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EDITOR'S COMMENTS Rosemary Smith.

For those of you who have a 'tidy mind' (not TINY) I bring to your attention two updates with this issue. You may wish to marry the update with the original for future reference.

The first is the latest list of G.B. stamps which have never been reported with a perfin. The second is a separate four-page supplement to the "Sloper Experimental Cancels". I thought it would be easier for filing with the original booklet if it was not part of the Bulletin.

Also for those with an eye to accuracy. My spelling of "Keithley" in Bulletin 271 was spotted by the author, Gary Shayler. It should of course be "KEIGHLEY" - (and me a Yorkshire woman!!)

Once again there has been feedback from members to various queries printed in the last two Bulletins. Keep reporting any bit of information - it could be the key to bigger things.

Although this is written in November, Christmas will be much nearer by the time you receive your Bulletin. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and pray especially for peace and security in your part of the world.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

Contact Dave Hill.

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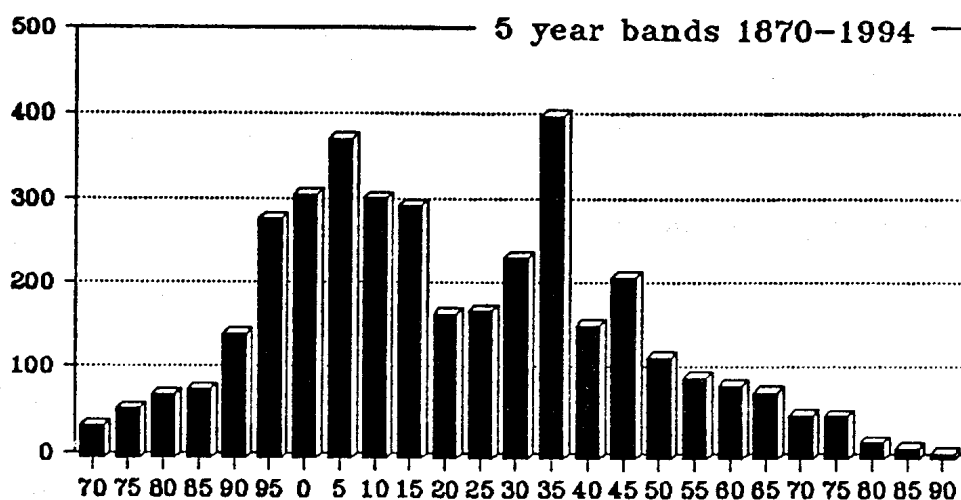
KEN GIBSON

YEAR END - CATALOGUE EDITOR'S REPORT.

As announced elsewhere in this Bulletin, another section of the New Illustrated Catalogue has been published - Part 1 of the S's (S-SD). This gives me the opportunity to summarise in the table below, details from all the sections so far published.

Letter	No of Old Cat	Dies New Cat	Avg Life Yrs	Number Identified	1d Lilac	1d E7	Longest Lived Die
O	280	286	8.6	104(36%)	47	41	80 yrs
Q	39	45	8.1	20(44%)	8	8	58 yrs
S	496	591	9.4	180(30%)	129	130	95 yrs
U	194	209	6.9	110(53%)	26	23	87 yrs
V	159	172	8.4	55(32%)	32	45	45 yrs
X	20	22	2.6	7(32%)	1	2	12 yrs
Y	87	100	8.1	42(42%)	22	15	73 yrs
Z	16	16	4.5	7(44%)	1	3	17 yrs
Des	84	78	10.3	35(45%)	19	21	63 yrs
Nos	63	62	6.6	26(42%)	8	6	36 yrs
Total	1438	1581	8.5	586(37%)	293	294	

An analysis of the details in the New Catalogue give an average life of a die of 8.5 years, with the longest lived being SC (S1210.04M) in continuous use by Salford Corporation between 1895 and 1990 - a period of 95 years. The title for the most frequently perfinned GB stamp has developed into a two horse race between the 1d Lilac and the 1d of Edward VII.



The bar chart above shows the number of dies in use at any one time. Two distinct peaks can be seen, one during the Edwardian era and the other immediately preceding World War II.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT Contact Dave Hill

Members who have paid their subscriptions should have their membership cards. Members who have not paid before I send the labels to John Luft will have the amount they owe, in sterling, shown in red pen on the label of this Bulletin. A few members have paid at the old rates, please note the new subscription rates on the front of this Bulletin.

I pointed out at the meeting that the Bulletin costs about 45p per copy to print and it weighs just under 60gms, so the airmail sub does not in fact cover the cost. However the weight includes the auction catalogues and most airmail members support the auction, so it can be said that the deficit is made up from the commission on the auction. We may have to increase the airmail sub if the postage goes up.

It would be appreciated if members could pay for auction lots as soon as possible after receipt of the items. Until payment is received, we do not know if a lot has been accepted or indeed actually received by the purchaser.

PUBLICATIONS Contact John Donner.

The new price list for all Society Publications is on the next page. The take-up of the New Illustrated Catalogue with Details is running at over 60. This shows the confidence which members have in the accuracy and quality of Roy's work.

Please note the next section "S-SD's" is on the list.

A publication not on the list is a booklet showing all the perfins found on the KGV Silver Jubilee stamps. All dies are illustrated and details of users, where known, are noted. The 45 pages are £4 UK; £5 Europe; £6-50 elsewhere. George Greenhill did this research with the help from many members.

The Full Names Catalogue should be ready for early 1995. When this is completed, John Donner will begin a new Railway Perfin Catalogue. The first worksheets will go out to everyone with the Bulletin, and John will follow the same formula as he did with the Full Names worksheets. Those who send back the first set will receive the subsequent ones. I believe 84 members took part in the Full Names survey. A wonderful response

PERFIN SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS PRICE LIST - NOVEMBER 1994

PUBLICATION	HOME	EUROPE	REST OF THE WORLD
BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION PERFINS	1.25	1.50	2.00
GAULT 0, Q, SILHOUETTES	1.80	2.40	3.00
GAULT 0, Q, SILHOUETTES/DETAILS	3.00	3.70	5.00
GAULT U, V, X, SILHOUETTES	2.40	3.20	4.00
GAULT U, V, X, SILHOUETTES/DETAILS	3.70	4.50	6.10
GAULT Y, Z, DES, SILHOUETTES	2.25	3.00	3.50
GAULT Y, Z, DES, SILHOUETTES/DETAILS	3.50	4.30	6.00
GAULT S TO S-0, SILHOUETTES/DETAILS	3.50	4.30	6.00
GAULT/EDWARDS ILLUSTRATED	35.00	38.00	41.00
GAULT/EDWARDS ILLUSTRATED UPDATES	5.00	6.00	7.50
G.B OFFICIAL PERFINS	3.00	4.00	5.00
HANDBOOK OF BRITISH PERFINS	3.00	4.00	5.00
GB PERFIN - HOSPITAL DIES	2.50	3.00	5.00
G.B POKO'S	1.00	1.50	2.50
SLOPERS HISTORY	3.00	4.00	5.00
SLOPERS WARTIME PROVISIONALS	8.00	9.00	10.50
TOMKINS G.B IDENTIFIED PERFINS	9.00	10.00	11.00

ALL PRICES INCLUSIVE OF POSTAGE.

Q.E.II COMMEMORATIVES REPORTED PERFINED Alastair Walter.

Below is a list of the quantities of commemorative stamps reported as existing perfined, for issues 1966 to 1970.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SG N°</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No.of</u>
1966	Robert Burns	685-6	4d	14
			1/3d	1
1966	900 th Anniversary of Westminster Abbey	687-8	3d	5
			2/6d	6
1966	Landscapes	689-92	4d	7
			6d	4
			1/3d	1
			1/6d	1
1966	World Cup	693-5	4d	14
			6d	9
			1/3d	*0*
1966	Birds	(Gull) 696	4d	2
		(Blue Tit) 697	4d	4
		(Robin) 698	4d	1
		(Blackbird) 699	4d	4
1966	England Winners	700	4d	*0*
1966	Technology	701-4	4d	12
			6d	*0*
			1/3d	*0*
			1/6d	*0*
1966	Battle of Hastings	705	4d	2
		706	4d	3
		707	4d	1
		708	4d	1
		709	4d	1
		710	4d	2
		711	6d	*0*
		712	1/3d	1
1966	Xmas	713-4	3d	9
			1/6d	1
1967	EFTA	715-6	9d	2
			1/6d	2
1967	Wild Flowers (Hawthorne/Bramble)	717	4d	3
	(Bindweed)	718	4d	4

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SG N°</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No.of</u>
	(Daisy/Buttercup)	719	4d	2
	(Bluebell/Anemone)	720	4d	2
		721	9d	3
		722	1/9d	2
1967	Paintings	748-50	4d	7
			9d	1
			1/6d	*0*
1967	Chichester	751	1/9d	*0*
1967	Discovery & Invention	752-5	4d	12
			1/-	2
			1/6d	1
			1/9d	1
1967	Xmas	756-8	3d	16
			4d	14
			1/6d	3
1968	British Bridges	763-6	4d	9
			9d	*0*
			1/6d	3
			1/9d	*0*
1968	Anniversaries	767-70	4d	8
			9d	2
			1/-	*0*
			1/9d	*0*
1968	Paintings	771-4	4d	8
			1/-	1
			1/6d	1
			1/9d	*0*
1968	Xmas	775-7	4d	5
			9d	*0*
			1/6d	*0*
1969	Ships	778	5d	2
	(Galleon)	779	9d	*0*
	(East Indiaman)	780	9d	*0*
	(Cutty Sark)	781	9d	*0*
	(Great Britain)	782	1/-	*0*
	(Mauretania)	783	1/-	*0*
1969	Concorde	784-6	4d	7
			9d	*0*
			1/6d	*0*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SG N°</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No.of</u>
1969	Anniversaries	791	5d	6
		792	9d	1
		793	1/-	2
		794	1/6d	*0*
		795	1/9d	*0*
1969	Architecture (Durham)	796	5d	*0*
	(York Minster)	797	5d	2
	(St.Giles)	798	5d	*0*
	(Canterbury)	799	5d	*0*
		800	9d	1
		801	1/6d	*0*
1969	Prince of Wales Investiture	802-6		
	(King's Gate)	802	5d	*0*
	(Tower, 2 flags)	803	5d	1
	(Eleanor Gate)	804	5d	*0*
		805	9d	1
		806	1/-	3
1969	Ghandi	807	1/6d	1
1969	Post Office Technology	808-11	5d	5
			9d	1
			1/-	2
			1/6d	*0*
1969	Xmas	812-4	4d	1
			5d	3
			1/6d	1
1970	Rural Architecture	815-8	5d	3
			9d	*0*
			1/-	2
			1/6d	*0*
1970	Anniversaries	819-23	5d	*0*
			9d	*0*
			1/-	1
			1/6d	1
			1/9d	*0*
1970	Literary Anniversaries (Mr.Pickwick)	824	5d	*0*
	(Micawber)	825	5d	*0*
	(Copperfield)	826	5d	*0*
	(Oliver)	827	5d	1
		828	1/6d	*0*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SG N°</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>No.of</u>
1970	Commonwealth Games	832-4	5d	2
			1/6d	*0*
			1/9d	*0*
1970	'Philympia '70'	835-7	5d	5
			9d	*0*
			1/6d	1
1970	Xmas	839-40	4d	6
			5d	4
			1/6d	*0*

This message may be getting boring, but more information is still much appreciated, for all commemorative stamps between 1953 and the present day. There are plenty of *0* reports this time, so please check your collection for these elusive values. Thanks again go to the 31 people who have so far replied, reporting some 3000 stamps.

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A DISPLAY OF PERFIN WANTED

We have had a request from the Basingstoke Philatelic Society and Farnborough Philatelic Society for someone to give a display of perfins. The Basingstoke P.S. date is September 1995 and the Farnborough P.S. October 1995. Exact dates to be advised. If anyone is able to give such a display, please contact the Editor.

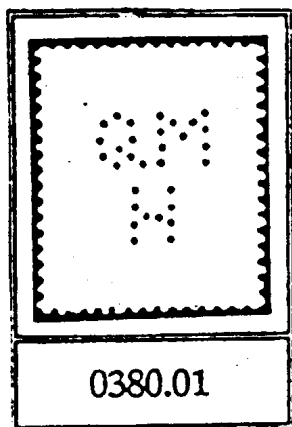
LIST OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS Chris Carr.

In Bulletin 271, pg.5, I offered to compile a list of members' specialised perfin collecting interests. Whilst many members have written or telephoned with this information, it has been pointed out that the request may have been misleading by suggesting that it is for specialists. This is not so and the list will contain members' perfin collecting interests so, if you have not yet written, please do so now. Nothing will be assumed so if you do not write, you will not be listed. Information to Chris Carr,

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MEMBERS' QUERIES

QM/H Q0380.01

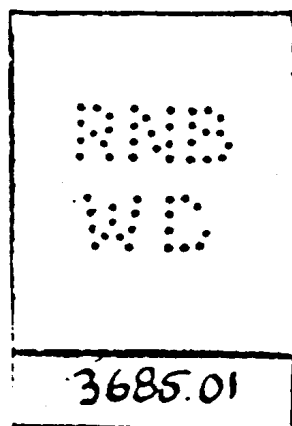


DAVE HILL says he is surprised that Q0380.01 QM/H is not identified in The New Illustrated Catalogue. All the copies he has seen are postmarked Sutton, Surrey yet the catalogue says some copies are known postmarked Bolton as well as Croydon. How many postmarked Bolton?

He has a Hospitals Yearbook for 1960 which shows Queen Mary's Hospitals at Sidcup (Kent); Roehampton (Putney/Wandsworth); and one for children at Carshalton (Surrey). This last would probably get Sutton pmks but Dave asks if anyone has access to a yearbook from 1975 to confirm this as his perfins are postmarked 1975.

(From Editor:- The New Illustrated Catalogue gives the date of use for this perfin as 1972-1977. My two covers for Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey bear the following perfins. A KEVII ½d, postmarked Carshalton July 12th 1911 with perfin MAB (M0090.01). A KGV ½d, postmarked Carshalton Mar-22-13 with perfin MA/B (M0100.01). Both perfins identified in Tomkins with the METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD. Whether this much earlier use of perfins by The Queen Mary's Hospital for Children has any relevance to Dave's query, I leave that to him.)

RNB/WB R3685.01



DAVE HILL also has a copy of R3685.01 (RNB/WB) with the centre 2 pins of the last B missing. He at first thought it was a partial but wonders how many other copies like this exist and whether it is a different perfin.

Perhaps the Radnorshire and North Brecon Water Board, whose perfin it is, underwent some change like a lot of other Water Boards.

Perhaps the Board became a Division and this is a half hearted attempt to make the perfin into RNB/WD.

PERFINS IN CURRENT USE

George Dyke

Thanks to Mr. Rowe and D. Anderson a few more perfins in current use are known. This is the complete list: additions welcome.

<u>PERFIN</u>	<u>CAT.NO.</u>	<u>STAMP</u>	<u>USER -Where known</u>
BA/HA	B0195.01	33p	
BC	B1110.03	18p/20p	
C/CC	C1260.01	24p	
C/EC	C2310.01	18p/20p	Croydon Education Committee
CP	C5760.01	18p	
DC	D0560.01	18p	
HB	H0360.01	25p*	(* Denotes 1994 usage)
HC	H1160.02M	19p*	Hastings Corporation
K&C	K0285.01M	25p*	Kensington, Chelsea & Westminster AHA
KP	K1470.02	20p/5p*	Kevin Parkhill (Society Member)
LB/B	L0315.02	1p	London Boro' of Barnet or Barking
LB/C	L0340.01	19p	
LB/C	L0340.06	19p/25p*	London Borough of Camden
LB/G	L0390.01M	24p	London Borough of Greenwich
LB/R	L0630.01	18p/20p	London Borough of Redbridge
LC	L0960.02	18p/24p	London SE postmark
LF/CD	L2207/01	24p	London Fire and Civil Defence
LR/PC	L5465.01	1p/2p*	London Regional Passenger Committee
MSN	M5310.01	25p*	Thought illegal use
N/riA	N1625.01	25p*	Newham Health Authority
NH/HD	N1675.01	24p	North Hampshire Health District
PI/O	P2565.01M	19p*	Pratts Insurance Office
PS	P4145.01m	19p/25p*	Perfin Society of Great Britain
R/HA	R2225.02M	24p	Rochdale Area Health Authority
RBC	R0410.01M	19p/1p*	Rotherham Borough Council
SC	S1210.01	24p/25p*	Think Southwalk Corporation
STH	S7390.02M	24p	St.Thomas's Hospital (Lambeth)
St/BH	S7170.01M	25p*	
TDC	T1268.01M	25p*	Taunton Deane B.C.?
TW	T4910.01	19p/24p*	Thames Water
U.L.	U1170.01	25p*	University of London
C/..	C0020.01	1st Class*	Chris Carr (Society Member)
Cross	Des0295.01	19p/25p*	Rosemary Smith (Society Member)

5 Clarendon Terrace
Swinton

Mr S M Mellor (per Mr Alf W Bullock

1919 To Trustees of Mary Ward's Will

June 24 Half Year Rent due in
respect of Ardwick property

for postage
Len Tax 4-uk
July 2-1919.



7	5	6 1/2
2	3	7 1/2
<hr/>		
5	1	11

June 30/19 5th Clarendon Terrace
Swinton

Dear Sir

on the other side

I send you half yearly

Statement of Chief

Rent due June 24/19

yours truly

J Hall

OKK

4130.02

OKK

4135.01

SEEN IN AUCTION

On two separate occasions ALASTAIR WALTER has spotted the "ADDITIONAL MEDICINE DUTY" overprinted stamps in auction lists; one at £20 the other estimated at £10. Estimate in our own auction for these overprints is 50p which is nearer the price in J. Barefoot's catalogue "Great Britain Revenues".

Still with overprints/underprints; H and B Philatelists Ltd. had two collections of O.U.S. overprints on the 1864 1d Plates.

- 1) 36 examples on 35 different plates. Opt. type 45 in red on the face of the stamp £135-00.
- 2) 29 examples, all different plates; 27 underprints reading upwards, 2 reading downwards £115-00.

Plus private underprint F.P.W.& C^o, Plate 189 £50-00.

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CSK PERFIN By Rosemary Smith.

On the opposite page are photocopies of both sides of a receipt written on a sheet of notepaper. In the dealers stock there were many similar receipts. On one side of all the missives was a 1d stamp used for receipt purposes with perfin C4130.02. No identity could be deduced from the unofficial receipts.

I sent the item to Roy and his reply was:-

"The CSK perfin is interesting as the original identity, with stops, (from Kevin Parkhill in Bulletin 266) was for, "The Clifton & Keresley Coal Co. Ltd., Robin Hood Sidings." No town was stated but part of the pmk reads PENDLE....(presumed to be Pendlebury).

"I see from my gazetteer that there are three Swintons in Yorkshire and one in Lancashire. The Lanes one is part of the Municipal Borough of Swindon and Pendlebury, 5m WNW of Manchester. I would imagine that the address given is the offices of the above named Coal Co., but perhaps someone could confirm by reference to a Manchester Trade Directory c1920."

Can anyone do some detective work for us?

The only perfin item which I managed to find while on holiday in Devon was at a Car Boot Sale. It was a cover for Barclay Perkins, the brewers, with new identity for B5710.04 (See Bulletin 272).

On the front of the cover was a silhouette of Dr. Johnson and an embossed identity on the flap incorporating an anchor motif. The enclosed letter also showed an impression of Dr. Johnson and even had the outline of Dr. Johnson as a watermark. What possible connection could Dr. Johnson have had with a brewery, I wondered, that they could use his portrait as their trade mark?

Two weeks later at a Collectors Fair my wife spotted a booklet entitled, "The Romance of a Brewery" published by Barclay Perkins, and which gave the history of the Company and the Anchor Brewery which is as follows.

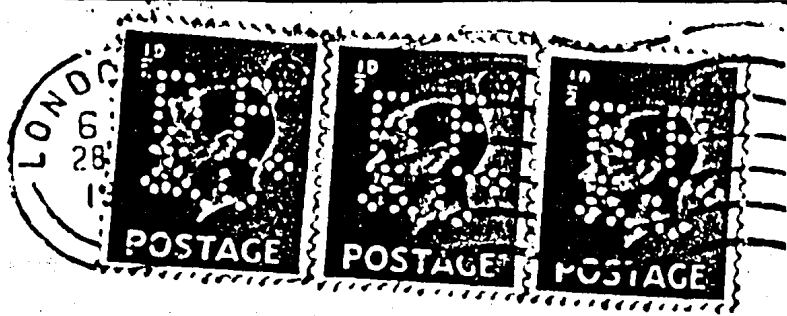
The earliest record of the Anchor Brewery is in 1693 and was owned by the Child family. Edmund Halsey, an employee, worked up to the position of sole proprietor, amassing a considerable fortune, and then sold the business to his nephew and manager, Ralph Thrale.

Dr. Samuel Johnson was a great friend of the Thrale family, and on the death of Ralph Thrale in 1758, the brewery passed to his son, Henry Thrale. When Henry Thrale died early in 1781, the Anchor Brewery was managed by a John Perkins with the assistance of Dr. Johnson as executor.

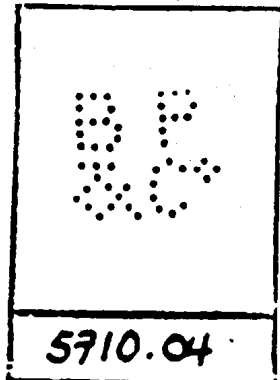
The latter, anxious to be rid of his responsibility found a wealthy bidder, David Barclay, who was prepared to buy the brewery. The purchaser put into the firm his nephew, who together with Mr. Perkins, founded the famous firm of Barclay Perkins and Co. on July 3rd 1781.

The London trade Directory shows that the name Barclay Perkins remained until 1961, when it changed to Courage Barclay.

The letter in the envelope made me smile - a pension of £13 per year! - values were very different in the thirties.



Mrs. ie,
je Road,
ascourt Park, W.6.



Telephone:
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BY JOHNSON



PARK STREET,
SOUTHWARK
LONDON · S · E · 1

PLEASE Mrs. J.M.Lesslie
64, Weltje Road,
Ravenscourt Park, W.6.

28th May, 1937

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Board have agreed to grant you a pension of £13 per annum until you are qualified to receive the Old Age Pension.

This will be paid to you quarterly, dating from February 18th last.

Yours faithfully,

FOR THE BARCLAY PERKINS & CO. LTD.

ASST. SECRETARY

HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS

KELSALL & KEMPS

By Kevin Parkhill

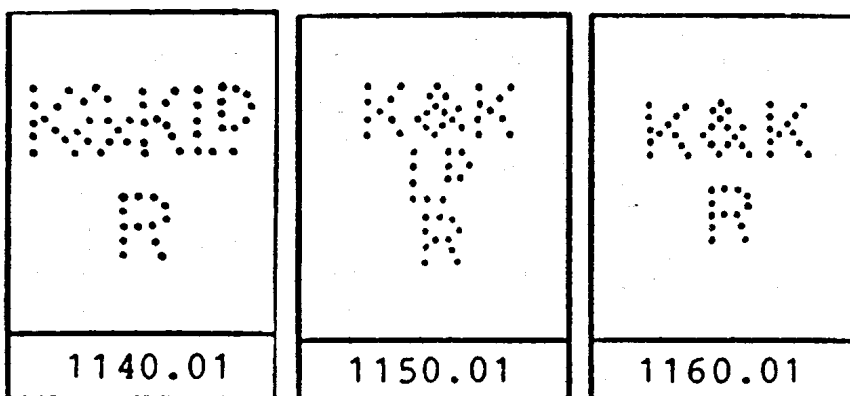
In the 19th Century cotton became the main trade of Lancashire, and Rochdale had its share of giant mills. However, because of its close proximity to Yorkshire's prevalent woollen industry, Rochdale did not change from wool to cotton as quickly as the more western mills of Lancashire.

In 1815 woollen trader Henry Kelsall of Mottram, Cheshire moved to Rochdale, bought wool, put it out to out-workers and sold the cloth at market. By 1835, Kelsall and his brother-in-law, William Bartlemere, had opened their own mill. In 1856, George Tawke Kemp married Henry Kelsall's daughter, became managing partner and so "Kelsall & Kemp" was born.

The firm became a registered company in 1890 and continued as an independent going concern until the take-over in 1968 by Coates Paton.

"Doctor Flannel" was a trade name of a Kelsall & Kemp product, of which they were very proud. High quality flannel was made from pure wool and the substitution of poor quality cotton for some of the wool made for a marked deterioration in quality. Kelsall and Kemp claimed that the cotton blended with the wool during the making of their flannel was 'scientifically controlled and added according to a definitely specified percentage', making for a superior cloth. There were at least ten stages in the process of producing the flannel cloth and Kelsall and Kemp could boast that from start to finish it could be done in their own mills.

If anyone has spare copies of the three perfins illustrated, (all used by Kelsall & Kemp) I, Kevin Parkhill, would like to purchase the same.



Precis of article in the local Rochdale paper, who, in turn, had taken the information from a booklet entitled, "The Doctor Flannel"

Postage Stamps—Important Case

The following extract was made from the "MANCHESTER EXAMINER" of 21st February, and appeared in other Provincial and London Papers:— 1868?

"CHARGE OF 'RECEIVING' 7,000 STAMPS—At the Manchester Police-court on Wednesday *John Howarth*, provision-dealer, Cross-street, was charged with receiving, from errand-boys and junior clerks in various Manchester offices, a large number of stamps in payment for bread and cheese, he well knowing the said stamps to have been stolen. Inspector Shandley said he searched the prisoner's premises, and in a drawer he found 4,800 penny stamps, 810 twopenny stamps, and 2,210 receipt stamps; the total number being 7,820, and the value 35*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* The majority of them were new stamps—that is to say, they had not been stuck upon letters, but a certain portion of them—and these the officer found done up in a packet by themselves—had the appearance of having been fixed upon letters and taken off again, the edges being slightly jagged and the 'sticking stuff' looking not fresh. In fact, the charge against the prisoner originated in a letter being so tampered with. Mr. Slater, St. Ann's-square, suspecting something amiss in the posting of a letter containing two halves of 5*l.* notes—the letter not having been heard of—had asked Inspector Shandley to make inquiries. The result was that the errand boy confessed he had kept back the letter for the sake of the penny stamp (with which he bought a bun at the prisoner's shop), and when he found, on tearing the letter in two, that it was a money letter, he became frightened at what he had done, and he tucked the letter and the enclosed half notes between the bars of a 'grid' in Red Lion-street, where the officer found them. The stipendiary magistrate (Mr. Fowler) thought it a most important case, and he remanded the prisoner for a week to enable Inspector Shandley to make the most searching inquiry possible."

A plan has been devised in connection with "SLOPER'S PATENT PERFORATING SYSTEM" for *effectually* preventing the recurrence of such cases in future, and has been submitted to and allowed by the Post Office Authorities.

This plan, which has just been adopted by many of the most influential Firms and Public Companies in London, will be in full operation as soon as the Patentee has prepared his Machinery to meet the demands which he anticipates,

All applications addressed to—"THE MANAGER,

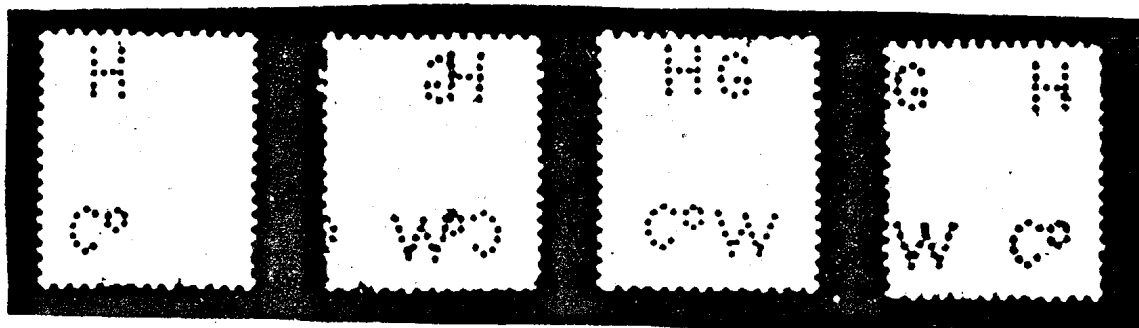
"Office for Sloper's Patent,

"WALBROOK HOUSE, WALBROOK, LONDON."

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

PARTIAL PERFINS or NEW DIES? Bulletin 268/10 and 269/10.

ARTHUR SMITH has sent illustrations of 4 examples of G2410.01 - GH/WC. They show how the same die can appear as four completely different perfins.



SLOPER CIRCULAR ACQUIRED by N.P.M. Bulletin 272 Pg.12-13.

ROLF NIEVERGELT from Switzerland has furnished me with the photocopy, on the previous page, of an almost identical circular to the one shown on Page 13 of Bulletin 272. He says it was sold in auction in 1993.

The quality of the reprint is not as good as the one in Bulletin 272 but it is worth publishing because of the perforated date at the left hand side:- 14-3-68. This is the day after the Post Master General granted permission to Joseph Sloper to perforate postage stamps.

It would therefore tend to put this circular a year earlier than Maurice Harp had thought: and indeed show that Joseph Sloper was geared up to exploit his patent to the full as soon as he had official blessing.

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STAMPS NOT RECORDED AS PERFINS Every Bulletin since No.267.

In Bulletin 267 I published Alastair Walter's list of pre-decimal stamps which had not been seen as perfins. During the past twelve months many of the stamps from that original list have been found perfined and reported.

Here is the updated list of non-perfined stamps.

NON-PERFINED STAMPS

1858-64 1d ROSE-RED

Plates 82, 83, 87, 88.

1858 2d BLUE

Plate 7.

1865-67 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK EMBLEMS

3d ROSE - Plate 4.

6d DEEP LILAC - Plates 5,6.

9d STRAW - Plates 4,5.

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 1.

1/- GREEN - Plate 4.

1865-73 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK GARTER

4d VERMILION - Plates 7, 8, 9, 10.

1867-80 LARGE WHITE LETTERS - WMK SPRAY

3d ROSE - Plate 4.

10d RED-BROWN - Plate 2.

1867-83 WMK MALTESE CROSS

£1 BROWN-LILAC.

1873-80 LARGE COLOURED LETTERS - WMK ANCHOR

2½d ROSE-BLUE - Plates 2, 3.

1913 WMK MULTI ROYAL CYPHER

½d

1913

£1 SEAHORSE

1948 C.I. LIBERATION

1d.

1952-54 QEII TUDOR CROWN WMK SIDEWAYS

2½d.

1958 REGIONALS

N. IRELAND:- 3d, 6d, 1/3d.

WALES:- 1/3d.

GUERNSEY:- 3d.

No prizes for finding any of these - just the satisfaction of knowing you have helped towards eliminating the whole issue of stamps from 1868 to 1971. Only 30 left!!

PERFORATED CANCEL OF THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND "R"
within a STAR By Rosemary Smith.

Once again this cancel has been brought to my notice.

In Bulletin 229 Pg.8 there appeared the first copy of this very distinctive perforated cancel which would seem to have been applied to incoming mail at the Edinburgh Office of the Royal Bank of Scotland. The cover was dated 7-AUGUST-1876 and the cancel went through the 1d red stamp but it does not look to be a complete strike.

In Bulletin 241 Pg.8 is another cover, this time dated 8-JULY-1868 which has a very clear strike.

In Bulletin 265 Pg.9, Kevin Parkhill reported that he had a cover from Heidelberg to the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh dated 27-JULY-1877. It bears a 20 pfennig stamp and the cancellation has many blind holes.

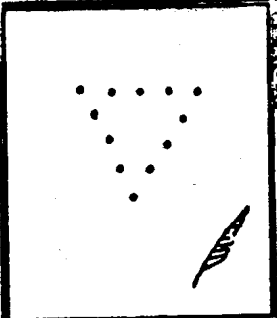
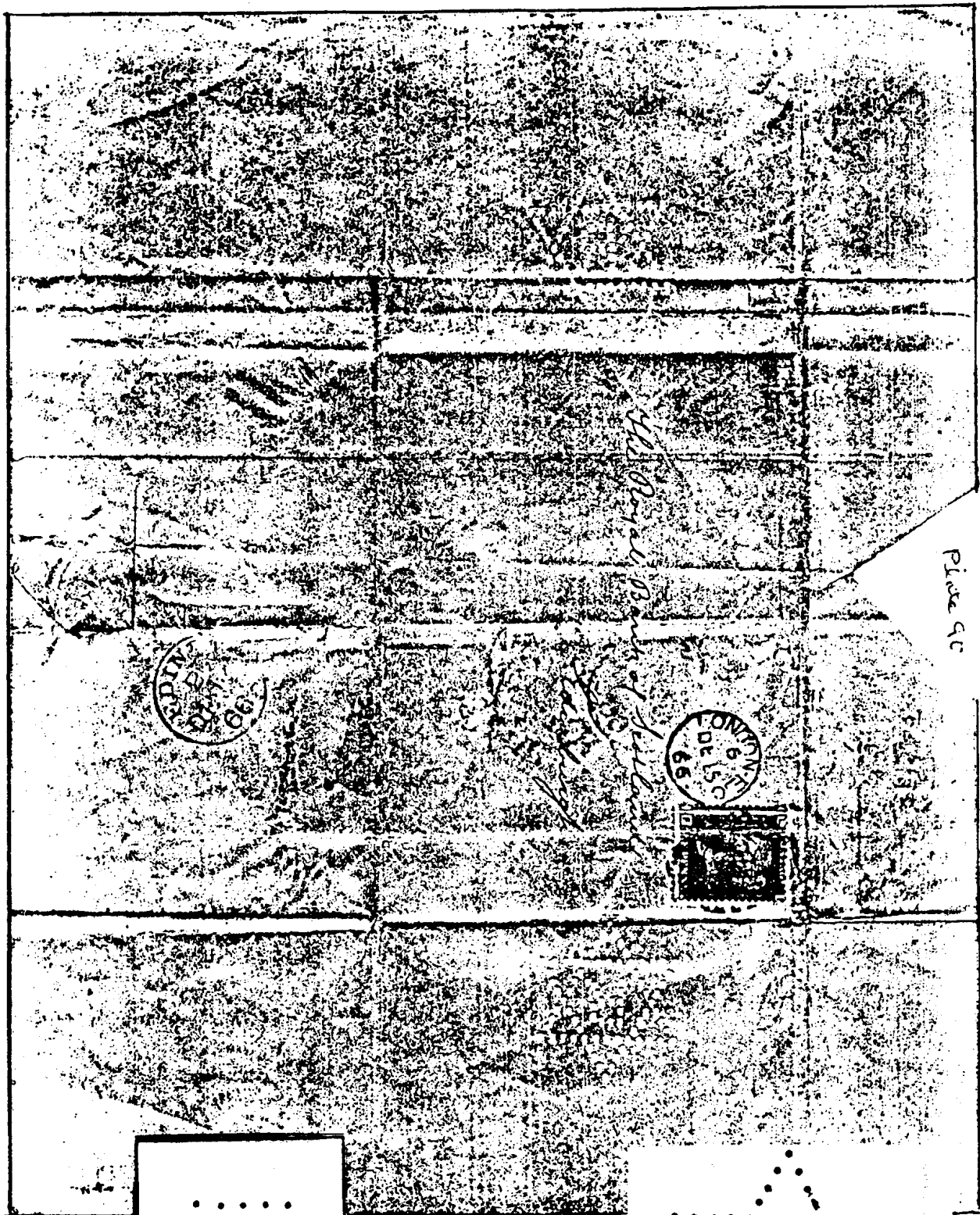
The two new illustrations shown on the next pages come from a non-member. The entire is reduced in size so you can see the whole. Being on blue paper it is not very clear. It has a Plate 90 1d red and is dated 15-DECEMBER-1866. The entire must have had another sheet inside it as the inside is blank but it appears to have been opened, folded in half down the centre through the address and then cancelled because the holes can be synchronised.

The envelope is dated 16-AUGUST-1866; the stamp is a 1d red, Plate 79; the strike is very clear.

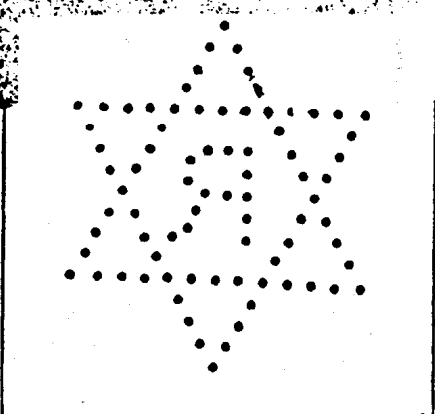
Whilst looking at all these covers, various thoughts occur.

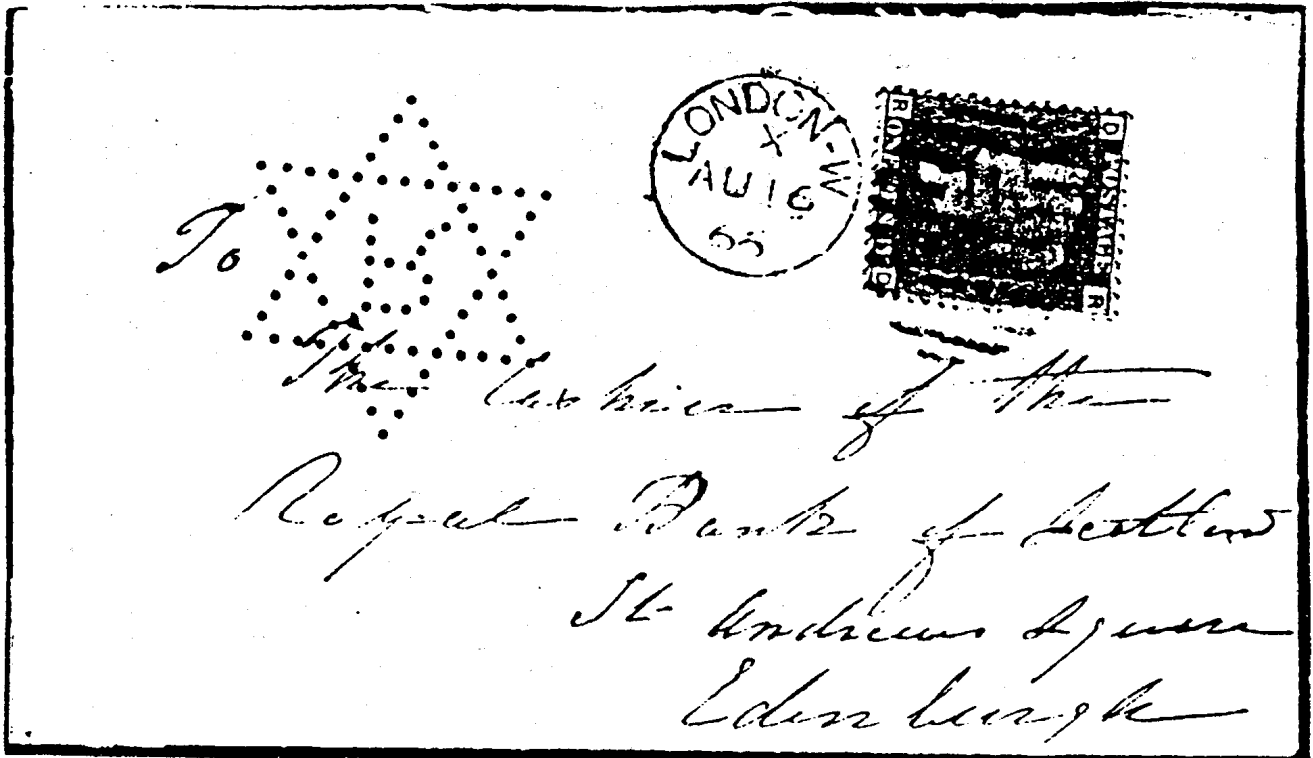
1. The cancelling device was in use prior to perfins.
2. The period of known use is now 1866 to 1877.
3. The cancels of 1876 and 1877 are partials, suggesting much use over a period of time.
4. Is Design 1060.01 one of the points of the star which was punched through a stamp? The only stamp reported in the New Illustrated Catalogue for this die is on a 1d red.

If any other members have copies of this device on cover, please send details and/or a photocopy. I know of six examples, and from the details I have been given, we can already deduce some facts.



1060.01





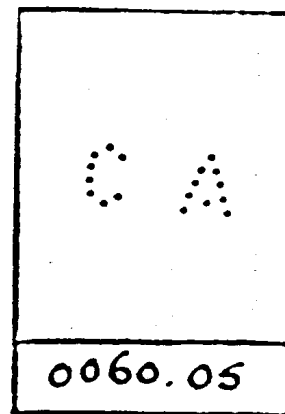
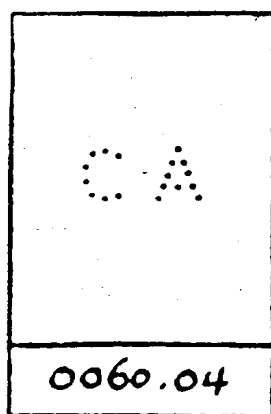
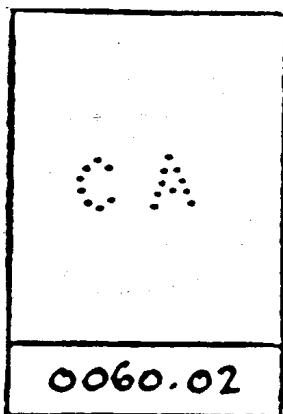
COMMON PERFIN - UNKNOWN IDENTITY By Dave Hill.

I suspect there are many as yet unrecorded identities in members' collections. Few members have the Illustrated Catalogue and with so many dies known on GB stamps many are very similar.

A case in point is C0060.02, a common perfin on KGVI stamps but the identity is unknown. I suspect a cover lurks in someone's collection and they think it is C0060.04. The letters of C0060.02 are noticeably thinner than C0060.04. (See illustrations below)

To check, make a tracing on natural tracing paper and superimpose it over the stamp on your cover. A glass and good source of light help.

I also illustrate C0060.05, another common perfin, the user of which is also unknown.



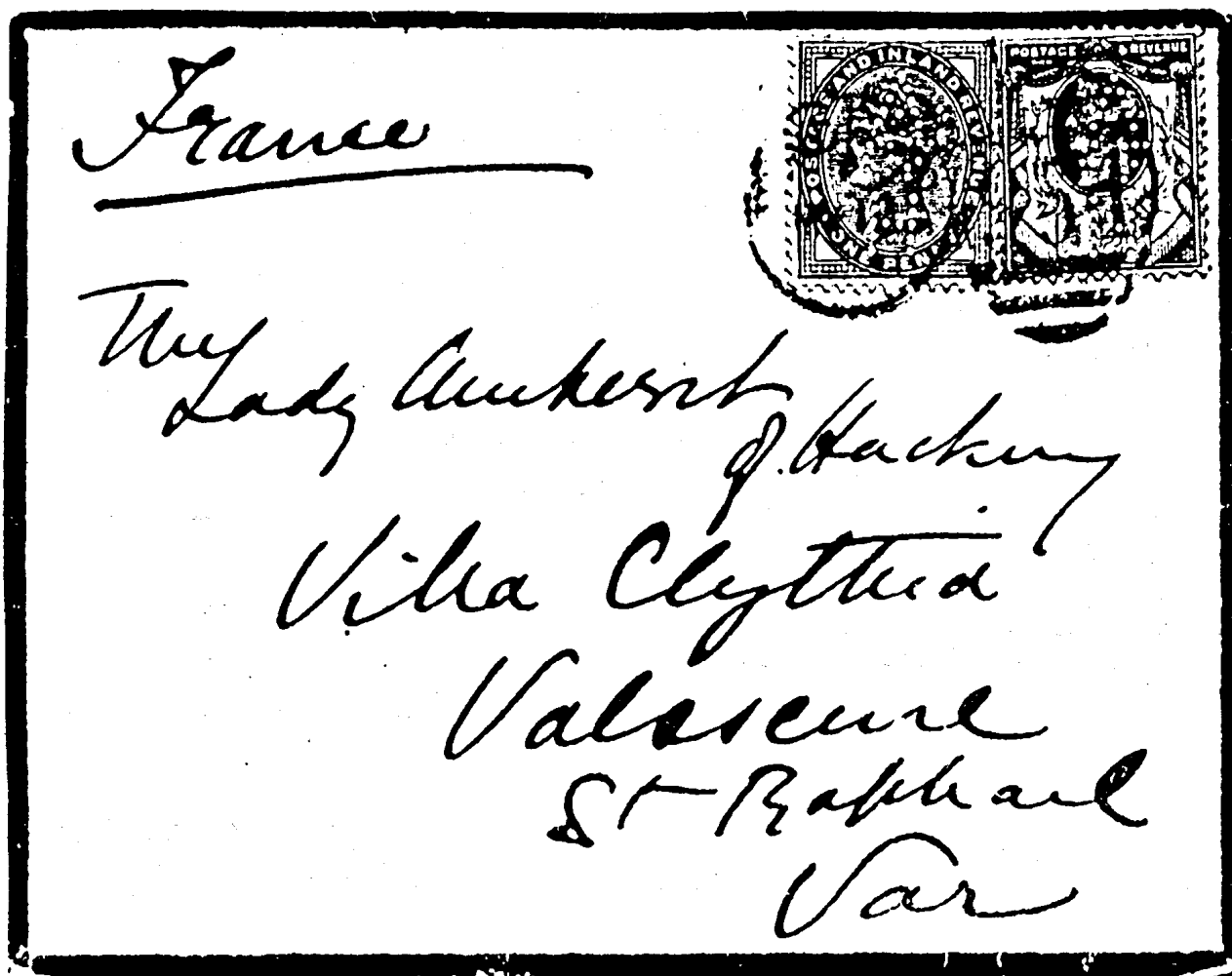
A PRIVATE PERFIN - A/OF/H By David Scott.

On a visit to London three years ago, I purchased a cover with QV 1d lilac and 1½d Jubilee, both perfined A/OF/H, but no identity, or so I thought. When I examined the cover in the train on the journey home, I realised to whom it was addressed - Lady Amherst of Hackney - A of H! Presumably, a letter sent to her by her husband. The postmark was Duplex 934 Mundford (Norfolk).

First thing the next day I hurried to the Reference Library to look in Burkes Peerage, and there it was, "Baron Amherst of Hackney, Didlington Hall, Nr. Brandon, Norfolk (3 miles from Mundford). The address of his villa in France given as Valescure, Var, France; the address to which the letter was sent.

All this gave confirmation of the identity, and was duly given in Bulletin 251 as a new identity.

I don't know why the Baron should use this mourning cover. Using up old stationery perhaps, or informing Lady Amherst of the death of a friend or relative?



SUPPLIERS OF PERFORATORS By John Mathews.

Recently I had the opportunity to sight photocopies of many of the original applications to perforate stamps, which had been made in the Australian State of Queensland in accordance with Postal Regulations.

One of the applicants in 1897 also asked the Deputy Postmaster General in Brisbane for any information he might have regarding manufacturers of perforating machines. Fortunately, this letter appears to have been typed on lightweight paper, for the photocopier has clearly reproduced reversed handwriting annotations showing through from the other side of the sheet.

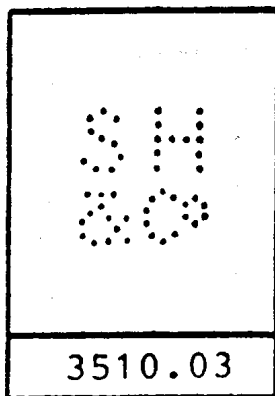
Recalling a reference in my volume of Sherlock Holmes (The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Part XI - The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter), I held the page in front of the mirror and was able to read:

"Hoffnung and Co. received their perforating machine from their Sydney office but (could) not (provide where) it was (made) - it bears the name of Sloper's Patent.

The New Zealand Ins. Coy's was supplied by their head office in New Zealand. It is made by Mordanne (sic) and Co., London."

(Words in brackets are my "best guesses").

The ledgers of J. Sloper and Co. Ltd. include a sample strike of the Hoffnung machine (SH/& Co) made early in 1891.



The New Zealand Insurance Company machine was undoubtedly made by Sampson Mordan and Co., 41 and 43 City Road, London E.C.

See earlier reference to this company in Bulletin 270 Page 23.

NEW IDENTITIES submitted to the CATALOGUE EDITOR ROY GAULT.

Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers have been illustrated at the end.

From Rosemary Smith

A2070.01	A.E.G/Co	10,10,10/12,8,6		A E Gaskell & Co, Manchester. 4½ IIIa Cover dated 21/5/1919. I
A2530.01	AG/Co.	10.10/13,8,6	5½ III	A Garatin & Co, Leather Goods, Queen's Sq, London EC. TC(Picture) dated 2/3/1904. F
B0010.17	B	13	6½	B W Blydenstein & Co, London.
Note: The identity for B0010.18 in Tomkins is an error and should be deleted.				
B0010.46	B	19	9	J E Brassey & Sons Ltd, Iron Merchants, Ironmongers, Dairy Engineers & Cycle Agents, Chester. TC pmk Chester, 21/5/1918. I
B0010.68	B	15	6½	Brush Electrical Engineering Co Ltd, Albert Buildings, 49 Queen Victoria St, London EC. TC dated 10/5/1898. E
B1130.04	B.C	13,8	5½	Barrow-in-Furness Corporation. Cemetery receipt dated 15/3/24. I
B1370.01	BCL	11,7,6	4½	British Congoleum Ltd, 131 Aldersgate St, London EC1. TC pmk London, 16/6/1941. Q
B1410.02a	BC/Ld	14,8/7,7	5	Borax Consolidated Ltd. Cover pmk London, 14/2/1919. I
B1510.01	B&/CO	13,13/8,6	5½III	2. Badcock, Bishop & Co Ltd, 22 Eastcheap, London EC3. Receipt dated 12/2/1919. I
C2770.02	CG/CO	8,10/14,8,4	4½III	Chalmers, Guthrie & Co Ltd, London. Cover dated 10/4/1912. F
C4220.01a	C.L	8,7	5	Caribonum Ltd, Leyton, London E10. Receipt dated 4/10/1932. I
D1510.01	DeC/DeD	11,9,8/14,11	5 III	Confirm De Clermont & Donner Ltd London. Cover dated 6/2/1889 B,E
D2615.01	DJ/L	11,7/7	5	Dyer & Jarvis Ltd, 61 & 62 Newman St, London W. Cover Pmk London W1, 22/12/1920 I
E3020.01	E.M/G.B	10,13/9,11	6½	East Midlands Gas Board, Burton-on-Trent. Identified piece dated 18/11/58. U
G0990.03	G/Co	10/14,8,4	5 III	Glendining & Co Ltd, 7 Argyle St, Oxford Circus. London W. Cover dated 8/3/1922. I
H3130.02	H.H.	11,11	5½	2. Harry Hall, THE Coat & breeches Specialist, 207 Oxford St (W) & 149 Cheapside (EC), London.
H6350.11	H&S	Correction - 1st identity should read Howards & Sons, Ilford.		

Rosemary Smith continued

J3625.01	JHE	6,10,10	6	J H Elliott, Birmingham. Cover pmk Birmingham. 17/5/98. E
J6890.01	J.S.B	7,11,13	5½	Joseph Sykes Brothers, Lindley, Huddersfield. Branch of The English Card Clothing Co Ltd. Cover pmk Huddersfield, 4/9/41. Q
J7130.01	J&S/Ld	7,13,11/7,7	5½ III	Jordan & Sons Ltd, 116 & 117 Chancery Lane, London WC2. Item dated 28/6/1919. I
Note: Current entry in Tomkins for J7130.01 is				In error and should be deleted.
L4730.01p	L/R	6/10	4½	Confirm Lloyd's Registry of Shipping, Wokingham. Cover pmk Wokingham, 25/1/1945 R
M2950.01	MH/&CO	15,12/12,8,6	4 Ia	Michener, Hodsdon & Co. 2A Cannon St, London EC. TC pmk London. 28/5/1912. H
M3060.01p	MI	11,4	4½	Confirm Marine Insurance Co Ltd. Cover pmk Weybridge, 27/2/1945. R
M4130.01	M.N.	15,13	5½	Michael Nairn & Co Ltd, 113 Centre St, Glasgow C5. TC pmk Glasgow. 30/3/1942. R
M3590.01	MT/&B	15,7/14,14	5 III	Mabie, Todd & Bard, 93 Cheapside, London. Cover seen on display at Sheffield Philatelic Society. F
O0810.01	OH	8,10	4½	Wm O'Hanlon & Co Ltd, 49 & 51 Dale St, Manchester. TC pmk Manchester, 16/4/1942. Q
O0810.01p	OH	8,10	4½	Wm O'Hanlon & Co Ltd, 49 & 51 Dale St, Manchester. Addresses also in London & Glasgow. TC pmk Manchester, 16/4/1942. Q
O0820.01ap	O/H	8/10	4½	Wm O'Hanlon & Co Ltd, 49 & 51 Dale St, Manchester. TC pmk Manchester. 23/12/1941. R
P2005.01	P.F.S	10,8,11	5½	P Frankenstein & Sons Ltd, Victoria Rubber Works, Culcheth Lane, Newton Heath, Manchester. Cover pmk Manchester, 9/1/1915. I

From Philip Robinson

H0010.40 H 12 9 Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. I,Q

From Ron Brown

D3260.01 DM/Ld 11,15/7,7 5 David Morgan Ltd, Drapers,
Warehousemen, Furnishers of Houses,
The Hayes & St Mary St, Royal &
Morgan Arcades, Cardiff.
Item pmk Cardiff, 19/12/1918. I

From Paddy Murphy

E1770.01	EG/FC	10,10/8,8	4½	E Godfree Felton & Co Wines & Spirits, Adelphi House. 71-72 The Strand, London WC. Receipt dated 4/7/1907. F
G0400.01	G&A.	10,14,14	5½III	Grimshaw & Bazter. 33-35 Goswell Rd, London EC. Item dated 8/7/1897. B
H1480.03	H&Co	9,9,7,6	5½IIIa	Hammond & Co Ltd, Breeches & Trowser Makers etc, 465 Oxford St, London. Item dated 16/4/1913. H
H4480.01	HL/D	11,7/11	5½	Hely's Ltd, Stationers, Printers, and Bookbinders, 26-30 Dame St, Dublin. PPC of Hely's ACME Works pmk Dublin. 16/7/1923.

Note: Perfin known on GB from Edward VII and George V through to Eire issues.

L5130.02	LSS/Co	7,10,10/8,4	5	Limerick Steam Ship Co Ltd - Head Office, Limerick.
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Note: Perfin known on GB from Queen Victoria through to Eire issues.

R0500.01	R.B.I/Ltd..	12,13,517,5,7	5	Confirm Royal Bank of Ireland Ltd, Foster Place, Dublin. Cover pmk Dublin, 12/2/1900. B
S4475.01	S.Ld.	11,7,7	5½	Switzer & Co Ltd, House Furnishers and Decorators, 92 Grafton St, Dublin. Receipt dated 22/11/1922.

Note: Perfin known on GB George V Typographs and '1922' Irish overprints.

W3830.03	W&H/S	16,12.12110	6 IIIa	Walker & Hall, Sheffield. Item dated 3/7/1897. B
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From Maurice Tainton

L1010.01	L.C.A/H	7,8,10/12	6/5½	London County Asylum, Horton, Horton Lane, Epsom. Cover pmk Epsom, 1/5/1912. H
L2445.02	LGA	7,10,10	5	Long Grove Asylum, Horton Lane, Epsom. Covers pmk Epsom, between 15/7/1907 and 9/12/1908. F

From John Mathews

K0510.01ap	KD	9,9	4½	3. Suttley & Silverlock, (Branch of Kelly's Directories Ltd), Andover, Hants. Piece pmk Andover, 6/3/1943. R
W0010.15	W	14	5½	W D & H O Wills, branch of The Imperial Tobacco Co (of Great Britain and Ireland) Ltd, Bristol. Piece with stamp from vertical delivery coil - Bristol, 8/3/43. R

From Chris Carr

N0010.20	N	20	9	Nichol Part identity with Telephone:- CITY (Presumably London) Can anyone add any more? O
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From Gary Shayler

E0400.01	E&B/IC ^o	10,12.1315,8.6	4½ IIIa	The Engine, Boiler, & Employers Liability Insurance Co Ltd, 12 King Street. Manchester. (Additional info to Tomkins) Pmk Manchester, 30/11/1898. B
H3720.02	H.B./Ld.	11.13/7,7	5½	Healey Brothers Ltd, Cartridge Ropery. Beywood, Lancashire. TC pmk Heywood, 26/11/1918. I
P0595.02	PB/&Co.	10.13/13,8.6	5½ III	Platt Brothers & Co Ltd, Hartford Iron Works, Oldham. TC pmk Oldham, 1/10/1904. F.

From John Frost

R1350.01M	R/DC	10/9,7	4½	Delete suspected identity. Rother District, East Sussex slogan pmk. Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex Pmk Bexhill-on-Sea, 23/5/1974 W
<u>R1350.01a</u>	R/DC	10/9,7	4½	Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. Used in combination with BC(B1110.03M) Pmk Bexhill-on-Sea, 2/5/1974. W
H1160.04	BC	9,7	5	Hastings BC - Flap marked Hast(ings) Bor(ough) Burial Boa(rd) Pmk Hastings, 16/12/1909. F

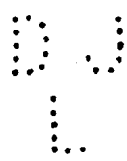
From Dave Hill

B1110.16	BC	14,8	5	Borough of Camberwell. Cover pmk East Dulwich, 23/5/35 I
S1210.01M	SC	9,7	4½	Ø Sanddown Corporation, Isle of Wight - based on postmark evidence dated 9/8/1970. V

From Roy Gault

S2465.01	SE/DE	9,9/9,9	4½	Staffordshire Education Committee Walsall St, Wednesbury.
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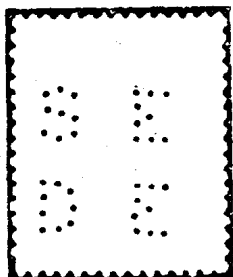
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 S3580.01aM SH/MC 9,10/11,7 4½ Stepney HMC.
 Loose stamp identified in Sloper ledger 12xl multiheaded die. R



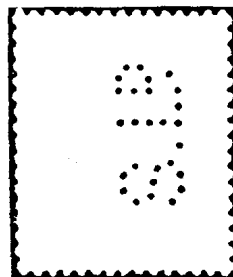
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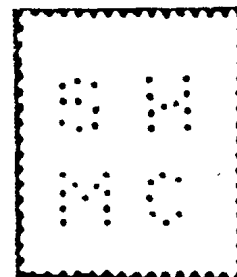
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