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PERFIN ARTICLES

The following additional articles have come to light since compiling the list articles on G.B. perfins given in our last issue. Both were contained in issues of Stamp Collecting.

"PRIVATE PARCEL POST LABELS"..... A short article in the 27th. November 1957 number which contains illustrations of two or three perfins.

"DETECTIVE WORK IN PHILATELY"A recent article -13th.March 1959- by D Muggleton, one of our members, in which he explains how a number of identities were obtained from the scraps of information remaining on the pieces of paper to which the stamps were affixed, The detective work was done by another of our members, J. Nelson.

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FULL NAMES

Our last issue contained a list of 'Full Name' punctures which was by no means complete for it contained only those which had not been positively identified. There may well be many more not yet reported such as the three given below, and we would welcome news of these.

FISON GV. HOYLE'S QV-EVII H.FRIED/EBERG EVII London

G.B. PERFIN ILLUSTRATIONS

In a previous News Sheet we mentioned Mr Van Lint's intention Of producing a set of illustrations of G.B. perfins for sale on this side of the Atlantic at \$3. We have been asked to point out that he can only offer at this price the set of unbound pages. As there are to be over 100 pages a folder would materially add to the postal charges as well as the initial cost.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

1. We have received an enquiry from a non-perfin collector who feels that the identification of a certain perfin would help his postal history studies. The relevant portion of his letter is quoted below and if any member is able to shed some light on the subject would they please contact the Secretary?.

"I have a strip of three Queen Victoria common 1d. lilac, each stamp perforated JWB. The identification of this perforation is of some importance for the postmark is the London type with VR at the bottom. It has been thought that this postmark was used only on Royal and Buckingham Palace mail (Royal Mail in Queen Victoria's days used adhesive stamps).

Some people have thought that VR was the designation of an ordinary Post Office quite near Buckingham Palace where some Palace mail naturally got handled. The perfin lends weight to this suggestion."

2. Type III

S&J H 11,4,7 4½

This type is perforated through two Q.V. ½d Jubilee issue on cover dated May 20th. 1891. The cover has a picture of a house on the left hand side under which is the inscription,

MY OWN HOUSE
Value £250 12/6d Per Month
With Insurance
H. HORNE inspector
K/6 Division
Provident Lodge,
Bloome Grove,
West Norwood,
Lodon.S.E.

3. The following are obviously Hospital Management Committee types. Does anyone know which?

BL/HMC Brighton. CA/HMC Norwich. EH/MC London. N.8.,
HMC/6 Hornsey N.S. 6/HMC. 3H/MC. HMC/11, HMC/14.

4. R H 10 4¼

This type is on a K.G.VI. stamp and the only clue to the user's identity is the remainder of the company's name.

.....OIL COMPANY MANCHESTER

5. RD/C 2H 10/9,7 4¼/4¼

This type has been identified on cover as being used by ROWSON DREW AND CLYDESDALE London.E.C.4. It can also be found in profusion with Hull; Newport, I.O.W.; and Suffolk postmarks, Does this firm have branches in those places or are other concerns using the same perfin?

FULL NAME PUNCTURES

As a result of the list given in our last issue we have received the following suggested identities. Most of them are unsupported by the evidence of covers but in some cases the identity is obviously correct and will be included in our lists.

The notes against each are exactly as received from our various correspondents.

- ATLAS/BILSTON...I have an idea this was a hotel crockery manufacturing firm in the Potteries.
- BLAKEY.... (Trade Mark "BLAKEY") Blakey's Boot Protectors Limited, 22a, St. John's Hill, Zondon.S.W.11.
- CARTER James Carter & Company. Now Carter's Tested Seeds Ltd., Raynes Park, London.S.W.20.
- CHUBB.... (Chubb's Safes) Chubb & Sons Lock & Safe Company Ltd., 175, Tottenham Court Road, Zondor_.W.1.
- CRAMER/& Co...J.B. Cramer & Company Ltd. (Piano Manufacturers) 139, New Bond Street, London.W.1.
- CROS I believe this was "W.G. du Cros" who operated a fleet of taxis in London up to about 1925 or so. Then I think they were merged. No trace today.
- DALE Co... This is the Coalbrookdale Company Limited of Coalbrookdale. Makers of the well known brand of china of the same name.
- DRUCE A very well knowm, long established, firm of Furnishers, Decorators, Fabrics etc. They had very big premises in Baker Street which were completely destroyed in the 'Blitz'. Still in business from many separate addresses in and around Baker Street. Head Office : Druce & Co. Ltd 56, Baker Street, Zondon.VP.1.
- DUNN ("Dunn The Hatter") Head Office : G.A. Dunn & Company, 335, Royal College Street, Zondon.N.W.1.
- EDI/SWAN.. This refers to The Edison & Swan United Electric Light Co Ltd., which later became the Edison Swan Electric Co. Ltd with Head Office at 36-37 Queen Street, London. In 1957 the firm merged with Seimens and now trades as Seimens Edison Swan Limited,
- E&T/PINK.. E & T Pink Limited. Manufacturers of cheap jams etc., at Bermondsey in South East London before World War II. Also made some of the celebrated 'Plum & Apple' of that era. Went out of business in the early 1920's.
- FORCE/FOOD..A well known breakfast cereal of the pre-1925 era similar to todays 'Corn Flakes'. Do not know the firm that made it or what happened to them. The design on the outside of the packet showed a character in top hat tails leaping over a fence with the following rhyme printed beneath,
- "High o'er the fence leaps 'Sunny Jim'
'Force' is the food that raises him".

GRAPHIC.... Was up to the 1930's a high class society weekly depicting London and Country social life etc. It is now, I believe, merged with the Shere or the Illustrated London News.

HILL/&/SONS..Here I confess I followed a "hunch" and found that the ONLY firm in London with "SONS" (plural) was, William E Hill & Sons Limited, Violin Makers, 140, New Bond Street, London.W.1.
I enquired by phone and was told that Joseph Hill founded the firm in 1750. In 1770 it became Joseph Hill & Sons and about 90 years ago was changed to its present title.

I/BOX/Co.. Have no knowledge, but think that the Ipswich Box Co., a at one time made the wooden boxes for the fish trade.

IDE Here again I followed a "hunch" and was correct. T & W Ide Limited, Glass Manufacturers, Glasshouse Fields, Ratcliffe, London.E.1. Established 1830 on this site. One of the directors confirmed that the firm did perforate IDE through their stamps many years ago.

IDRIS Idris Limited, Pratt Street, London.N.W.1. A very long established firm making high class Fruit Squashes, Mineral Waters etc., but have now joined the Schweppes group and concentrate on Orange, Lemon, Lime, and Grape Fruit marketed under the "IDRIS" trade mark.

J/BOX Suggest that this might be the perfin of The Jointed Box Company.

LAF/AYE/TTE..Lafayette Galleries, 190, Regent Street, London.W.1.

LIGHT Have no knowledge but it rings a bell as a telegraphic address of one of the London Gas Companies which have now been nationalised.

LINE John Line & Sons Limited, 214, Tottenham Court Road, London.W.1. A very long established Wallpaper and Paint Manufacturer.

LYON & HALL..This firm opened as Musical Instrument Dealers in East Street, Brighton about 50 years ago and are still in business in Western Road, Brighton, but their main business now is Radio, Television and Records although they continue to sell pianos and musical instruments,

MAIN R & A MAIN Limited, (Gas Stove Manufacturers), Gothic Works, London.N.18.

MAZA Mazawattee Tea Company Limited, 52, Leadenhall Street, London,E.C.3.

MINTON.... I believe this was another pottery firm or trade mark taken after the famous "Minton" china, or vice versa.

MOY There was an old established firm of Coal Factors, Thomas Moy, who operated colliers down the East Coast to London.

To be continued.