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EDITORIAL

I have had few letters since the last Bulletin with material for publication. However, I have had a number of happy members writing to say that the Bulletin is a "good read". This state of affairs can only continue if you keep sending me the interesting articles or comments. Once again there are a number of features which ask for your contribution. Let me have news of perfins you have seen at auction; history of users of perfins; personal success with perfins; answers to queries. I can keep the quality only with your help.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

PHELPS DR.C.E

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TAINTON H.M.

PAGE R.J.

Resignations

SMIT-SEYDAL DYE

Died

KRAAN

Change of Address

BATTEN J.R.

EVANS J.P.

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Secretary/Treasurer Michael Rucklidge.

My circumstances have changed somewhat (for the better) so I am willing and able to continue in my post(s) at least for the present, if that is the feeling at the A.G.M. in November. But we would still welcome volunteer(s) to take over in the not-too-far future.

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A.G.M LONDON

Saturday November 7th: 1pm-5pm: Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate (by Natural History Museum). It is always nice to see old friends again but also enjoyable to meet other members who have never yet attended. You can be assured of a welcome and plenty of interesting talk to hear and material to see.

Secretary's Report J.M.R.

Another successful year. Noteworthy events have been the usual two London meetings, Maurice Harp's library list and Rosemary Smith's index for Bulletins 1 to 207.

Membership continues to rise and is currently 291.

I am sure members would like me to express their gratitude to officials and others who contribute so much time and effort in keeping the Society running smoothly.

Treasurer' s Report J.M.R.

As you will see from the accounts we are in a very healthy financial state. There is a net amount of some £650 to be paid to vendors in Auction 3. Even so Harry Skinner's efforts as Auctioneer results in an amount of some £2,340 for the Society.

The sale of publications and the Edwards catalogue have also realised useful amounts.

At long last ERNIE has come up with a prize for the £150 worth of Premium Bonds. Unfortunately it was the minimum (£50) and not the maximum (£250,000) but perhaps next time - - - -

Otherwise I think the financial statement is self-explanatory. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask and I will do my best to answer.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due on September 1st. My thanks to those who have paid - they will receive a membership card with this Bulletin. So if you do not receive one you owe. The address label on the December Bulletin will bear a red cross and the amount due at the time of despatch. If you do not pay by December 31st I shall reluctantly have to assume that you do not wish to continue your membership.

Income & Expenditure Year ended 31 August 1992

<u>Income</u>		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	1219	Bulletin	2020
Auction	15105	Officers' expenses	322
	<u>12115</u>	Meetings expenses	120
Edwards catalogue	413	BPF subscription	75
Publications	1182	Bowman Prize	10
	<u>614</u>	Exhibition Entry	9
Sales packet	39	Picture presented to	
Premium Bond win	50	Mr. Cokayne	25
Interest	<u>471</u>	Surplus	<u>3169</u>
	<u>£5750</u>		<u>£5750</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 August 1992

Accumulated fund at		Bank	6240
1st Sept.1991	5665	GIRO	933
Surplus	3169	Cash	114
Members' balances	2017	Abb.Nat.B.S.	3414
		Premium Bonds	<u>150</u>
	<u>£10851</u>		<u>£10851</u>

J.M.Rucklidge

Hon.Treasurer.

Exhibition Entry in Balance Sheet

Rosemary Smith.

As Bulletin editor I feel I ought to explain this item. As part of PHILITEX '92 in New York, Oct 28 - Nov 2, there is an International Philatelic Literature Exhibition. The Society had an invitation to enter our Society Bulletin in the appropriate class: the full run of 1991 Bulletins was sent. Win or lose, I will let you know how our Bulletin compared to other specialist society publications.

Railway Perfins

We are currently engaged in an update of Ron Bowman's Railway Perfins book. If you have any information (new dies, postmarks, dates of usage etc) in addition to that in Ron's book which you have not already sent in, please send it as soon as possible to Ted Francombe

LIBRARY

The following catalogues are new acquisitions for the library. Some purchased by the Society but some as gifts.

1. Perfins of British Malaya - P. Giffen - 1989
2. Railroad Perfins of U.S. and Canada - Robert Gray - 1987
3. Catalog of Romanian Perfins - Laszlo Eros - 1989
4. The Perfins of India * Indian States - Magnus Werner - 1990
5. Catalog of Bavarian Perfins - John Needham - 1990
(These 5 bought by the Society)
6. The Perfins of China - Paul N.Davey - 1992
(Grateful thanks to the author for this copy)
7. The Perfins of India & Indian States - Magnus Werner - 1990
8. Catalog of Romanian Perfins - Laszlo Eros - 1989
9. Austria Perfins - John Nussbickel - 1991
10. Catalog of Bavarian Perfins - John Needham - 1990
11. The World Perfins Catalog - The Americas Section - 1992
(Grateful thanks to Dick Mewhinney for these last 5 catalogues)

These will be reviewed over the next few months.

Perfins of British Malaya - P. Giffen -1989

This catalogue was reviewed in Bulletin 246 Pg.14.

The World Perfins Catalog - The Americas Section

This catalogue was published in 1992 by The Perfins Club with Robert (Bob) Schwerdt as its editor. The catalogue covers "The Americas" i.e. Territorial and Independent countries of Central and South America and the Caribbean, excluding Canada, New Foundland and the United States. 40 different countries are listed.

Size is the American equivalent to our A4. The paper is of a heavier quality than that used for this Bulletin, loose leaf but punched for the American 3 ring binder.

The right hand page shows the illustration of the perfin and the opposite left hand page gives identity where known, dates of use or date when first recorded (only for some countries).

A good index and explanation facilitates ease of use. Illustrations not always of a good quality but I am sure this is because of the origin of the perforating. Many of the poor illustrations were of Fiscal perfins and large type carpet dies, many used in the smaller countries.

Catalog of Bavarian Perfins - John Needham - 1990

Published in 1990 by The Perfins Club it is a fitting tribute to the hard work put into the compilation of this catalogue by John Needham who died before it was complete. Dick Mewhinney and Bob Schwerdt joined forces to make sure the work was not wasted.

The format is almost identical to The Americas catalogue but in place of dates, the location of origin of the perfin is supplied where known. 25 "illustrations per page". Illustrations are very clear throughout.

Austria Perfins

Published in 1991 by The Perfins Club and compiled by John J. Nussbickel. There is a brief but useful introduction. 156 sides of illustrations plus information. Format differs from the Americas & Bavarian catalogues. 2x9 dies per page with information alongside - set out in 2 columns. The information alongside the illustrations is set out somewhat differently to our G.B. catalogues. There is a very clear Legend in the introduction which is easily followed. This format has made it possible to put a lot of information into a small space.

Romanian Perfins

This was published in 1989 by The Perfins Club and compiled by Laszlo Eros. Format is similar to the Americas catalogue and comprises 49 printed sides. The information gives Cat. No.; user where known; type of business of user; town where firm is located; period of use; relative rarity rating. The latter two columns use an easily followed code. Again there is a brief but useful introduction to the catalogue. Illustrations are very clear.

General Comment

As with all perfin catalogues they are not infinite. Many identities are unknown and no doubt there are new dies to be discovered. It is not until one uses a specialised catalogue to aid cataloguing ones own stamps that the true worth of the publication becomes known. Looking through these catalogues as a reviewer, they appear to be excellent booklets and for the serious collector of perfins of these countries, they are a must.

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

"BELL" Perfin Bulletin 258 Pg. 6

I (Ed) have had a very long letter from JOHN MATHEWS of Australia on this topic. He it was who sent the original photocopy of the 1907-08 advertising folder to Michael. In the recently published Australian Perfin Catalogue there are 4 design perfins, one of which is a Bell and the identity of the user is unknown. 1887 was a postmark date for this stamp and when John Nelson referred to an identical pattern on G.B. stamps "known from 1884" - in his book 'The Handbook of British Perfins' Pg.27 - the coincidence seemed strong enough to use as a start for research.

The rest of his letter, and a subsequent one, shows detailed references to organ manufacturers and particular organs used in both Australia and England at the relevant time. If any member has a keen interest in organs I would willingly send a copy of John's letter which contains book references, history of firms, dates and organ serial numbers.

John Mathews would dearly love a proving cover of the "BELL" perfin, but failing that a photocopy of one would be gratefully received.

Wm. Dawson & Sons Ltd./ Machinery Publishing Co. Ltd.

Bulletin 238 Pg7 Rosemary Smith

In 1989 I mentioned a trade card I had bought on which was a Wm. Dawson & Sons perfin (W2040.03) but the card was from the MACHINERY PUBLISHING CO.LTD. No answers were received to my query about this apparent wrong usage of the WD/SS perfin.

Now ARTHUR SMITH has sent me a photocopy of a very similar card from this firm with a perfin M0010.28 - single letter "M". This is a new identity. However, it does not explain the discrepancy in the use of the two perfins. The "WD/SS" perfin was dated 1915, address 51-52 Chancery Lane, WC; the "M" perfin is dated 1935 and the address is 52 & 54 High Holborn, WC. Any new ideas?

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HISTORY OF THE FIRMS USING PERFINS

In the distant past this was a regular feature of the Bulletin, quite a number of members have remarked that it was useful when displaying a firms' perfins or a cover from a user, to be able to write something about the user. I am sure that many members have local knowledge of the firms in their neck of the woods who used perfins. I would be delighted to publish any notes sent in about these businesses. Just a few lines could be helpful. The following from DAVE HILL may set the ball rolling.

F. BRABY & CO. LTD.

(F0280.02; 0300.01; 0310.03; 0320.01; 0350.01; 0350.02; 0350.03)
Started as Charles Jack, zinc manufacturers in 1839 in Euston Rd. registered as a limited company on 24th Oct.1865 (Frederick Braby and Company Limited). Formed to acquire business of Frederick Braby & Co. (est.1839). Made perforated sheet, wire netting, galvanised sheet metal, tanks, drums and windows. Also structural engineers. Works at Deptford 1866, Liverpool 1871, Glasgow 1875, Bristol 1896, Falkirk 1899. After W.W.I closed Glasgow, moved to Crayford, then Uxbridge, in 1960's to Auto Diesels (manufacturers of generating sets est. 1936) who they had acquired in 1959. Became Braby Auto Diesels which was itself acquired by the Economic Group in 1970 (est.1922 makers of gas appliances). In the recent property boom the buildings were demolished (the company records were kept here) and the site is now a business park.

LAMPORT & HOLT LINE (L2910.01; 2910.02; 2910.03)

Founded in 1845 in Liverpool, registered in 1865 as The Liverpool Brazil & River Plate Steam Navigation Co. In 1911 Lamport & Holt became a public company and was taken over by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. Ltd. This collapsed in 1929. In 1934 the assets were acquired by part of the Vestry Group and after the war it was bought by Fred Leyland & Co. and is operated by the Blue Star Line.

JOHN BARRAN & SONS, LEEDS (J1000.01)

John Barran came to Leeds from Surrey in 1842. Wholesale clothing manufacturer, early user of sewing machine driven by steam

Invented hand knife in 1858 which cut many thicknesses of cloth at once. He had no real experience of tailoring, was self taught and was not afraid to try new ways of doing things. Specialised in ready made trade especially boys clothing. Employed Jewish labour often straight from the boat. 1st reg. in 1903 with warehouse and showrooms in Leeds, factories in Leeds, Gateshead, Morpeth, Seaham Harbour and Normanton, and showrooms in London, Birmingham and Gateshead.

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Details of Braby & Lamport/Holt came from 'Company Archives' a survey of the first 1000 companies regd. in 1885. Pub.1985 by Business Archives Council.

Details of Barran from 'Victorians Unbuttoned' by Sarah Levy and pub. by ALLENN & UNWIN.

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SNIPPETS OF GENERAL COMMENT, QUESTIONS AND WANTS.

Hospital Listing

The list of Hospital Perfins produced by the Society many years ago is now of little value. The Sloper Record Books have thrown up so many new ones that a new listing is essential. Has anyone kept an up to date list including all the new identities or is there anyone who can offer to produce one? Typing up is not essential - just an accurate alpha, numerical hand written copy will do.

Questioning the Identity of J6210.01

J6210.01; .02; .03 were all identified with John Player & Sons, Nottingham in the Tilles Catalogue. J6210.01 has now been identified with another firm at Stourbridge from a receipted a/c. If anyone has a proving cover of John Player for J6210.01 please send details to Roy. Even loose perfins with a clear Nottingham postmark could help.

South Africa Perfins

Member BRIAN DENNIS

(writing to let me know of the death of Father Francis Barr, a former member of our Society) says he would be pleased to hear from anyone who is particularly interested in the perfins of South Africa.

New Zealand "Captain Cook" Newsletter

As part of a mutual exchange, our Society receives "Captain Cook", the newsletter of the Christchurch (N.Z.) Philatelic Society. Although this is not perfin literature, for anyone interested in New Zealand philately, it is a useful publication. Rather than have these newsletters gather dust on my shelves after I have noted anything of interest to the Society, I would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to read these periodicals. (Ed)

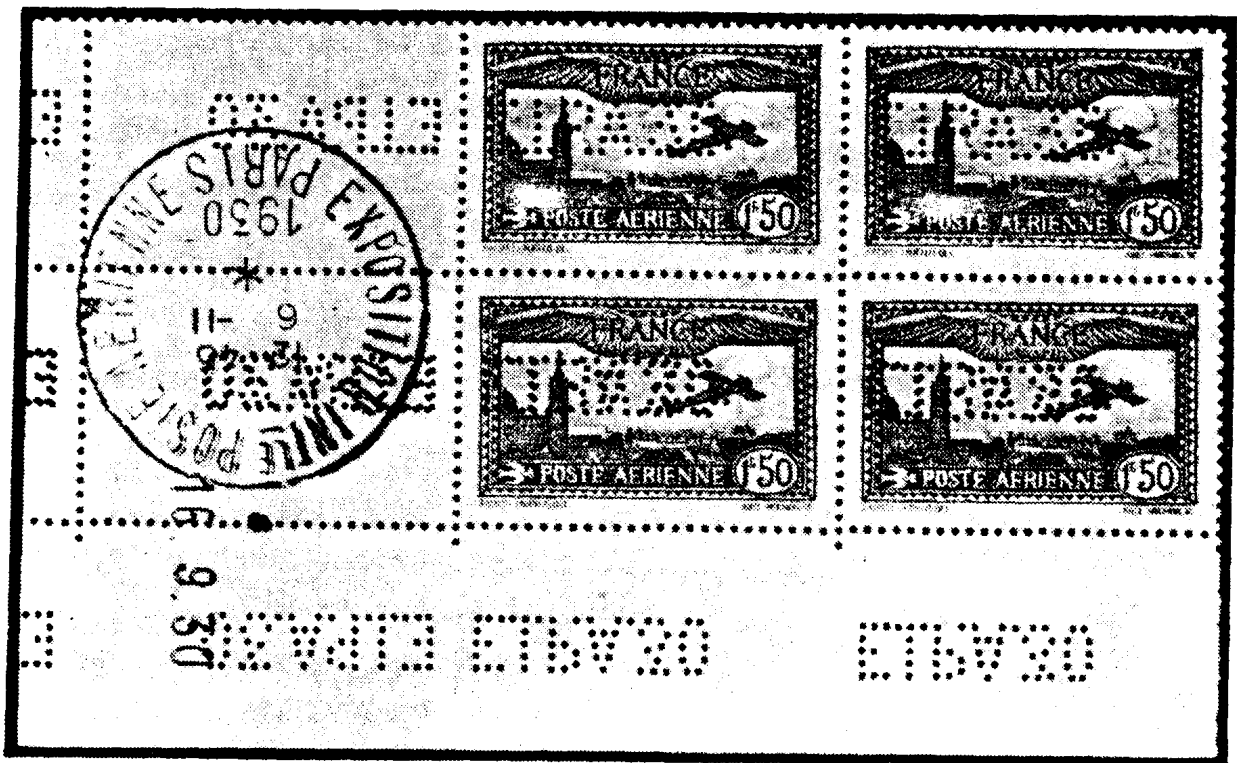
Seen in Auction or in Dealers' Stock

Simon Andrews of Cecil Court Stamp Shop, WC2:- SG121 2/- brown g.fu perfined "JL&Co", light cancel, v. fine colour.
Cat.£1,000 Price £345

Rush Stamps:- Board of Trade various 1887 & Ed.VII values £12 each or 3 diff. £33. 1912 9d Olive SG393a S Crown 0 £1-25.

Warwick & Warwick:- auction of 1st July saw the sale of a French 1930 "EIPA" perfin 1f50c U.M. corner marginal block of four with exhibition handstamp in selvedge, bottom row perfin double. Realisation was £852-50p.

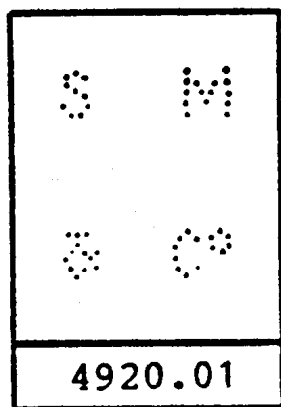
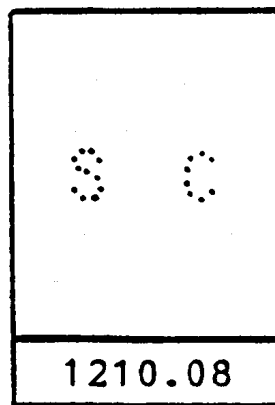
In Bulletin 149 (Jan/Feb 1974) Mary Thornton gave a detailed background of this commemorative perfin.



France 1930 EIPA 1f50c, perfin doubled - £852.50 at Warwick & Warwick.

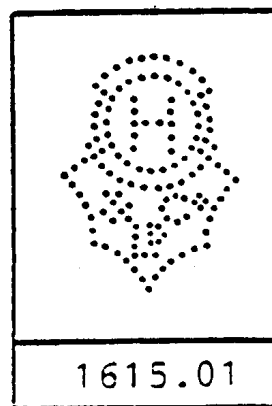
This year saw the staging of the Summer Olympics, where various sporting activities were contested to establish who was 'the best'. So, with the fireworks finale in Barcelona (courtesy of the BBC) still ringing in my ears, I put pen to paper and came up with ten events for my own 'GB Perfin Olympics'.

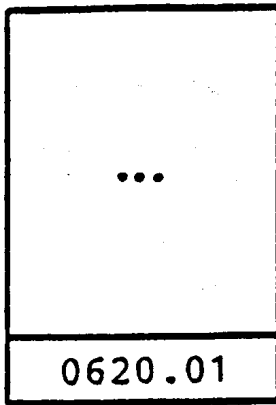
Probably the title of FIRST PERFIN would be regarded by most as the ultimate accolade. Favourite for this must be John Nelson's copy of SC (S1210.08) on a 1d red (pl 73) with the underprint 'Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., London'. As early as October 1867, Copestake & Co. sought permission from the Post Office to perforate stamps with the initials of Samson Copestake their senior partner.



However, it was to be another six months before permission would be given by the PMG to Joseph Sloper to perforate postage stamps as a means of protection in a letter dated 13 March 1868. Perfin pieces dated as early as 1869 are very difficult to come by, but recently Brian Smith reported the EARLIEST DATE known of November 1868 on a 6d Lilac with Samuel Montagu & Co's perfin SM/&C^o (S4920.01).

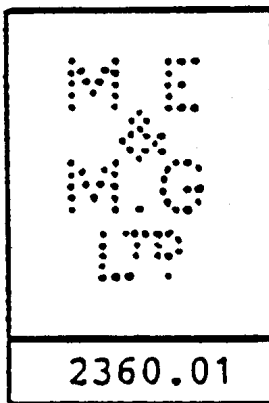
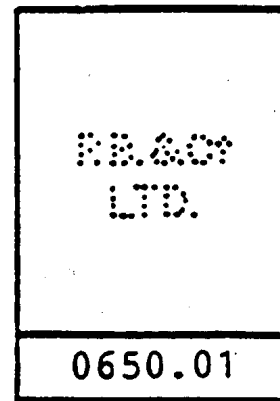
The next category that springs to mind is the perfin with the MOST HOLES. The elaborate perfin H/&C^o/L^d in a fancy frame (H1615.01), recently identified with Humber & Co. Ltd., Bicycle and Tricycle manufacturers, will take some beating at 133 holes. A complete strike of this die will remove a full 5% of the stamp!





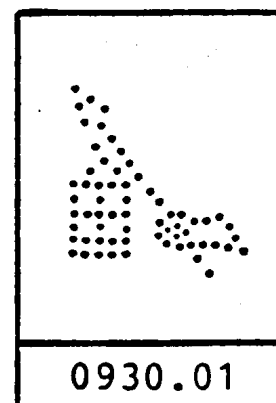
At the opposite end of the spectrum would be the perfin with the LEAST HOLE count or 'minimus'. Two perfins, (Rothmans Design 0620.01 & Feltoe's Design 0630.01) each with three holes, vie for the award, but I suspect that on pure compactness the Rothmans design would win by a short head.

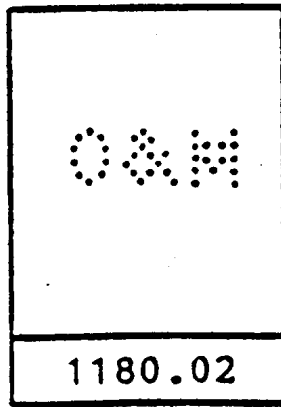
Perhaps the award for THE FINEST or most delicate perfin would go to P.B.&C^o./LTD. (P0650.01), used by Price Brothers & Co. Ltd., at Wellington in Somerset between 1895 and 1915 (approximate dates only!). A full strike of this die, central on the stamp, is a joy to behold.



The majority of GB perfins consist of letters arranged in horizontal lines, but surely an award for the MOST LINES has to be made to ME/&M.G/L^{td}. (M2360.01) which extends to four full lines and covers virtually the whole of the stamp.

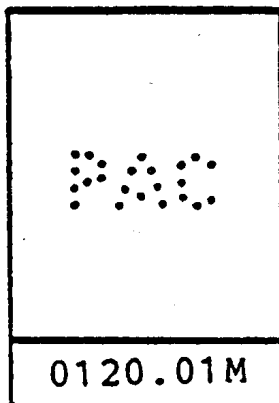
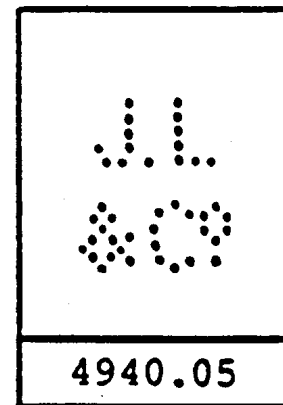
Only too rarely do we see the use of an illustration to 'tell all', so for my money the title of MOST PICTURESQUE would go to Design 0930.01, the trade mark of Salisbury & Son Ltd., Lamp Manufacturers, London.





The most difficult title to fill at present (at least with any accuracy) is that of LONGEST LIVED perfin, as very little research has been carried out into the life spans of dies. All I can do for now is offer up O&M (01180.02) as a contender, known to have been used by Osborn & Mercer from c1895 through to the early 1960s

Inevitably, the use of perfins is concentrated mainly in towns and cities, the usual centres of commercial activity, but the MOST REMOTE use of a GB perfin I can find is that of an as yet unpublished J.L.&Co. (J4940.05) postally used at Lerwick in the Shetlands on 2nd Oct 1895.



My 10th and final category is awarded to the MOST UBIQUITOUS. Three perfins have been successful enough to be rated as contenders. You guessed them ! GLC, IL/EA and the inevitable PAC. Although many different perfins have been used by the 'Pru' over the years, in my experience the one most commonly encountered is PAC (P0120.01), beating both GLC and IL/EA by a whisker

However, as with the Olympic sports, records only stand until they are broken so if you can improve on any of the above categories (or introduce new ones), please let me know and I will keep the list up to date. The precedent has been set for a re-appraisal in four years time!

by GORDAN WARD M.D. in 1925.

“Presently the Post Office decided that it was objectionable to allow any printing to appear on the front of the stamp and after about 1868 all names of firms, etc., appeared on the back, in red, and beneath the gum. These were the work of Perkins, Bacon and 6 different underprints are known, namely, those of the Oxford Union Society; of Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co.; J. & C. Boyd; W.H. Smith; The Great Eastern Railway; and Smith, Elder & Co. The latter is recorded on the authority of Mr. Walter Morley, who tells me that he has seen a single copy of Plate 87.

The next change was the substitution of black underprints over the gum, and of these about 50 are known. No doubt they were cheaper to produce and thus more popular, but as they come off with the gum, and are presumably stolen, if in the mint state, they are difficult to procure in good condition. These black underprints persisted until the days of the penny lilac with 14 dots, i.e., until 1881. On this issue the underprint of the Fore Street Warehouse Company is known. By this time the system of perforating initials through the stamps had become well established and when, a little later, a well known firm desired to print "Pears' Soap" on the backs of their stamps, the Post Office intervened to prevent their use. These stamps are therefore only known unused.

Messrs. J. Sloper and Co., of London, had the monopoly of perforated stamps with the initials of firms or the devices of bodies corporate but this monopoly no longer holds. Mr. R. W. E. Bunn, Boro' Treasurer of the Corporation of Cambridge, tells me that the Corporation's stamps are perforated with the device of a shield, by Messrs. Waterlow, the present stamp contractors. Amongst such devices the letters B.T., surmounted by a crown, used by the Board of Trade, attracted sufficient attention from collectors to make it worth someone's while to produce forgeries.

Certain stalwarts, however, accepted the veto of the Post Office with great regret and for 15 years Messrs. W. H. Everett & Son, of London, sought permission to revert to underprints. I learn from Messrs. Everett that they first pressed for a non-negotiable stamp

of special design, failing which they wished to print under the gum. If this were not allowed they desired to print over the gum with a rubber roller invented and patented by Mr. Arthur Everett. This they were eventually allowed to do in 1903 and this roller was in use on all values up to one shilling until 1915. In that year, Messrs. Everett say, "practically all our regular staff had gone to the war, and we were more or less at the mercy of casual labour so that we felt that we wanted greater protection than the roller gave us; you will see from the enclosed edging which has had a good impression from the roller, that it is perfectly easy to remove the impression sufficiently to make the stamps good for any ordinary purpose." Messrs. Everett therefore reverted in 1915 to the use of a large perforated letter "E" to prevent the stamp thief defrauding them.

But in the meantime Messrs. Watts, of Manchester had commenced to print the word "WATTSES" on the back of their stamps over the gum, and they still continue the practice. (N.B.1925) This firm had experienced a difficulty which must be very frequent with the thinner stamps of today, namely, that the perforated sheets stuck together and were readily torn. Hence their continued use of the underprint which is done by their printers with "odds and ends of ink that would otherwise be wasted". I have here specimens of the work of Messrs. Everett and Messrs. Watts.

But although overprinting was abolished for private firms and for postal purposes, it has continued on stamps intended to be used fiscally and also, until recently, on the stamps used by Government Departments. These latter are duly recorded in catalogues as if they were separate issues, but are not really entitled to any such distinction, or, if they are separate issues, so equally are the O.U.S. overprint and the Board of Trade perforated crown and B.T. It is said that these official stamps served some purpose in facilitating accountancy arrangements between different departments and the Post Office, but this would hardly entitle them to any special rank. It may be noted that there is one official overprint which was intended only for fiscal uses, namely, the letters "C.A." on one penny stamps of King Edward. (7th). These letters stand for "Crown Agents" and Mr. Charles Nissen informs me

that he has seen copies postally used. Official overprints naturally failed to discourage the stamp thief who found in them a more valuable commodity than if the overprint had been missing. They were discontinued during the reign of King Edward VII.

The last.....their issue.

I have dealt in this brief essay only with the stamps of Great Britain and it may well be that other countries would provide other examples, but, however that may be, I shall be well content if I have done anything to stimulate interest in a somewhat neglected side line of philately. The thief-proofing of stamps is likely to continue so long as human nature exhibits a weakness for pilfering, and to take still other shapes where the form of issue, e.g., coils and booklets, are varied to afford an ever increasing convenience to stamp users."

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Society Comment on this Paper.

Dave Hill points out that this large letter "E" mentioned in the paper had never been identified. Has any member got an Everett cover on which can be found this perfin? Dave also wrote to W.H. Everett and Son Ltd., asking if they had any records of this die, and any other useful information. The reply states:-

"I am sorry to say that we have no pre-war records left at all. My father, who ran Everett before me, said that the Bomb Damage left us with nothing. I am sorry therefore we cannot help. I found your letter and the references to Everett fascinating. If you come across any more we would be most grateful to hear from you as we are trying to piece together a history for our bicentennial next year."

Therefore if anyone has any literature which mentions Everetts and could send a photocopy to Dave, he will be pleased to pass them on to Everetts - who by the way are International Booksellers and Subscription Agents.

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NEWS OF AND FROM MEMBERS

I occasionally hear of members winning competitions with an entry of perfins; or giving a display of perfins to other philatelic societies. I should be pleased to record these achievements in the Bulletin if members will send the details. Any successes in the last three or four years will be acceptable. Don't hide your light under a bush - you may be asked to display in your area if it is known that you have a display of perfins.

As a Society we are affiliated to the British Philatelic Federation. Congress this year was held at Newcastle Upon Tyne from 3rd to 6th September. Our congratulations go to MR. H. M. OXLEY (Mike), one of our Perfin Society members from Yarm in Cleveland, who was Congress Chairman for 1992. Although his main areas of interest are Sarawak and the Postal History of the North East of England, Mike does collect perfins fairly seriously.

At the beginning of March, DAVID SCOTT won the annual Cup Competition at his local society, "The South Birmingham Philatelic Society" - nine sheets, any subject. His nine sheets were perfins on Q.V. High Values (2/6d, 5/-, 10/-) and showing the differences between those that had been perforated on single die machines and those perforated on multiple die machines.

Also at the beginning of March, ROSEMARY SMITH gave a 240 sheet display on "The History and Scope of Perfins" to Huddersfield Philatelic Society. The display was in two halves of 120 sheets showing the first efforts at security on stamps (overprinting the Revenue Stamps); Slopers' involvement in security; other printers perforating the stamps; Sloper Experimental Cancels; SDS & SDC booklets; various categories of users such as Railways, Banks etc. 98% of the display was shown through covers and receipts. The same display, with minor 'local interest' variations has been shown at Chesterfield, Bradford, High Peak, Alfreton and Finchley Philatelic Societies. It is probable that the members of these societies will never again look down their noses at the humble perfin.

In Bulletin 248 I showed a photocopy of a card produced in 1939 by J.Sloper & Co. Ltd., to celebrate perforating postage stamps through the last five reigns of the British Monarchy. I also described this card in detail and the distribution of these cards. Previously I had heard rumours that 1d blacks had been perfinned, but until I saw this card, I, like many others had not believed the rumour.

Whilst reading through the older Bulletins in order to produce the Index (included with Bulletin 259) I came across the following piece in Bulletin 173 Pg.4:-

"A recent advertisement in Stamp Collecting offered:-

'A framed plaque commemorating 75 years of perfinning "through five reigns", with mounted examples (12) from 1d Black to KGVI, prepared as "A unique set of perforated stamps from the historic collection of J. Sloper & Co. Ltd.", together with their illuminated brochure, both issued in 1939. £145"

Our then editor added this comment. "With a 1d Black the latter collection must be unique if not spurious. Does anyone know anything about this lot?"

The editor must not have had any replies as later Bulletins give no further mention to this card. Unfortunately neither is there mention of the ultimate selling price of the card on offer. Although I was a member of the Society back in 1978 I had not remembered this bit of information when I heard about the card during my visit to Slopers. It would appear from lack of correspondence last year, from our older (not necessarily elderly!) members that they had forgotten it too.

Now you have a chance to acquire a slightly cannibalised card. The illustration on the next page is of a card which is lot 166 in Auction 6 (1992). As can be seen from comparing it with Bulletin 248 Pg.12, all the writing has been cut away, some of the stamps are different and also I can see two new dies to Edwards:- M.M.F. and R.T.F. Although the explanation is missing, if the purchaser places it by the side of the card in Bulletin 248, it will show the original intention of the plaque.



Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are new dies, and as yet unpublished

From Bert Johnson

B0790.01	BB/L ^d	13.13/7,7	5½	Brown Bros. Ltd., Great Eastern St., London EC	F.
J2060.01		7,11/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	2. John Dobell & Co. Ltd., Wholesale Wine Merchants, 246 High St., Cheltenham.	F.
J7340.01	JS/&W	7,10/12,14	4½ IIIa	Johns, Son & Watts Ltd., 40 City Road, London EC.	F.H.
W5020.01	WSL/L ^d	13,13,7/7,7	4. Ia	Wylie & Lochhead Ltd., Glasgow.	I.

From Tord Lagerwall

<u>B4750.09</u>	B&M	13,13,17	4½ III	Bryant & May. Fairfield Works, Bow, London E. (Dated 1 Aug 1882)	A
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From Roy Gault

C6510.02p	CR/DC	7,10/9,7	4½	Borough Treasurer, Pallant House Chichester.	R
<u>J2735.01D</u>	JF/C	6,7/7	4½	Joseph Franses & Co. Ltd., 74 Fordwych Rd., Brondesbury, London N.W.2.	R.
J2740.010	J/FC	6/7,7	4½	On piece with J2735.01p above.	R.
M2680.01D	M/G	11,11	4½	Manbre & Garton Ltd, Winslow Rd Fulham Place Rd., Hammersmith W6	R
W1045.05p	W/C	10/7	4½	Borough of Walthamstow.	R.
W5900.01p	W/P	12/8	4½	Walkers, Parker & Co. Ltd., Leadworks, Chester.	R.
W6210.01ap	WR	12,10	4½	Wigan, Richardson & Co., 18 Southwark St., London SE.	R.

From Ralph Wallington

P3760.01	PR	8,10	4½	DESCO Dairy Appliances, Dairy Supply Co. Ltd., Cumberland Ave., London NW10.	
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Note: Ralph also reports this coil stamp on piece (dated 25 Sep 1967) in combination with the wider spaced PR P3760.02 - already identified.

From John Donner

A5030.01	ASC/MC ^o	10,10,8/15,8,6	4	Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., F 10 Mark Lane, London EC.
B8010.01	B3/IH	14,11/5,12	5½	Burberrys, Weatherproofers & F Breeches Makers, 30-33 Haymarket, London (and at Basingstoke).
C0080.02	C&A	8,12,10	4½ Ia	Carter & Aynsley Ltd., Hardware I. Merchants, 124-126 Middlesex St., Bishopgate, London E1. Also at 2-4, 6 Artillery Lane. (Receipt)
C1530.01	C/&Co	8/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Wm. Coupland & Co., H,I Newcastle-on-Tyne.
F0640.02	F&C	8,14,8	4½ III	Fenn S Crosthwaite, 10-12 Cophall Ave London EC2 (GVI Contract Note)
G3320.01	G&M	10,13,15	4½ I	Grant & May, 5 Billingsgate, EC. F
H1190.01a	H.C.	11,8	5½	Borough of Hove, Rates Office, I Town Hall Annexe, Third Ave, Hove
J0010.06	J	8	7	The Jaeger Co. Ltd., Additional I. 119a Princes St., Edinburgh.
L0450.01	LBI	7,13,5	4	Royal National Life Boat Inst., I. 22 Charing Cross Rd., London WC2.
N3240.01	NTP	13,7,9	5½	The National Trade Press Ltd., O Drury House, Russell St., Drury Lane, London WC2.
W6680.09	W&S	14,14,10	5 III	Welford & Sons Ltd., Chief Dairy F. &, Offices. Elgin Ave., Maida Vale.

From Rosemary Smith

G3000.01a	G.K/&S	10,10/13,11	5½III	Geo. Kenning & Son, Eagle Wharf I Road, London N1. Manufacturing Goldsmiths, ... with branches at Glasgow, Liverpool, & Manchester.
J7930.01	J/T&S	7/7,14,10	4½ III	John Tullis & Son, Leather Belt B. & Fine Hose Makers, St. Ann's Leather Works, Bridgeton, Glasgow.
R0010.03	R	31	16	Ryder's Seeds, St. Albans. M-O.
S0010.39	S	12	5½	Southall Bros. & Barclay Ltd., F. Birmingham.
W7310.01A	WT	14,7	4½	Wellington Taylor, Lincoln Inn F. Fields, London WC.

From Dave Hill

L3970.01	LMI	7,15,5	5	The London & Manchester Industrial Assurance Co. Ltd. 40-47 Southwark Exchange, SE.	F.
W0010.04	W	12	4½	Arthur E Watts, 58 Woodside Ave Highgate, London N6. (Private user?)	R

The following new identities have been forwarded by Dave Hill and are the result of his study of Sloper's record books covering the period 24/8/31 to 20/1/38.

B0970.02	BB/WA	14,14/14,10	5	Bank of British West Africa, 37 Gracechurch St., London EC3.	(1)
E3240.01	ENIT	9,11.4,6	4½	Italian State Tourist Dept., 16 Waterloo Place, Regent St., SW1	(1)
G3465.01m	GMS	42 pins	12½	George Maile & Son Ltd., 367 Euston Rd., London NW1.	
L2670.02M	LH	6,10	4½	Messageries Hachette, 3 La Belle Sauvage Yd., Ludgate Hill, EC4.	(2x1)
S1730.01M	S&C°/L ^d	9,14,7,4/6,7	4½	Stuttaford & Co. Ltd., 11 New Union St., London EC2.	(3x2)

From Stephen Steere

J7180.01	J&S/N	8,14,12/13	6½/4½	I Jarro(ld?), Lo(ndon?).	R.
P0910.06a	PC	10,9	6½	'Town Clerk', Plymouth.	O.

The following new identities are from Stephen Steere and have been taken from Sloper's Official Ledgers. The number(s) in brackets is the number of dies in the perforating head - (m x n) indicating n rows of m dies each.

<u>B1500.04bM</u>	B/SC°	11/12,7,4	4½	Ia	1. Barratt & Co. Ltd. (12x1)
					2. Batger & Co. Ltd.
					3. Baume & Co. Ltd.
					4. Beck & Co. (Meters) Ltd.
					5. Bird & Co. (London) Ltd.
					6. Victor Blagen & Co. Ltd.
					7. Bosworth & Co. (Contractors) Ltd.
					8. Boving & Co. Ltd.
					9. Boyd Ltd.
					10. Thos. Bradford & Co. Ltd.
					11. Brickwood & Co. Ltd.
					12. Bucholtz & Co. Ltd.
					13. Samuel Budgett & Co. Ltd.
					14. Burrell & Co. Ltd.
					15. W J Bush & Co. Ltd.
B1600.01aM	BC°/M	11,7,4/11	4½		Baxendale & Co. (Manchester) Ltd.(12x1)
B1730.03M	BCS/L ^d	11,7,9/6,6	4½		Birmingham Co-op Society Ltd. (12x1)

B1910.01	BD	11,9	4½	3. Blyth Dutton & Co.	(1)
				4. Baynes & Dixon.	
B2100.01bM	B/D/H	11,9,10	4½	British Drug Houses Ltd.	(12x1)
B2185.01	BD/S	11,9.9	4½	Boston Deep Sea Fishing & Ice Co Ltd	(1)
B2340.01	BE/A	11,9/8	4½	2. British Electricity Authority, Midlands Division.	(1)
B2910.02M	BG	11,9	4½	8. British Glues & Chemicals Ltd	(12x1)
				9. Bray Gibb & Co. Ltd.	
<u>B2930.06</u>	B/G	11/9	4½	1. Boyd Gibbins Ltd. (Known on S/W Wmk)	
				2. Bethnal Green BC.	
B3210.01aM	BH	11,10	4½	Bartrum Harvey & Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
B3240.03M	B&H	11,12,10	4½ Ia	British Band Instruments Co Ld	(12x1)
B3850.01b	B&J/B	11,12,6/11	4½ Ia	Barlow & Jones Ltd.	(1)
B4550.01	B/L ^{td}	11/6,5,6	4½	2. Bowmaker Ltd.	(1)
B4750.02	B&M	11,12,11	4½ Ia	Beach & Marsland.	(1)
B5440.01	BOS	11,8,9	4½	Barry Ostlere & Shepherd Ltd.	(1)
B6120.03	BR	11,10	4½	British Ropes Ltd.	(Rolls) 6
B6220.02	BR/DC	11,10/9,7	4½	Bucklow RDC	(1)
B6360.03M	BS	11,9	4½	1. Biddle Sawyer & Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
				2. Blythswood Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.	
				3. British & Foreign Bible Society.	
B6430.05	B&S	11,12,9	4½ Ia	1. Braden & Stark Ltd.	(1)
				2. Brackett & Sons, Tonbridge Wells.	
Note:	B&S	11,12,9	4½ Ia	Benham & Sons Ltd. is identical to B6430.05 but recorded in the ledger as a 12 x 1 multi-headed die.	
B6500.01	BS/A	11,9/8	4½	Boy Scouts Association	(1)
B6550.01	B/S/C	11/9/7	4½	British Soda Co Ltd – known on S/W wmk	
B6600.02	BS/Co	11,9/7,4	4½	British Soda Co Ltd	
B6700.02	BS/L	11,9/6	4½	British Sisalkraft Ltd.	(---
Notes:	Looks to be a modified BS/Ld die – B6720.02a matches				
B6720.02a	BS/L ^d	11,9/6,6	4½	Bonds (Somerton) Ltd.	(1)
B6750.02aM	BS/M	11,9/11	4½	British Sewing Machines Ltd.	(12x1)
B6840.01M	B/SS	11/9,9	4½	1. Burton Son & Sanders Ltd.	(12x1)
				2. Buntings Ltd (Chamberlins Ltd.?)	
				3. British Sailors Society.	
B7060.02	B&T	11,12,6	4½ Ia	Balme & Thomas Ltd.	(1)
B7120.01M	BTC/BW	11,6,7/11,13	4½	British Transport Commission	(12x1)
				British Waterways.	
B7330 .01a	BU/DC	11,8/9,7	4½	Billingham UDC.	(1)
C0010 .02M	C	7	4½	1. Chamberlins Ltd (Buntings Ltd)	(12x1)
				2. Cooper McDougall & Robertson Ltd	

C0080.01M	C&A	7,12,8	4½	Ia	1. C & A Modes Ltd. (12x1) 2. Canda Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
C0560.05M	CB/C	7,11/7	4½		1. Chelsea BC. (12x1) 2. Campbell Bros & Carter.
C0850.01	CB/Ld	7,11/6,6	4½		3. Charles Burt Ltd. (Furnishers)(1) 4. Courage & Barclay Ltd.
C1190.01	CC/A	7,7/8	4½		County Council Association. (----)
C1260.05M	C/CC	7/7,7	4½		Canterbury Corporation. (12x1)
Note: Single headed die also exists which is indistinguishable from the multihead.					
C1530.04M	C/&C°	7/12,7,4	4½		3. Chappel & Co. Ltd. (12x1)
C2150.01	CDW	7,9,12	4½		Chatham & District Water Co. (1)
C2280.01	CEA	7,9,8	4½		Central Electricity Authority. (1)
C2310.02M	C/EC	7/9,7	4½		Croydon Education Committee. (12x1)
C2860.01aM	C/G/L	7/9/6	4½		Charrington Gardner Lockett & Co. Ltd. 6 Roll
C3590.01	CI	7,4	4½		Cardiff Pure Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. (1)
C3630.01	CI/C°	7,4/7,4	4½		2. Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd. (1)
C3880.01a	C&J	7,12,6	4½		Cobb & Jenkins Ltd. (1)
C4210.01aM	CL	7,6	4½		2. Currie Line Ltd. (12x1) 3. Cooling Lawrence & Sons. 4. Charter-Lea Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
C4420.01	CL ^d	7,6,6	4½		2. Caspar Ltd. (1)
C4580.01M	CL/&R	7,6/12,10	4½	Ia	Churchman Lambert & Ringer Ltd. (12x1)
C4650.01	C/L ^{td}	7/6,5,6	4½		Camilatone Ltd. Rolls
C5410.01	CN/T	7,11/6	4½		3. Crawley Development Corpn. (1)
C5760.01M	CP	7,8	4½		8. Cornwall Press. (12x1) 9. Century Press Ltd. 10. Caxton Publishing Co. Ltd.
CS920.01	CP/C°	7,8/7,4	4½		Caxton Publishing Co Ltd (---)
C5930.02eM	CP/&C°	7,8/12,7,4	4½	Ia	1. Beans Express Ltd. (1) 2. Cooper Peglar & Co. Ltd. 3. Express Motor & Body Works Ltd. 1. Carter Paterson & Co. Ltd.
C6510.01M	CR/DC	7,10/9.7	4½		3. Cuckfield RDC. (12x1) 4. Cranbrook RDC. 5. Chichester RDC.
C6760.02M	CS	7,9	4½		Cooper Stewart Engin'rng Co Ltd(12x1)
C6800.02	C&S	7,12,9	4½	Ia	5. Holiday Books. (12x1) 6. Churchill & Sim Ltd.
C6820.01	CS/&A	7,9/12,8	4½	Ia	Cross Sons & Absolom Ltd. (1)
C7155.01	CS/P	7,9/8	4½		Clarke Son & Platt Ltd. (1)
C7610.02	CT/BL	7,6/11,6	4½		City (Town Buildings Ltd. (1)
C8260.02M	CW	7,12	4½		8. Colonial Wharves Ltd. (12x1)