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First may I offer sincere apologies for the fact that this issue covers two months but this is due to two or three reasons, firstly as I told you in the last issue I am a football referee in Coventry and this last five weeks I have been on duty four evenings a week plus Saturday afternoons and three or four Sundays as well so I'm_ afraid I have had very little spare time. Add to this the fact that we have been without a typewriter for a couple of weeks and even if we had have had one the material has not been forthcoming from_YOU members and you will see why there was no news sheet last month.

COMMITTEE

The result of the voting recently held for a committee has resulted in your choice being Messers. J. Nelson (Member No 14)
B.C. Tomkin (Member No 17)
M. Rymer-Young (Member No 20)

It was also a unanimous wish that Mr. Jennings should continue as President which he greatly appreciates and will now continue his position. I am sure we all wish him well and also heave a sigh of relief that he has decided to do this.

The only point of criticism is the fact that quite a number of members COULD NOT BE BOTHERED TO RETURN a voting slip which would have taken all of five minutes to complete and post !!

One point that has been raised is the possibility of the American members electing a representative on their side of the Atlantic who could put their points of view to the committee. Are there any suggestions or volunteers, if so then please contact the Secretary as soon as possible in order that it can be born in mind when the organisation of the Committee meetings get under way.

A reminder now to all members regarding subscriptions and to American members that their subs are \$1.50 and can be paid in any form i.e. money order, cheque etc. Incidentally some of our American friends are complaining that their_News Sheets are arriving late and I wonder if they would rather have them sent via Air Mail, if so then_I am sure an adjustment can be made in their subscriptions if they contact the Secretary.

AUCTION

Mr. Carr has sent the following figures relating to the recent auction with his thanks to those members who donated material and all buyers.

PRICES REALISED:- Overleaf

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Lot 1 - 1/6	Lot 15 - 2/6	Lot 32 - 2/-
2 - 2/-	16 - 2/-	33 - 2/-
3 - 4/-	17 to 22 - 1/3 ca.	34 - 12/6
4 - 5/-	23 - 1/6	35 - 3/-
7 - 6/6	24 to 26 - 1/3 ca.	36 - 1/-
8 - 5/-_	27 - 2/-	37 - 15/6
9 - 4/-	28 - 1/3	55 - 2/-
10 - 10/-	29 - 1/3	57 - 2/-
11 - 5/-	31 - 1/-	61 - 1/-

ACCOUNTS :

From sale of lots £5 6s. 9d.	To vendors	£3 9 1
	Donated lots	1 6 8
	10% Comadssion	<u>11 0</u>
		<u>£5 6 9</u>

Total cash to the Duplicator Fund - £1 17s. 8d.

MR JENNINGS' BOOK ON PERFINs

Mr. Jennings is now making final arrangements for publishing his book. It will be produced on foolscap pages punched to suit a loose-leaf binder. The dates of publication will be approximately as follows but it must be appreciated that these dates are only tentative and may have to be changed occasionally.

Part 1	Chapter	7	History of Sloper Patents	
	"	8	1d. Red Punctures	Mid-Autumn
	"	9	Register of Users	
Part 2	"	10	Other Line engraved Plates	
	"	11	Surface Printed Plates	Early Jan.1964
Part 3	"	12	Modern issues	
	"	13	"Dumb", Fancy & Full Name Punctures	
	"	14	Railway Punctures_	Late March 1964
Part 4	"	1	Preface & Origin of Endorsements	
	"	2	O.U.S. Endorsements	
	"	3	Endorsements for Firms by Perkins Bacon	Late
	"	4	Unofficial Endorsements	Summer 1964
	"	5	Embossed & other forms of endorsements	
	"	6	Board of Trade Anchor & Orb Punctures	
Part 5	"	15	Government punctures. Board of Trade, Stationery Office, etc.	Autumn 1964
Part 6	"	16	Appendices	Jan. 1965
Part 7	"	17	Photographic Plates	April 1965

Each part will be completed and sent out by Mr. Jennings to all who order the complete work. The final part will only be sent to those who have taken and paid for all the previous parts. The price of the various parts will range from 2/6 to 7/6 plus postage and it is expected that 30/- plus postage will cover all costs. An invoice for each part will be sent to subscribers and this must be settled before the next section can be sent. Anyone interested in purchasing this work MUST contact Mr. Jennings as soon as possible.

MEMBER'S BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

This issue sees the start of the biographies of members and I would plead with those members who have not yet sent their notes in to please hurry and do so. Working on membership Nos. I am waiting for the following:-

4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 55, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 68 and 69.

Quite a number of these have not even returned the membership forms to the Secretary which were sent to everyone some time ago.

Member No 1

R. Bowman, Esq. Born, at an early age in Helling, Kent and spent my schooldays doing as little as possible in the educational sphere. After leaving school I became an Engineering apprentice and during the wars did my "bit" in the Home Guard and the Fire Watching Service at the works. Upon cessation of hostilities I received my honourable discharge from the H.G., where upon the Army decided that they needed my services. I spent the next 22 years in an Infantry Training Centre instructing "Rookies" during that period I became ambitious and on leaving the Army I returned to College to obtain those magic bits of paper. Having obtained the necessary educational standard I became a Draughtsman and later a Mechanical Design Engineer.

My collecting activities started very early, with cuts and bruises and Then on to coins, butterflies, matchboxes, cigarette cards, bubble gum Wrappers and stamps. Eventually, only the stamps remained. I have been collecting Perfins since 1944 when the Stamp Collectors Annual aroused my interest by publishing a small catalogue of Official Perfins. Despite having some of these stamps around for nearly 20 years they are not yet fully mounted. My wife, my child, my work, my house, my car, my garden, all see to it that MY TIME for Perfins is limited. However, I do find a little spare time to work on my various collections.

Member No. 2

C.J.T. Carr, Esq. I was born in Ramsgate, Kent in October 1931, the only child of a long established stamp dealer. As a result, stamp collecting was started at a very early age but in 1947 I started to specialise in a few Islands mainly, Falklands, Fiji and Mauritius. Other collecting interests are Registration Labels, Stamps depicting Railway subject and stamps under cancellations connected with Customs and Excise of the World.

Perfin collecting was started in 1948 and embraces all countries "By issue", the favourite sections being Officials, Mauritius and Railways. All perfin types in my collection will eventually be illustrated by prints produced by Photographic process which is still being improved. I have been connected with the Group since its foundation and was responsible for the duplicating of the News Sheet up to the beginning of last year when promotion in the Customs and Excise resulted in moving away from home. I am at present at work in London and travel home at weekends to see my wife and two daughters. I am a member of the Perfin Club as well as the Mauritius-Seychelles Study Group and will always be interested in hearing from members regarding Perfins and Overprinted names.

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GLIMPSES OF THE PAST THE MOTHER OF ALL BOOKLETS

(Extract from 'Gibbons Stamp Monthly' January 1952)

Our publishers purchased some months ago a small red booklet contained in an envelope, the back cover of the booklet having a slot into which was inserted a penny lilac Queen Victoria stamp of Great Britain with the initials "S D C" perforated through it. We made enquiries about this booklet but could find out very little about it except that a well-known collector of Great Britain stamps was believed to have one and to regard it as being a very scarce item.

Reading through Gibbons' Monthly Journal of May 1891, the other day, we came across a paragraph which explained how this booklet came into existence.

"AUTOMATIC POSTAGE STAMP DELIVERY. The authorities of the General Post Office having sanctioned, as a trial, the addition of an automatic postage stamp delivery box to their pillar-posts in Bedford and Cavendish Squares, the Houses of Parliament, Grosvenor Hotel, Kensington, Stroudgreen and Hornsey, invitations were given yesterday by the Stamp Distribution Syndicate for an inspection of two pillar-posts so fitted at the Post Office buildings at Mount-pleasant, in Farringdon Road. Colonel Brodhurst, Mr. Jeffrey Herbert and Mr. Arthur Hollinshead, directors, attended to receive the visitors. The automatic boxes are about eighteen inches long by six broad and four deep, thus only extending about an inch beyond the top overhand of the posts to which they are attached, on the side most protected from street traffic. A great deal of attention has been bestowed upon their construction and they will reject both lead and iron discs - delivering only to a legitimate penny. The stamp is placed in a notch cut diagonally in the cover of a handy little memorandum book, which contains advertisements on every other page, the rest being left blank for notes, except three or four, on which are given postal instructions and other useful information. Each of these little books is put in a corresponding envelope, in which three holes are punched to show the stamp. The delivery is neatly effected at the back of the box on the plug being pulled out in front after the penny has been put in the slot, and then pushed slowly back again. The envelope prevents the single stamp from being dropped and lost or blown away by the wind. The book itself may be used as material for a hasty letter, the envelope being sealed down, addressed and put into the very pillar-box from which it was obtained. 'Standard' April 30th."

The booklet, which is about 2 in. by 3½ in., has a red cover. It is headed "MEMO BOOK" with a crown between the two words and "By Royal Letters Patent" below. There is an advertisement of Scott's Emulsion on the front cover, the total page is headed "The Stamp Distribution (Parent) Co., Ltd., 143a Holborn, London, E.C." and below this address are given the names of the Directors: John Henniker Heaton, M.P. Chairman, Theodore Fry, M.P., Christopher Furness, M.P. Sir N. Guyer Hunter K.C.M.G. James Alfred Jacoby, M.P., Robert Scrafton, Joseph Woodhead, J.P. The name of the company explains the perforated initials on the stamp.

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On a later page, there is a notice which reads "These books and machines are the property of the Stamp Distribution (Parent) Company Limited, 143a Holborn, E.C., to whom, and NOT to the Post Office, communications or complaints must be made. In emergency, a letter can be written in this Book, and being supplied with Stamp and Envelope, can be posted immediately".

The remainder of the sixty-four pages is occupied by space for memoranda, useful tables, a calendar, a list of foreign currencies, postal information and a wages and expenses table by which the purchaser of the booklet can find out how much he earned or spent per month, per week, or per day if his income was so much per annum. It is an amusing commentary on the value of money in those days that the maximum annual income shown in the table is £100. A firm of tailors in the Strand was offering specialists 13s. trousers and business suits for 50s.

There are four holes in the flap of the envelope which contains our publisher's booklet, not three as in the quotation from the "Standard" given above, and only a glimpse of the stamp can be seen through them.

A further quotation appeared in the M.J. for August 1892,

"The Stamp Distribution Co. Ltd., has just been formed with a capital of £150,000 and with Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P. as chairman. The object of the company is to develop the scheme - recently tried in London - for the automatic delivery of postage stamps at all hours of the day and night by means of specially constructed machines. The Post-master General has given his consent to machines being fixed to the receiving offices in the United Kingdom. To show how useful this will be we may mention that the trial machine sold an average of 400 stamps per week after the ordinary post offices were closed (that is between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.) On placing a penny in the slot the machines will deliver a penny stamp, memorandum book, and envelope and the profits of the company are expected to be made from the advertisements and from the sale of the Patent Rights for various parts of the country".

It would be interesting to know what happened to the company eventually. It cannot have had very great success or more of the booklets would have survived.

OFFICIAL PERFIN CATALOGUE

WORK SHEETS

No. 1 of which is included this month

Some months ago it was suggested that we start work on producing a catalogue of the perforated officials of the world. Much work has already been done by various people, and this will be drawn upon, but there are many other stamps worthy of inclusion which have not been fully listed.

In order to make this a worthwhile project and as nearly complete as possible, we should like the co-operation of every member, and to this end we shall be putting out "Work Sheets" from time to time to gather the information. All you have to do is spare the ½ hour or so it takes to compare the sheet with your collection, fill in the necessary information and return the sheet to the Secretary.

We shall make a start with G.B., then move on to the Commonwealth and finally all other countries, and to begin with a Work Sheet on the DS/IR perfin is included with this News Sheet. The Board of Trade perfins have been fully listed elsewhere but for the sake of completion shall list, then again in this work.

Publication of the final version will not necessarily await the issue and return of all Work Sheets but will probably go along concurrent with them.

'A' IDENTIFICATIONS

A1

AA	H	8,8	(4½)		Automobile Association
AA	H	10,10	(5)		Automobile Association
AA/Co..	2H	10,10/8,6	(5/5½,4½)		Alliance Assurance Co.
AA/CoLd	2H	10,10/8,4,7,7	(5)	)	Alliance Assurance Company
AA/CoLd	2H	8,8/7,4,6,6	(4½)	)	Limited
AAG/Co	2H	10,10,10/8,4	(5)	)	Anglo-American
AAO/Co	2H	10,10,10/8,4	(5/4½)	)	Oil
AAO/Co	2H	8,8,8/7,4	(4½)	)	Company
AAT/CL	2H	8,8,8/7,6	(4½)		Anglo American Telegraph Co.Ltd.
ABC	H	8,10,7	(5½)		The Aerated Bread Co. Ltd. London, N. W. 1.
ABC	H	10,14,8	(4½)		Steamship Line, Yarmouth
A.B/C.L	2H	10,13/8,7	(5½)		Aerated Bread Co. Ltd.
AB/&Co	2H	9,11/12,7,4	(4½)	Ia	Arthur Brown & Co. Ltd. London
AB/Ltd..	2H	10,13/7,5,7	(6)		Affleck & Brown Ltd. Manchester
A&B/Y	2H	10,12,12/7	(5½)	IIIa	Aplin & Barratt, Yeovil, Somerset.
AC	H	10,7	(5½)		1 Accrington Corporation,Lancs. 2 Acton Corporation, London.
AC/Co	2H	10,8/8,6	(4½)		The Aldridge Colliery Co., Walsall.
AC/F	2H	10,10/8	(5½)		A.C. Finken & Comp. London.
AC/Ld	2H	8,7/5,6	(4½)		A.C Cars Ltd., Thames Ditton, Surrey.

ADAM	D	10,11,10,15	(4)	J & J Adam Ltd London
AE	H	10,10	(4½)	Anglo Egyptian Bank Ltd
AEC	H	8,9,7	(4½)	) American Express Co.
AEC	H	10,10,8	(4)	) London S. W. 1
A/EI	2H	8/9,4	(4½)	A.E.I. Lamp & Lighting Co. Ltd. Sheffield
A/EI	2H	10/10,5	(7)	Associated Electrical Industries, Leicester
A&E/TCL	2H	10,12,10/7,8,7	(4½) IIIa	Africa & Eastern Trade Corporation Ltd Liverpool
AG	H	8,9	(4½)	Alfred Graham & Co. Ltd Halifax, Yorks.
A/&G	3H	10/12/10	(4½/4/4½) Ia	Abstainers & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
AG/Co.Ld.	2H	10,10/8,6,7,7	(4½)	Alfred Goslett & Co.Ltd London, W.C.2
AG/&Co/L	3H	10,10/14,8,7/7	(5)	A. Gagniere & Co. Ltd. London W.1
AG/S	2H	8,9/9	(4½)	Arthur Guinness & Son & Co Ltd. Dublin
A.G.S/&Co./Ltd	3H	10,11,12/13,10,8/7,6,9	(6/5/5½) IIIa	- do -
A.G.S/Co.	2H	10,10,13/15,10,8	(6/5½) IIIb	- do -
A/&H	3H	8/12/10	(4½)	Arding & Hobbs Ltd. London
A.H	S	10,11	(5½)	Alfred Herbert Ltd., Coventry.
AHB/&Co	2H	10,12,14/14,8,4	(5) III	Arthur H Brandt & Co. London
AH/H	2H	8,10/10	(4½)	Angel H Hart & Company London.
A&H/Ltd..	2H	10,11,11/7,6,6	(5) IIIa	Allen & Hanbury's Ltd. London
A.I.R.	S	10,5,12	(5½) _	Avon India Rubber Co. Ltd. Melksham, Wilts.
A/L	2H	8/5	(4½)	Associated Leed Manufacturers Ltd. Chester.
<u>AL</u> /M	2H	10,7/13	(5½)	Associated Leed Manufacturers Export Co Ltd., London.
A..M	H	8,11	(4½)	Addressgraph Multigraph Ltd. London, N.W.2.
A•••M/Ltd	2H	8,11/6,5,6	(4½)	" "

AMF	H	8,11,7	(4½)	Armour & Co Ltd, London E.C.1
A.M.P	H	10,15,10	(5½)	Australian Mutual Provident Soc.
AN	H	8,11	(4½)	) Argus South African
A/N	2H	8/11	(4½)	) Newspaper Ltd. , London.
A&N/C.S.L	2H	10,14,13/8,10,7	(4½)III	) Army & Navy Civil Service
A&N/CSL	2H	10,12,13/8,10,7	(4½)IIIa	) Supply Limited
AN/J/SL	2H	10,13/14/10,7	(4½)	Junior Army & Navy Society Ltd.
AN/S	2H	10,13/9	(7½/4½)	Army & Navy Stores Limited.
AO	H	8/8	(4½)	) A Oppenheimer & Co.
AO/&Co	2H	10,10/14,	(5) I	) London. E.C.3.
AP	H	8	(4½)	Anglo-Portuguese Colonial Overseas Bank Ltd. London, E.C.2.
A&P	H	10,14,11	(4½)	Aveling & Porter, Rochester.
AP/C	2H	10,10/10	(5½)	Automotive Products Associated Ltd., Leamington Spa.
AP/Co	2H	10,10/8,4	(5½)	The Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd.
A&R/T	2H	10,13,11/7	(6½)III	A & R Tod Limited.
AS	H	10,11	(5½)	Armstrong Stevens & Son Ltd.B'ham
ASC	H	10,11,8	(6)	A. Sanderson & Co. Ltd. Hull.
A.S./H.	2H	10,10/12	(4½)	Arar Limited, Hull.
AS/PCo	2H	8,9/8,7,4	(4½)	) Anglo-Saxon Petroleum
AS/PCo	2H	8,9/8,7,4	(5)	) Company Limited
AS/PCo	2H	10,10/10,8,4	(5½)	) London, E.C.3.
A.T.C.	H	10,7,8	(5½)	Ardath Tobacco Co. London, E.C.2
AT/MLd	2H	8,6/11,6,6	(4½)	A.T.Moffatt Ltd. Manchester.
AU/DC	2H	8,7/9,7	(4½)	Aberdare Urban District Council, Glamorgan.
AU/DC	2H	8,8/9,7	(4½)	Aireborough Urban District Council.
AU/LC	2H	8,8/6,7	(4½)	Ashton Under Lyne Corporation
<u>AUX</u>	H	10,10,9	(5½)	Army Auxiliary Co-operative Society, London.
				Three variations with the lines formed by 7,9 & 11 dots.
AW/&Co	2H	10,16/15,10,6	(5½)	Sir W. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. (Eng.) Ltd., Newcastle
AWG	H	10,13,10	(6)	) A.W. Gamage Ltd., London E.C.1
AWG/Ld	S	10,14,10/7,7	(5½))
AW/SL	2H	8,12/9,6	(4½)	Associated Weavers (Sales) Ltd. London, W.1.
AY	H	10,7	(5½)	Alexander Young (London) Ltd. London.