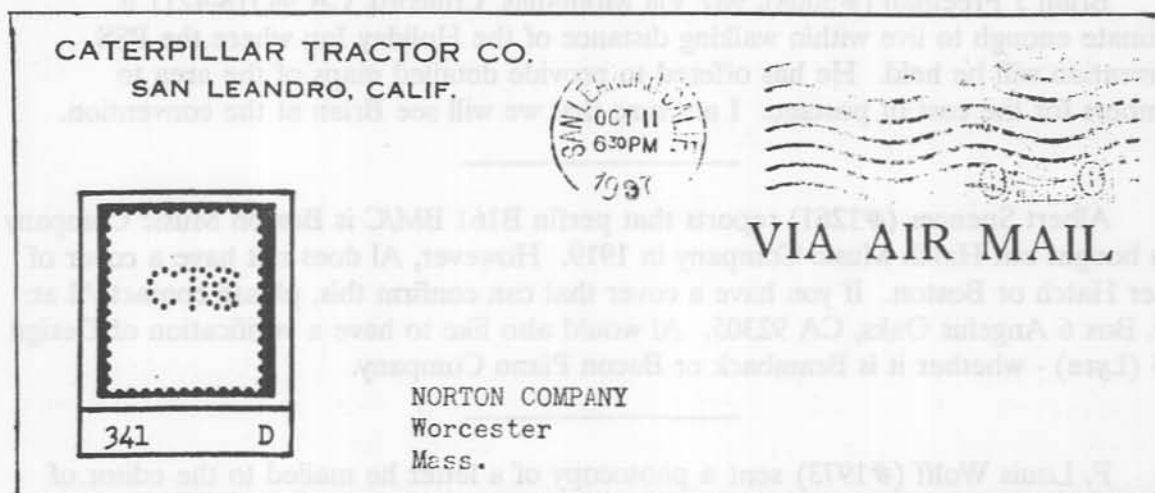


Illustrated to the left is a test strip punched from a Cummins No. 93 perforator. The owner, Jerry A Kotek (#2705), 424 Corbin Road, York, PA 17403, has offered to provide a test strip to any member requesting one. Please mail him a SASE and he will be happy to oblige.

Jacob Kisner (#2168) as a Bostonian born and bred, can assure Harry Rickard that Southbridge, MA was neither absorbed into Boston nor is the town even near Boston see, "C238 - American Optical Company", *TPB*, May 1991, p. 118. Actually, Southbridge is 17 or so miles southwest of Worcester, MA. Since the town's main manufacturing specialty, as listed in *Webster's New Geographical Dictionary*, is Optical goods, the C238 cover seems like the logical home of the American Optical Company. Boston, perhaps, was the chief business office for Eastern sales.

C341 - Caterpillar Tractor

Harry Rickard (#1802)



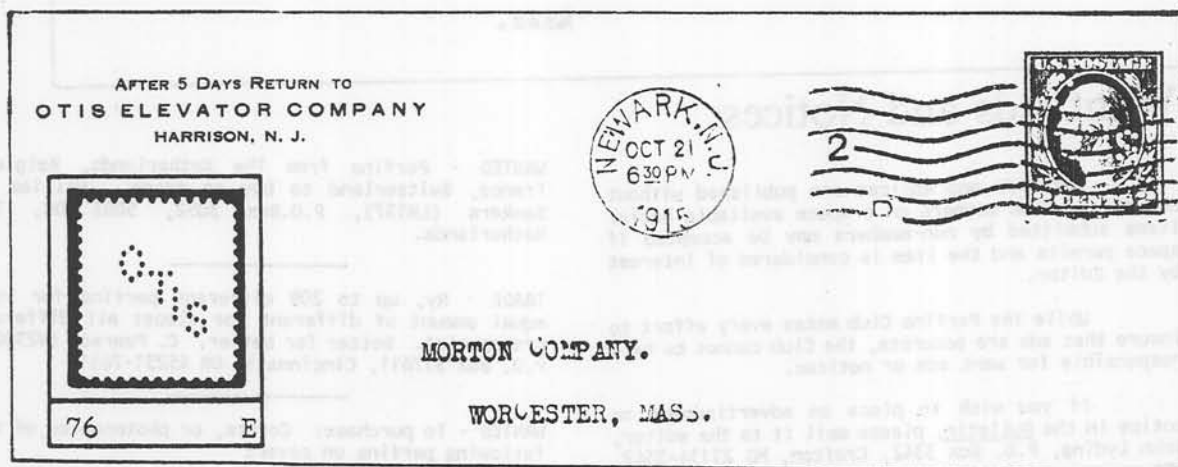
Many of the other covers shown in this series addressed to The Norton Company have come from the East Coast or Midwest. For a change, here is one

mailed by airmail from California. Unfortunately the 6¢ orange stamp did not reproduce too well. Since this was mailed in 1937, when the depression was on the wane, Caterpillar was willing to spend the extra postage to speed up service.

This cover has a corner card showing San Leandro, CA as the location. The *Catalog of United States Perfins* p. 93. lists the city of usage as Oakland, CA. Can this be considered as a correction for the Supplemental data section in the next revision of the catalog?

O76 - New Location

Harry Rickard (#1802)



Well, Well, look what we have here. An envelope from the Otis Elevator Company postmarked in Newark, NJ; however it has a Harrison, NJ corner card.

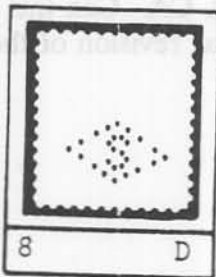
Checking pattern O76 with stamp on this Harrison cover, shows no difference. It is possible that Harrison may have been an earlier or later address. The *Catalog of United States Perfins* lists New York, NY as the firm's location with a supplemental usage in Boston, MA. The U.S. Catalog Editor has been requested to consider adding Harrison, NJ as an supplemental location.

Additional Postage Required

Harry Rickard (#1802)

The first page of the letter "S" listing in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, by Balough lists ten patterns with the letter "S" inside a design. Pattern S8, John Simmons Co. of New York City is the first one listed. The "would be" cover is a front panel rather than a complete cover. It does show the extra penny postage required on mail to help fund the costs of the First World War.

After 5 days, return to
JOHN SIMMONS CO.,
110 Centre St.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.



Washburn & Garfield Mfg. Co.,
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FOR SALE - Do you have a copy of the perfin C398.5 (B rating) in your U.S. collection? Do you know who issued this perfin pattern? I will sell you an old revenue stock sales tax bill with TWO revenue stamps on it with the C&J pattern for only \$6.50, postpaid. Send orders to: Jacob Kisner (#2168), 254 Park Avenue South, Pent-house F, New York, NY 10010. (Only six sales tax bills available with C&J - so act fast).

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Australian Official Perfins Supplement no. 3, January 1991 is now available. Consists of 12 A4 pages including all information in supplements 1 & 2 plus more recent data. U.S. \$1.00 or UK £1.00 (bank notes only). David Andersen (#1898), 260 Hawkesbury Road, Wimallee NSW 2777, Australia.

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BM/C	B161	Hatch Music Company also Boston Music Company
EMH	E82	Eiler's Music House
G	G3	Thomas Goggan & Bros. (Music House)
IB	I16	Irving Berlin
KCM	K19.5	Knight, Campbell Music Company
MBI	M42	Moody Bible Institute
OKH	O44	O.K. Houck Piano Company
PMC	P137	Plaza Music Company
PPC	P180	Pease Piano Co
STC	S277	Shubert Theater Corp.
S&M	S354	Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co.
TM/Co	T67	Talking Machine Company
V	V1	Vitaphone Corp
WBC	W167	Williams Piano Co.
(Lyre)	Des25	Bacon or Brambach Piano Co.

Albert Spencer (#1261), P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

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Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

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966 Harrell, Florence; 12433 Waverly Road, Madera, CA 93638

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- 2672 White, Oliver E.; 200 Whitaker Drive, Missoula, MT 59803

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- LM62 Rohrer, John W.; P.O. Box 44, Spring Arbor, MI 49283
2770 Selles, Robert H.; 1420 Locust St. Apt 24-N, Philadelphia, PA 19102
LM35 McNabb, Betty; 1287 Capri Drive, Panama City, FL 32405
2344 Braun, Richard H.; 1205 Comalli, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
2682 Ross, Robert A.; P.O. Box 21292, Columbus, OH 43221

SUMMARY:

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Resigned	- 2
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Perfins of Pattern Q1-Q2

Pat Callis

This is an updated list of perfins found on parcel post stamps (Q1-Q12). It consists of an update of Robert Sperring's checklist which was published in the September 1973 issue of The Perfins Bulletin. Additional information was obtained from Sperring's supplemental list, Perfins Club auction, other auctions and perfins in Salvatore Guarini's (#1220), Bob Murrin's (LM2) and my personal collection.

I would like to thank Sal Guarini for adding 363 new companies and Bob Murrin for adding 100 new companies to the checklist. In addition, both of these gentlemen added a number of new denominations.

If you have any additional denomination or companies perfins on parcel post stamps, please drop me a note so that I can update the list. I will provide an updated copy to the Perfins Club Library.

Send addition, corrections, etc. to:

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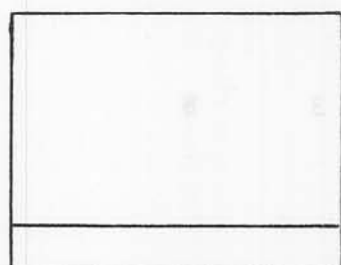
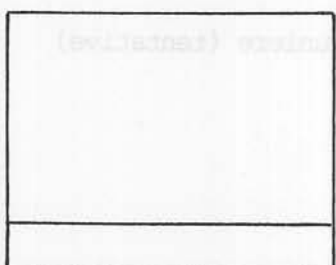
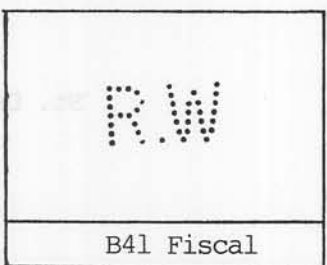
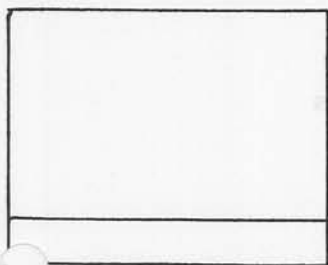
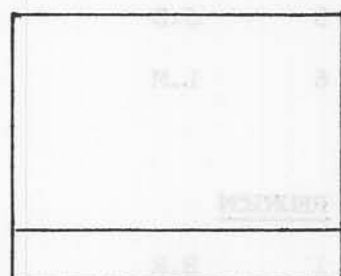
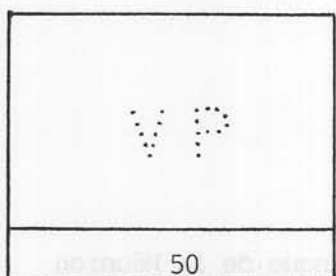
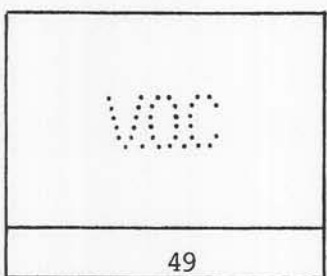
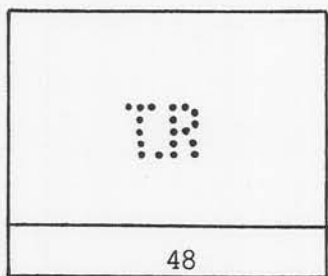
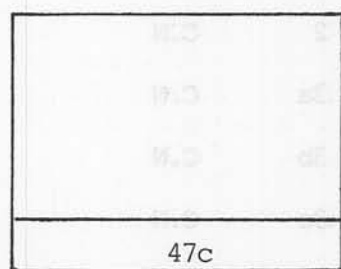
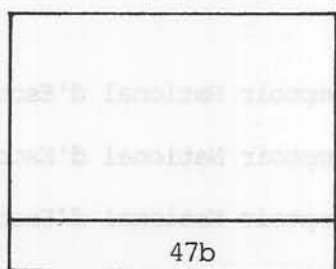
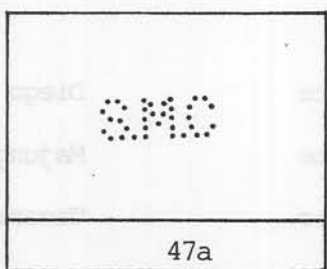
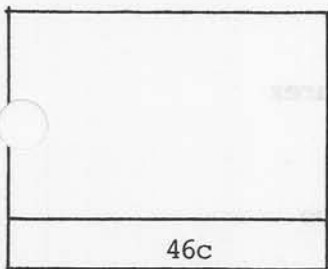
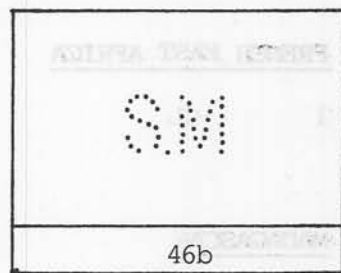
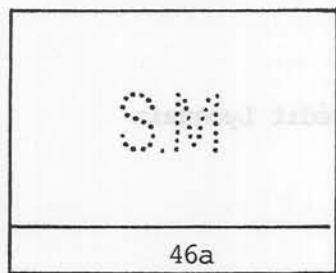
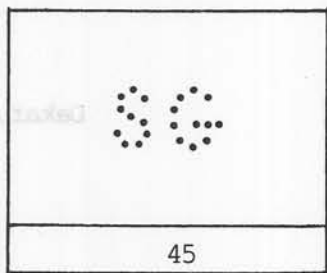
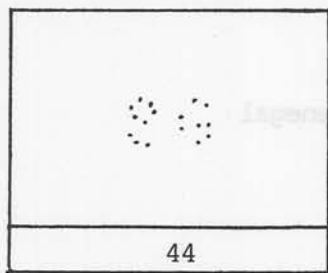
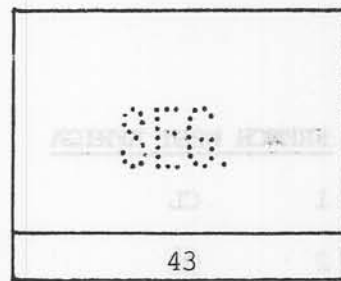
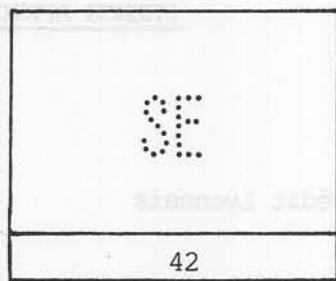
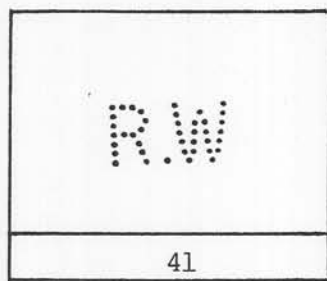
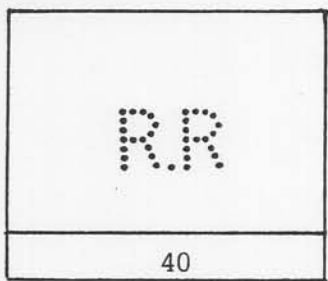
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A-10	(A) TRI	(4)	A-257	ASM	(2)
A-45	ABK	(2,5)	A-258	ASM	(2)
A-46.5	ABN/CO	(2,4)	A-262	ASR/CO	(4)
A-60	ACB/LD	(4,1.00)	A-264	AS/BB	(2,3,10)
A-62	ACC	(5)	A-267	ATC	(25)
A-64	AC/C(D)	(5,10,15,25,50)	A-268	ATC(D)	(15)
A-75	ACI/CO	(2)	A-269	ATF	(2,4,10,15)
A-76	ACL	(10)	A-270.2	ATF/CO	(1)
A-78	AC/LD	(10,15)	A-270.5	ATF/CO	(4,5)
A-87	A(CO)	(10)	A-270.10	ATF/CO	(2)
A-88	ACD/CO	(10)	A-270.14	ATF/CO	(2,4)
A-94	AE	(4,10,25)	A-270.19	ATF/CO	(2,10)
A-95	AE	(1,10)	A-276	AWB	(1,2)
A-115	AF/C	(1)	A-280	AWP	(4)
A-116A	AF/CO	(2)	A-291	A&D	(2)
A-117	A F/CO	(5)	A-306	A&W/CO	(20)
A-138	AH/C	(1,2,3,5,15,20,25)	B-2	B	(1,2,4,5,10,15)
A-141	A/HM	(20)	B-12.5	(B)D/IA	(2,3,5)
A-143	AHR	(4,5,25)	B-12.6	(B)/IA	(3)
A-167	AL/CO	(1)	B-12.7	(B)DIA	(2)
A-171	ALOE	(15)	B-15	(B)STAR	(2,5)
A-182	A/MC	(4)	B-15.5	(B)STAR	(5)
A-184	AM/CO	(15)	B-17	BA	(10)
A-218	AWP/CO	(5,15)	B-19	BA	(1,5)
A-221	AR	(2,3,4,5,15,20)	B-26	BAT	(3,4,15)
A-221-21	AR	(10)	B-27	BAU/ER	(5,10,25)
A-221-23	AR	(10)	B-29	BA/CO	(1,2,4,5,10,15,20,25)
A-221-26	AR	(2,4)	B-30	BA/CO	(1,15)
A-244	A/SB	(2,5)	B-35	BB	(3)
A-248	ASC	(2,25)			

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B-40	BB	(2,5,10,25)	C-6	(C)(Dia.)	(1,2,4)	C-254	CONN	(2)
B-46	B B/C	(2,3)		Cir		C-263	(CP)SHLD	(1,2)
B-52	BB/C(D)	(50)	C-9	(C)SHLD	(1,2,5)	C-264	CPA	(75)
B-53	BBH	(1,3,4,5,10,15,20,25)	C-12	CA	(2,10)	C-266	CPB	(15)
B-53.5	BBH	(25)	C-18	CAB/LE	(2)	C-267	CP/BC	(2,10)
B-60	BBT/CO	(2,3,4)	C-24	CAO	(1,2,4,10,20,75)	C-270	CPC	(25)
B-63	BB/BS	(2)	C-27	CAS/CO	(4)	C-272	CPC	(2,5)
B-63.5	B B-BS	(1,2)	C-28	C(A)SE	(2,4)	C-278	CPR	(25)
B-74	BC/C(D)	(25)	C-30	CA/TOR	(2,3,4,5)	C-284	C(R)	(2,4)
B-78	BC(D)	(1,3)	C-32	C B	(2,20,25)	C-290	CR/CO	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25)
B-79	B/CO	(10)	C-35	CBARB	(1,2,4,5,10)	C-294	CRR/NJ	(1,5)
B-82	B/CO	(2)	C-43	CBQ	(1,5)	C-316	CSE	(2)
B-84	B D	(15)	C-46	C(BR)	(1,5)	C-317	CS/K	(2)
B-87	BD/CO	(1,2,4,5,10,20)	C-52	C(BT)O	(3,5,10)	C-318	CSL	(4)
B-91	BE	(2)	C-63	CC	(3)	C-324	CSS/CO	(2,4)
B-96.5	BE/NT	(15)	C-65	CCC	(2,4,15)	C-329	CS/BS	(2,4,15,20)
B-99	BEST	(1,2,4,5,10)	C-81	C/CO	(10)	C-347	CT/CO	(2)
B-105	BFC	(1)	C-83	C(CO)	(2)	C-360	C(W)	(2,3,4,10,50)
B-106	BFC	(1)	C-84	C(CO)	(2,3,4)	C-362	C W/CO	(25)
B-107	BFC.	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20)	C-93.5	CC/BS	(10)	C-364	C(W)O	(1,2,10)
B-116	BFB	(10)	C-102	CDB/CO	(2,3,15)	C-378	CWS/CO	(1,4)
B-117	BFB/CO	(25)	C-105	C(Delta)	(5)	C-381	CW/BS	(1)
B-120	BFB/CO	(5)		(L)		C-385	C&B	(1,2,5)
B-124	BFS	(10)	C-117	CEI	(2)	C-394	C&F	(1,5,10)
B-126	BFU	(4)	C-134	CFD.	(2)	C-401	C&L	(5)
B-127	BFU	(4)	C-150	CH/C(O)	(4,20)	C-407	C&S	(50)
B-131	BHM	(1,4,20)	C-152.2	CHI	(4)	C-419	C(5)	(2)
B-136	BIC	(3,5)	C-152.13	CHI	(1,2)	C-421	C(7)	(2)
B-145	BK/CAL	(1,4,10,1.00)	C-152A7.5	CHI	(1)	C-422	C(8)	(2)
B-150	BL	(5)	C-152A8	CHI	(1)			
B-156	BLW	(2)	C-152A14	CHI	(1)			
B-160	BM/C	(2)	C-152A22	CHI	(3)	D-3	D	(20,25)
B-160A	BM/C	(3)	C-152B	CHI	(10)	D-4	D	(15,25)
B-165	BM/CO	(15)	C-152B13	CHI	(10)	D-9	DAN	(1,5,25)
B-165.5	BM/CO	(20)	C-152B20	CHI	(2)	D-13	DB	(2)
B-166	B M/DS	(3)	C-152B22	CHI	(15)	D-16	DBC/CO	(2)
B-170	BNB	(1)	C-152C15	CHI	(2,4)	D-17	DB/C(D)	(10)
B-212	BS	(1,5,10)	C-158	CHS	(2)	D-26	DCH	(3,4)
B-215	(BS)SQ	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25,50)	C-163	CI	(10)	D-42	DET	(4,5,25,50)
B-219	BS/C	(25)	C-168	C(INS)	(2,4)	D-55	D(KC)	(4,10)
B-224	BS/CO	(4,5,10,15,25)	C-178	C(K)SQ	(3,4,5,10)	C-58	D/LV	(2)
B-241	B V	(1,4,5,10)	C-179	CKF	(4)	D-62	D(M)	(2,4,5)
B-244	B W	(50)	C-182	CL	(50)	D-63	D(M)	(2,4)
B-246	BFW/CO	(10)	C-186	CL/CO	(25,1.00)	D-68	DM/CO	(4,25)
B-263	B/CO	(5)	C-197	C(M(C))	(1,5,15,25)	D-81	DOLD	(5)
B-270	B&H	(25)	C-198	CMC/CO	(4,15,25,50)	D-94	DR/CO	(2,4,25)
B-276	B&M/CO	(2,10)	C-203	C/MM	(10)	D-129	DU/PONT	(4,10,25)
B-277	B&D	(5)	C-207	CMT/CO	(1,2,5,20)	D-136	DW	(1,3,4,10,15)
B-290	B&S	(10)	C-218	CNB	(4)	D-137	D W	(4)
B-293.5	B&U	(15)	C-220	CNB	(2)	D-152	D&R	(1)
			C-238	C(D(A))	(4)	D-154	D(1)	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25)
C-4	C	(1)	C-252	C(ONE/O)	(1)	D-155	D/18	(1,2,10)

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E-12	EAS	(5)	F-127	F/NB	(2)	G-76	GES/CO	(1,2)
E-17	ECD	(10)	F-138	FNB/M	(2,10,50,1.00)	G-91	GH	(3)
E-18	ECD	(1,2)	F-142	FDK	(1)	G-101	G(IN)N	(1,2)
E-23	ED/CO	(2)	F-145	FORD	(1,2,4,5,10)	G-103	G(IN)N	(1,2,3,4)
E-24	ED/CO	(1,2,4,10)	F-150	FP	(1,5,10)	G-111	GLIDE	(10)
E-42	EGAN	(10)	F-166	FRB/NY	(1.00)	G-113	GM	(3)
E-47	EH/C	(2)	F-167	FRB/NY	(1,1.00)	G-150	GPP	(3)
E-47A	EH/C	(5,25,50)	F-186	FSB	(4,5,75)	G-151	G(R)AY	(1,2)
E-48	EH/CO	(1,2,4,15,25)	F-188	FS/CO	(25)	G-158	GRS	(1)
E-50	EHF	(1,2,4,10,15)	F-193	FS/J	(5)	G-160	GSC	(2,4,5,10)
E-57	EK/C	(2,4,5,15,25,75)	F-197	FS/NB	(50)	G-171.5	GT	(1,3,5,10,50,1.00)
E-58	EK/C	(2,15,75)	F-206	FVS/MCC	(5,25)	G-179	GTH	(2,5)
E-59	EK/.C	(5,10,20,25,75)	F-207	FW/C	(2,15)	G-182	GTR	(1,3)
E-61	EK/S	(1,25)	F-212	FWP/CO	(4)	G-190	GV/CO	(4)
E-67	ELI	(1)	F-220	F&C	(10)	G-191	GVT	(10)
E-71	EL/SAS	(4,5,10,15)	F-221	F&C	(2,10)	G-194	GW/CO	(5)
E-73	EM	(3)	F-227	F&J	(3)	G-202	GWM/CO	(2,4)
E-75	EMC	(5)	G-8	(G)Dia	(5)	G-211	G&H	(10,25)
E-77	EM/CO	(1,15)	G-9	(G)Dia	(1)	G-212	G(&)M	(2,5,10)
E-79	E M/CO	(1,2)	G-19	G/AA	(2,4,5)	H-8	H	(1,50)
E-96	EPC(O)	(1,5,10,25)	G-32	GA/&CO	(4,5)	H-10	(H)Dia	(1,2,5)
E-111	ESB	(1,10)	G-35	GB	(2,3,10)	H-11	(H)CIR	(5)
E-113	ESC	(4,10)	G-36	GB	(10)	H-20	HALL	(2)
E-117	E(SL)	(2,4)	G-37.5	GB	(2)	H-27	HB	(3,5)
E-122	ES&/MCO	(15,20,25)	G-40	GB	(3)	H-28	HB	(2,4,5)
E-131	ENB	(4)	G-49	GCB	(2,3,15,50)	H-30	HB/CO	(3,5)
E-134	ENR/CO	(4)	G-49X	GCB	(1,2,3,4,10,15,25) 49X or A?	H-31	HB/CO	(2)
E-136	E&/CR	(5) 136A or B?	G-54	GC/CO	(5)	H-32	HB/C(O)	(1,3,4,10)
E-136A	E&/CR	(4)	G-62	G(C(O))	(1,2,3,4,5,10)	H-33	HB/CO	(15)
F-2	(F)CIR	(10)	G-65	G:D	(20)	H-35	HB/&CO	(1,2,10,20,25)
F-4	(F)TRI	(1,3,4,10,25)	G-72-1	GE	(1,2,3,4,15,20,25,50,1.00)	H-36	H/B&T	(50)
F-7	(F)Tri	(4,5)	G-72-1.5	GE	(4,50)	H-42	HC/CO	(2)
F-8	(F)TRI	(1,4,15,50,75)	G-72-2	GE	(4,10,50)	H-54	H(CO)	(1,2,50)
F-10	(F)TRI	(5)	G-72-5	GE	(50)	H-65	HES	(2)
F-12	(F A)	(50)	G-72-7	GE	(4,10,20,50)	H-73	HFI	(4,10)
F-25	FAIR	(2)	G-72-8	GE	(10)	H-75	HF/M	(4,5)
F-30	FB	(20,25)	G-72-9	GE	(5,10,75)	H-77	HGH	(1)
F-32	FB	(1,2,10,25)	G-72-10	GE	(2)	H-78	HGH/CO	(1,5,10,25)
F-41	FBT	(2)	G-72-14	GE	(5)	H-83	HH/CO	(1,4,5,10,15)
F-42	FB&C	(5)	G-72-16	GE	(25)	H-91	HILL	(3)
F-45	FB&CO	(1,5,25)	G-72-18	GE	(2,5,10)	H-92	HJC	(2)
F-56	F/CO	(10)	G-72-21	GE	(1,4,50)	H-93	H K	(4)
F-61	(FD)SD	(2)	G-72-23	GE	(10)	H-96.5	HKW	(4)
F-69	FEIL	(25)	G-72-26	GE	(1)	H-97	HKW	(4)
F-70	FEL	(1)	G-72-29	GE	(2,10,15,25,50,75,1.00)	H-115	H Dia M	(2,4,5)
F-71	FERRY	(1,2,4,25)	G-72-29A	GE	(1,2,4,5,10,15,20,25,50,75,1.00)	H-127	HNB	(5)
F-72	FE/&CO	(2)	G-72-32	GE	(2,4,5,10,15,25)	H-128	HNB	(5)
F-90	FIRST	(2,10,50)	G-72-34	GE	(4)	H-138	HO/AST	(2)
F-99	FL/&CO	(1,2,4,5)	G-72-36	GE	(2,4,10,15)	H-145	HOM/CO	(10)
F-103	FMC	(4,20,25)	G-72-39	GE	(3)	H-148	HOW	(2) ?

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1 CL Cr dit Lyonnais

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FRENCH EAST AFRICA

1 CL Cr dit Lyonnais Dakar, Senegal

MADAGASCAR

1 C.N Comptoir National d'Escompte

2 C.N

3a C.N Comptoir National d'Escompte Diego Suarez

3b C.N Comptoir National d'Escompte Majunga

3c C.N Comptoir National d'Escompte Tananarive

4 C.N.E

5 J.D

6 L.M

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1 B.R Banque de la R union

2 C.A.M Compagnie Alg rienne de Meuniere (tentative)

3 8 St. Denis

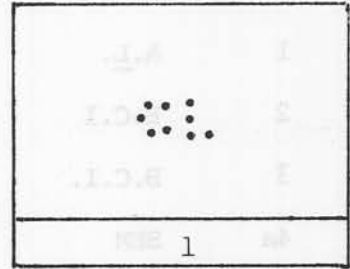
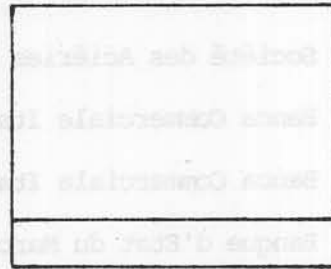
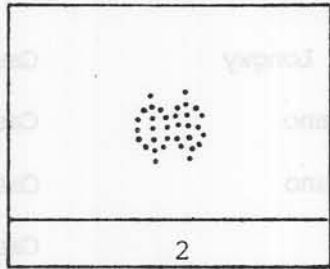
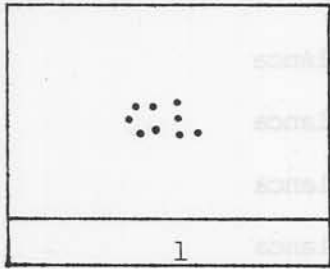
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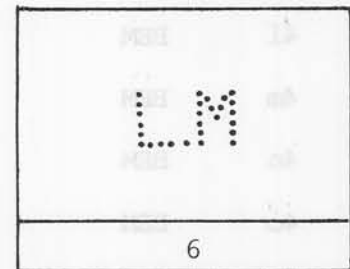
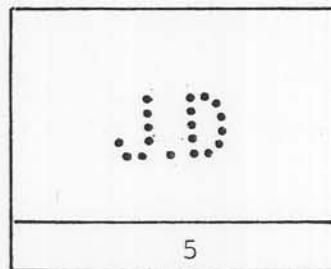
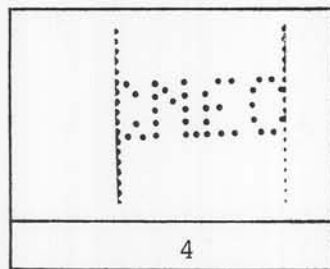
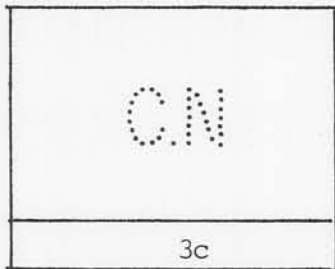
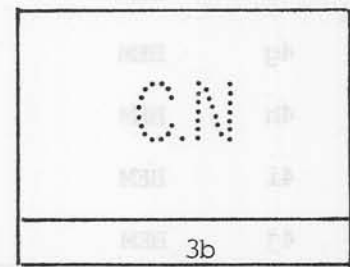
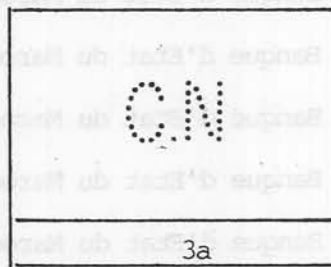
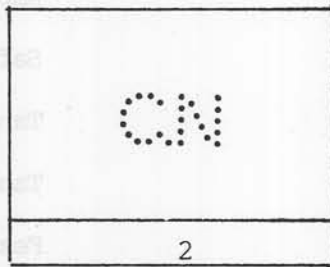
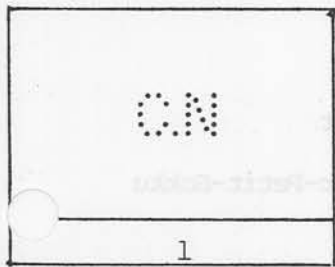
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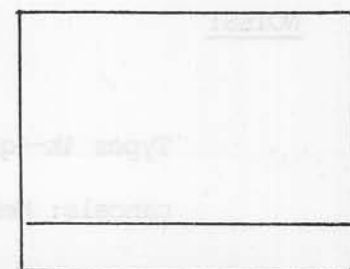
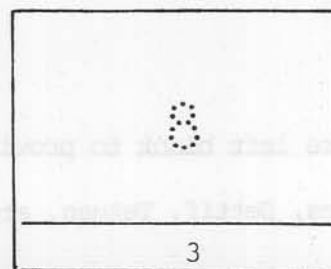
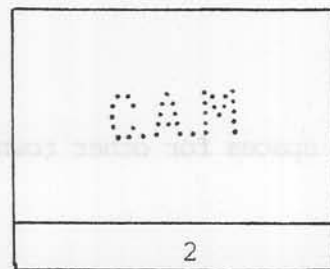
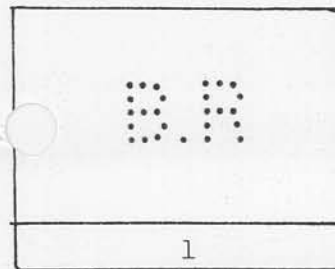
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FRENCH MOROCCO

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3	B.C.I.	Banca Commerciale Italiano	Casablanca
4a	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Casablanca
4b	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Marrakech
4c	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Mazagan
4d	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Mogador
4e	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Port Lyautey
4f	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Rabat
4g	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Saffi
4h	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Tanger
4i	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Tanger-Petit-Sokku
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4q	BEM		

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CATALOG#	PATTERN	FOUND ON	CATALOG#	PATTERN	FOUND ON	CATALOG#	PATTERN	FOUND ON
H-153	HP	(25)	J-61	JH/CO	(3,4,25)	L-66	LDS	(1,15)
H-161	HR/C	(2)	J-63	JHD/&CO	(1,2,5,20)	L-67	LE/B	(4,25)
H-172	HSB/&CO	(1,4,10,15,20,25,50)	J-74	JJC	(1)	L-68	LE/B	(1)
H-174	HSC	(1,2,50)	J-80	JKO	(1,5,10)	L-70	L(E)E	(4)
H-178	HSD	(4)	J-81	JKO	(2)	L-76	LEW/CO	(1,2,4,10,20)
H-182	HSP	(2)	J-82	JK/&CO	(1,3,4,15,20)	L-77	LEW/CO	(2)
H-194	HUMP	(2,4,5,10)	J-88	JLH	(2)	L-79	LEW/CO	(2)
H-205	HW6	(2)	J-89	JLH	(5)	L-80	LEW/IS	(1,5)
H-207	HWP	(1,2,1.00)	J96.2	J M	(2)	L-83	LF	(2)
H-211	H&B	(1)	J96.7	J M	(2)	L-85	LFG	(2)
H-212	H&B	(1,3,4,5,10,15)	J96.8	J M	(5)	L-93	LHK	(2,4,5)
H-217	H/&CO	(2)	J-100	JM/C	(2,5)	L-112	L/LIFE	(25)
H-218	H/&CO	(2)	J-109	J M/ C(O)	(2,4,10)	L-122	LM/MCO	(1,2,3,5,10,15,20)
H-229	H&P	(25)	J-136	JR/W	(1)	L-128	LOF/TIS	(1)
I-6	IA	(1)	J-141	JSB/&CO	(5)	L-129	LOF/TIS	(1)
I-9	IAC	(2,10,25)	J-149	JSH	(1,4,5,20)	L-134	L(S)	(4)
I-18	IBK	(10)	J-156	JS/S	(3)	L-139	LS/C	(1,2,10)
I-21	IC	(4)	J-160	JT/S	(2)	L-140	LS/CO	(25)
I-29.5	IDE	(1,2,4,5,10)	J-166.5	JWD/&CO	(5)	L-142	LSR	(1)
I-41	IHC	(1,2,3,5)	J-177	J&F	(1,3,5)	L-143	LSS	(4)
I-45	IHO	(5)	J-178-A	J&J	(4)	L-146	LS/&MS	(4)
I-50	IMC	(2)	J-178-C	J&J	(5,10,20,75)	L-148	LT	(2)
I-53	IMI	(2)	J-179	J&L	(15)	L-156	LV	(4)
I-58	INC	(5)	J-182	J&S	(2)	L-159.5	LW	(2)
I-68	I P	(3,4,5,10,15,20,25)	K-4	K	(1)	L-171	L/&CO	(10,25,50)
I-69	I P	(1,2,4,5)	K-5	(K)CIR	(2,5,15,25)	L-174	L&F	(1,2,4,5,10)
I-70	I P	(1,2,4,5,10,15,20,25)	K-17	KCA	(2)	L-179	L&L	(1,2)
I-79	I R/CO	(1)	K-41	KL/&CO	(2,3,25)	L-182	L&M	(4)
I-82	IRC(O)	(2)	K-48	KNK	(10)	L-183	L&M	(1,2,3,4,5)
I-88	ISC	(2)	K-51	KP	(2)	L-184	L(&)M	(2)
I-91-1	ISC(O)	(1,2,4,5,10,15,20,25)	K-69	K&E/CO	(2,4,5,10)	L-185	L&M/NY	(2,5)
I-92	ISC(O)	(2)	K-71	K&J	(2,10)	L-187.5	L&N/RR	(1)
I-92-16	ISC(O)	(10)	K-72	K&M	(2,4,20,25)	M-8.7	(M)CIR	(10)
I-92EG	ISC(O)	(25) ?	L-5	L	(1,2,10,20)	M-23	MA/D	(1,50)
I-107	ITC(O)	(1,2,4,5,10,25)	L-10	LA	(2)	M-31	NB	(2,3,5)
I-109	IT/CO	(20)	L-20.5	LA/VAL	(25)	M-32	NB	(3)
J-2	JA	(2,3,5)	L-21	LA/VAL	(5)	M-45	NB/&C	(1)
J-3	JAC	(2)	L-27	LB	(2,4,5,10)	M-46	MC	(2)
J-5	JAR	(2,10,25)	L-30	LB	(2,4)	M-52	MCC	(1)
J-8	JBE	(4)	L-38	L(B)	(3,4)	M-53	MCC	(1,2,4,5,10,20,25)
J-21	JC/CO	(2,4,5,10)	L-43	LB/C	(4,10,20,25)	M-54	MCC	(2)
J-24B	JCH	(2)	L-49	LEP	(4)	M-66	M(C)IB	(10)
J-25	JC(O)	(2,5)	L-55	LC/CO	(2)	M-67	MCI/CO	(1)
J-25.5	JCO	(1,5)	L-55-10	LC/CO	(2,5)	M-72	MCK/&W	(5)
J-41	JEL/CO	(1,2,10,20)	L-57	L/CO	(2)	M-83	M/CO	(25)
J-42	JELL/D	(1,2,4,10,20)	L-60	L(C(O))	(1,4,10,25)	M-89	MCP	(1,2,3,5,10)
J-53	JGM	(10)	L-60-1	L(C(O))	(1)	M-90	MC/RR	(5)
J-56	JH	(10,25) 56A or B?	L-60-2	L(C(O))	(2,5)	M-91	MC/S	(2)
J-56A	JH	(50)	L-60-4	L(C(O))	(2)	M-95	MD/CO	(15,75)
J-57	JHC	(1)				M-101	MEAD	(1,2,4,5,10,20,25)
						M-103	MES/CO	(20,75)

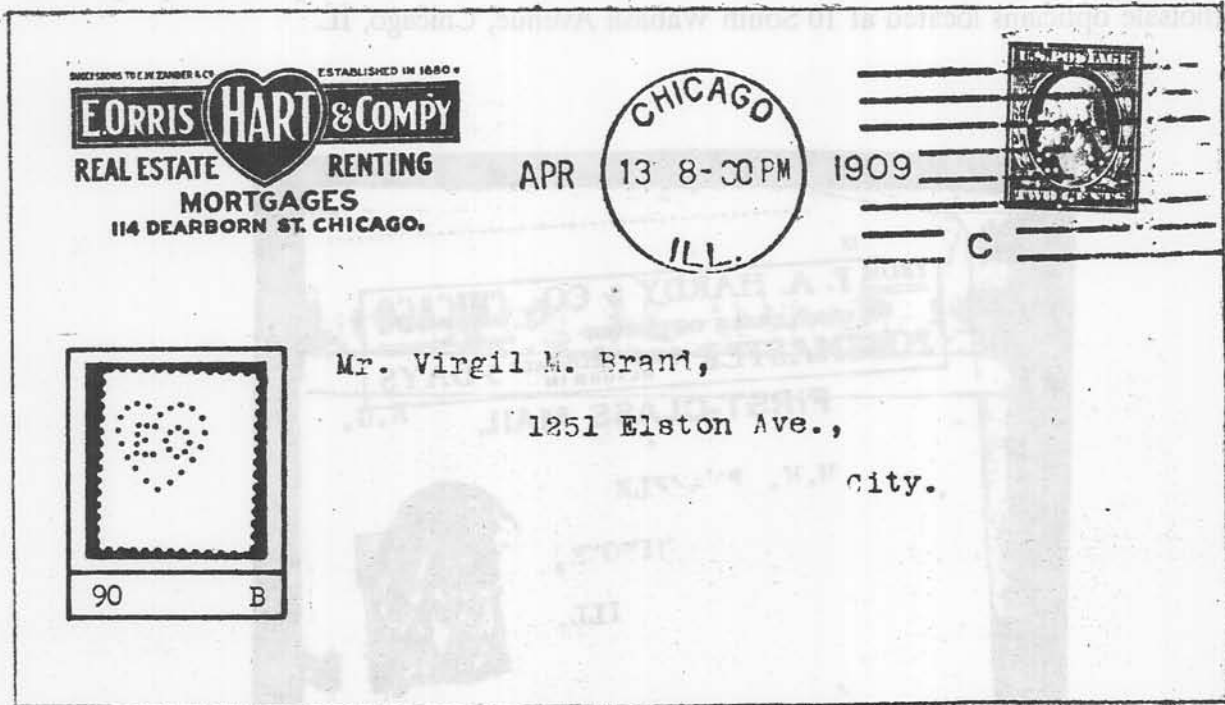
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M-121	MG	(1)	N-54B	NCS	(1,2,4,5,10,15,20,25)	0-73	O/T	(25)
M-123	M BAR G	(25)	N-54C	NCS	(1,2,4,20)	0-75	OTC	(1,3,4,10,50)
M-129	MH	(2,5)	N-60	ND	(4,5)	0-78	OTIS	(2)
M-132	MH/C	(2,3,4,5,50,1.00)	N-67	NE/LA	(4)	0-84	OV	(3)
M-135	MHR	(2)	N-70	NEMO	(2,3,5,10,15)	0-92	QWR	(1)
M-140	MI/W	(1,5)	N-77	NE/T+T	(1)	0-93	QW/RN	(1,4,50)
M-143	MJ/A	(4,5,10,15)	N-83	NFO	(2)	0-99	QXF	(3,15,20)
M-144	MJB/&CO	(10)	N-88	NGL	(2,3)	P-5	P	(2,10)
M-145	MJC	(2,3,10)	N-90.7	NBS	(10)	P-22	PB/C	(25)
M-146	MJ/W	(2,5,20,25)	N-96	(NIB)CIR	(2)	P-23	PBP	(5)
M-153	ML(C)	(4,20,25)	N-101	NKF	(2,10,25)	P-24	PBP	(1)
M-154	ML(C)	(4)	N-102	NKF.	(2)	P-27	PB/&CO	(2)
M-155	ML/CO	(2)	N-109	NL(IC)	(3,4)	P-37	PC/CO	(2,4,5)
M-160	ML/IC	(2)	N-113	NL(Y)	(4)	P-39B	PC/CO	(20,25)
M-161	ML/IC	(50,1.00)	N-113-3	NL(Y)	(4)	P-40	PC/CO	(1)
M-162	ML/IC	(4)	N-113Aa4	NL(Y)	(4)	P-51	P/CO	(1,2)
M-166	MLO	(10)	N-113Aa6	NL(Y)	(10)	P-56-1	PD/CO	(2,5,10,15)
M-176	MM/CO	(1,2,4,5)	N-113Aa14	NL(Y)	(2)	P-56-2	P.D/CO	(25)
M-180	M/NB	(10)	N-113Bb	NL(Y)	(4)	P-56-4	PD/CO.	(1,2,4,5,10,50)
M-183	MN/B	(50)	N-113Bb9	NL(Y)	(2)	P-56-5	PD/CO.	(1,2,4,10,50)
M-191	MOR/LEY	(3)	N-113Bb11	NL(Y)	(2)	P-56-6	P.D/CO.	(10,25)
M-204	MP/CO	(10,20)	N-113Bb14	NL(Y)	(2)	P-56-7	PD/.CO.	(2)
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M-207A	MP(C/D)	(1,2,5)	N-113C11	NL(Y)	(2)	P-56-10	P.D/.CO.	(1)
M-210	MPP	(2)	N-113C12	NL(Y)	(1)	P-57	PDG	(1,2)
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M-224	MR/M	(10)	N-133	NPC	(2)	P-91	P6	(2)
M-227	MS	(1,2,4,5,25)	N-136	NPS	(25)	P-91.5	P6	(1)
M-234	MS	(2,4)	N-142	NR/CO	(2)	P-101	PH	(1,2,4,5,10)
M-244	MS/CO	(15,20)	N-145	NS/BK	(1,2,4,10,50)	P-102	PH	(25)
M-279	M(&B)	(2,4,5)	N-145.5	NS/BK	(4)	P-105	PH/C	(3)
M-282	M&CO	(2)	N-151	NS/CO	(2,5,25)	P-106	P/HDW	(10)
M-283	M/&CO	(5)	N-163	NT/CO	(1,5,25)	P-111	PICK	(2,25)
M-285	M&/CO	(4,10)	N-164	NTE	(4)	P-116	P J/	(2)
M-287	M&F/CO	(1,2,5)	N-166	NU	(10)		C(O)	
M-289	M&G	(2,3,5,10,25)	N-181	NYB/PCO	(10)	P-119-5	PLC	(1,3,5,10)
M-295	M&K	(10)	N-182	NYC	(2)	P-120	PLC	(2)
M-301	M&M/T	(10)	N-188	NY/DA	(2)	P-128	PL/&PC	(4)
M-302	M&M/T	(10)	N-191	NY/FIE	(5)	P-131	PM	(1)
M-308	M&S	(5)	N-197	NYS	(2)	P-138	PMC/CO	(2,3)
M-309	M&S	(5,10)	N-207	NY/UA	(1,2,5)	P-142	PM/CO	(1,5,10)
N-7	(N)CIR	(4,5)	N-208	N/&CO	(1)	P-143	PM/CO	(1,5,10)
N-10	(N)DIA	(1)	0-5	OA	(1)	P-168	PP	(1,3,4,10)
N-22	NA/SM	(2,50)	0-12	O(B)	(5)	P-170	PP	(5)
N-24	NAT	(15,25)	0-15	OB/W	(4)	P-173	PPC	(10)
N-32	NCB/KC	(1,10,20,25,75)	0-19	OC/CO	(2)	P-173.5	PPC	(1,2,5,10)
N-41	NCB	(1,4,5,15,50,1.00)	0-24	OD/SS	(2)	P-174	PPC	(5)
N-53	NCR	(25)	0-55	OD/&CO	(10,20,25)	P-180	PPC	(2)
N-54	NCS	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25)						

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P-214	PS/CO	(4)	S-96	SC/&CO(D)	(4,5,10)	S-338-F	S/&CO	(20)
P-223	PSF	(4)	S-107	SEE/MAN	(5)	S-339	S&D	(3,4,10,15)
P-226	PTC	(5,10,15)	S-108	SELZ	(3)	S-342	S&E/CO	(5)
P-248	P&/CO	(1,5,10)	S-114	SEX/TON	(10)	S-350	S&K	(4)
P-253.5	P&L	(5)	S-126	SB	(4)	S-354	S&M	(2)
P-254	P&L	(1,2)	S-131	SBI/CO	(2)	S-359	S&S	(2,25)
Q-3	QI/CO	(5)	S-137	SHC	(2)	S-365	S&W	(1,2,5,10)
Q-6	QM/S	(1)	S-140	SH/C(D)	(2,4,10,15)	S-367	S&W/CO	(15)
R-6	(R)CIR	(1,4,10)	S-142	SHD	(2,4)	T-6A	(T)STAR	(5)
R-17	RB	(1)	S-171	SLC(D)	(2)	T-11	TB	(2)
R-26	RB/&E	(2,5)	S-176	SMC	(2)	T-22A	TC/C(D)	(2)
R-44	RC/P	(4)	S-180	SM/CO	(20)	T-38	TFC	(20)
R-54	REC/DRD	(2,5)	S-195-9	SO	(2)	T-42	TGP/CO	(1,2,3,10,15)
R-57	RED	(4)	S-196	SO/CC	(4,20)	T-51	THE/HBCD	(2,10,20,25)
R-81	RI/CO	(2)	S-203	SO/RY.	(4,5,10)	T-55	THOR	(2,4)
R-87.5	RIC(D)/LD	(2)	S-207	S O/&CO	(1,4)	T-56	THOR	(1,2,4,5)
R-92	RIN	(2)	S-214.5A	SP	(10)	T-58	TIP/CO	(2)
R-94	RIP	(10,20,25)	S-215	SP	(10)	T-76	TM&/MCO	(1,2,3,4,5,10,20)
R-108	RNR	(4)	S-223	SP/C	(4,10)	T-81	TRAV	(1,2)
R-118	R R	(5)	S-224	SPC	(2)	T-88	TRT.	(10)
R-121	RRD	(2)	S-228	S(P/L)	(10)	T-92	T S	(2,4)
R-121A	RRD	(2)	S-233	S(P/S)	(2,4,50,1.00)	T-97	TSB	(4)
R-124	(RS)CIR	(2)	S-234	S(P/S)	(1.00)	T-101	TS/CO	(2,5,10,20)
R-125	RSC	(2,3,4,5,10,15,20,25)	S-236	S Q	(2,3,5,10)	T-102	TS/CO	(2)
R-126	RSC	(4,25,50)	S-255	SSC	(4)	T-108.5	TU	(1,2)
R-133	RSP	(25)	S-258	(SSC)TRI	(1,2,10,20)	T-114	TYC	(2,10)
R-151	R&B	(10,25)	S-259	SS/CO	(2,5)	T-117	T&B	(25)
R-152	R&B/CO	(10)	S-267	SSM/CO	(2,4,10,15)	T-122	T&M/CO	(1,5)
R-164	R&G	(10)	S-270	SSS	(10)	U-2	(U)SHLD	(5)
S-2.3A	S	(2)	S-272	SSW	(1,10)	U-18	UCS	(2)
S-2-34	S	(2,4)	S-272-2	SSW	(2,4,10)	U-22	UCS/CO.	(75)
S-8	(S)DIA	(2,4,5)	S-272-4	SSW	(5)	U-24	UDB	(2)
S-9	(S)DIA	(1,4,10,15)	S-272-6	SSW	(1,3,4,5)	U-25	UD/CO	(5,20)
S-14	(S)SHLD	(2,4,5,10)	S-272-8.5	SSW	(4)	U-48	UNV/SOC	(1)
S-18	S ARROW	(10)	S-272-A	SSW	(1,2,4,10)	U-58	U(P)	(2)
S-21	SAC	(10)	S-272-B	SSW	(4,10)	U-60	UP	(1)
S-22	SA/CO	(15)	S-272-F	SSW	(3,4,5)	U-67	UR/MC	(1)
S-26	SAKS	(50)	S-273	SS/&CO	(1,2)	U-72	USC	(4)
S-37	SAP/CO	(2)	S-280	ST/CO	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20)	U-73	U.S.E.	(1,2)
S-39	S.A.S.	(2)	S-288	ST/&CO	(2,4)	U-75	US/F&G	(2,10)
S-40	SB	(2,5)	S-289	SU	(2)	U-76	US/F&G	(10)
S-47	SBC	(3,5)	S-306	SW	(15)	U-82-1	US/MC	(5,10)
S-57	SBR	(2)	S-309	SW/B	(1,2,5,10,20,25)	U-82-4	US/MC	(1,5,10)
S-62.5	SC	(1,5)	S-314	SW/CO	(2)	U-82-9	US/MC	(1,2,5,10)
S-70	SCC(D)	(1,4,10,15)	S-326	SW/&CO	(2)	U-82-16	US/MC	(3)
S-76	S C/MCO	(4)	S-328	SYS/TEM	(5,10)	U-82-18	US/MC	(4)
S-77	SCD	(10)	S-332	S&B	(2,5)	U-83	USM/CO	(2)
			S-335	S&C	(25)	U-88	USP	(3,5,10,15)
			S-338-2	S/&CO	(4,15)	U-91	U(S/S)	(5,10)
			S-338-3	S/&CO	(15,25,75)			
			S-338-D	S/&CO	(4)			

CATALOG#	PATTERN	FOUND ON	CATALOG#	PATTERN	FOUND ON
U-92	U(SS)	(15)	W-120	W/LE	(5)
U-93	UST/CO	(1)	W-127	WM/CO	(1)
U-94	UST/CO	(2,5,10)	W-130	WM/CO	(25)
U-103	UTH	(2,5,50)	W-133	WM/G	(2,4,5)
U-107	U&U	(5)	W-141	WN/J	(2)
V-6	V A/W	(25)	W-142B	WNU	(2)
V-17	VLA	(5)	W-146	WD/CO	(2,4)
V-29	VTM/CO	(4,10)	W-147.5	WD/W	(25)
V-30	VV/MD	(5)	W-149	WD/&S	(2,15)
V-31	V&A	(5)	W-152	WP	(1,5,10)
V-35	V&S	(10)	W-157	WPC	(4)
W-7	W	(1,5)	W-160	WP/CO	(1,3,5)
W-7C	W	(4,5)	W-162	WPH	(2,4,5)
W-7F	W	(4,10)	W-167	W(PD)	(2)
W-7G	W	(10)	W-173	W(RA)	(2)
W-7H	W	(50)	W-178	WS	(1)
W-7I	W	(10)	W-193	WT/CO	(4,20)
W-8	WU	(1) A,C or D?	W-199.7	WU	(25)
W-13	WAB	(1,2,4,5,10,15,25)	W-199-8	WU	(4)
W-16	WAC	(20)	W-199-14	WU	(25)
W-21	WAM	(2,4,20)	W-199-15	WU	(2)
W-26	WB	(2)	W-199-16	WU	(25)
W-29	WB	(1,4,10)	W-199-18	WU	(50)
W-45	WC/CO	(2,5)	W-199-19	WU	(2)
W-50	WC/G	(5,10,25)	W-203	WUT	(4)
W-60	W(CD)	(25)	W-210	W/&C	(25)
W-62	WC/S	(2)	W-214.5	W&H/W	(10)
W-67	WD	(25)	W-216	W&JS	(1,10)
W-70	WDS	(2)	W-219	W&L	(3,15)
W-72	WE	(1,2,3,4,5,10,25,50,75,1.00)	Y-4	YJ	(5)
W-72-1	WE	(25,50,1.00)	Y-8	Y&E	(10,20)
W-72-2	WE	(2)	Y-9	Y&K	(2,25)
W-72-3	WE	(2,3,5,10,20,25,50,1.00)	Y-11	Y&T	(1,2,3,4,5,10,20,25)
W-72-9	WE	(15)	Y-12	Y&T	(1)
W-72-15	WE	(2)	Z-1	(Z)DIA	(2)
W-72-17	WE	(50)	#5	1RD.	(4,10)
W-72-33	WE	(1,4,5)	#8	1S4	(1,2,5)
W-72-37	WE	(3)	#18	(26)CIR	(2)
W-72-39	WE	(4)	DES-1	ACORN	(1,4,5,10)
W-72-62	WE	(4,15)	DES-3	ANCHOR	(1,2,4,20)
W-72-63	WE	(4,5)	DES-5	SHIELD	(5)
W-72-64	WE	(2,4,5)	DES-8	BELL	(1)
W-72-65	WE	(1,2)	DES-11	CHK MARK	(4)
W-72-75	WE	(10)	DES-13	(TRI)CIR	(2)
W-77	WEED/CO	(5,10)	DES-14	COLOPHON	(10,20)
W-80	W/EM	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,20,50,75)	DES-23	DIAMOND	(4,50)
W-81	WE/P	(4)	DES-24	FLEUR DE LIS	(10,15)
W-103	WHO	(1,4,5)	DES-25	LYRE	(1,2,10)
W-114	WJF	(1,2,4,5,10)	DES-41	WEDGE & RECT.	(1,2,3,4,5,10,15,25)
W-118	WKM/&CO	(2)			

E90 Identification

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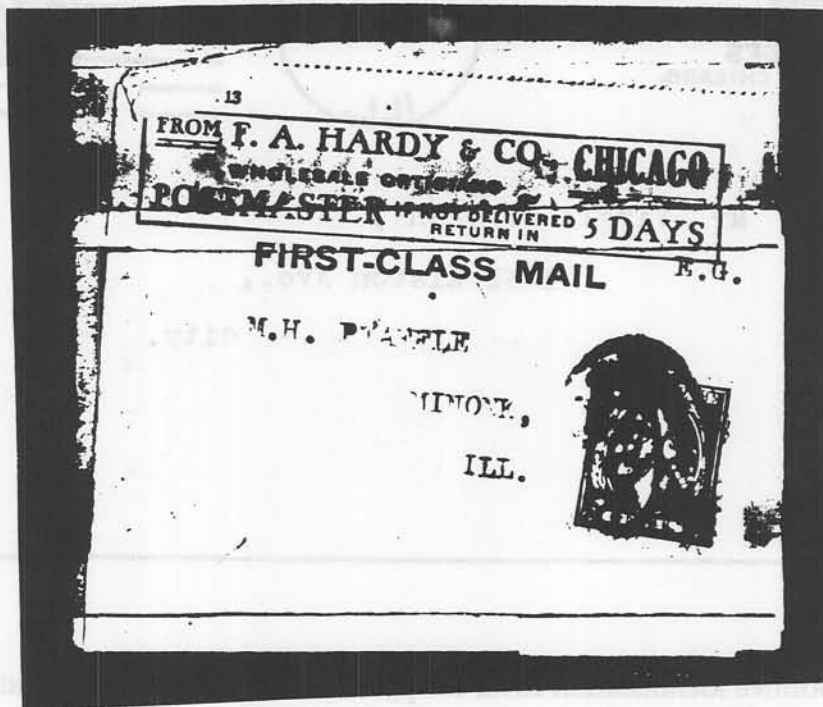
Here is a positive identification cover for pattern E90. E. Orris Hart and Company, 114 Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL was a real estate agency and apparently also was a mortgage broker. This cover submitted of member Paul H. Gault (#744).

F22 - F.A. Hardy and Company

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

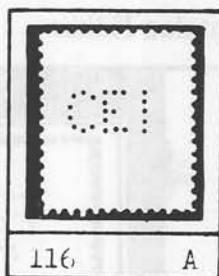


Here is a positive identification for pattern F22, the user of which is not currently listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. This positive identification was submitted by *Perfins Bulletin* publisher Helen Q. Ratzer (LM47F). The amazing thing about this "cover" is that it is in the form of a wooden box with the dimensions of 3-7/8 x 2-3/8 x 7/8". The box has dovetail joints and a sliding lid. Presumably it was used to mail small pairs of spectacles or just the lenses. From the corner card we learn that F.A. Hardy & Company were wholesale opticians located at 10 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL.



Help Requested

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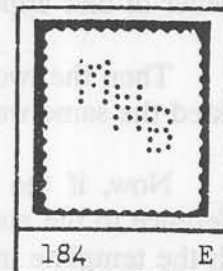
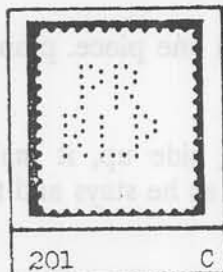
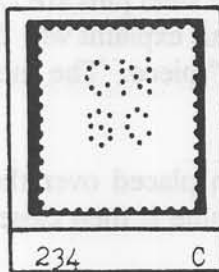
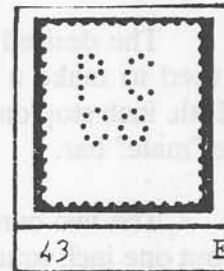
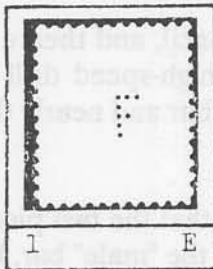
In *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, 1979 by the Baloughs there is an illustration of perfin pattern C116. The photo is a doctored paste-up of perfin pattern C128. Does anyone have a copy of C116? If so, please submit it to the U.S. Catalog editor, so that a contact print can be made.

The two lower holes of the letter "E" of C116 have been hand-drawn, and the extra holes in the letter "I" have been whitened out.

Air Mails

Harry Rickard (#1802)

More stamp collectors turn to perfins out of curiosity than for any other reason. Many members should penetrate stamp shows with exhibits of the various types of perfins that they collect. Air mails are merely one of the many facets of perfins that we can present to non-collectors. Give it a try.



Historic Data

Harry Rickard (#1802) provided a copy of a letter mailed to him by the late David C. Stump in November of 1980. The letter quality precludes reproduction and the Editor has removed personal and gratuitous remarks.

... there were seven different types of machines, those with one, two, three, five, ten as well as ones with 100 dies. However, while I have seen all of these I understand that there is a rotary type in England. I have not seen it and I am not sure how it rotates, other than the pins rotate. Only the "SP" and the "GP" have the 100-die models, as far as I could learn in this country. ... some are hand operated, others foot-operated and some electrically operated

The one-die is made differently than the others. Two steel bars about three feet long are bolted together. The "female" bar is one inch wide and about 1/8th. inch thick. The "male" bar is one inch wide and almost 3/8th. inch thick. The "female" bar is on top for the operation of drilling.

The desired design is drawn on the "female" bar in pencil, and then a punch is used to make a little dent on the pencil holes. Then a high-speed drill with a 7/16th. inch stop on it goes into the dents, through the female bar and nearly through the "male" bar.

The two bars are then placed in a shear and cut off so that the two pieces are about one inch square. Then the steel pins are DRIVEN into the "male" bar, but are not screwed in or welded in. (This explains why they sometimes come out.) The pins stick out about 1/2" on the "male" piece. The "male" piece is ALWAYS welded into top of machine.

The "female" bar is then placed over the male section (pins will be in the "male" section slots). The machine is then closed and welded into place.

On the larger (2-10) machines, the design is NOT marked on the "female" strip, but on the one-inch wide sheet metal template. It is then drilled, and examined by holding up to the light to ensure correct spacing of the holes This thin template is then placed on top of the "female" bar, and the holes drilled through the template and the two bars. Then the template is moved down about an inch on the "female bar" and a new set of holes is drilled, so on down the bar until the correct number of dies appear on the bar - either two, three, five or ten.

Then the two bars are sheared so that each bar is in one piece. pinned and welded the same way as are the one-die bars.

Now, if the template was right side up, or wrong side up, it makes no difference to the man who will drill the holes -- just so long as he stays and finishes with the template in the same position.

Job is done, and now the template is marked and stored away. At a later date another machine may be ordered, and then the template is brought out and a new multiple die is made. But, bear in mind, if there were two ten-die machines, by the time the twentieth (or last hole, if you wish), the template holes may be considerably at variance with the first hole drilled.

There is one other consideration; the template is very thin - about 20 gauge. It is much softer metal than the bards, and of course, many times softer than the extremely hard drill. So, after drilling through the template holes several times, the holes get larger and larger, with a resulting variation in size as the end of the bit is reached.

Does Anyone Care to Comment?

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

Pictured below are two revenues stamps with perfin. The 3¢ is Scott Catalogue number RB13b and the 6¢ is RB18b. The pattern is listed in the Revenue Perfin Listing as pattern rA-24.

This series of proprietary stamps was used until June 30, 1883. No cancellations are evident. The perfin arrangement gives one the sense of a Sloper product. Is this one of Mr. Hills early experiments with a perforating machine, prior to his patents of 1887?



RB13b

rA-24

RB18b

These early uses of perfin pattern are an enigma. I also have a perfinned copy of Scott Catalogue number R15c with a cancel that reads Des Moines, Iowa, December 1, 1870, Cosker (____)/Bankers. This is illustrated below. The perfin pattern is the numeral "2". Is this similar to the "5s" that appeared in a previous issue of the *The Perfins Bulletin*?



R15c



"2"

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1700 Beaver Ridge Drive
Kettering, OH 45429

Second Class
Postage Paid
at Dayton, OH
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Does Anyone Care to Comment?

Dozier J. Carter (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

Pictured below are two previous stamps with perforations. The one on the left is a Scott Catalogue number R113B and the one on the right is a pattern RA-N.

The series of perforations on the left is a Scott Catalogue number R113B and the one on the right is a pattern RA-N.

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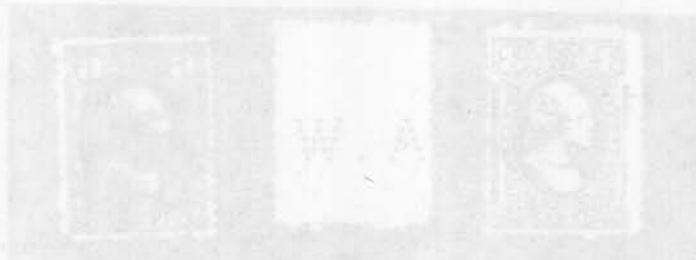
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P-L1111/412/N
P. A. MISTRETTA
722 INDIAN MANOR COURT
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083



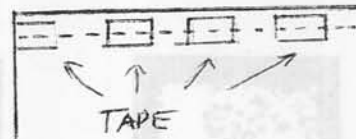
How to Mount a Flimsy Cover

These early uses of perforations are an error. I also have a perforated copy of Scott Catalogue number R113B with perforations. The one on the left is a Scott Catalogue number R113B and the one on the right is a pattern RA-N.

Scott Catalogue number R113B with perforations. The one on the left is a Scott Catalogue number R113B and the one on the right is a pattern RA-N.

Scott Catalogue number R113B with perforations. The one on the left is a Scott Catalogue number R113B and the one on the right is a pattern RA-N.

When I do not have an appropriate selevel or glassine to slide a "flimsy" cover into, I improvise as shown below.



I use a page protector, cut down with a little flap added for more protection. I use about four short pieces of "Magic Tape" evenly spaced to hold the flap in place. Then I trim off one end, to within one-half inch of the overall length of the cover. All this, of course, after the cover is inserted.

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Notes from Here and There . . .

TREASURER NEEDED - The office of Club Treasurer has come up for renewal and long time treasurer, Jack Gooding, has made it known that he believes it is time to turn the helm over to a younger member. If you would like to apply for the job, or if you know of someone who would be good at the job, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Chairman Joe Laura, Jr., P.O. Box 249, West Wareham, MA 02576; Jackie Ryan, 301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188; or Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Remember, if you wish to nominate someone, we need their permission.

FOREIGN CATALOG EDITOR NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Robert Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 would like to borrow (or have a clean photocopy) of the following perfins for contact prints.

CHINA: D&/CoLd, H.S./B.C, N.C.H., SHS, PC/A

BRITISH OFFICES IN CHINA: (Hong Kong stamps overprinted "CHINA"):
BW/&Co, D.O.C., HS (Not a part of HS/BC)

Any cancellations on these and British offices China:
B.A.T./CoLd; BM/&Co

Does anyone have proof if it is Thomas Cook & Son (or Sons?)

Mike Hargraft of *The BNA PERFORATOR* wrote to let us know that their fourth annual auction is coming up this fall. Consignments must include a minimum bid in US\$, Mike will do conversions. There is no 10 percent hammer price addition to lots; consignors pay 10 percent to the study group. I received this on June 20 after mailing the July/August issue to our publisher. If you are interested, drop a note to Mike Hargraft, Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3W2.

Club Cover Salesman, Al Spencer, dropped me a note about cover sales. His ad in *TPB* finally produced some covers and he has sent them out. Al notes that

Crofton, MD August 15, 1991

Unfortunately, this column is datelined in Crofton rather than Concord, California. I was not able to make the California trip twice this year. I did manage to swing through Long Beach earlier this Summer. I hope that we will have a full report from our publisher, Helen Ratzler, to include in the October 1991 issue.

There are several things that you can do for the Club. First, we are searching for a new treasurer. Long time treasurer, Jack Gooding is looking for a replacement. Second, if you have not sent in your nomination for the Hallock Card award, get it in the mail to Kurt Ottenheimer. Finally, if you have material which can be used to correct an entry in The Catalog of United States Perfins, now is the time to submit that material to U.S. Catalog Editor, Douglas Cutler.

Stamp collectors are nice people. One of the reoccurring themes of the philatelic press is to point out how philately could not exist if it were not for the basic honesty of stamp collectors. After all, think of your ability to order items on approval, bid in auctions, etc. I have constantly been surprised by the number of times that a dealer has let me have something simply on the promise to send him a check.

However, stamp collectors are rotten letter writers. I know that someone out there must be able to respond to the queries that are published in The Perfins Bulletin. However, with a few notable exceptions, there are few responses. I wish that I knew what items draw responses, but I don't have a clue.

I do know that the Black Harding List published in the May issue must have hit the all time high in number of responses. Let's put paid to that item, if you have some Black Hardings that were not included, send the list to Joe Laura or to me. I am looking forward to receiving a new combine list from Joe and I promise that it will appear as soon as possible.

In August, my travels were confined to the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Northern Virginia. I am scheduled to go to Phoenix, AZ about the time that this issue is mailed.

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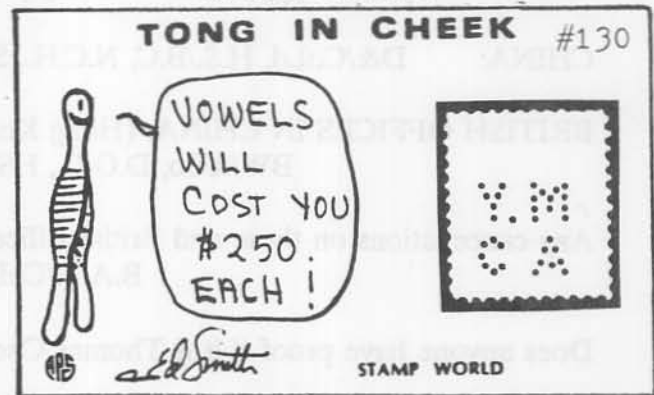
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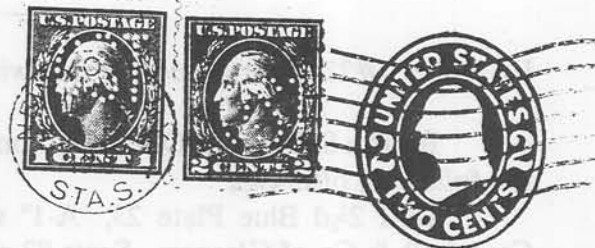
he does not mind pricing covers, but it would be helpful if the catalog numbers were noted LIGHTLY IN PENCIL on the cover. If you have covers to sell, send them to: Albert E. Spencer, Perfins Club Covers Sales Chairman, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305. If you are looking for covers, you can also drop him a note.

Bill Donle, Jr. (#1356), was the latest contributor to the Black Harding list published in *TPB*, May 1991.

Ron S. Whyte (#2586) has submitted a photocopy of a potential correction to the *Catalog of United States Perfins* in response to the request published in *TPB*, June 1991, p. 137. See "G67 - Geo. D. Barnard & Co." elsewhere in this issue.

Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238) submitted a cover showing a correction to the spelling of the user of perfin pattern O71. The correct spelling is Ostermoor & Co., of 116 Elizabeth Street, NY. Illustrated below.

After 10 days, return to
OSTERMOOR & CO.,
116 Elizabeth St.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.



If you can provide evidence of an incorrect listing, or can provide a proof of user, please forward the information to Doug Cutler, U.S. Catalog Editor or to John Lyding, *Bulletin* editor.

For those that claim that there is a positive dearth of dealers that have any quantity of perfin material available and organized, try these sources.

The Perfins Club Sales Manager, Sal Guarini, P.O. Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401

The Perfins Club Covers Sales Manager, Albert Spencer, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

The Perfins Club Catalog Sales Manager, Jackie Ryan, 301 South Hine Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Bob Murrin (LM2), P.O. Box 10100, Saint Petersburg, FL 33733-0100 latest list is a nine page single spaced listing of perfin offerings. Drop him a note.

Al Gerstenberger (#1067), P.O.Box 909, Glendale, AZ is primarily a precancel dealer; however he periodically has offerings of perfins.

Orville R. Harris (#2931) runs a monthly mail-bid sale that includes perfins, precancels, PNCS and much more. For a free catalog drop a note to ORBE, P.O.Box 70, Umpqua, OR 97486.

Roy Everett (#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, England CM7 7SJ publishes a monthly pricelist with the photocopies of the patterns as seen from the back of the stamp.

Orville Harris (#2931) trading as ORBIE, P.O. Box 70, Umpqua, OR 97486, holds a monthly mail sale which includes perfins.

Dave Smith (#1514) periodic mail sales while primarily oriented toward precancels usually contains perfin material. David Smith, 125 West Sixth Street, Rochester, IN 46975.

New member Dick Laetsch (#3047), 108 Ashswamp Road, Scarborough, ME 04074 has mixed perfin approvals available starting at 5¢.

Ed Fisher (#2220) provided the following auction notes:

Rowan S. Baker, P.O.Box 44, London SW5 9HJ, England summer catalog had the following offerings:

1881 2½d Blue Plate 23, "A-1" superb unmounted mit perfined for J&W Campbell & Co of Glasgow. Scott 82 catalog for mounted £150, price £45.

1882 4d Grey-Brown Plate 18 "K-C". Good used stamp perfined for BOARD OF TRADE and canceled with "VR" ROYAL CANCEL. Some perfs cut at left, but rare genuine was probably used at BUCKINGHAM PALACE. Scott 84, Price £75.

1883 3d on 3d "R-F". Very lightly mounted mit perfined for J&W Campbell & Co of Glasgow. Scott 94, Cat £225, Price £35.

1881 1d Lilac Die II unmounted mit perfined for J&W Campbell & Co of Glasgow, Unusual. Scott 89, Price £28.

Ed adds, all of these offers are made subject to prior sale and if you are interested: Tel 071-373-8065 or FAX 071-244-7027.

Norman W. Touchette (#1035) provided the following additional information about the use on perfin pattern E71 by Fulton Bag & Burlap Company in Saint Louis, MO.

Having worked at the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills in Atlanta, GA from 1950 to 1956, I have some information on the Elsas/Fulton Bag & Burlap Co. perfin cover show in the June 1991 issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*, pp. 139-140.

America's Textile Reporter on May 21, 1953 gave the history of the Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills in an article about Norman E. Elsas, chairman of the board. In 1868, Jacob Elsas and others founded a bag manufacturing operation in Atlanta known as the Southern Bag Manufactory. Soon Mr. Elsas acquired all the stock of the company from the several other partners. He saw the need for locally produced cotton cloth and in 1876 he launched the Fulton Cotton Spinning Company. The Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills were chartered in 1869 in Atlanta, GA. Soon Fulton Bag had plants in New Orleans, Saint Louis, Brooklyn, Dallas, Kansas City, Denver, and Los Angeles.

Of interest to us now, of course, is the Saint Louis plant. In 1896, Fulton Bag purchased the factory of the Keokuk Company and moved it to Saint Louis. Thus it appears that the Elsas perfin (E71) can logically be attributed to Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills and further this perfin pattern could be found from a number of locations where the company had factories.

From its founding in 1889 through at least 1956, the company was headed by the Elsas family. It is my understanding that some time after 1956 the company was split up and subsequently the name has been lost. Furthermore, during a train excursion around Atlanta about four years ago a statement was made that the Fulton Bag factory was being converted to a shopping area.

During my association with the company (1950-1956), I was unaware that a perfin had ever been used so we must assume that use had been discontinued prior to that time.

U.S. Catalog Editor, Douglas J. Cutler, notes:

We now have an additional proof cover of the "Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills" from New York. It is postmarked "New York, NY, Sta. V, Feb. 19, 1915. It appears that Mr. Elsas used the perfin (E71) in his travels from plant to plant. I would say that the three bits of evidence that we have are all legitimate usages.

Nice note from John Fowler (#2937) letting us know that:

Perfins are alive and well in Vermont. At VERPEX '91 in Rutland, my three frame exhibit on railroad perfins & Covers picked up a first award and an American Topical Association Gold Award. This is my first Gold and I am please pink about it. I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the Perfins Club who have helped me build my exhibit of RR perfins.

I will be entering the same exhibit in the Vermont State Fair in Rutland, August 31 through September 8 this year. After that, no doubt, it will go back into the album. Collecting and exhibiting is great fun, more people should try it.

Paul N. Davey (#2971) in response to the note about scanners in *TPB*, June 1991, p.125 reports:

I too have tried a Logitech scanner with mixed success. Those that are clear enough to photocopy come out OK. The poorer strikes are not satisfactory. One tip I can give, thought. Photocopy onto a clear acetate sheet (as used for presentations on overhead projectors) and then simply reverse the sheet and re-photocopy this onto paper.

This has solved my problems of how to show perfins which appear "normal" on a darkish stamp. It also enables you to overlay patterns to look for small differences which may only become apparent by careful measurement.

Paul reports that he hopes to get around to trying a HP full sheet scanner with associated software in the near future. If he pulls this off, he will provide an update. Interesting sidelight: Paul's letter about the June issue was posted in England on July 13, 1991.

I know that Pat Callis was happy to see his "Perfins Patterns of Q1-Q2" appear in *TPB*, July/August 1991, pp. 152-154, 159-162. But, a letter to Pat from Daniel Owen (#2552) which reported additions must have helped his ego:

What a tremendous and painstaking job you and your predecessor assistants have done . . .

From New Zealand, F.G. Buckland (#2756) reports:

I have just returned from a trip to Australia, attending stamp shows and trying to track down perfins on cover, which are as scarce as hens teeth. In about two years of searching and poking around, I have only managed to come up with one USA, two GB and one German cover.

Kurt Ottenheimer, Public Affairs Chairman, has managed to place announcements about our sample perfins packet in Delbert Reasons' "Collector's Corner", *The Courier-Times*, New Castle, Indiana July 15, 1991 and in the highly respected *Detroit Free Press*, "Stamps", by John Foxworth, July 20, 1991. John Foxworth is a past president of the American Philatelic Society.

Kurt still needs our cooperation in this project. If you can supply any of those common stamps that make up the packets, please send them to Kurt. If your local paper, including shoppers papers, community newspapers, etc. have a stamp column, let Kurt know the author's name, and the name and address of the newspaper. Kurt's address is: The Perfins Club, 462 West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561-3133.

Just in case you have forgotten, we need the below listed F rated perfins for the project.

A272
B3
B275
D120

G132
I117
N213
R47

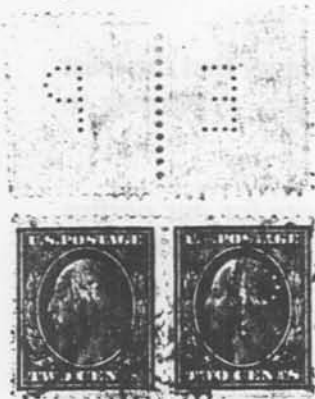
W12
U39
U39.5
U41

U55

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC (follow up).

The June 1991 edition of *TPB* contained two independent articles on the National Bank of the Republic Perfins. (see *TPB*, June 1991, pp. 141-144. F.J. "Joe" Miller submitted his article about the time that Harry Rickard and John Lyding were polishing up their article. We decided to run both articles in the *Bulletin*, because they were mutually supporting and because both of the articles contributed to our knowledge about these elusive perfins.

Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238) responded to those articles with the photocopy shown to the left. This is an unsevered pair - E and P - (Perfin patterns E1 and P3) of the National Bank of the REPUBLIC. The two letters are in complete alignment with each other and are on the 1908 TWO CENT red.



Our thanks to Joe for this contribution, which is the first response to either article. This unsevered pair builds evidence that the blanket perfin exists and thus far, I have seen evidence that NB and EP pairs exist. Photocopies of the pair have been forwarded to U.S. Catalog Editor, Doug Cutler.

Still wanted, additional confirmations, especially items on cover.

At least, Edward S. Hoyt (#292) has been looking at the illustrations that go with some of the articles. Regarding the corner card used by our founder, Hallock Card, illustrated in *TPB*, March 1991, p. 61., he offers the following observation:

"Perfins and Precancels" is the heading. Now the cover is very distinguished looking, but - I shouldn't say this, since I'm just as guilty)- why didn't someone comment on it -- or -- do some people look with out seeing: Cornercard...

"PERFINS"

Official Journal Of The
Perforate Initial Collectors Society

When suggestions were being passed around, why wasn't this -- the original -- brought forward?

With regard to page 72 of the same issue, Ed suggests that:

The Philadelphia cover, shown, was used as a bill or invoice held on file to record a payment/ refund of a service rendered.

1-11-4/Due 62¢/Due 7/21/32/P.E.Reutter/118 Revere Rd/Memon Park, PA

And Ed's comment about the Caterpillar Tractor cover on page 148, *TPB* July/August 1991, was:

... when was the last time you talked to your dealer, in California, about your Caterpillar Tractor? Oh! I see. You just go down the street to your agents office?

Then, why do so many people seem to think that every time they see a different town mentioned under the name of a large firm (on a cover) means that they moved?

Actually, Ed what is suggested was that the U.S. Catalog editor should consider adding San Leandro, CA to the Supplementary data section of the catalog.

Received a nice note from Gary Shayler (#3014) reinforcing the theory that the least expensive location to purchase stamps is outside of their country of origin. According to Gary:

One of our members was right in saying we are paying more for our perfins in this country than in the U.S.! I managed to pick up a few U.S. pieces and covers as a lot in one of our local shops. They seem to work out at 15¢ each. Covers at \$2.00. I may have a few bargains.

Gary also provided photostats of several covers. One has the corner card G.M. & N. News, 71 Conti Street, Mobile Alabama. Pattern G128 "GM/&N is listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* as Gulf, Mobile & Northern RR, Soledad, CA and also as the Gulf Mobile & Ohio Railroad. Neither the postmark nor the perfin are clear. If anyone out there has any ideas, please let Gary or me know.

Two "Per Steamer" covers one rubber stamped "LAPLAND" with the KNK perfin of the Machod & Kuhe of New York, NY mailed in 1920 were also in the lot.

Ed Hoyt (#292) reports that he has four covers addressed to "The Norton Company" (See *TPB*, January 1991, p. 21; February 1991, p. 25 & 30-31; April 1991, p. 73; May 1991, pp. 102-3, 105, 117-8; June 1991, pp. 127-8; and July/August 1991, pp. 148-9. These covers are from:

Brewer & Company, Worcester, MA	(1919)
Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Boston, MA	(1912)
Pennsylvania Steel Co., Steelton, PA	(1912)
Sheldon Axle Co., Wilkesbarre, PA	(1912)

And -- he has uncovered another mystery, similar to the "NORTON" case. The "E.C. BEETEM Co. in Carlisle, PA. He has the following covers going to -- but nothing coming from:

A277	American Wholesale Corp.	(1922)
A221-2	American Radiator Co.	(1919)
D91	Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart	(1917)

D131	E.I. duPont de Nemours, Inc.	(1919-20-21-22)
F223	Funk & Wagnalls Co.	(1923)
H42	Hoffman-Corr Mfg. Co.	(1919)
J56	John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co.	(1919)
J63	James H. Dunham & Co.	(1919)
J123	Joseph P. Day	(1917)
J134	Jacob reed's Sons	(1919-22)
L144	L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc.	(1919)
M83	W.H. Mullins Co.	(1919)
U107	Underwood & Underwood	(1919)
W38	Williams, Brown & Earle, Inc.	(1922)
W119	Westinghouse Lamp Co.	(1920)
W199-18	Wester Union Telegraph Co.	(1916)
Des.14	Elbert Hubbard	(1917)

(Non perfin) Pennsylvania Rubber Company (Vacuum Cup Tires) (1919)

However, we do have a clue. A handstamp on the back of the James H. Dunham & Company envelope reads "CARLISLE CARPET MILLS".

THE PERFINS CLUB
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES, PERIOD ENDING June 30, 1991

INCOME

Income, Dues	\$2,922.54
Income, Interest	1,254.63
Income, Other	<u>2,226.01</u>
Total Income	\$6,403.18

EXPENSES

Bulletin Expense	\$5,622.32
Officer's Expense	302.83
Other Expenses	<u>299.81</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,224.96</u>

Net Income (Loss) \$ 178.22

G67 - Geo. D. Barnard & Co.

Ron S. Whyte (#2586)

AFTER 8 DAYS, RETURN TO
GEO. D. BARNARD & CO.,
BLANK BOOK MAKERS,
PRINTERS, STATIONERS, LITHOGRAPHERS,
MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN
COURT HOUSE AND BANK FURNITURE,
ROLLER SHELVES AND DOCUMENT FILES,
LACLEDE AND VANDEVENTER AVENUES,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

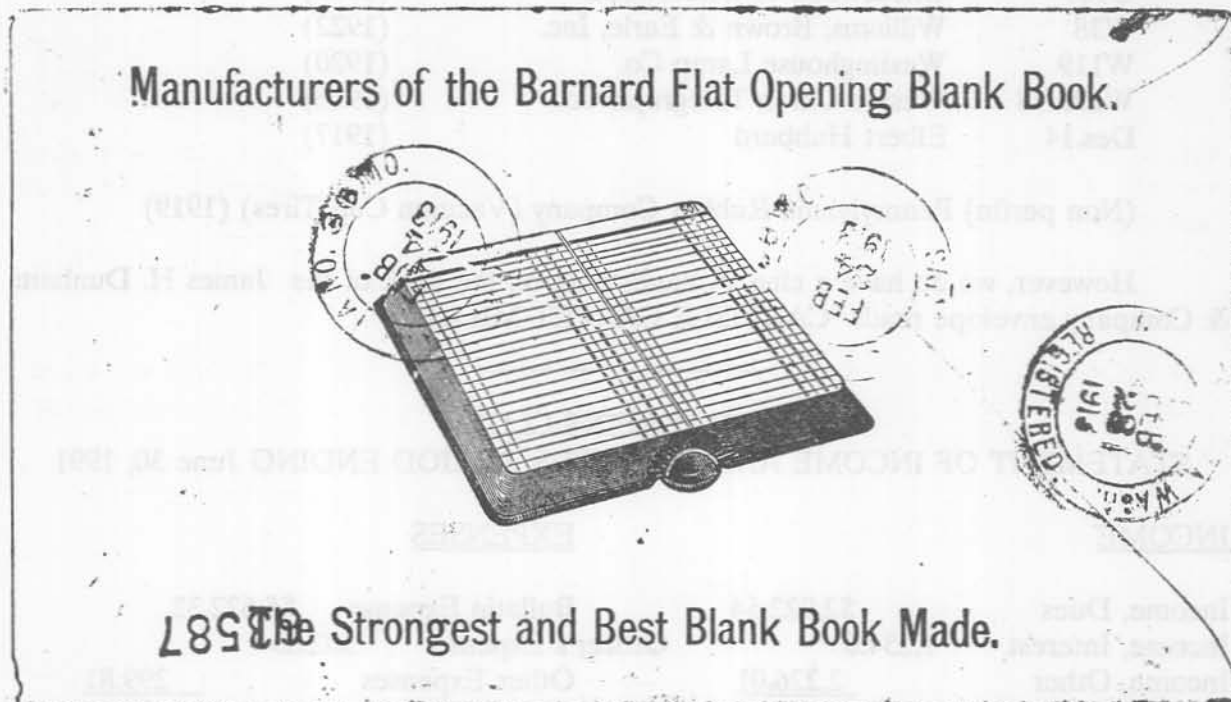


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WANTED

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The *Catalog of United States Perfins* lists the user of perfin pattern G67 as G.D.Barnhard & Company, Saint Louis, MO. The user was Geo. D. Barnard & Co. as shown in the above illustration. Use of "Geo." as an abbreviation for George was very common in 1913.

The cancel does provide a clue as to the date of usage, on February 24, 1913 which is very clear on the back side of the envelope, which is shown below.



"SAINT LOUIS, STA. NO. 36, MO. - FEB. 24, 1913" is the way that this registered letter received its postmark, to indicate that the envelope was received for mailing in a "sealed" condition. The receiving postmark is "NORTH YAKIMA, WASH. FEB. 28, 1913"

Editor's Note: A photocopy of this correction has been placed in the Club's "Proof Files" by U.S. Catalog Editor, Doug Cutler. Our thanks to Ron Whyte for correcting an error in the Catalog.

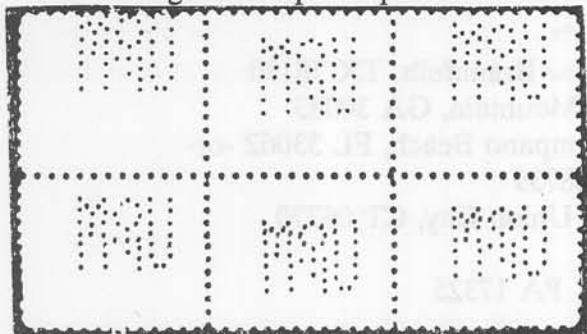
If you have a potential correction for the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, now is the time to bring it out into the open. Submit a clear photocopy to either Doug Cutler or John Lyding.

Dull Day Diversion

Harry Rickard (#1802)

There are always some times when collecting is at a stand still, especially in winter time. How would you like to add something different to your perfins

collecting and help dissipate those dull days?



Member Joe Miller has been interested in plating perfin pattern for many years. He was fortunate enough to have been able to acquire thousands of perfins when they were floating around by the thousands. Sorting them out, he made photocopies of his plating and sent copies to me when I was U.S. Catalog Editor.

Recently, I discovered something that I had previously overlooked. As you will see, the illustration above is from a multiple die device (probably a perforator with two heads). Some differences can be noted among the vertical pairs of perfin pattern U55. The illustration shows three different punches from a multiple head device. Please note that each pair is in vertical alignment while they are not horizontally aligned. There is a possibility that the differences may add a new variety to Catalog of U.S. Perfins: The top and bottom dies are similar, but not exactly the same. The letter "M" has some slight hole differences and there are difference in the hole alignment on the letter "o".

Members who have lots of perfins, either loose or in collections, will probably have some copies from both dies and they may not recognize them as such. I have reported this and other dual die finds to the U.S. Catalog Editor.

The Secretary's Report

The Secretary is:

Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:

- 3027 Higgs, Harry F.; 2606 New York Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101
Beginner By: Ratzer (LM47)
- 3028 Kersey, T. Wesley; 1466 Merriman Lane, Atlanta, GA 30324
U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 3029 Jameson, Barbara E.; 2048 Tanglewood Dr., NE; St. Petersburg, FL 33702
U.S., Beginner By: Rickard (#1802)
- 3030 Streible, W. Thomas; 2041 North Commonwealth Ave, Apt 107, Los Angeles,
CA 90027
Worldwide By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 3031 Morgenstern, Marvin M.; 235-16TH. Ave., SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
General Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
- 3032 Powell, John M.; 5828-143 Street; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6H 4E8
Beginner, U.S., GB, & India By: Smith (LM87)

DECEASED:

- 2094 Catterick, James W.; 210 Steeles Avenue W #2102; Brampton, Ontario,
Canada L6Y 2K3
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2638 Dobson, Henry; 12 Sid Vale Close; Sidford, Sidmouth; Devon EX10 9PH
England

RESIGNED:

- 1530 Holland; Herbert S., Jr.; 825 East Torrey, New Braunfels, TX 78130
2812 Titlow, Walter S.; 947 Hargett Court; Stone Mountain, GA 30083
2718 Schultz, John A.; 2851 N.E. 16TH Street; Pompano Beach, FL 33062 -or-
51 Puma Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739
2980 Rainville, Frederick F.; 259 City Hall Street, Union City, CT 06770

ADDRESS CHANGES:

- 2918 Penn, Robert H.; P.O. Box 3804, Gettysburg, PA 17325
LM80 Koch, Jack; Box 428, Yardley, PA 19067
L117 Machado, Charles H.; 8864 Jurupa Road, Riverside, CA 92509
2993 Bard, Jacob M.; 1555 North Astor, Chicago, IL 60610
2898 Trevors, Clary; 4242 South 58TH Street, Lincoln, NE 68506
2374 Ney, Thomas D.; Box 65, Sheffield, VT 05686
2754 Bernay, Richard F.; 3000 South Randolph Street, Apt 187, Arlington,
VA 22206
1067 Gerstenberger, Alvin; P.O. Box 907, Glendale, AZ 85311
2308 Ellerbe, Louise M.; 219 Sherard Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
2649 Estes, James A.; 2280 Derbyshire, Maitland, FL 32751
2605 Grant, John A.; P.O. Box 651, Nixa, MO 65714

SUMMARY:

Members as of April 30, 1991	946
New Members	+ 6
Resigned	- 4
Deceased	<u>- 2</u>
Members as of May 31, 1991	946

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Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:

- 3033 Morovics, Tom; U STADIONU 957; 644 34 Kurim, Czechoslovakia
Hungary By: Walker (LM105)
3034 Virtes, Scott C.; 914 South Santa Fe, Suite C; Vista, CA 92084
U.S. & Scandinavia By: Smith (LM87)
3035 Stitt, Blair M.; 510 North Greenwood Avenue, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
General By: Ilgenfritz (2882)
3036 Hawk, Neil S.; Princeton Arms, North I-18, Cranbury, NJ 08512
U.S. Washington-Franklins By: Smith (LM87)
3037 Kienlein, Kevin D.; 3101-18TH Avenue, Vernon, B.C., Canada V1T 1C6
Worldwide By: Walker (LM105)
3038 Moore, Fred S.; 30 Berkeley Street, Portland, ME 04103
General By: Walker (LM105)

FRENCH MOROCCO

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B.C.I.

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FRENCH MOROCCO

FRENCH MOROCCO

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5b	BEM	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Rabat
5c	BEM		
5d	BEM		
5e	BEM		
5f	BEM		
6a	B.E.M	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	
6b	B.E.M		
7a	B.E.M	Banque d'Etat du Maroc	Rabat
7b	B.E.M		
7c	B.E.M		
7d	B.E.M		
8	<u>CBR</u>		Casablanca
9	CL	Crédit Lyonnais	
10	C.L	Crédit Lyonnais	Casablanca
11	C.N.		Tanger
12	C.P.C		
13	EY		
14	LB		
15	M		Meknes

NOTES:

Blank spaces are provided for additional cancels:

5c-5f Oudjda, Meknes-Ville Nouvelle, etc.;

6b; 7b-7d, Agadir, Ifrane, etc.

FRENCH MOROCCO

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FRENCH MOROCCO

		<u>FRENCH MOROCCO</u>	
16	ND		
17	O		
18	PV		
19	R.W		Casablanca
20	SM	Société Marseillaise de Crédit	
21	S.M	Société Marseillaise de Crédit	Casablanca
22	V		Casablanca

NOTES:

Illustrations for dollar and British pound symbols are not listed since they may represent cancel punches rather than perfins.

The "TANGER" overprinted postal stamps of 1918-1924 listed with French Morocco were used in the International Zone of Tangier. A separate listing has been made of perfins reported with this overprint.

DECEASED:

62L Regnier, Charles H. C/O Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home; 20 Briarcliff Lane, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

RESIGNED:

939 Groleau, Father M. Gabrial; 3-1 Done-Machi; Taira, Fukushima-Ken; 970 Japan
2763 Lutes, Jack L.; 6360 Depew Court, Arvada, CO 80003
2942 McKinney, Paul E.; 28 Auburn Street, Apt #2; Methuen, MA 01844

ADDRESS CHANGES:

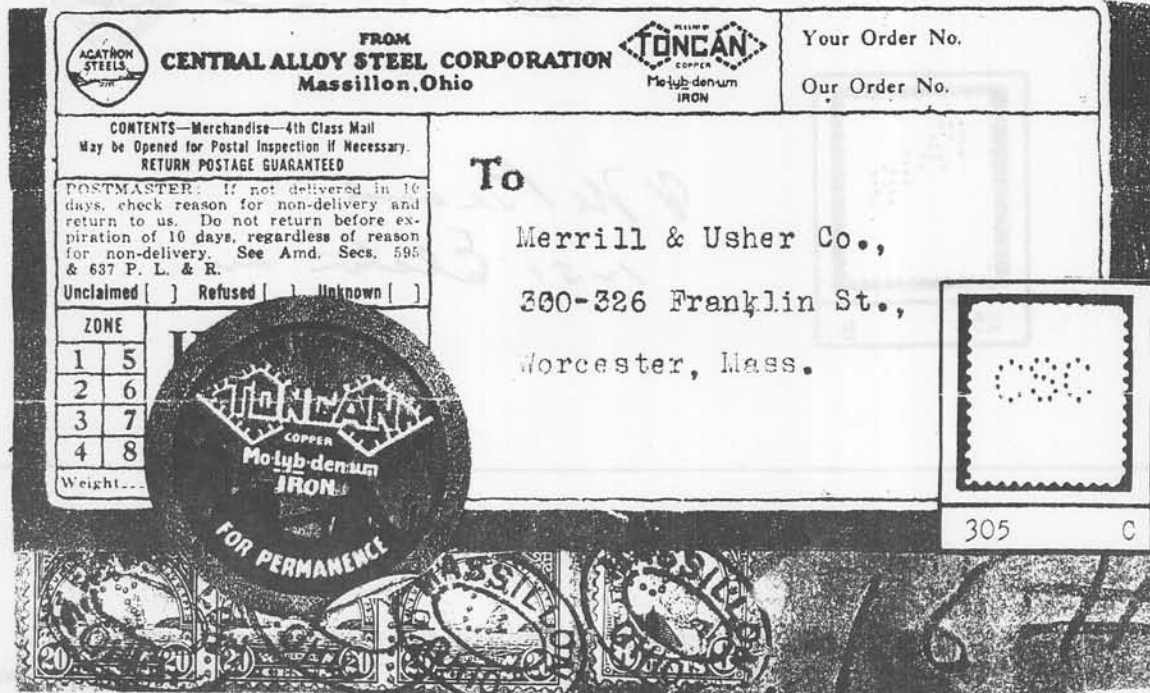
2045 Wojcikowski, Robert J.; P.O. Box 73, Poulsbo, WA 98370
2383 Callis, Patrick E.; 3755 South Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin, TX 78704
LM40 Hartig, Robert A.; 13030-100TH Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85351
2596 Moose, L. Frederick; 1820 Haydenbend Circle, Grapevine, TX 76051
2828 Lorenzo, Gerri, Box 1262, Visalia, CA 93279
2698 Gagnon, Robert E.; 2040 Des Patriotes, App 1; Laval, Quebec, Canada H7L 2N8

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More Mail to Worcester

Harry Rickard (#1802)



This illustration is a bit different than the many pieces that have been shown addressed to the Norton Company. In addition to having a different

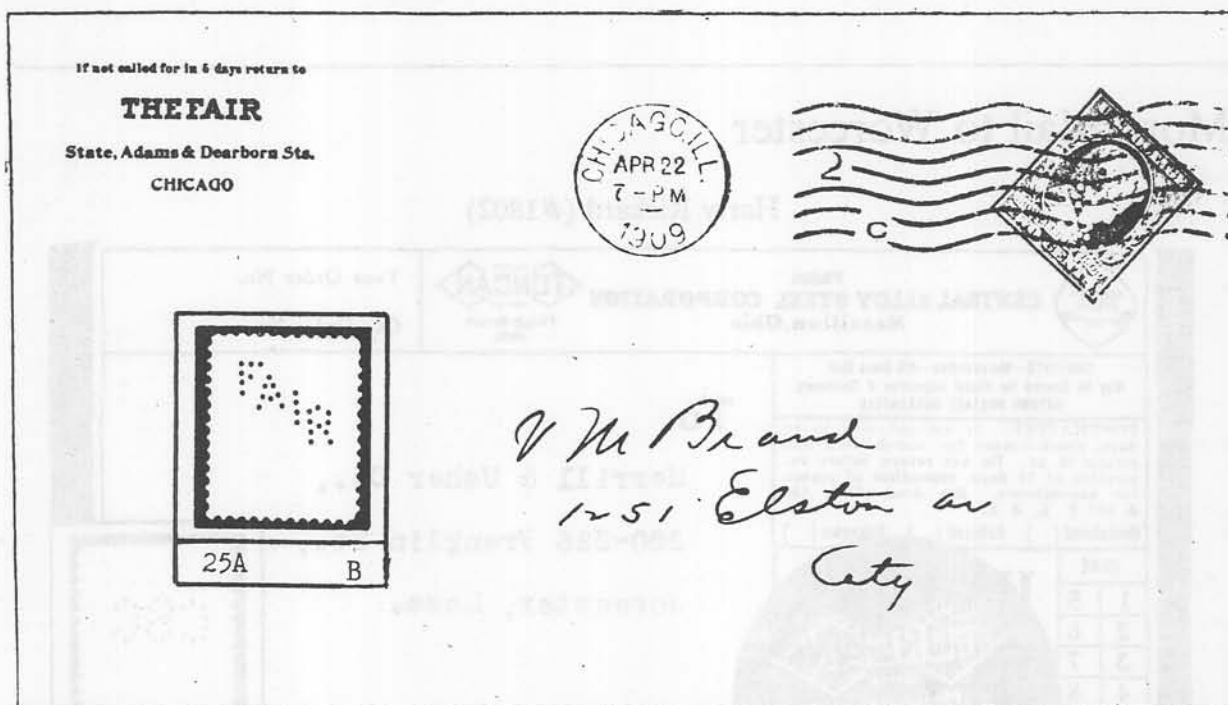
addressee, it was a small package as may be noted by the 68¢ postage.

The shipping label and all printed information is in a green color. The round seal has a green border and red background with the brand name in green and outlined in white. The word molybdenum has been hyphenated apparently to make pronunciation easier. I used to think of it as MOLY-B-DENUM, so I could spell it.

The 16# insignia on the mailing strip, signifies that it may have been a metal part requited by Merrill & Usher Company. The perfin used was pattern C305. Viewing them through the heavy wrapping paper, shows them to have been made by a multi-head perforator. One copy appears to be missing a pin at the bottom of the letter C. The perfin initials stand for Central Steel Corporation and therefore it is conjecture if the company added Alloy to their name or if they omitted the letter "A" to save space.

F25A - The Fair

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor



Here is a positive identification for pattern F22, the user of which is not currently listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. This positive identification was submitted by member Paul H. Gault (#744). The user, The Fair at State, Adams & Dearborn Streets in Chicago is also the user of perfin pattern F25.

Want Ads and Notices:

Want Ads and Notices are published without charge for Club members on a space available basis. Items submitted by non-members may be accepted if space permits and the item is considered of interest by the Editor.

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PRICE LIST - Six different perfin price lists available. Bob Murrin (LM2), P.O. Box 10100, Saint Petersburg, FL 33733-0100.

MAIL-BID SALE - Monthly sale. includes perfins, precancels, PNCS & much more. Free catalog: ORBE (#2931), P.O. Box 70, UMPQUA, OR 97486.

WANTED - To complete my U.S. - E & D rated perfins. Will pay premium price for complete perfins (no missing holes) on stamps in reasonable condition. E-Rated: A187.5; B224; B277; B278; D898; G27.5; O68A; P56.1; R33.5; S132; W38; W85. D-Rated: A54; A230; A243; A261.5; B7; B116-10; B116-25; B181.5; C152-5; C152-25; C152-9; C152A-13; C152B-18; C152C-5; C152G-5; C324; G61; H32; H183; H196; I121; N129; N186; S2-25; S195-19A; S195-21; S195-32; S261; S338-2; T11; T81E; U77.5; W2; W72-38A; Des.48; Des.51. Send perfins available and price desired to Chuck Spaulding (#2355), 48 Strathmore Lane, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

WANTED - Railroad perfins. Have some for trade. Will buy or trade. Chester Shott (#1029), 9 Werni Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042.

WANTED - To purchase: Covers, or photocopies of the following perfins on cover:

BM/C	B161	Hatch Music Company also Boston Music Company
EMH	E82	Eiler's Music House
G	G3	Thomas Goggan & Bros. (Music House)
IB	I16	Irving Berlin
KCM	K19.5	Knight, Campbell Music Company
MBI	M42	Moody Bible Institute
OKH	O44	O.K. Houck Piano Company
PMC	P137	Plaza-Music Company
PPC	P180	Pease Piano Co
STC	S277	Shubert Theater Corp.
S&M	S354	Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co.
TM/Co	T67	Talking Machine Company
V	V1	Vitaphone Corp
WBC	W167	Williams Piano Co.
(Lyre)	Des25	Bacon or Brambach Piano Co.

Albert Spencer (#1261), P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED - U.S. and German perfins on cover for trade or to buy. Please contact F.G. Buckland, 48 Skipton Street, Mangere East, Auckland 1701, New Zealand.

APPROVALS - Mixed perfin approvals available starting at 5¢ each. Bureau and local precancels also available. How can I help you? Dick Laetsch (#3047), 108 Ashswamp Road, Scarborough, ME 04074.

TRADE - Great Britain POKOS. Send your want list and I will return with mine or let's talk. Robert L. Foley (#1340), 9 Haig Place #604, Dunedin, FL 34098.

WANTED - Perfins of Great Britain & Canada (all reigns). Have some to trade/sell. Les Kay (#3043), 744 SW 73 Ave. North Lauderdale, FL 33068

WANTED - I would like to start a collection of perfins of Rumania. Who can help me with perfins on and off cover, articles, collections, collectors addresses and so on. Please write to: William F. Backers (LM137), P.O.Box 3052, 5003 Tilburg Netherlands.

FOR SALE - Do you have a copy of the perfin C398.5 (B rating) in your U.S. collection? Do you know who issued this perfin pattern? I will sell you an old revenue stock sales tax bill with TWO revenue stamps on it with the C&J pattern for only \$6.50, postpaid. Send orders to: Jacob Kisner (#2168), 254 Park Avenue South, Pent-house F, New York, NY 10010. (Only six sales tax bills available with C&J - so act fast).

WANTED - Perfins of Japan and China also Asia, India, etc. Exchange for Great Britain or European Perfins. G. Shayler (#3014), 10 Clifford Court, Skipton, North Yorks, BD23 1SG, England

WANTED - U.S. precanceled and perfined dollar values to inc. 1950. Airmails C1-6 also other airmails-commemoratives to 1935 incl. special handling, special delivery, parcel post, dues all on cover. Foreign perfins, every country except UK. Offer undamaged stamps w/price, prompt settlement, Eugene Buckler (#2858), 96 Fifeshire Road, suite 602, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2L 2X9.

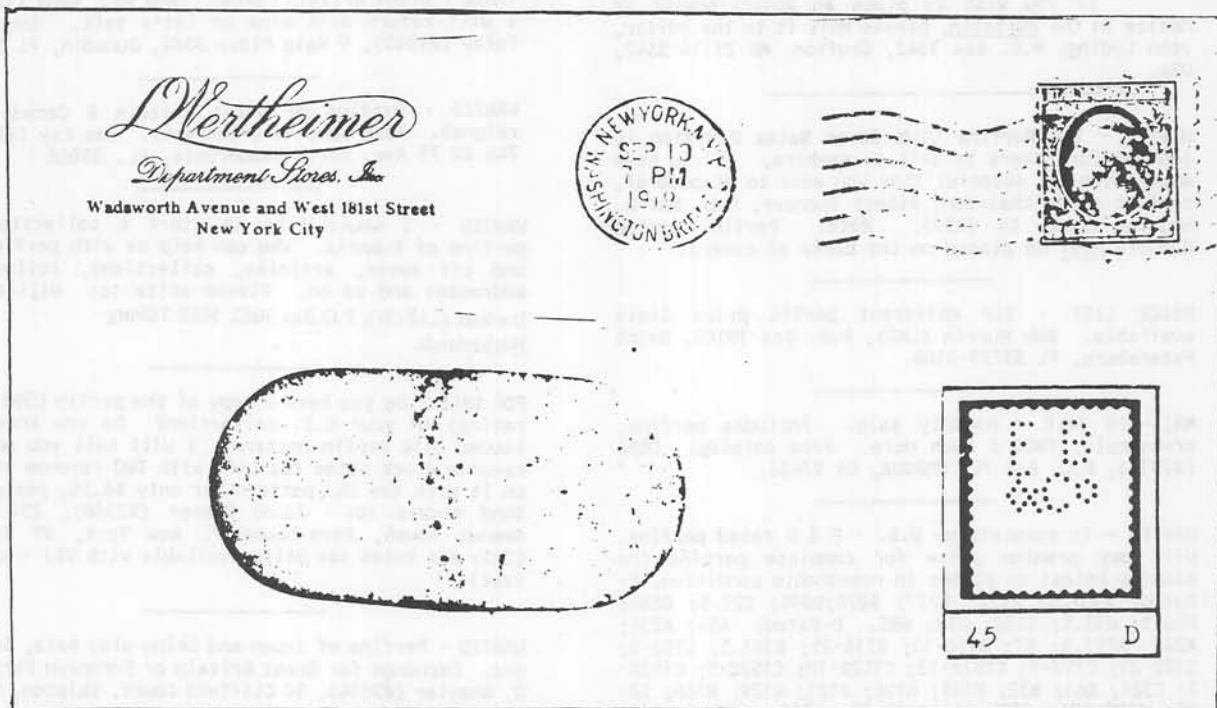
Australian Official Perfins Supplement no. 3, January 1991 is now available. Consists of 12 A4 pages including all information in supplements 1 & 2 plus more recent data. U.S. \$1.00 or UK £1.00 (bank notes only). David Andersen (#1898), 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winnalee NSW 2777, Australia.

WANTED - Perfins from The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland to buy or trade. William F. Backers (LM137), P.O.Box 3052, 5003 Tilburg Netherlands.

TRADE - My, up to 200 different perfins for your equal amount of different (or almost all different precancels). Better for better. C. Pearson (#2300), P.O. Box 317611, Cincinnati, OH 45231-7611.

L. Wertheimer

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor



This cover from L. Wertheimer sports a copy of perfin pattern F45. The *Catalog of United States Perfins* identifies the user as Finlay, Burell & Company of New York City. This usage on cover submitted by member Phillip S. Jones (#1033) is probably an example of shared postage between firms.

G38 - Gerach-Barklow Co.

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

New positive identification for perfin pattern G38 is illustrated on the following page. The present identification of Greetings, Inc., which is listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* will be relegated to the supplemental information section of the catalog.

Gerlach-Barklow of Joliet, IL is shown on the unused return postage paid envelope which was supplied by *Perfins Bulletin* publisher, Helen Q. Ratzler (LM47F).

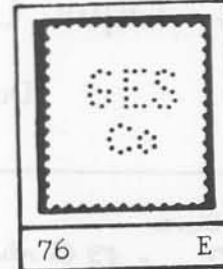
IF NOT DELIVERED IN 8 DAYS, RETURN TO
G. E. STECHERT & CO.,
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151-155 W. 25TH ST., NEW YORK



Prof. C. U. Clark,

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New Haven, Conn.



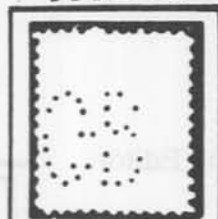
G76 - G.E. Stechert & Co.

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

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THE GERLACH-BARKLOW CO.



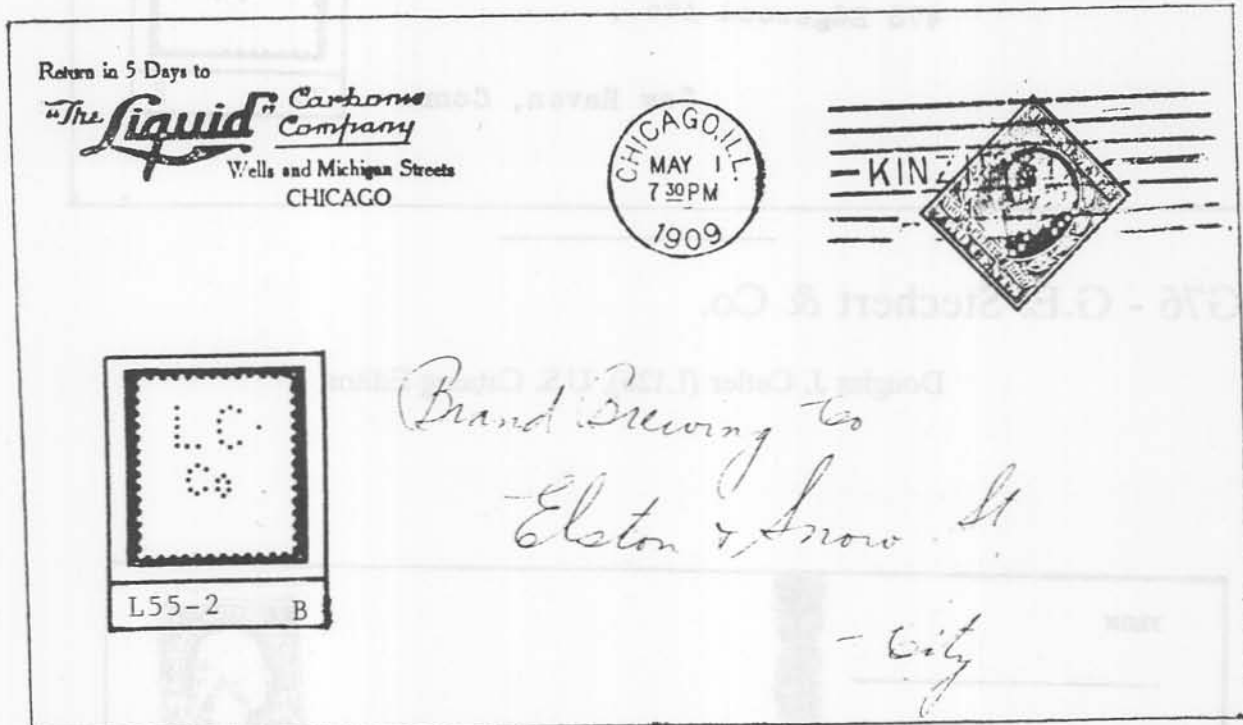
JOLIET,

ILLINOIS

The *Catalog of United States Perfins* contains a spelling error in the listing for perfin pattern G76. The correct spelling is "Stechert" as this cover submitted by Paul H. Gault (#744) plainly shows. G.E. Stechert at 151-155 West 25th. Street, New York City posted this cover on October 15, 1920.

L55-2 - Liquid Carbonic Co.

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

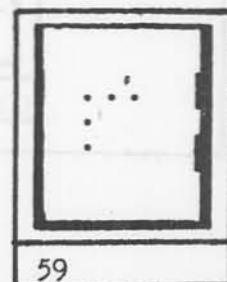


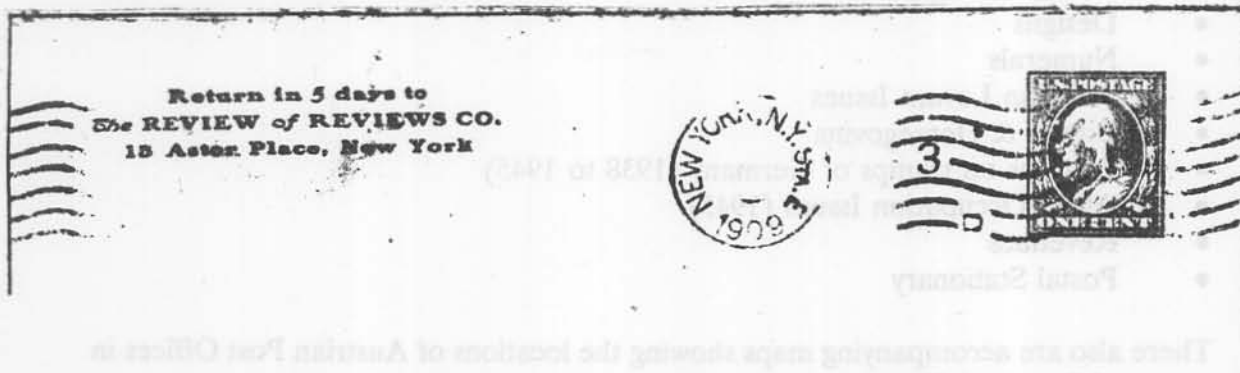
Here is a positive identification of the city of usage for perfin pattern L55-2. This cover submitted by Paul H. Gault (#744) provides the positive identification noted on page 257 of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*.

SHERMACK 59

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

Here is a potential additional user identification for pattern 59 of the SHERMACKS. The company is currently listed as the user of perfin pattern #45. This is probably an exchange of postage between users.





Also of interest are several items printed on the inside of the envelope. Unfortunately, these are reproducible here, however, they are printed below:

PENNYSAVER ENVELOPE
Pat. July 10, 1909. Reg. U.S. Pat. Office.
SAMUEL CUPPLES ENVELOPE COMPANY
New York, St. Louis and Chicago
For postal Inspection See Instructions on other side

And the instructions:

FOR POSTAL INSPECTION
PULL OUT THIS FOLD

BOOK REVIEW

Austria Perfins, Compiled by John J. Nussbickle, published by The Perfins Club, 1991, 158 pages, 8½ x 11 inches, 40 # paper cover, drilled for an American three ring loose leaf binder, Available from the Perfins Club Catalog Sales Division, Price \$15.

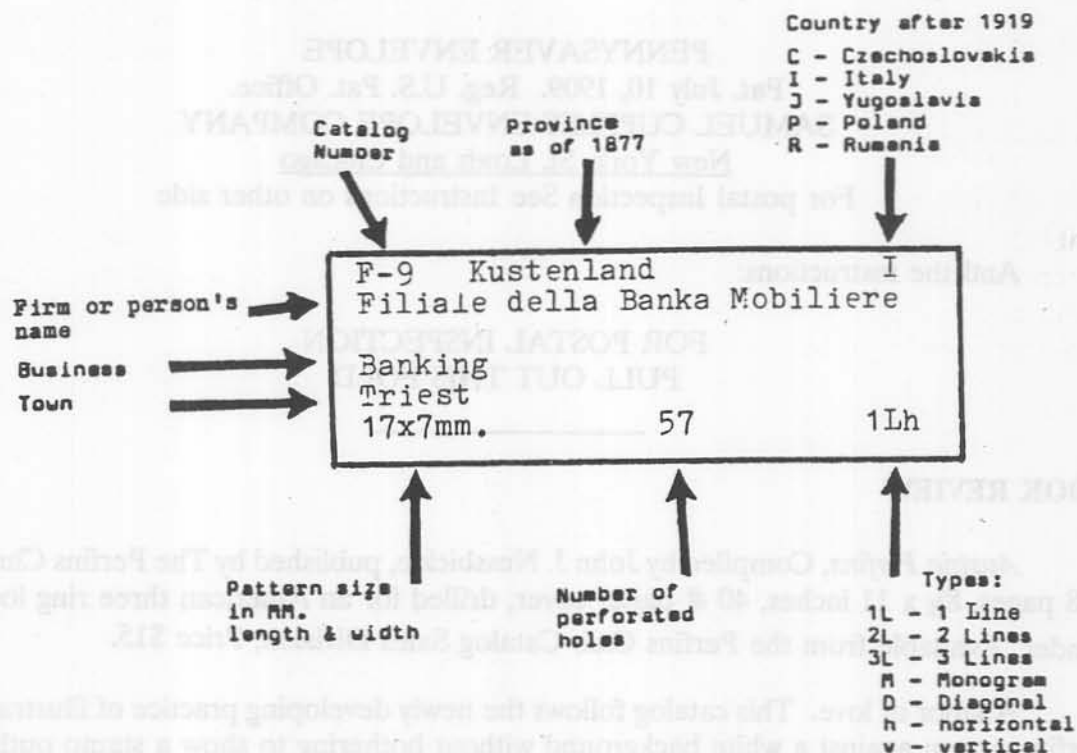
A labor of love. This catalog follows the newly developing practice of illustrating the perfin pattern against a white background without bothering to show a stamp outline. As I have noted in previous book reviews, the traditionalist may have a problem accepting this arrangement; however, I am convinced that it is the wave of the future.

There are 18 entries on each page arranged in two columns. Pages are printed on both sides. Considering that very few pages are devoted to other than entries, I estimate that there are about 2,700 entries which is a monumental effort. Also provided is an introduction, a copy of the April 1877 postal decree relating to perfins, an explanatory legend.

Entries are provided for the following sections:

- General designs
- Designs
- Numerals
- Austrian Levant Issues
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Patterns on stamps of Germany (1938 to 1945)
- Allied Occupation Issues (1945)
- Revenues
- Postal Stationary

There also are accompanying maps showing the locations of Austrian Post Offices in the Levant, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. A sample entry is shown below.



The arrangement of entries is functional and easy to use. Being drilled for an American 3 ring binder, permits some additional flexibility in catalog design. In addition, if a "D" type binder is used, the pages will lay flat, which is a great advantage.

The illustrations are crisp and clear. Unfortunately, the frame lines are not as smooth and crisp. While the latter does not interfere with use of the catalog, it can become distracting. I would have preferred that the compiler incorporate a rating or scarcity value in the catalog, but I understand the difficulties and magnitude of the work associated with a rating value and understand the compiler's reticence to open that Pandora's Box.

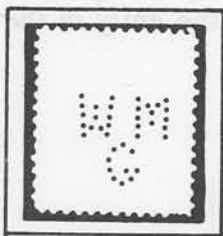
In fact, the most serious criticism that I can offer is that the index does not have page numbers

The volume is a welcome addition to the perfin collector's library and no serious collector of Austrian or world perfins collections can afford to be without this catalog.

JFL

Not Just an Address

Stuart A Johnston (#2713)



When an old-time collector learned that I had started to collect perfins he asked if I had a copy of the one identified as "1512 Fairfield Avenue" from Fort Wayne. I did not have a copy, but a look at the catalog entry (W133 WM/G) aroused my curiosity.

A trip to the library and the address in question provided sufficient information to establish that the perfin consisted of the initials of William M. Griffin, an early Fort Wayne entrepreneur. U.S. Catalog editor, Douglas Cutler provided me with a cover bearing the perfin that was postmarked "FORT WAYNE/INDIANA/MARCH 31, 1911". The corner card was a stark: "Kidd Building/Fort Wayne, Ind."



Pouring over 25 years of city directories¹ establish the "Kidd" was J.W. Kidd, M.D. Kidd founded a medical supply house, incorporated as J.W. Kidd Company in 1903. William M. Griffin was the secretary. By the next year, 1904, Griffin had become President and Treasurer of the medical supply business and as president of the newly formed Wm. M. Griffin Company. By 1911 the only mention of Kidd in the City Directory is a listing as a physician at an unrelated address!

In 1909 the Kidd and Griffin companies had moved into a spacious brick building located "north of the P.R.R. tracks." The address of this new location was 1512 Fairfield Avenue. There is no listing for the Kidd Company in the 1914 edition and while the Wm. M. Griffin company is still listed Griffin apparently was no longer connected to the firm bearing his name. The perfin in question (WM/G), was probably properly used by the mailroom of either company - or the two companies may actually have been merged.

Griffin does appear in the 1914 City directory as president of the Wayne Oil tank and Pump Company. It is not hard to associate the initials of that company with those of WTO, pattern W198. That company changed its name to Wayne Tank and Pump Company in 1922. By 1972 the name was reduced to the Wayne Company, which is the entry in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*.

P. B. Arnold Co.
PHONE 317
211 EAST MAIN STREET

Lincoln Life Bldg. BEST FOR SERVICE
217 E. BERRY STREET PHONES 400 and 420

- Kickley, see also Kikley.
- " Arthur E (Emilie), mach Wabash R R, h 615 Hendricks.
- " Charles M (Flora B), mach Penn Co, h 2733 Hoagland av.
- " Joseph C, h 362 Baker.
- Kidd Alfred F (Elizabeth), clk W Gas Con Co, h 1003 Liberty.
- " Charles E (Emma W), hlpr Penn Co, h 701 E Wayne.
- " James W (Jessie R), phys, h 827 Webster.
- KIDD J W CO THE**, Wm M Griffin Pres and Treas, M C Griffin Sec, J P Haehenberg Mngr, Mail Order Medicine Co, 1512 Fairfield av, Tels H 804-805, B 195.
- Kiddleson C F, hlpr Wabash Co, b 1220 Calhoun.
- Kiefer, see also Keefer and Keever.
- " Adolph (Theresa), driver Centlivre's, h 532 State boul.
- " Alice M, h 517 Paekard av.
- " Edward C (Vera), sta engr Moran's, h 805 Monroe.
- " Emma E, teacher Harmer School, b 2304 Wells.
- " Eva M E, b 532 State boul.

The Wildwood Lumber Company
410 Organ Avenue - - Telephone 6992

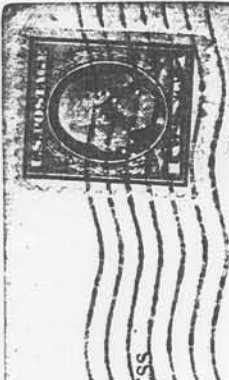
"1512 Fairfield Avenue" was re-numbered 1510 Fairfield, however, the present owner showed me a photograph of the building when it had a prominent sign atop its roof announcing the proprietor's name and business: "The Wm. M. Griffin Co. - Importers and Manufacturing Chemists." One corporate president, but two distinct perfins.

¹. Fort Wayne City and Allen County Directory, Fort Wayne, R.L. Polk & Co. Various issues.

Editor's Note: This is a graphic example of how our members can add to Perfin knowledge with an investment of their time. Our thanks to member Johnston who has not only solved the mystery of "1512 Fairfield Avenue", but who has turned up a new "petro-perfin" for collectors of that field.

Standard Accident Insurance Co.

Albert E. McWha (#2416)

 U.S. POSTAGE JAN 28 3-PM 1921 CLEVELAND, OHIO	REG. NO. 34877	KEEP YOUR POLICY MAIL THIS CARD TO YOUR HOME
	AGENCY NO. 0101	
THIS CARD is to advise you that accident insurance in STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. OF DETROIT, MICH. has been taken out by		
<i>Mrs. G. W. Hillman</i> <i>349 Hall Ave.</i> <i>Windsor</i> <i>Onto Canada</i>		
POST CARD MESSAGE: <i>On train Jan 27</i> <i>Look out this</i> <i>in Detroit for</i> <i>50¢. Safety</i> <i>first</i> <i>G.M.A.</i>		
<i>G. W. Hillman</i> Signature of Purchaser		
Date of Policy <i>1-27-1921</i> Term of Policy <i>1000</i> Days		
If I am injured notify the Company immediately, giving the numbers appearing on this card.		

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722 INDIAN MANOR COURT
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083

STOP PRESS: Now Available U.S. Catalog A&C Pages #6 \$2.50
Roumanian Catalog Supplement \$1.00

In 1921, my wife was living with her parents in western Florida - where her father had been sent by a Windsor, Ontario doctor to recuperate from a serious illness. When her father passed away, my wife and her mother returned to Canada by train accompanying the body. My wife's uncle, George W. Hillman, went to Cincinnati by train from Detroit (across the river from Windsor) and enroute took out accident insurance. The round trip insurance - see back of the card -- cost 50¢ for two days.

When her uncle died, my wife found this card among his papers. The 1 cent Washington stamp bears the perfin SAI (pattern S25) of the insurance company - Standard Accident Insurance Company, Detroit Michigan. Apparently the 50¢ fee included a notification card and postage as the card was post marked at Cincinnati, OH on January 28, 1921.

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Convention Great Success

Richard Mewhinney (LM60)

For the third year in a row, the Perfins Club joined with the Precancel Stamp Society (PSS) at their annual convention. This year we increased the number of our members by a full 30 percent with 51 signing in. The Perfins Club booth was manned each day from eight in the morning to nearly midnight. People came and people went with often half a dozen at a time talking, trading, buying, and selling. The one big trouble was that we did not have enough perfins to provide for the people. One member with his own booth sold just about everything he had. The Club also sold a collection for a non-member and received a substantial donation for providing this service. And, best of all, five new members signed up.

The new Austrian Catalog, which was reviewed in the September issue of the *Bulletin*, Additions and Corrections Pages #6 to the United States Catalog, and the A&C pages to the Romanian Catalog were well received. A goodly number of other catalogs were also sold by the Club.

Our cocktail party was held in the rooms of Helen and Earl Ratzer, Bob Schwerdt, and myself. Once again, this was one of the highlights of the convention. The PSS holds a lovely party on the first night of the convention. Everyone is pretty much on their good behavior then. Our party is held on the second night and people seem to let down their hair and enjoy themselves. About 70 people attended our party.

The Club received an invitation to once again attend the convention next year. One of our members, Gary Hendren, is in charge of the convention in Saint Louis and while it will be difficult to beat this year's fun, but we certainly can try.

The Perfins Club meeting was held on Thursday evening and about 20 members attended. The meeting was rather informal; however, it produced many useful suggestions and evoked a lively discussion. The short notice provided for the Club photo caused a number of our members to miss this "photo opportunity"; however, the attendance list at the convention was:

Convention Attendees

Neil Abby	George Hewlett *	Earl M. Ratzer
Richard H. Braun	James Hirstein *	Helen Q. Ratzer
Bruce Brunell	Greg Izdebski	David Reynolds
Eugene Buckler	Gerald W. Kendall	Abby Rich

Crofton, MD September 15, 1991

No big message or campaign this month, just random thoughts. If you like structure, please skip.

Member asks, "Do you think they will ever standardize driver's licensing?" Actually there has been a lot of movement toward that goal. Much of the change has resulted from the nationwide Commercial Driver's License. But true standardization is probably not achievable in the foreseeable future.

Have just returned from a very successful business trip to Phoenix, AZ. While at that meeting, I managed to meet my counterparts from some 48 other jurisdictions. Only Hawaii and Indiana were not represented. It came to mind that the Perfins Club is somewhat similar to the Driver Licensing business. That is to say that we are all off in our own separate worlds and have only publications and occasional meetings to exchange viewpoints.

The football season has erupted and once again I am beset with those feelings for the "Home" team. Well, one "home" team is the Baltimore Colts. Around here, they are referred to as "The Irsays." Another "home team" is the Washington Redskins. I applied for Redskin tickets when we moved here in 1969. I was notified that I now stand #5957 and 7153 on the waiting list. A brief note stated that, "You should have 4 tix in the new stadium." Incidentally, I moved up 14 places from November 1989 to March 1991. The other "home team" is Navy. Since I graduated from there, I do try to root them on but, if you have followed the non-progress of the Naval Academy's football teams you will know that it is difficult.

This mornings Washington Post notes that Maryland's projected budget deficit is now estimated to be \$450 million. The Club has the fortunate position of being able to tide itself over tough times with its endowment which was basically derived from sale of the Bartelson collection. Consider that the publication and mailing of the Bulletin is the Club's major expense which is paid for by membership dues. Most of our other major costs, such as publication of catalogs is recovered through catalog sales.

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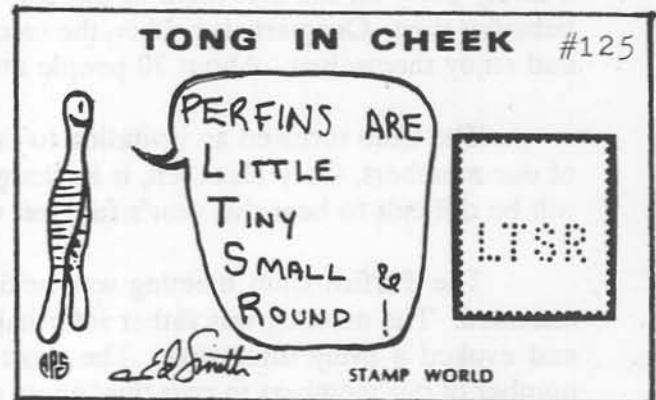
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Bob Schwerdt (#505)



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Dear Sir:—Yours

Rec'd. Dec 2/82

Mth Dec 435.78 in full of Hams
 Dad. Bonds all ought to have taken
 up the contract. I put up. When you
 next write ask him to do this

Yours truly
 W. J. B.

One of the Perfins Club members in attendance at the convention was Joann Thomas (835F). She had on display a neatly mounted perfin collection including the above postal card showing a punched "B" and dated Dec 2, 1882 well before the 1908 authorization date.

Several U.S. postcards have been reported with perfins, but this is the first, and perhaps the earliest, that this writer has seen with a "B" punch.

Also illustrated with this article is a UN card from the writer's collection showing the British American Bank Note Company SPECIMEN punch. The "Bs" of the two cards do not quite superimpose, but the similarity is remarkable.

Other than private, exhibition, and various dated, paid punches, U.S. postal cards known to this writer are: perfin patterns I106, L34, N136 and I&C (diagonal), L/B, and N/Ps. Perhaps members can provide additional examples?



Other notes from the Convention.

Perfin Club member, Alby Rich of New Zealand won the "traveling hat" award for having come the longest distance. Ralph Smith probably traveled the farthest distance in the U.S. although it would be necessary to check on a map against those members from Florida. One of the hits of the convention was John Randall's 231 page perfined precanceled catalog. This is available from the Club's Catalog Sales Chairman, Jackie Ryan and directly from John Randall. Book review will follow as soon as the editor gets his copy.

The Vinyl Touch reports "the very active table of the Perfins Club had an entirely new group of collectors. These are the fun collectors of fruit labels. What hath Chiquita wrought? By the way, the Southern California Precancel Club publisher of *The Vinyl Touch*, will have its very first Spring Roundup October 17-19 at the Best Western Colony Inn,

Atascadero, CA 93422. President Irvin Burns has extended an invitation to Perfin Club members.

Perfins Watch. - The September 19, 1991 auction of the Philatelic Centre, Calcutta, India lists the following lots:

No.	Description	Start
• 1185	G.B.- Perfins "S F Co" on 1915 5/- Seahorse, Cat. £35	\$4
• 1188	"AP" perfin on '34 2/6 Seahorse, Cat. £15	\$4
• 1187	"SIMCER" perfin on '39 GVI. 2/6 Brown, Cat. £9	\$4

Starting prices are listed in U.S. \$.

Okay, I lied, but this is absolutely the last issue that will report additional contributors to the list of "Black Hardings" being compiled by Joe Laura, Jr. New contributors are: Louis H Zandebergen (#2868).

Martin W. O'Grady (#2434) is currently revising the data in Burton E. Bauder's book, *POKOS of the Netherlands*. He has requested that members having any information on issues or series not listed in Bauders, Enschede 85, and Perfinpost contact him. Bauder's book is widely used and the 67 POKO patterns shown therein were originally printed in 1974 in a publication of the Netherlands Philatelic of Chicago.

Martin also provided us with a copy of John Heimans Jr's "POKOs of the Netherlands" and reprint permission. This article will be reprinted in a future issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*. The address is: Martin O'Grady, 1368 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo, CA 94580-1449.

I erred in last months issue by not including the following members names in the list of dealers: Jacob Kisner; Joe Laura, Jr.; and John Randall.

Jacob Kisner (#2168), 254 Park Avenue South, Penthouse F, New York, NY 10010 is one of the Club members who deals in stamps including perfins that we missed in last months listing of perfin dealers. His perfin stock moves rapidly and often consists of specialty items. He has also reported the following identifications.

- E26.5 belongs to Eastman, Dillon & Co., New York, NY. This on a 1939 stock sales bill.
- S335.5 belongs to Slepach & Co., 25 Broadway, New York, NY. This also found on a 1939 sales tax bill.

These items are illustrated on page 202. Kisner also submitted the rare copy of rA-24 with a perfin "A.W" shown on page 167, *TPB*, July/August 1991.

No. 87 STOCK CLEARING CORPORATION NEW YORK, OCT 2 - 1939
 (NIGHT CLEARING BRANCH)
 FOR ACCOUNT OF EASTMAN, DILLON & CO.
 (EASTMAN)
 BOWLING GREEN 9-3110

BROKER	LINE NO.	DELIVER TO	SHARES	SECURITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
GRIFFEN	52	PERSHING	100	M A R	10	1,000.00

NP 16410
 NP 20014



536.5 8
 No 10 in cat.

5378 No. 427 NEW YORK, OCT 14 1939
 SLEPACK & CO. 25 BROADWAY

SUBJECT TO THE REVENUE ACT OF 1926, AS AMENDED BY
 REVENUE ACT OF 1932, AND REGULATIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE
 THEREWITH.

SOLD TO

BROKER	LINE NO.	DELIVER TO	SHARES	SECURITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	REG. FEE	STATE TAX	FEDERAL TAX
HANCE	161	JACQUELIN ← RECEIVERS LINE NO.	100	M A R	INTL PERC MAR 8 1/8	812.50	2	300	400



5335.5 8
 No 10 in cat.

St. Louis in 1991

Gary G Hendren (#2490)

Saint Louis in '92 - Gateway to the three P's: Precancels, Perfins and Produce Seals. The 71st. Annual PSS Convention is scheduled for the Holiday Inn-Westport in northwest St. Louis County about 3 miles south of the major I-70/I-270 interchange and just a short ten minute ride from the St. Louis International Airport. Its approximately 20 miles northwest of the Gateway Arch in downtown St. Louis.

The Missouri Precancel Club extends an invitation to both the PSS and the Perfins Club to hold a combine meeting in the Gateway City during the second week of August 1992. Details will be provided in future issues.

Sothern Nominated

The nominating committee has placed the name of Jackson L. Sothern (#643) into nomination as Club Treasurer. Mr. Sothern, age 73, has been a collector since he was 10. He is married with two children and two grandchildren. He is a graduate of Boston University (BS in BA) and received his MBA from New York University. He is a CPA, a member of the American Institute of CPAs, and the New York State Society of CPAs. He retired from Cluett, Peabody & Company (Perfin patterns C264 and C266) in 1982 after 34 years of service.

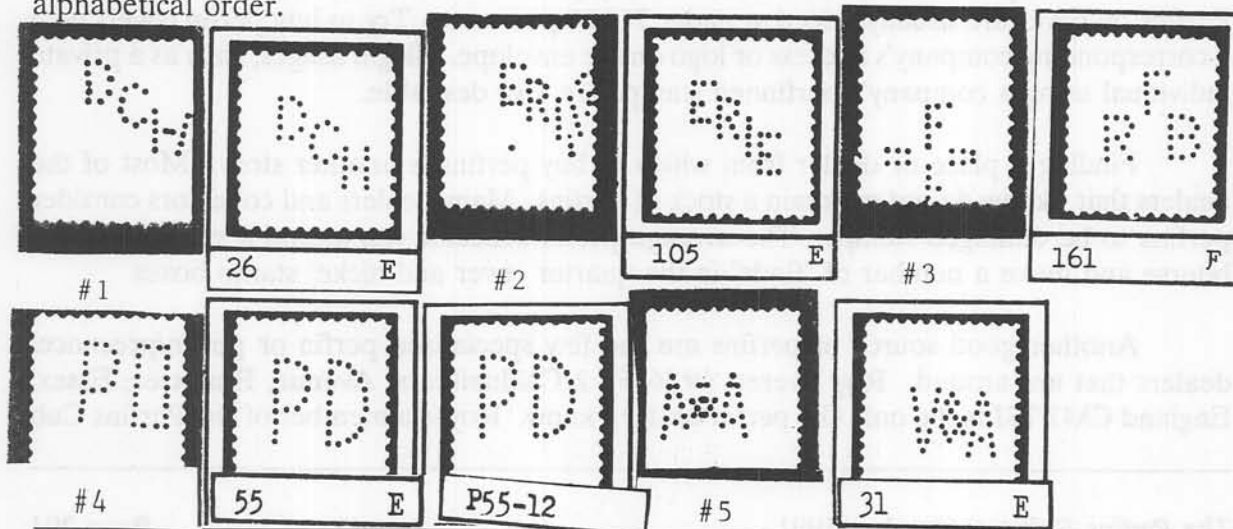
Mr. Sothern's other philatelic memberships include:

- APS, life membership
- Collectors Club of New York
- Precancel Stamp Society
- German Philatelic Society
- Scandinavian Collectors Club
- International Society of Guatemala Collectors
- American First Day Cover Society

Contest Winner

Douglas Cutler (L126)

The "Win a 'B' rated Perfin" contest has a winner. Member Chuck Spaulding (#2355) and Paul Mistretta (L111) tied for first place. Both members were awarded a copy of perfin pattern H190, a "B" rated perfin. The five patterns shown in *TPB*, July/August 1990, p. 155 were all "foldovers." The answers are: #1 D26, #2 E105, #3 F161, #4 P55 or P55.12, and #5 V31. The clue to #5 was that the five patterns were shown in alphabetical order.



Who Shot My Stamp?

Joseph Coulbourne (#2574)

I originally submitted this article to the Great Britain Collectors Club (GBCC) in response to a challenge by the Editor, Tom Current, to come up with some sort of perfins article for the Club's *Chronicle*. When the article came out in print, our Editor (John Lyding) dropped me a line asking for a rewrite to the Perfins Club *Bulletin*. As you read this keep in mind that this article was written for collectors of Great Britain's stamps, NOT perfins.

I also manage the perfins circuit for the GBCC. Great Britain Collectors Club membership is \$15.00 a calendar year for North America, \$22.00 overseas. Membership information is available from Mr. Frank Koch, P.O. Box 309, Batavia, Ohio, 45103.

First off, let me explain that I am NOT an expert (EX meaning previous and SPURT being a drip under pressure). I started dabbling in perfins three or four years ago when I bought a mixture that had a large number of perfins mixed in with the rest of the stamps. The next step was to soak them off their paper fragments, sort them by country, and stash them away in a glassine envelope - sound familiar?

As I succumbed to "MACHIN Mania" (a term that has been coined for collectors of the GB stamps series of the same name), I bought more and more mixtures (in a vain attempt to gather one of each major variety used) and accumulated more and more Great Britain perfins. When I started filling up the second #4 glassine, I realized that it was time to catalog and mount them properly, or to trade them to someone who could find them a home. I kept them.

I then progressed to buying perfins and found out that perfins are NOT expensive. U.S. perfins are assigned a degree of rarity in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* and collectors can expect to pay more for an "A" than an "E" perfin. But, I have not seen many "rare" U.S. perfins sell for over \$25.00. Perhaps this is because they do not surface very often. In the Great Britain arena ten cents a stamp is the average price and five cents for more common patterns is not unusual. Early perfins run 15 cents to \$10.00 or more. Perfins on cover are usually priced at under \$10.00 per cover. Try to buy perfin covers with a corresponding company's address or logo on the envelope. Illegal usages, such as a private individual using a company's perfined stamps are also desirable.

Finding a place or dealer from which to buy perfins is another story. Most of the dealers that I know do not maintain a stock of perfins. Many dealers and collectors consider perfins to be damaged stamps. The average perfin collector can attend a stamp show or bourse and make a number of "finds" in the quarter cover and nickel stamp boxes

Another good source of perfins are the few specialized perfin or perfin/precancel dealers that are around. Roy Everett (#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, England CM7 7SJ is the only GB perfin dealer I know. Roy is a member of the Perfins Club

and the Perfins Society (GB). He has a monthly price list with photocopies of the stamps as seen from the rear. The Perfins Club's sales circuits (Stamps Sal. Guarini (#1220), Covers Albert Spencer (#1261)- see the second page for addresses) is outstanding and a good place to find perfins in quantity including GB perfins. Friends that I have made through membership in the Perfins Club and CBCC have provided thousands of perfins for my collection and have been the single largest source of material to date. Advertising in the classified section of the major periodicals might be an other way to come up with a number of perfins although I have not tried that method yet.

Perfins are collected by pattern, or by stamp type, or by any scheme that makes sense to you. For example, I collect MACHINs by both pattern and type and have pages full of the PAC (Prudential Assurance Company) on different MACHIN head stamps. These show a multitude of phosphor varieties including some of the "booklet only" issues. Collecting various patterns on early GB stamps can be fascinating and it is possible to make a nice collection of different patterns on the Penny Red with letters in all four corners (Scott Catalog number 33).

Mounting perfins can be a problem. The Perfins Club sells blank pages with black background that are an excellent for mounting British perfins (Catalog Sales, Jackie Ryan (#2601) address on second page). The standard way to mount perfins is to hinge them face down on a page with a black background to show off the perfin pattern. Mounting stamps this way may cause other problems. First of all, today's hinges are not a peelable as one would like and if you peel the hinge off later, it may take part of the stamp with it. It is best to soak off hinges if you choose this method.

Secondly, when you try to mount MACHINs to show different stamps, phosphors, or printing methods, you really need to mount the stamps face up. If you mount the stamps face up, the perfin pattern does not show up very well.

While there had been a lot of discussion about the "best" method to mount perfins, I believe you should mount them in the manner that will illustrate what you are attempting to show. I mount the majority of my British collection with hinges, face down. I mount my MACHIN perfins face up to show the phosphor varieties and I then mount one duplicate face down in the upper left hand corner of the page to show the perfin pattern. For me, this is the "best of both worlds."

I began buying every perfin catalog that was offered. Although there was no Great Britain Catalog for sale at the time there was an ongoing effort by the British Perfins Society to revise the aging *Tilles' Catalog of the Perfins of Great Britain* which was published by Harvey Tilles of the Perfins Club. This new work is *A Catalog of Great Britain Perfins* (or the Edwards' catalog as the new work is more commonly called). I joined the Perfins Society and purchased the catalog. In addition I also purchased *The Tomkins Catalog of Identified G.B. Perfins* (more commonly called Tomkins) which was compiled by Tony Edwards (now Dr. T.A. Llewlyn-Edwards #2741). I like the new catalog in that it shows the period of use of the pattern.

Unlike the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, the GB catalog consists of two parts. The Edwards catalog contains illustrations of British perfins and its catalog number is easily crossed to the older more commonly used Tilles' numbers. The Tomkins catalog shows identified users for, period of use, and size data. Even though each part can be used independently, both parts are really necessary to get a comprehensive listing of British perfins.

One pitfall is the price. It has been estimated that there are more than 25,000 different perfin patterns. With this many patterns, the catalog is about three inches thick with 49 patterns top a page (for comparison, the U.S. Catalog with supplements is just over two inches thick with 30 patterns per page). The price is high. The last time that I checked the Edwards catalog was £56.60, airmail or £40.60, surface. The Tomkins catalog was £12.00. The Perfins Society's address is: J.M.Rucklidge, 13 Moncrieffe Road, Sheffield, England S7 1HQ.

One project that I would like to undertake is to compile a listing of all of the patterns punched into MACHIN stamps and the specialized varieties in which the pattern is punched. I can use everyone's help on this one just like all of those members that have helped to update the Black Hardings for the Club. If you collect GB MACHIN perfins and have either a Tilles or Edwards catalog, how about letting me have some of your time? I would like to know which patterns you have on the MACHIN series and, if you can - which stamp of the MACHIN series. I have all of the specialized MACHIN catalogs and most of the major dealers buy/sell lists, so any way you choose to identify them is Ok with me.

Thanks, and so long for now:

Joe Coulbourne
705 Prince Allen Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-3424

BOOK REVIEW

Catalog of Romanian Perfins Supplement No. 1, 1991, Robert J Schwerdt, 10 pages, 8½ x 11 inches, no cover, drilled for American three ring loose leaf binder. Available from the Perfins Club Catalog Sales Division, Price \$1.00.

Who said that a dollar will not buy anything anymore? This supplement to the *Catalog of Romanian Perfins* provides a page containing 10 illustrations which are better than those shown in the original catalog and 15 illustrations of variants of patterns illustrated in the original catalog. In addition, 31 new perfin patterns are provided and two pages (62) of revenue and miscellaneous perfin patterns. The author chose to renumber the fiscal patterns shown on these two pages.

The author, in his usual methodical style, has corrected several errors caused by listing partials and the inadvertent inclusion of several perfin patterns into the main body rather than including these in the German occupation list of the original work.

Necessary for the collector of Romanian perfins and well worth purchasing.

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RESEARCH REPORT

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2a	B.I.F.C			Tunis
2b	B.I.F.C (repaired)			Tunis
3	C.I.C	Crédit Industriel et Commercial		Tunis
4	CL	Crédit Lyonnais		Tunis
5a	CL	Crédit Lyonnais		Tunis
5b	CL	Crédit Lyonnais		Tunis-Roustan
6	CL	Crédit Lyonnais		
7	C.L.	Crédit Lyonnais		Tunis
8a	CN	Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris		Bizerte
8b	CN	Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris		Sfax
8c	CN	Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris		Sousse
9a	C.N.	Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris		Sousse
9b	C.N	Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris		Tunis
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12	GC			
13	H.F.			
14	HvP			
15	J.B			

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TUNISIA

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17	M		
18	M.B		
19	MC		
20	RF or RTF(?)		
21	R.W		
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23	S.M	Société Marseillaise de Crédit	Tunis
24	V.G		Tunis
25	V.O.C		Sfax

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C2	T	large holes	4 holes in stem of "T"
C3	T	large holes	5 holes in stem of "T"

NOTES:

Postage due T punches: A few variations are used to illustrate differences in size of holes, distance between holes, doubling, and a sideways punch.

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch*, St Paul, MI September 8, 1991 edition contained an article by Wayne Hassell describing the perfins publicity project. This article was placed by our publicity chairman, Kurt Ottenheimer.

Book Review

Additions and Corrections #6 of 1991, Douglas J. Cutler, 20 pages, 8½ x 11 inches, no cover drilled for American three ring loose leaf binder. Available from the Perfins Club Catalog Sales Division, Price \$2.50.

The long awaited A&C pages revert almost back to its roots, the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, by Joseph and Dorothy Balough. I say "almost" because the catalog entries have been expanded to include Lougee type (see *TPB*, March 1991, p. 63), hole measurements, and hole counts. This is not quite the layout of the 1979 edition. There are 209 entries illustrated and cataloged, a page of corrections, and 3 pages of additional identities for perfin patterns.

Of great importance is page 16, which explains the errors that exist in A&C pages 1 through 5 and several errors in the original catalog. The main body of the work describes the additional patterns. The illustrations are the problem in that several, especially U104A, are so faint as to defy identification. The author has promised us an errata sheet for publication in *The Perfins Bulletin*. That will be printed when it becomes available. I would hope that the same errata sheet will be provided to individuals who purchase a copy in the event that they do not want to cut up the *Bulletin*, if they are not a member, or if they join the Club after the errata sheet is published. All in all there are about eight offending illustrations. I hope that my comments have not put you off of purchasing this set of A&C pages because an errata will be provided.

PERFINS ON FALKLAND ISLAND STAMPS

By: Stefan Heijtz

Perfins or security punches were introduced in great Britain after permission had been given by the GPO in 1868 and it was used to prevent the staff from stealing the company's stamps for private use or to resell to other companies or persons.

This method of making stamps protected from theft was spread all over the world and may still be used somewhere although the general practice ended in the 1950's and today most companies have franking machines.

One would think that it would not be necessary to use perfins in the Falkland Islands, but at least one company used this method in the early 1900's. One stamp with a perfin was recorded in the *Upland Goose* in december 1974 and this was repeated in the *F.I Digest* No.2 on page 82. It was recorded as KE VII 1d with the letters "WC" if looked upon upside down but it was later recorded as "CW" in the catalog of the American Perfins Club. For many years nothing more was heard, but then suddenly a year or so ago a strip of three KE VII 1d turned up with the same perfin and in this case "CW" appears if the strip is looked

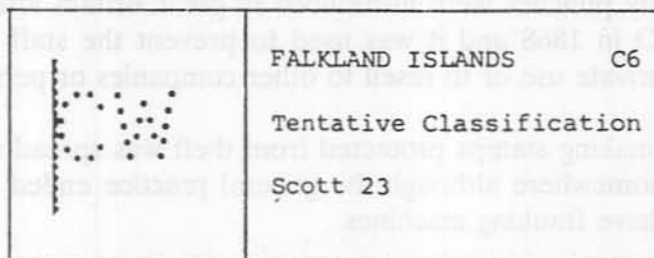
at from the back and upside down. Recently another KE VII 1d and a KE 2½d was found and one more KE VII 1d was sold in a small auction. They all have the same perfin "CW".

The next question to arise is: what does CW stand for? Someone suggested that it may be Cable & Wireless Ltd but this company didn't come to the Falklands until 1974 so that doesn't seem likely. By pure chance I happened to see an early postcard of what later became the Globe Store in Stanley and on the roof was a sign "Charles Williams". Charles Williams is supposed to have run a banking and retail business for a number of years and this was continued by Louis Williams (Charles Williams son?). When Louis Williams died, the business was run as TheLouis Williams Estate for some time but it is more widely known as the Globe Store.



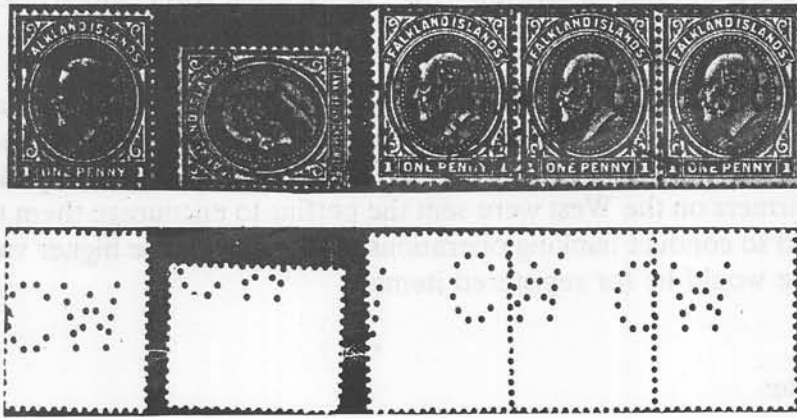
Postcard:
Heyburn B-18-b

I assume that Charles Williams was the only one, except the Falkland Islands Company of course, who would have had enough employees to justify the use of perfins and therefore it seems likely that this is where the perfins originated.



The technical details of the perforation are:

The letter C consists of 10 pinholes, and the letter W of 15 pinholes. The pinholes have a diameter of approximately 0.8mm, i.e. slightly larger than a normal perfin hole. The strip of three, a single 1d and the 2½ have been examined and it is clear that all of them have had the holes of the perfin punched from the back of the stamps.



It is interesting to note that the perfin seems to have been applied not on single stamps but more likely on part sheets or whole sheets of stamps, and that the arrangement in the perfin machine doesn't match the size of the stamps and therefore the perfins appear almost anywhere in the stamps. This is especially clear on the strip of three where the perfin gets more and more misplaced and there are really only $2\frac{1}{2}$ perfins on the three stamps. This suggests that the machine used was made for stamps of some other size, possibly British stamps. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ stamp has the perfin vertically.

As to the period of use, very little can be said other than it must have been within the KE VII period 1904-12, since none of the examples recorded here have a clear postmark.

Further information, comments or corrections would be very much appreciated, especially dated examples or more information about Charles Williams and his business.

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"Perfins on Falkland Islands Stamps - Frank Mitchell"

The Charles Williams referred to by Stefan Heijtz in the December *Upland Goose* was a solicitor from Cheltenham who emigrated to the Islands around the 1870's. Following an early flirtation with sheepfarming he acquired the Globe Store, at the junction of John Street and Philomel Street, and Waverley House which was opposite. Following the tragic death of Louis Williams, ownership of the business was vested in two ladies, Mrs Williams and her sister, and traded under the name "Estate Louis Williams" until shortly before the 1982 conflict. They appointed a manager Ernesto Rowe who had impressed them whilst he was working for a bank in South America. Ernesto was a wonderful character and I commend anyone interested in the Estate Louis Williams to read the article about him in

the Falkland Islands Trust publication "Those were the Days" which also features an article on the monthly sailings of the mailships.

It is unlikely that any other organization in the Islands used perfins, certainly not the Falkland Islands Company. I believe that their use by Charles Williams was for promotional purposes not security. The banking and retail business was run competitively and I think it likely that farmers on the West were sent the perfins to encourage them to place orders with the store and to conduct banking operations additionally. The higher value stamps and the strip of three would be for registered items.

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We are indebted to Perfins Club member Carl Faulkner (LM70) for bringing this material to our attention.

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Foreign Catalog Editor's (Robert Schwerdt) Note:

I know of two members that own the "C.W." and have it listed in the America's section of *The World Perfins Catalog*. Because of the large size of the letters and due to the remoteness of necessity, I assumed it might be some sort of semi-official. As a result I tentatively assigned a "C" designation in the catalog. I agree with Heijtz that the C.W. could represent Chas. Williams.

Note the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, pattern C376 (CW/S), New York City. Somewhere, in the back of my mind, I recall they sold shoes among other things. My mother told me that when she was a young girl out of the 8th grade, she got a job at Chas. Williams store (Brooklyn or New York City - I can not recall). At any rate she worked in an office alongside a gentleman. The gentleman's brother was in the army and he encouraged my mother to write to "a lonely soldier. (1917-18)" A romance developed and they married (1921). I was the end result (1923).

More on Kutter Razor/Hardware

By: Sylvia Gersch (#1825F)

In addition to the covers illustrated in *The Perfins Bulletin*, February 1991, p. 47-48 which were used by Simmons and Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company of Saint Louis, three other related covers have been found. The earliest is a cover from Simmons Hardware Company dated March 10, 1910. The razor on this cover is beautifully printed in silver and the "Keen Kutter" logo on the razor provides the clue that the keen edge was on something other than hardware tools. Shown inset is the Coldwater, Michigan receiving mark on the rear of this cover.



KEEN KUTTER
SAFETY
RAZOR

READY FOR USE
WITHOUT HONING.
WITHOUT STROPPING.

SIMMONS HARDWARE COMPANY.
ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.



Hellenberg & Sons,
Coldwater
Mich.



The use of Norvell-Shapleigh as a combined name is illustrated by the cover below. This cover has the familiar perfin D36 that was used by the three different business names (i.e., Simmons Hardware, Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware, and Shapleigh Hardware). Note the postmark date, February 9, 1911. A portion of the back of this cover shows a Kenwood, MO receiving mark. The DE, Diamond Edge logo is also illustrated. This is the earliest use I have noted of the "Diamond Edge is a Quality Pledge" slogan. This slogan appears in the circle around the diamond edge logo.



SAINT LOUIS, U.S.A.



Mr. J. C. Stone,

Kenwood,

Mo.

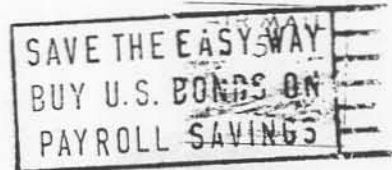
"DIAMOND EDGE IS A QUALITY PLEDGE"



DIAMOND EDGE IS A QUALITY PLEDGE

In the end of April, 1948 the company was using the Shapleigh Hardware Company Name as is shown below. The back of this cover has both the DE Diamond Edge and Keen Kutter logos.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
SHAPLEIGH HARDWARE COMPANY
900 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.
U. S. A.



Washburn Company,
Rockford, Illinois.

VIA AIR MAIL



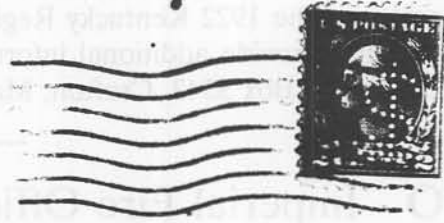
If we combine Joann Thomas' covers from the February 1991 issue with mine, the following chronology is produced:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Company, Location if listed</u>	<u>Perfin</u>
o 03/10/10	Simmons Hardware Company	S138
o 12/03/19	Simmons Hardware Company, 900 Spruce	Design 41
o 02/09/11	Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Co.	D36
o 04/30/48	Shapleigh Hardware Company, 900 Spruce	D36
o 01/20/56	Shapleigh Hardware Company	D36

While I am sure that there are more definitive covers out there, this is my best assessment with the available data. Members are encouraged to submit additional covers or photocopies to the *Bulletin* Editor, John Lyding at P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, Maryland 21114-3342.

T95 - Stratton & Terstegge Co.

STRATTON & TERSTEGGE Co.
INCORPORATED
 OFFICE, FACTORY AND WAREHOUSE,
 MAIN, 15TH & ROWAN
 STATION F, LOUISVILLE, KY.



Zucker & Erwin,
 Greensboro, N. C.





Perfins Club Sales Manager, Salvatore Guarini, has submitted this cover as identification for perfin pattern T95.

The user, Stratton & Terstege Company of Louisville, Kentucky was probably a manufacturer of some type as is indicated by the "Office, Factory and Warehouse" line in the corner card.

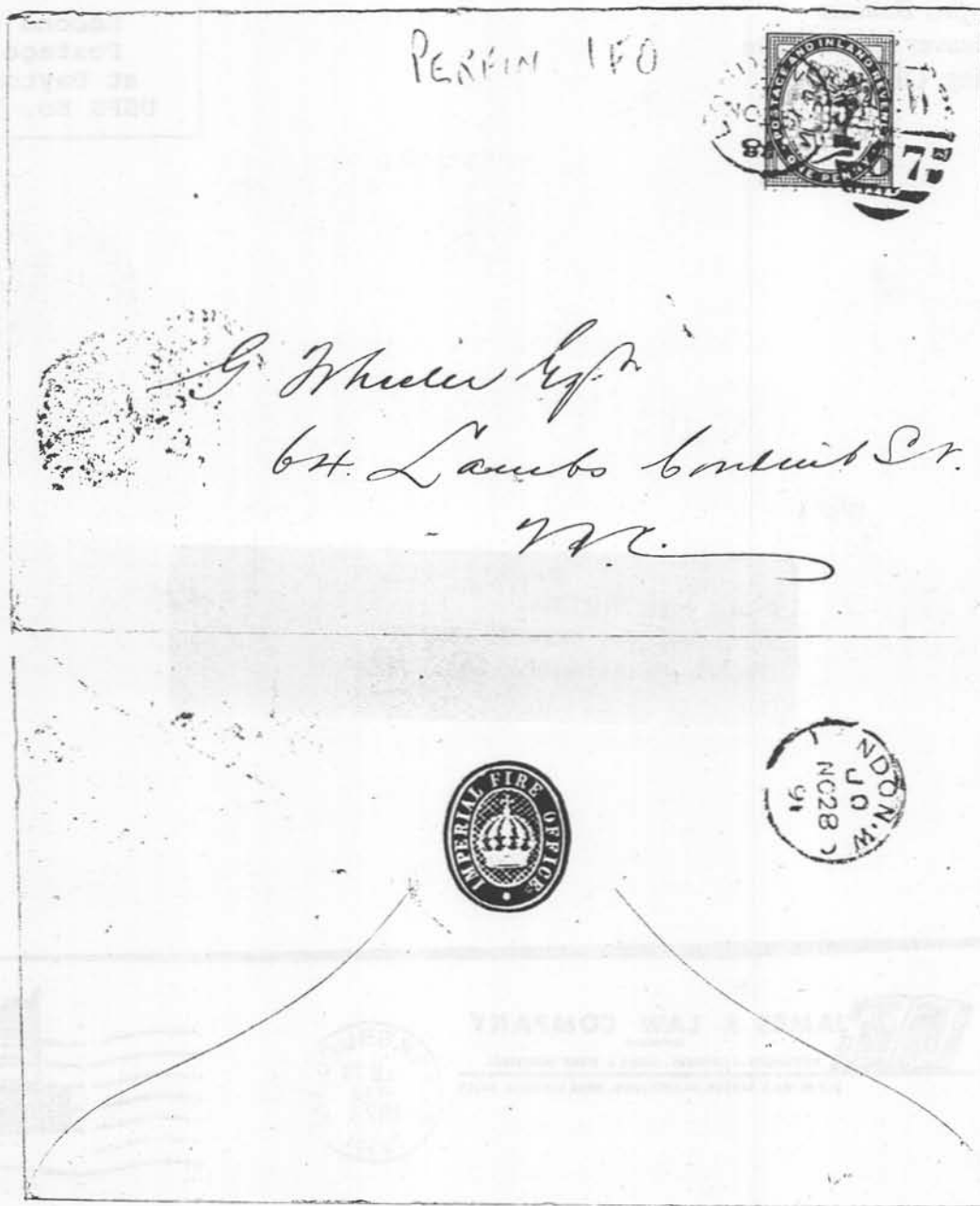
Since the corner card also shows that the company was incorporated, there are two possible sources of additional information about this user. A 1922 Louisville, Kentucky City Directory of the 1922 Kentucky Registry of Incorporated Businesses. If you can look this one up and provide additional information, please send the data to *Bulletin* Editor, John Lyding at P.O.Box 3342, Crofton, Maryland 21114.

IFO - Imperial Fire Office

The British cover illustrated on page 217 bears a 1d lilac Victorian issue (Scott Catalog Number 89) the perfin "IFO". This perfin pattern is listed in Tilles, *Perfins of Great Britain* as:

91. IFO 7,11,10 5

The user is unknown. As may be seen from the reverse side of the cover the user has been identified as The Imperial Fire Office from the blue embossed mark. The receiving station mark on the back of the cover shows London, WC, November 28, 1891. From the duplex cancel we note a November 1891 usage probably at NW 57. The cover is addressed to G Wheeler Esq, 64 Lambs Conduit Street, NW. JFL



J181 - The James & Law Company

A rather new and fairly common perfin is used on this window envelope posted at Clarksburg, WV on February 23, 1973. The users full name and address is given as James & Law Company, Incorporated, 217 W. Main street, Clarksburg, west Virginia 26301. The company was booksellers, stationers, school and office outfitters.

The 8¢ flag stamp, reminiscent of lower postal rates, has a neat crisp perfin ""J&L", perfin pattern J181. The illustrations are shown on the back cover. JFL

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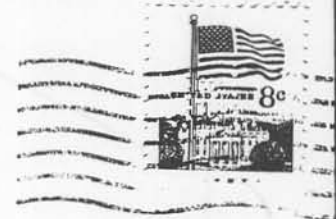
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STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083



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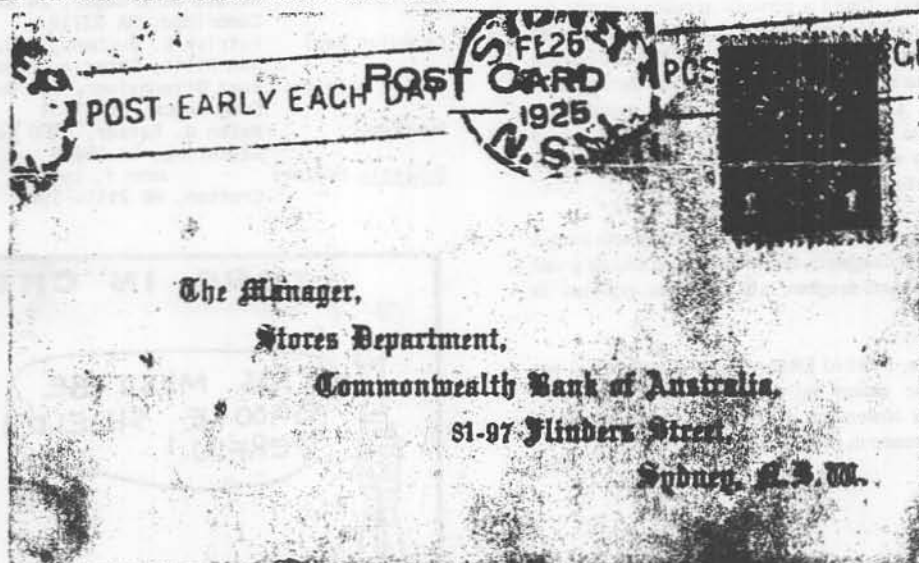
The **PERFINS** Bulletin

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Notes from Here and There . . .

Jacob Kisner (#2168) reports that U.S. perfin C204.5 may be incorrectly listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins*. The user is listed as Maben & Co. when in fact the name should read Mabon & Co. The correct spelling was taken from a 1940 stock sales tax bill. Jack also believes that this perfin should be listed in the M section and not in the C section, since the company name starts with the letter M. The pattern is an ornate MCo.

John Fordam (#2709), P.O.Box 138, Islington, New South Wales is particularly interested in obtaining reply cards to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia with perfins. See a sample of this blue and white card below.



He is also interested in obtaining a copy of the Guatemalan 1926 National Observation stamp with perfins on or off piece. John is putting together a collection of Halley's Comet and believes that the above material could be of some help to him. The first item is to add to his exhibition of "Sloper's World" which he is entering in a local exhibit in a perfin class.

President Richard Mewhinney announced the appointment of Patrick D. Durbano (#2538) as the Club's Canadian Representative

Pat joined the Club in March of 1987. He was born in 1965 and is employed as a postal clerk. His collecting interests include general perfins with a particular interest in those of

Crofton, MD October 15, 1991

This column is difficult to write. Not because I do not have anything to say, but because I do not know how to get my message across without looking like I am bragging. Stick with me and perhaps I can give you a brief background of my four careers.

I was born in Paterson, NJ in 1930 and spent my early boyhood there. About age 13 we moved to Hawthorne where I went through the trauma of an uprooted teen. The distance is about 10 miles and except for my bike there was no direct transportation. Somehow, I managed to continue school in Paterson and in 1947, I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1950, I entered the U.S. Naval Academy after winning a competitive appointment from the Secretary of the Navy. After graduation, I served in destroyers, submarines, and on the staff of the Office of Naval Research. In 1971, I retired. Career #1.

The next day I started working for a small personal services company in Northern Virginia doing management studies. I attended the American University in the evenings and eventually obtained a masters degree in Public Administration. Two companies later, I retired from The Santa Fe Corporation as the Director of their Special Products Division in 1987. Career #2.

In 1988, I was offered a personal services contract for one year by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration as the coordinator of the new Commercial Driver's License Program. I was appointed a major in 1989 as the Assistant Director of Driver Licensing. This month, my appointment as Director of Driver Licensing and School Vehicle Safety was confirmed. By the way, I do income taxes as a sideline. Career #3.

The most important career is number 4. My wife Evelyn and I have three daughters, three son-in-laws and six grand daughters. Grand-daughter number 7 is expected in January 1992.

In September, I visited Dallas Texas. October will see me stay home except for a day or so in Southern Maryland. In November, I am scheduled to speak at another conference in Dallas, TX

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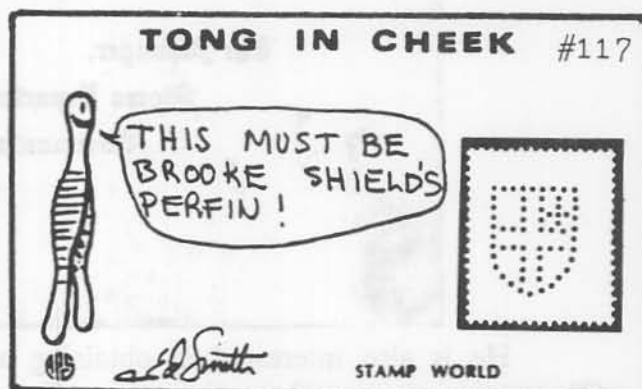
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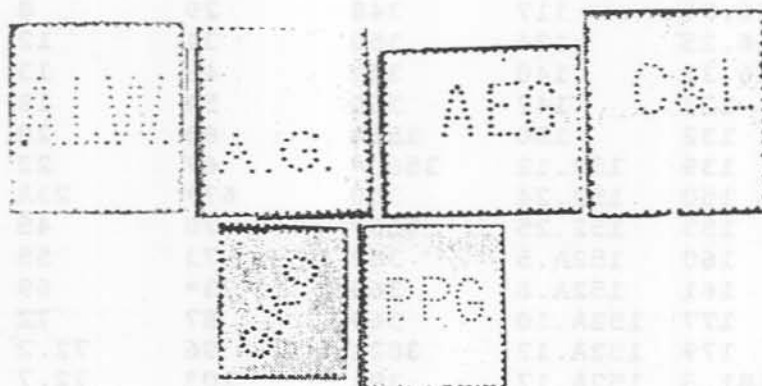
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John J. Nussbickle, P.O. Box 596, Saint James City, FL 33956 is seeking copies of the perfin patterns shown below for inclusion in the Austrian Perfin Catalog. The copies shown below are reduced in size and therefore are not suitable for the catalog. The Patterns appeared in a Polish perfin catalog by Dr. Sekowski. The towns existed prior to 1918 in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Pattern	Town	Perforation No. of holes	Known on Austrian Issues of
A.L.W	Lemberg	56	1908
A.G	Podgórze	24	1908
AEG	Krakau	50	1908 & 1916
C&L	Krakau	41	1908
G.K.O.	Lemberg	39	1901
P.P.G	Boryslaw	50	1908



Black Harding Perfins

Joseph Laura, Jr. (#1238)

The Black Harding issues have always been an interesting specialty in U.S. philately and no more so than in the collecting of perfins. I have taken the previously reported list of Black Hardings established by Harry Rickard (See *TPB* May 1991, pp.103-4) and added all available information to that list. Rickard's list contained 194 known patterns. To that list I have added some 327 more patterns from my own collection. New listings submitted by Sal Guarini, Bob Foley, John Hasting, Charlie Pearson, Steve Endicott, Bob Murrin, Bill Cummings, Bill Donle, Jr., and Louis Zandbergen added to this list. The combine product is produced below. Approximately 63 are perforated 10 and 4 are precancels. I have 445 of these patterns in my collection.

I believe that there are still some patterns which may not be included despite the fact that this is the most comprehensive listing to date on this issue.

If any reader has patterns not listed in this tally, will you please send me the information so that I may properly update the listing. I would, of course, be pleased to buy or trade for any patterns that I do not have.

Letter A	Letter B	292	264	78	127*	154
40	3	Letter C	270	83	154	156
40.5	3*	15	272	87.5	159	157
50	11	20*	281	101	166	165
64	17	24	288	119	167	181
65	21	29	290	120*	170	181*
75	23	40	296	125	172	192*
78	42	43	299	129	198	209
82.5	43*	45	305	144.3	198*	Letter H
87.5	46	63	319	145	203	8
107	49	66	320	146	212*	15
121.1	56	73	321	153*	222	22
130	77	83	323A	154	233	33
134A	91	84	325	155	234	37
135	103	86	327	Letter E	234*	49
146	103-P	100	330	4	Letter G	53
162	116	102	340	28*	5	59
166	116.21	117	348	29	8	65
166*	116.25	124	350	34	12	66
173	116.33	140	353	46	13	121
179	123	142	356	54	18	150
183	132	150	356A	63	20	158*
187.4*	139	152.12	356D*	67	22	159.5
191	150	152.24	360	67*	23A	161*
204	153	152.25	360*	70	45	167*
221	160	152A.5	362	73	55	181
221.9	161	152A.8	365	73*	69	186
221.12	177	152A.10	369	87	72	186*
221.25-5	179	152A.12	382X	96	72.2	187
221.23	181.5	152A.17	391	103	72.7	192
221.26	198	152B.14	393	116	72.9	194
221.36	205	152B.16	395	122	72.14	201
221.37-5	219	152B.20	402	124	72.18	207
221.44	227	152C.1	410	124.5	72.18*	209
221.1A	229	152C.9	413	126	72.21	213
224	231	180	417	Letter F	72.28	217
229	233	184	418	8	72.29	222
230.5	240	198.5	419	25A	72.31	Letter I
241	249	200.5	422	31	72.44	3*
254	250	201	424*	34	76	5
267A	252	212	Letter D	58	86	10
268.3	252.5	214.5	3	68	91	20
270.2	252.5*	235	6	72	97	21
270.9	254	236	9	77	97*	28*
270.14	258	237	26	85	98	31
270.18	275	238	35	90	100	40
277*	278*	246	38	96	104	42
280	279	247	46	96*	106	43
281	279*	253	52	108	107	45
284A	279.5	258	61	125	145	53
294	290	262	71	127	150	67

Letter I	13	237	129.5	115	21	349
67	16	252	131	119	27	352
77	17	263	132	121	29	360
87	20	264	137	122	29*	362
88	27	268	141	124	48	365
90	46	272	151	127*	60	368
91	60.4	282	153	131	80	Letter T
91.5	76	289	154	132	81P	5
91.10	77	296	163	132A	85	8
109	81	299	182	134	92.5	12
110	102	300A	184	146	99	27
118	122	303	184*	150	100	28
122	130	309	188	164	107	30
Letter J	142	Letter N	211	170	110	36
5	144	2	Letter O	174A	118	38
7	144*	11	5	181	121	78
8	153	22	24	198	127	81
12.5	154	22*	27	199	131	98
21	168	24	30	200	142	122
30	180	43	31*	200*	151	124
41	187.5	47	32	202A	154	Letter U
42	190.5	52	33	211	155	9
56A	Letter M	60	33*	215	163	19
56B	9	60A	36	254	167	21
60	20	73	55	259	169	23
62	42	75	55*	Letter Q	170	29
67	43	106	56	1	170.5	36
70	57	113.3	70	2	172	39
74	72	113.9	75*	3	176	41
84	75	113A	76	4	186	41P
96.1	90	113A*	77	5	195.44	47
96.2	90*	113A.4	96	6	195.48	49
96.3	92	113A.5	102	6*	195.60	54
96.3*	92*	113A.12	Letter P	Letter R	195.64	54*
100	121	113Aa5*	19	41	212	73
108.5	148	113Aa8	20	48	214	77.3
109	148*	113Aa11	40	55	215	80
113	151	113B	41	62	221	82.4
127.5	151*	113B.10	42	75	224	84
130	152	113Bb.5	48	75*	233	88
133	154	113Bb.8	51	75A	239	89
179	162	113Bb.9	55P	86	244	101
Letter K	164	113C.13	56	87	268	Letter V
4	165	113Cc.6	56.7	97	272.2	1
5	174	113D.5	56.8	121	272.5*	3
10	183	113D5a	71	121*	273P	17
33	183.5	113D.9	75	121A	277	28
46	193	113D.10	78	126	284	28*
60	205	113D.12	82	138	287	Letter W
65	210.5	113Dd.4	88	Letter S	288	7
68	211	113Dd.6	96	2.22	320	7D
72	211*	116Dd.6X	102A	2.31	332	7H
Letter L	227	113Dd.9	108	2.34	338.3	8A
5	228	122*	108*	2.41	338.6	9

Letter W	72.36	112	155	192	199.19*	Designs
12	72.38	120	156	197	199.22	1
13	72.88	122	157	198	199.25	11
38A	76	122*	162	199	203.1	11*
59	79	136	166	199*	203.2	13
62	79*	138	168*	199.4	207	14
72	84	142A	173	199.7	216	18
72.33	102	147	177A	199.9	Letter Z	29
72.33*	111	149	180	199.10	2	

The Secretary's Report
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- 3039 Beecher, Richard L.; 10779 Woodbine Street #302, Los Angeles, CA 90034
U.S. Beginner & Canadian Bicentennials By: Smith (LM87)
- 3040 Huntman, Emily B.; RR1 Box 341, Coatesville, IN 46121
U.S. By: Smith (LM87)
- 3041 Ballin, Albert; 126 Wicks Road, Commack, NY 11725
U.S. By: APS
- 3042 Boyer, Thomas F.; 4351 Hampton Woods Drive, Marietta, GA 30068
Great Britain By: Hoyt (#292)
- 3043 Kay, Leslie I.; 744 SW 73 Avenue, North Lauderdale, FL 33068
Great Britain & Canada By: Smith (LM87)
- 3044 Miller, James C.; 1086 Little Lane, Warminster, PA 18974
Beginner By: Smith (LM87)
- 3045 Taylor, Curtis L.; 7105 Chelsea, Amarillo, TX 79109
U.S. Beginner By: Smith (LM87)
- 3046 Verhoeven, Jan L.; Spieringweg 1077, 2136 LN Zwaanshoek, Netherlands
Netherlands By: Baekers (LM137)
- 3047 Laetsch, Richard A.; 108 Ashswamp Road, Scarborough, ME 04074
Dealer, Precancels/Perfins By: Cutler (LM126)
- 3048 Foley Jr., Cornelius; 21 Forrester Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
General By: Smith (LM87)
- 3049 Fugate, Lee E.; 1203 Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75023
U.S. By: Smith (LM87)

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- 2909 Murphy, Theodore P.; P.O.Box 48, West Warren, MA 01092
- 1852 Marcus, Richard V.; 1395 Poulson Street, Wantagh, NY 11793
- 2749 Jordon, James T.; P.O.Box 681 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
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- 2693 Weihrach, Dorothy E.; 9 Island Avenue #906, Miami Beach, FL 33139

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 293 Anderson, Donald A.; P.O.Box 581606, Minneapolis, MN 55458
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 224L Woodside, Mrs. R.M.; 8333 Seminole Blvd. Apt 430, Seminole, FL 34642
 2482 Craig, Gordon; P.O.Box 86400, North Vancouver, BC, Canada V7L 4M1
 L114 Adams, Francis; Box 420308, San Diego, CA 92142
 L133 Dufresne, Richard L.; USS Comte De Grasse DD974, FPO New York, NY 09566
 2676 Wenck, Charles F.; 161 West Valley Avenue, Homewood, AL 35209
 2648 Denney Jr.; John S.; P.O.Box 22865, Little Rock, AR 72221
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SUMMARY:

Members as of June 30, 1991	948
New Members	+11
Resigned	-11
Members as of July 31, 1991	948

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 3052 Dewey, Harry E.; 2024 Washington Avenue, Alton, IL 62002
 U.S., Canada & Israel By: Smith (LM87)
 3053 Shannon, Ben A.; 133 West Park Street, Toledo, OH 43608
 U.S. Beginner By: Ottenheimer (LM86)
 3054 Hirstein, James J.; 415 Crestline Drive; Missoula, MT 59803
 U.S. By: Mewhinney (LM60)
 3055 Oliwiecki, Alfred F.; P.O.Box 1438; Oakland, CA 94604
 Beginner By: Mewhinney (LM60)
 3056 Goss, Frank; 807 31ST Avenue; San Francisco, CA 94121
 General By: Mewhinney (LM60)
 3057 Hewlett, George L.; 600 Bainbridge Street, Foster City, CA 94404
 U.S., Beginner By: Mewhinney (LM60)
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 3059 Patsalos, Harry; 5401 West Park Road, Hollywood, FL 33021
 Balkans By: Smith (LM87)
 3060 Crosby, Joe H.; 5009 Barnsteeple Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73142
 Schermacks By: Smith (LM87)

3061 Levine, Stanley; 187 Edward Lane; Merrick, NY 11566
Worldwide, Beginner By: Smith (LM87)

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2480 Beaver, Edward H.; 603 Boundbrook Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109
2859 Wayne, C. Engle; 416 Flower Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127
LM53 Rutherford, Ian R.; Paraita Road, Rural Deliver 3, New Plymouth,
New Zealand
2766 Hile, Charles L. II; One California Blvd. #226, Pasadena, CA 91105

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2677 Moulton, John N.; 201 West Blacklidge Apt. 223, Tucson, AZ 85705
1748 Murphy, Terrence S.; Dir Dent Serv, 769TH Med; Munich, APO NY 09178
2112 Taylor, Harold M.; 7459 Steinmeier Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250
L135 Blakebrough, Colin; 16 Hilltop Close; Loughton, Essex, 1G10 1PY, England
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2704	Anderson	2965	Gensch	3002	LeMaster	2824	Salad
2834	Ashby	2881	Golden	2611	Levich	2957	Schmidt
1899	Baxter	2663	Goodwin	2532	Lewis	2772	Schrepfer
2643	Beverdorf	2997	Griesbach	2774	Mallory	2622	Scott
2496	Bloom	2956	Hadley	2904	Manley	830	Sisson
2869	Bronstein	2895	Hall	2166	Marshall	2939	Smith
1540	Carlson	2193	Henry	2794	Mason	3007	Smith
2894	Chastain	2107	Hess	2901	McVeigh	2126	Souder
1661	Cobb	2116	Himplsl	2896	Meyersburg	3004	Stoneberger
2851	Cook	1960	Hoover	2884	Miller	2972	Struyk
2743	Davis	2447	Horwitz	2855	Mobbs	3016	Sturgill
2640	DeCamp	2623	Hurwitz	1517	Moore	2726	Taylor
2436	Dodson	2255	Johnson	2522	Naegele	2978	Thurman
2810	Duke	2227	Jones	2876	Oulman	2898	Trevors
2148	Engen	2801	Kasulke	2055	Perkins	2871	Venckus
2728	Enyart	737	Kemp	2765	Philbrick	2891	Vollkommer
2820	Ettinger	2603	Kempner	2863	Pincus	2835	Watkins
2723	Evans	1861	Krueger	2964	Powell	1970	Watts
2850	Fisher	2151	LaForce	2919	Rawlings	2386	Weinberg
2877	Foster	2627	Landoll	2932	Rogers	2751	Werner
2777	Foster	2950	LaPlaca	2880	Runkle	2991	Woods
2779	Geller	2785	Larkin	2401	Sager	2864	Zamora

SUMMARY:

Members as of July 31, 1991	948
New Members	+12
Reinstated	+ 1
Resigned	- 4
Dropped	-88
Members as of August 31, 1991	869

The Courtesy Stamp



Harry Rickard (#1802)

Various articles in the *Bulletin* have noted some of the reasons why incorrect perfin pattern ownership has been attributed to a firm as a consequence of providing postage for a reply. This bewildering pattern is the result of such an event.

The recipient of a perfined stamp punched their pattern into the stamp. Although the result is unsightly, it is not difficult to determine the chronology of events.

The "USP" pattern is complete and it belonged to U.S. Steel Products Co. of New York. I assume that this was a sales office for the various products of U.S. Steel. The other pattern is a large "W", representing one of the American Steel Wire Companies plants or offices.

We have a wire making firm that needs steel to make wire and U.S. Steel which manufactures steel. The assumption then is that the perforated "W" was sent with an inquiry to U.S. Steel's New York office where it was re-punched. But, even if this assumption is correct, they used an early 10¢ Franklin, so what did they expect to be returned?

Envelopes Tell a Story

Harry Rickard (#1802)

Among the numerous covers that were used to write a series of articles about the Norton Company were these three covers mailed by The National Supply Company of Toledo, OH. At first glance they did not seem significant. However, I had an advantage over you in that you are looking at a black and white photocopy and I examined the originals. For the originals one may note that all three were typed with a different color ribbon.

The first cover was typed with a purple ribbon, the second with a well used black ribbon and the last was with a bright blue ribbon. They were probably all produced by a different typist since the placement and style of the addresses differs.

The first two covers were postmarked on the same day, about two hours apart. Thus we may conclude that two different typists addressed these envelopes. The other cover is postmarked "March 30, 1912. The postal clerk thought that he had used a 3, but he erred. Since this ribbon was bright blue and since the address style is so different we may assume that it was also produced by a different typist.

Now the questions? Since National Supply had at least three typists, it must have been a fairly large organization but, what did it supply? What did Norton buy, and when they bought it, what did they do with it?

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TOLEDO, OHIO



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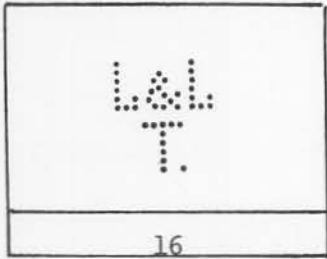
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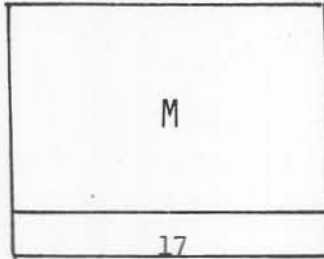


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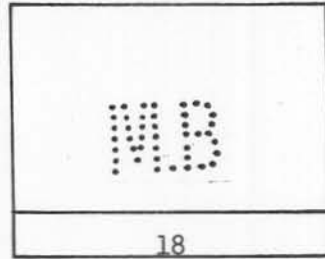
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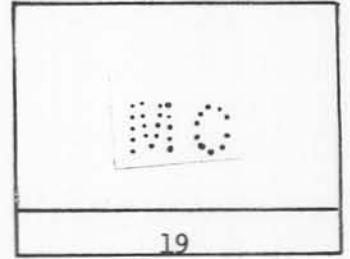
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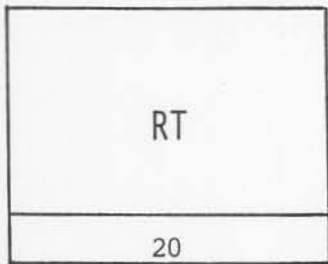
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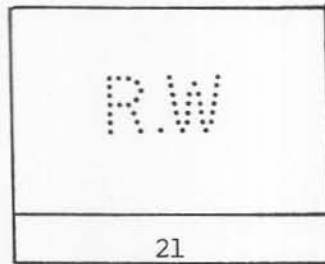
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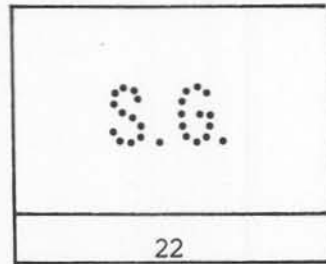
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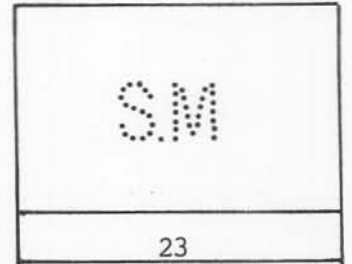
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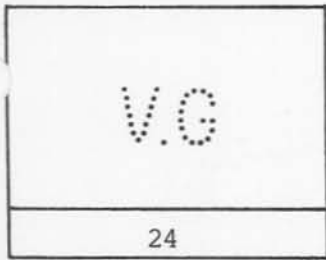
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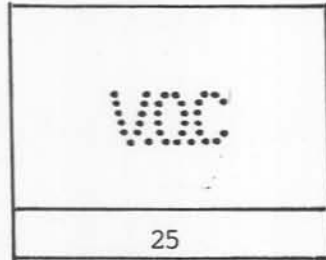
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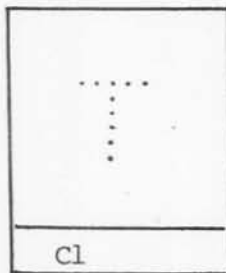
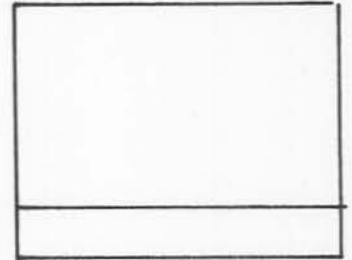
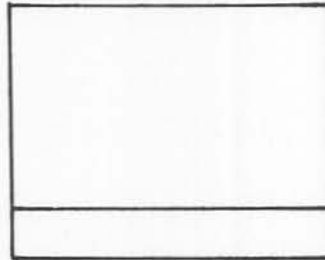
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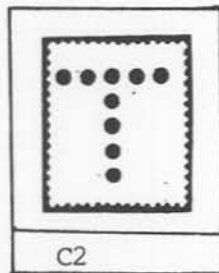
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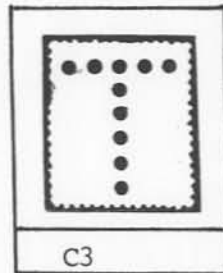
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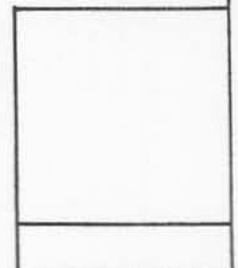
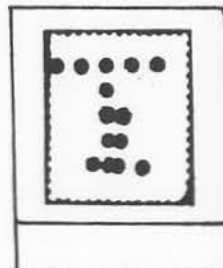
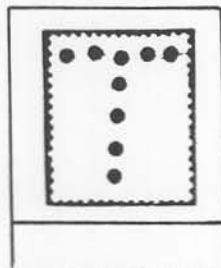
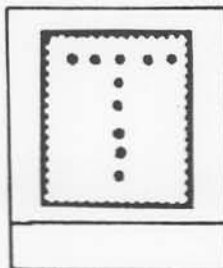
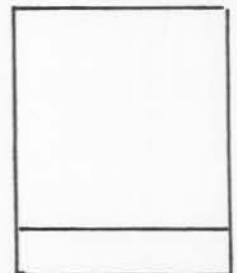
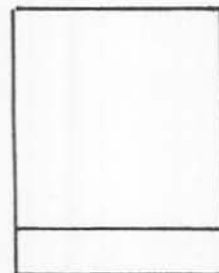
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INDEPENDENT NATIONS AFRICAN PERFINS

Except for the perfins found on the stamps of Egypt and Sudan, the relatively few found on other independent African nations can be classified as cancel punches or SPECIMEN punches.

Much of the information found on the Egyptian pages of this catalog is from Perfins of the Middle East, a catalog published by Dr. Harvey G. Tilles in 1975.

By means of keyed numbers, an attempt has been made to indicate periods of use for each of the Egyptian perfin types. Considerable information is lacking here, so members are encouraged to report additions.

Only one perfin type has been reported on the fiscal stamps of Egypt.

Though there are some commercial perfins on the stamps of Sudan, the most common varieties are official perfins found in five patterns in varying size letters. Scott catalog numbers are listed for these officials.

One unusual, but incomplete, punch is listed for an overprinted Army Service issue.

Collectors should consult the Thornton Catalog of Official Perfins for additional information. (Perfin Club Library OF-4,OF-5).

Stamps of Ghana and Lesotho have been reported with "Paid" punches sometimes including dates.

INDEPENDENT NATIONS AFRICAN PERFIN'S

EGYPT

<u>KEY</u>	1 Turkish Suzerainty	1866-1914
	2 British Protectorate	1915-1922
	3 Independent Kingdom	1922-1952
	4 Republic	1953-1958
	5 United Arab Republic	1958-1971

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Company</u>
A1	AB/E	1 2 3	Anglo-Belgian Company of Egypt, Ltd.
A2	A.H.S		
A3	B.C.I	3	Banco Commerciale Italiana
A4	B/E	3	Banco Italo Egiziano
A5	B.I./E.	3 4 5	Banco Italo per l'Egitto
A6	B.M.	1	Banque Mosseri
A7	CL/A	1 2 3	Crédit Lyonnais
A8	CL/C	1 2 3 4	Crédit Lyonnais
A9	CN	1	Comptoir National d'Escompte
A10	C.N.	1 2 3	Comptoir National d'Escompte
A11	C.N.	3	Comptoir National d'Escompte
A12	C&Co	1	Carver Brothers & Company, Ltd.
A13	EOB		Establishment Orosdi-Bank
A14	ESS/CL	1	
A15	F.M.C	3	

CANCELS

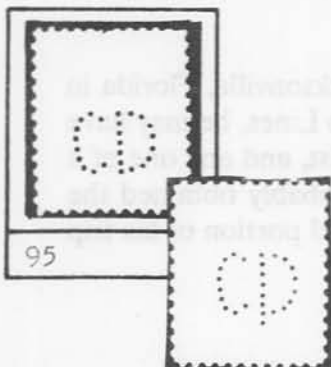
A1	Alexandria, Bahr-el-Saghir, Beni Mazar, Cairo, Damanhour, Kena Zagazig, Shibin-el-Kom, Zifta
A2	
A3	
A4	Alexandria, Cairo, Ships: Esperia , Helouan, Victoria, Vienna
A5	Alexandria, Cairo, Ships: Esperia
A6	Alexandria
A7	Alexandria
A8	Cairo
A9	Cairo
A10	Cairo, Port Said
A11	Alexandria
A12	Alexandria, Port Said
A13	Alexandria
A14	
A15	Alexandria

NOTES:

Considerable variations in types A7, A8 may indicate multiple-head machines.

Clark Dodge Branch

Harry Rickard (#1802)



It was nothing for a firm to have branch offices with their own perforator pattern. In many cases the difference were in the form of control holes.

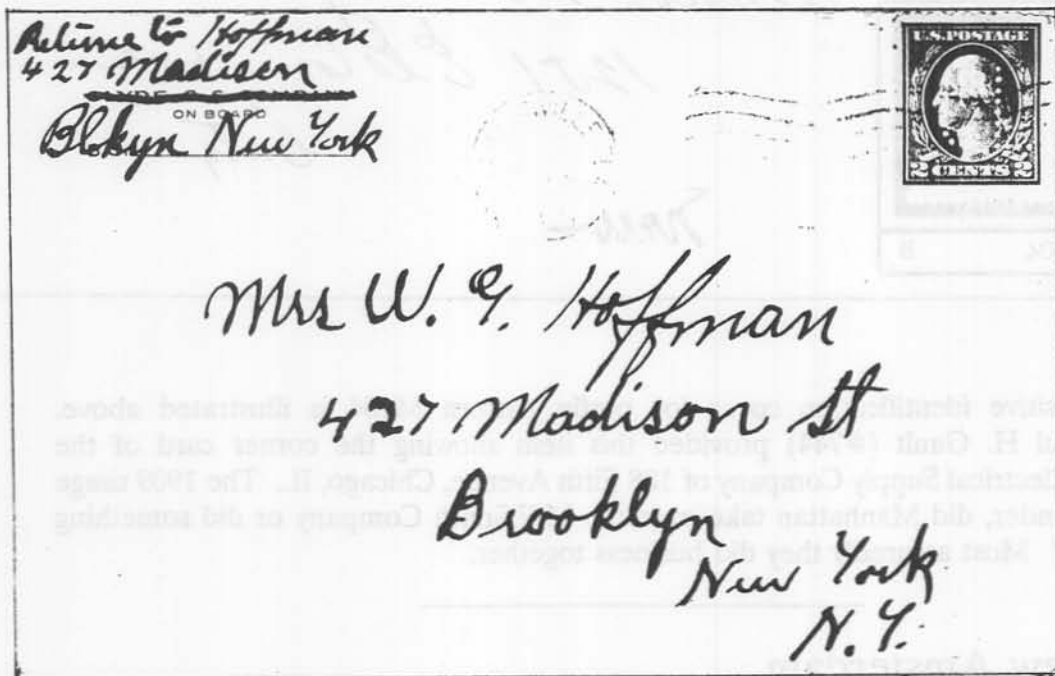
The left hand illustration is the Catalog of United States Perfins listing of pattern number C95. The right hand illustration is on a 2¢ presidential issue (Scott Catalogue number 806) and it shows what appears to be a control hole under the letter "D".

I am quite surprised that other copies have not shown up before now. Perhaps some members may have copies and they do not consider this to be a control hole.

This variety requires confirmation, please let me or the U.S. Catalog Editor know if you have a copy. If you mention what Scott Catalogue number the perfins was used on it will help establish the usage period.

Long Distance Personal Use Perfin

Harry Rickard (#1802)



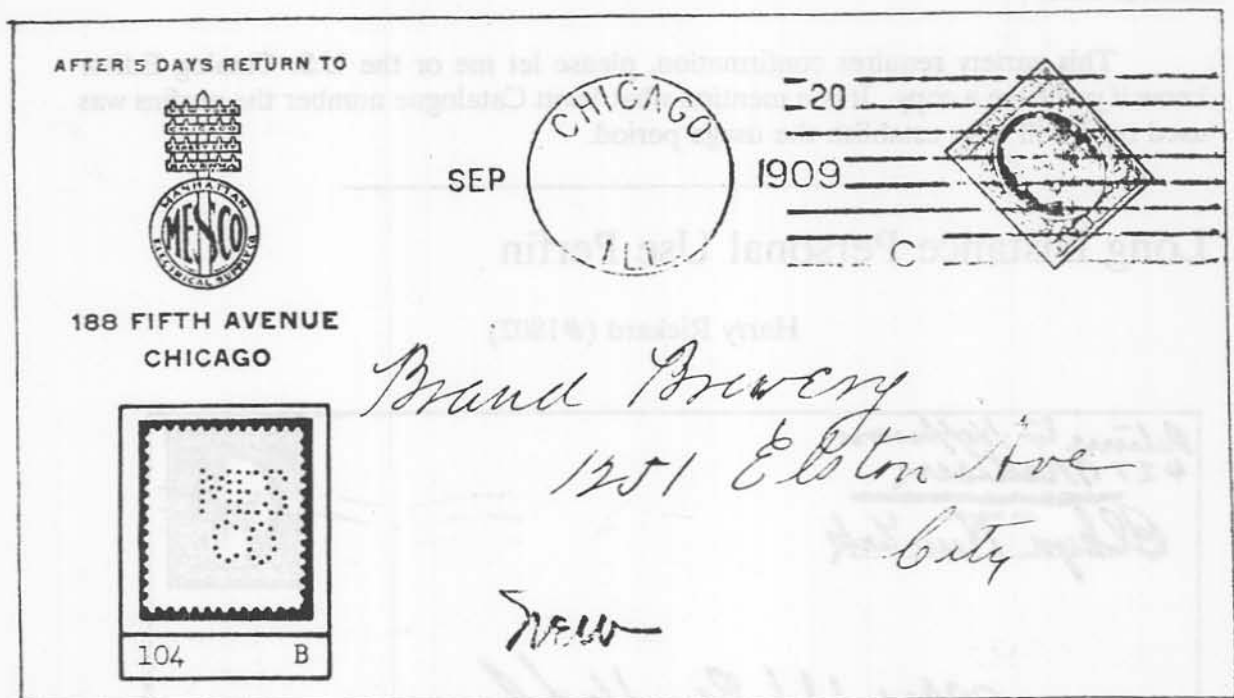
The writing on the upper left hand side of this envelope covers the corner card of Clyde Steamship Lines. The stamp is perforated with pattern C182 of Clyde Steamship lines. The indistinct cancel is Jacksonville, Florida, July 16, 1913 and the letter is addressed to the writer's spouse or mother.

During the early part of the 20th. century, Jacksonville was a resort area for winter tourists. In those days, one did not hop into a car and head south. There were few paved roads and not many gas stations outside of the cities. Long distance trip were made by rail or sea.

It would be pure conjecture to guess just why Mr. Hoffman was in Jacksonville, Florida in the middle of summer. He may have been an agent of Clyde Steamship Lines, he may have taken a ship there to drum up business, he may have started as a tourist, and any one of a multitude of other reasons might be the reason. In any event, he probably obtained the stationary and stamp in the writing lounge of the ship on the southbound portion of his trip and never got around to using the perfined cover until mid-July.

M104 - Manhattan Electrical Supply

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor



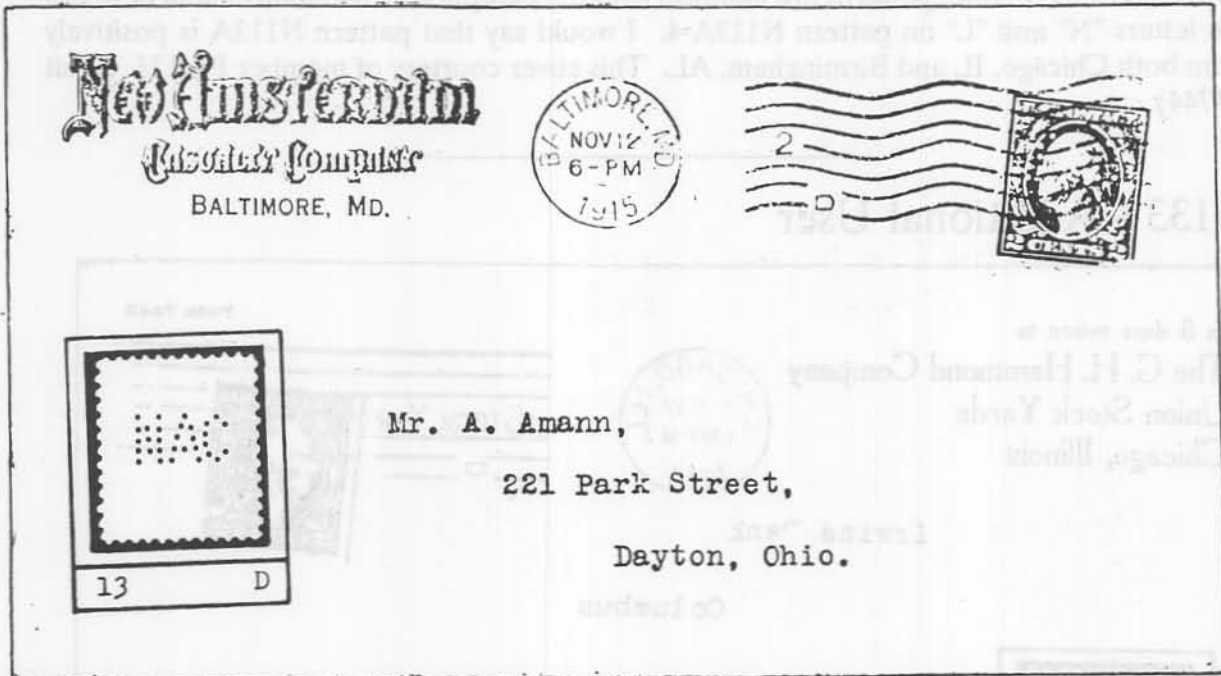
A positive identification cover for perfin pattern M104 is illustrated above. Member Paul H. Gault (#744) provided this item showing the corner card of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company of 188 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, IL. The 1909 usage makes us wonder, did Manhattan take over the M.E. Smith Company or did something else happen? Most assuredly they did business together.

N13 - New Amsterdam

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor

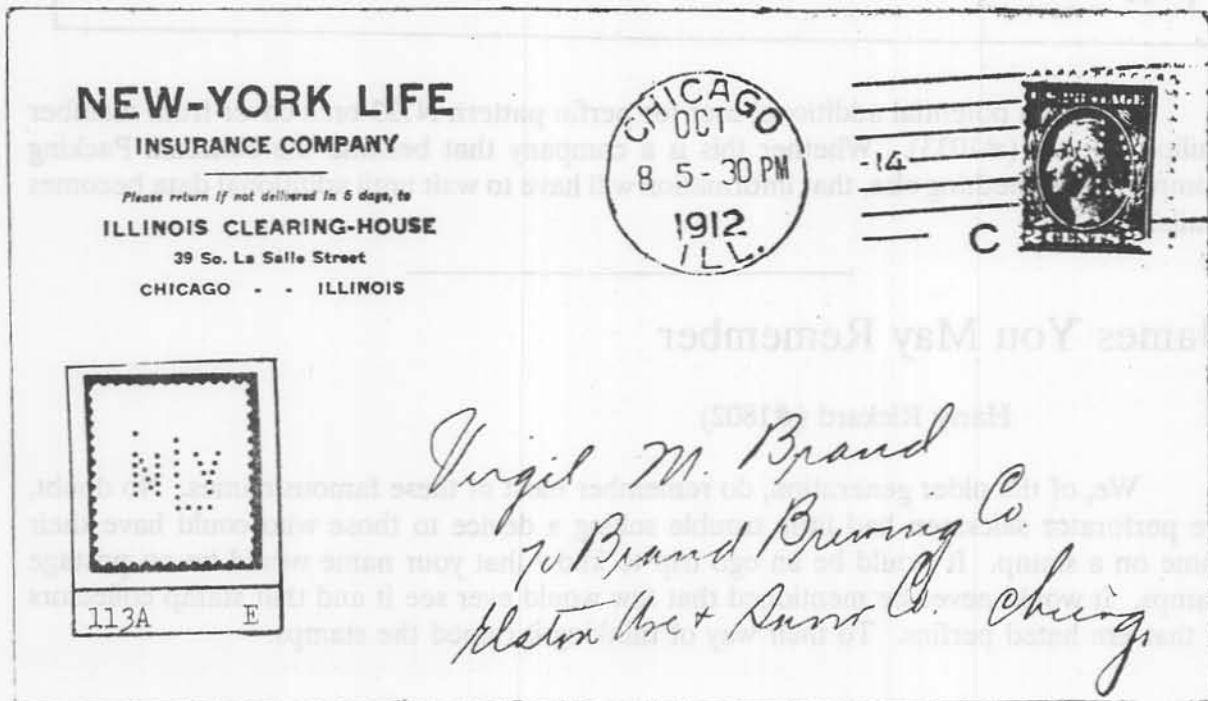
Prior to submission of this cover by member Paul H. Gault (#744) the user of perfin pattern N13 was unidentified in The Catalog of United States Perfins. The New

Amsterdam Casualty Company of Baltimore, Maryland used their perfin pattern on this November 12, 1915 mailing to Dayton, Ohio.



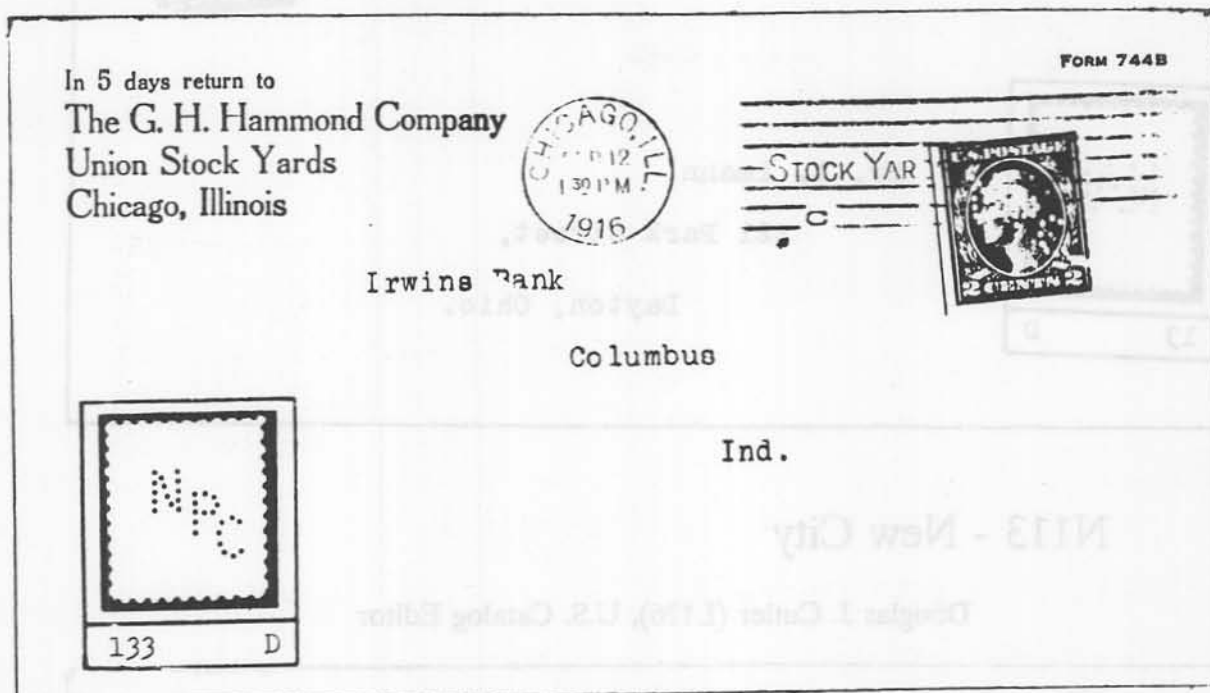
N113 - New City

Douglas J. Cutler (L126), U.S. Catalog Editor



This cover shows pattern N113A from the Illinois Clearing House of the New York Life Insurance Company at 39 South La Salle Street, Chicago, IL, or is it a partial of perfin pattern N113A-4. Both patterns are identical with the exception of the control hole between the letters "N" and "L" on pattern N113A-4. I would say that pattern N113A is positively from both Chicago, IL and Birmingham, AL. This cover courtesy of member Paul H. Gault (#744).

N133 - Additional User

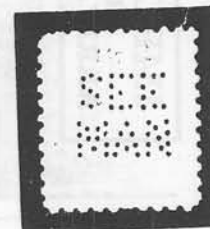
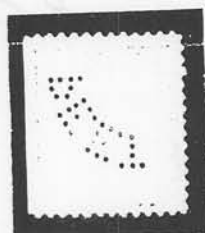
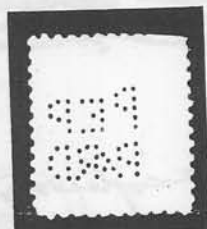
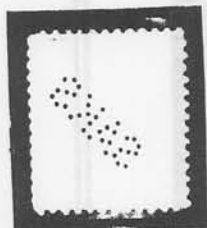
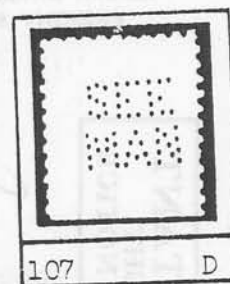
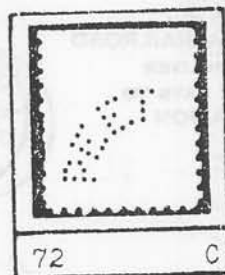
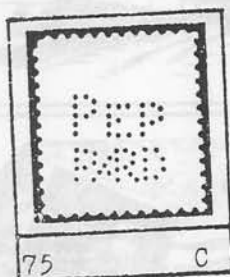
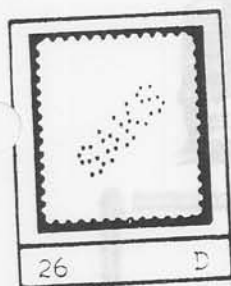


Here is a potential additional user for perfin pattern N133 on a cover from member Philip S. Jones (#1033). Whether this is a company that became the National Packing Company or something else, that information will have to wait until additional data becomes available.

Names You May Remember

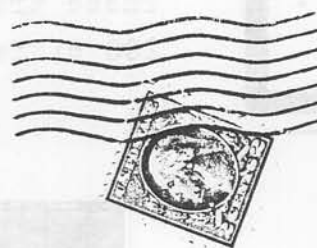
Harry Rickard (#1802)

We, of the older generation, do remember most of these famous names. No doubt, the perforator salesmen had little trouble selling a device to those who could have their name on a stamp. It would be an ego trip to know that your name would be on postage stamps. It would never be mentioned that few would ever see it and that stamp collectors of that era hated perfins. To their way of thinking it ruined the stamps.



Kingan Provision Company

IN FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
KINGAN PROVISION COMPANY
350-352 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.



Mr. E. Crocheron,
Crocheron,
Md.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD
 IF UNABLE TO DELIVER
 RETURN WITHIN 8 DAYS TO
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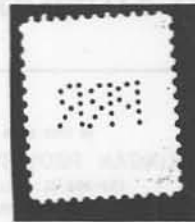


IMPORTANT
 FREIGHT
 ARRIVAL NOTICE

Augustus Slack.
P.O. Box 11 Highway
Franktownville
Intersville, Pa.



These are Railroad Perfins
 200 different in the U.S.



(The South Mountain R.R.)

Planned to run from Harrisburg to Boston, shop and main office to locate in Jonestown, Pa. no rail was put down but grading was done in the Jonestown & Hamburg areas, went bankrupt in the post Civil War depression in 1873.



Posted in Baltimore, Maryland at 6:30 p.m. on January 12, 1921 this cover has its 2 cent red Washington stamp perforated with perfin pattern K4. The corner card provides the users identification as Kingan Provision Company, 350-352 North Holliday Street, Baltimore, MD. The spelling of "Holliday" with a double "l" is not a typographic error, the street in downtown "Charm City" is named Holliday.

Pattern K4 is listed in The Catalog of United States Perfins, Balough & Balough as being used by Kingan Provision Company of Indianapolis, IN. Supplementary data lists the Baltimore company with the same name; however, Kingan & Company is the name listed for branches in Richmond, VA and Jacksonville, FL. JFL

PERFINS, PRECANCELS AND TOPICALS

Jim Estes (2649)

At a recent meeting of the Florida Precancel club Meeting, I bought a very small collection of perfins. The first three pages were old clippings from some publication. Unfortunately, the publication's name, the date and page numbers were missing. This is a hint to those of you who save clippings. Please write the name of the publication, date and page numbers on the clipping. It may save future generations some research time.

Being a relatively new member, I made photocopies of the clippings and sent them to *TPB* editor, John Lyding. He was able to identify these as articles that appeared in *Linn's Weekly Stamp News* back in the days when that publication periodically devoted entire issues to some aspect of stamp collecting. The Perfins Club participated in this arrangement. All of the articles were edited and coordinated through a single point of contact in the Club. Current Perfins Club President, Dick Mewhinney, was the last member to serve in that capacity.

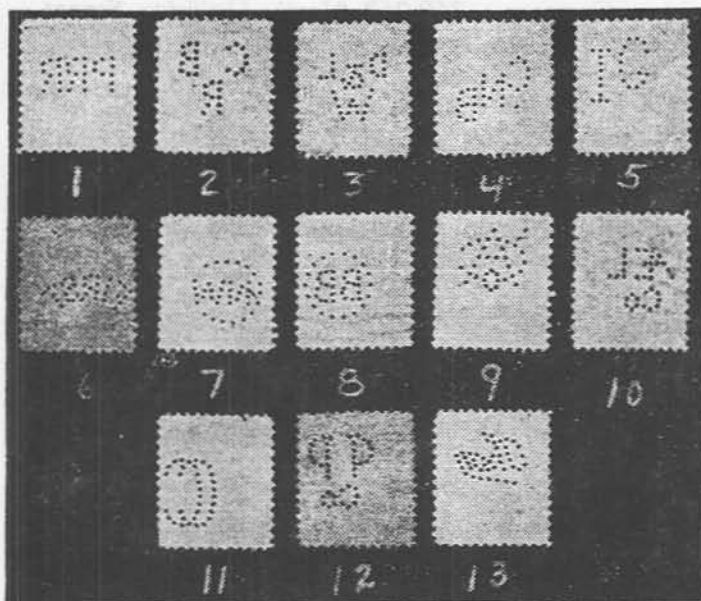
Victor J. Van Lint who authored an article on using perfins in a topical collection and Alex G. Findlay who wrote on perfins and precancels closed their albums for the last time; however, their themes live on.

Van Lint noted that there are adequate opportunities to either develop a topical perfin collection or to incorporate perfins into a topical collection. He notes at least 21 American Oil Companies that used perfins, and 11 perfins that incorporate stars in their pattern. In addition, one might consider railroads, banks, insurance companies, the entertainment industry, etc.

Findlay's work on perfins and precancels simply point out a fact that has been rediscovered in the past several years - perfin collectors and precancel collectors have a lot in common. Out participation with PSS at their annual convention has been beneficial to both organizations.

The third article devoted to the methodology used to classify and cataloging of perfins describes the method used by the Club prior to the photo catalog. However, John Lyding

notes, "Recent experience in classifying and cataloging stamps has pointed out a need to return to the pre-photo catalog methods."



How Perfins Are Classified And Cataloged

A complete Perfin catalog listing includes the following:

- The letters of the design arranged according to rules below;
- A code symbol, from the list below, showing the type of design;
- The height of the letters in the same order as (a) to $\frac{1}{2}$ mm; letters are measured from center-to-center of outermost holes;
- The name of the Perfin owner;
- The main office of the owner unless this Perfin is used only from a branch office, in which case the branch office is given.

In listing the letters, the symbol -&- is treated as the 27th letter of the alphabet and the numerals follow in their order. However, unless 1 and zero are identifiable as such, they are treated as I and O, letters of the alphabet.

The break between lines is shown by the diagonal bar -/- and the presence of a serif on a letter is shown by the underline or by the use of an italicized letter. One or more letters enclosed in parentheses indicates that those letters are enclosed in the letter immediately preceding the indicated letters.

One of the following code symbols will always be used:

- H One or more letters in one horizontal line (1)
- 2H two such lines (2)
- 3H three such lines (3)
- D letters diagonally in downward echelon (4)
- Du letters diagonally in upward echelon (5)
- A- letters arranged in the arc of a circle (6)
- Ex Exogram- one letter is larger and encloses another (7)
- En Endogram- a letter is enclosed in a geometrical figure (8)
- M a monogram or miscellaneous (9)

Auxillary symbols used with the above

- Co Combined- two letters share a line of holes (10)
- Ov Overlap- two letters share a single hole, as by crossing (11)
- R A letter is reversed (12)
- F Fancy- the letters are script or fancy (13)

In reading a monogram, the letters are listed in the order that they can be read, from left to right.

Where all of the letters are of equal height in a line, the dimension is given but once; the same measurement for two lines is not repeated.

If a group of letters reads equally well either way, e.g. AM or MA, it is listed at the point of correct identification, if known, and if this is not the first alphabetical place for it, it is cross-referenced from the first point to the proper listing.

Where the foregoing information is not sufficient to clearly distinguish a design, additional explanation or an illustration will be used to assist.

Topicals Are A Perfin Category

If you like topical collecting, you can find real pleasure in Perfins.

The most popular topic in Perfins is railroading. A nice little collection of this sort can be built up with about 60% of the possible items easily available and only a half dozen rarities making eventual completion difficult.

Each railroad maintains hundreds or even thousands of stations and each of these has need for stamps; it is only natural that the idea of Perfins was early taken up by the roads.

The Great Eastern in England was among the first ten users. Also the railroads continue to be the largest group of users. Although meters are found in nearly all the large offices, it is impractical to install them in all the small way stations.

So you can depend on finding a number of the more common railroad Perfins in any handful you pick. You will probably also be introduced to your first variety. PRR comes in two Dies, easily distinguishable if looked for.

Over the years the consolidations have caused the disappearance of many roads as separate entities. For example, the MC/RR, BIG/4 and LS/&/MS roads are now part of the NYC. Perfins of these types must be sought among the older accumulations but they are still too hard to find because they were plentiful to begin with.

The case of the RPR is different. The Panama Railroad used Perfins for only a few years and then was granted the franking privilege. The perforating machine was shipped to the Canal Zone and the two R's were removed from the dies. The remaining letter P was used to form the early Canal Zone officials. As a result, the original RPR Perfin is sought for by Canal Zone specialists as well as by Perfin Collectors.

There are many other interesting topical fields in Perfins. Banks, insurance companies, colleges and state and local governments are all promising fields.

For collectors of foreign Perfins, there are many countries that have perforated their stamps for official use. Foreign catalogs, notably Yvert & Tellier, list many of these but no one catalog lists all types and there are a few well-documented types not found in any catalog.

Perfins Fit Well Into A Topical Collection

Victor J. Van Lint

Perfins have successfully invaded the topical field. As we know, topical collecting came about as an alternative for the stamp collector who found a general collection either too expensive or too large a field to cover. Often however, a topical collection is quite limited. For instance, the collector of "Lighthouses on Stamps" will find that there are only about 56 different which will fit in this topic and it is clear that once they are all there, the activity is stymied.

No wonder therefore, that the thematic collector is always on the lookout for ways and means in which he can broaden his field of activities.

This has now, in many cases, successfully been accomplished by adding perfins to certain collections. Two examples will be discussed here in detail. Others will be mentioned and could be treated in subsequent articles.

Let us first go to the philatelist who has chosen "The Petroleum Industry on Stamps" as his subject. Besides those such as Colombia Scott No. 437 and many others, he can broaden his field of activities quite considerably by encompassing also the perfins of oil companies into his collection.

There are 21 known perfins of U.S. oil companies as can be seen from the list in Table 1. The last column has the known range of Scott numbers in the case of Continental Oil, the second item listed, the range is from the 1c 1922 to the 1942 "Win the War" issue, a theoretical total of nearly 350 different issues, but as a practical matter this figure must be reduced to probably 50.

Table 1: Perfins of American Oil Companies

Type	Style	mm. #	Company	Range Scott #s.
1	B in square	8	Barnsdall Petroleum Co.	552-732
2	CO/CO	2H	5/2 Continental Oil Co.	552-905; C23-33
3	ESSO	Diag	5 Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	804-905
4	G	Pancy	11 1/2 Gulf Refining Co., Houston	406-933; C19-23
5	GRC	Diag	5/2 Gulf Refining Co.	552-810
6	GR/CO	2H	5/2 Gulf Oil Corp., Port Arthur	427-901
7	GR(o)	Diag	5/2 Gulf Refining Co., Pittsburgh *	401-905
8	IRC(o)	Diag	5/2 Indian Refining Co.	331-408
9	JOR	Diag	3/2 Johnson Oil Refining Co.	?
10	NFO	H	3/2 N. Y. & N. J. Lubricant Co.	332-846
11	OHIO	Diag	4 1/2 Standard Oil Co. of Ohio *	332-905
12	RC	H	7 1/2 Richfield Oil Corp., Los Angeles	552-901; C25
13	SAG/OC	2H	5/2 So. American Gulf Oil Co.	552-911
14	SO	H	12 1/2 Standard Oil Co. (N. J. & Ind.) *	304-905; C32
15	SR	H	5/2 Sinclair Refining Co.	552-905; C7
16	SR	H	11 Sinclair Refining Co.	552-818
17	SUN	Diag	5/2 Sun Oil Co.	406-1008
18	T in star	H	8 The Texas Co.	332-905; C33
19	TTC	H	8 1/2 The Texas Co., Los Angeles	552-905; C25
20	TTC	H	8 1/2 The Texas Co., Houston	552-816
21	26 in circle	12	Standard Oil Co. (N. Y. & N. J.)	407-901

* These types have extra holes designating branch offices

** Not in author's collection

Height of Key Letter

It can easily be seen how this materially adds to the collecting possibilities of our topical collector and that is not all. Looking at the oil company perfin No. 14, SO of the standard Oil Co. we detect two extra holes inside the letter, O. The relative position of these two extra holes determines the particular town where this perfin is issued and used in a Standard Oil Co. office. By varying the position and combination of these holes, Standard Oil Co. has differentiated more than 50 offices. Actually, the practice began before the break-up of the old "trust" and was continued by the N.J. and Indiana Companies. There has been no duplication among the subtypes. This broadens the field of the collector even more.

It can be stated therefore that adding the perfins of the oil companies to his topical collection can give the collector an additional field of as many as 2,000 possibilities.

Although Israel has already issued nearly 100 stamps in its eight years of existence, they are mostly so readily available that there is very little room for real collecting activity. No wonder therefore that some of the Judaic theme collectors have contacted me regarding specific perfins that they'd like to add to their collections. In this case, attention is concentrated especially on perfins with 5 and 6 point stars on them, the so-called star of David.

In the third list of this article, all presently known perfins with 5 and 6 point stars are given.

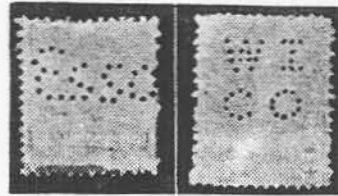


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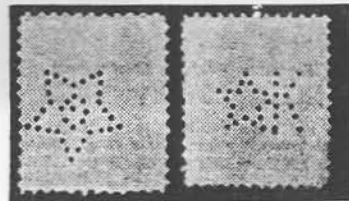


Figure 3

Table 3: Perfins With Stars

Type	UNITED STATES	Points	mm	Company	Range Scott #s.
1	2 in	5	4	Burrughs Adding Mach. Co.	331-732
2	3 in	5	4	Comptroller, State of Texas	901
3	3 in	5	4 1/2	Stack Bros. Nursery	416
4	star K	5	8	The Texas Co.	331-407
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6	figure	5	5		406-552
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