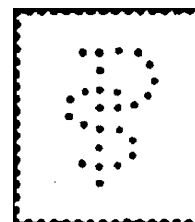


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DAVE HILL

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES to MARCH 2002 Total Members 360

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Change of Address

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316/16 should have been an underscore not a
hyphen.

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Lapsed BALDOCK: BENKO: EVANS: GROOME: LAURA;
LEGG: LONGBOTTOM: LYDING: POLZIN: RICHARDSON:
SAMWELL: SWAN: TYRE: WEDA.

The above have not replied to my letter reminding them subs were due 1st September last; total 14; about usual for the time of year.

In addition I dropped Peter May last year as he owed his sub and £11-50p for auction 2.

I have dropped Patrick Durbano as he owed £19 from auction 1 last year and his lots in auction 3 value £54-50p were lost by Canada Post.

I am reluctant to drop Jurgen Settgest, a valued member, but he owes for the auction. He rang me some months back and I think he said he was going to sell some lots in auction. I wonder if illness prevented him.

I have written at least 2 letters to these last 3 members at their last known addresses and received no reply. If you have any news of them, please let me know.

I intend to stop sending Bulletins as soon as members do not pay for auction lots, especially members abroad. Postage is over £1 for each Bulletin, which only adds to the Society's loss. I don't want to have to introduce payment before despatch of lots, it would increase costs. It does seem that Consignia, our new UK postal authority is less careful than Royal Mail and more post is being lost. Perhaps they are copying some foreign post offices!! This adds to our loss of revenue and trouble in trying to trace and get compensation.

John has introduced a bids form and lots will be sent to the address you show on the form. If you move in the meantime, please tell John. We expect you to pay if lots are sent to the address on the form. It is difficult to know what more we can do: recorded delivery etc only draws attention to the packet and makes it more tempting for the thief.

SPRING MEETING IN LONDON

Saturday May 18th at Duchess House, 18-19 Warren Street, London W1 from 1:00pm onwards. Warren Street Tube Station is just round the corner. There was a good map in the October Bulletin showing the location of Duchess Street for anyone who has not been before. This is a good way to keep in touch with old friends, meet new ones and exchange/sell or buy perfins and covers. Many members bring along something of interest from their collection: why don't you do the same?

EXCHANGE PACKET

I had decided to discontinue the Society exchange packet for lack of material. I have had nothing for a year. I will circulate one last one of my own material. Sorry if you were just going to make up some material but just one packet a year does not repay my time or the Society's expense. Nor is it very secure. A packet circuit does rely upon the members expecting a packet fairly regularly, say a minimum of one every 2 months, 6 a year. With just one a year circuit members forget to tell me when they are away from home or of impending address changes. We run too much chance of the packet sitting on someone's doorstep for week/s. Experience has shown that recorded delivery is expensive and only draws attention to its possible value to the thief.

On the question of security, I have made many appeals but still members continue to address my mail "Secretary/Treasurer" and to put "Auction" or "Auctioneer" on John Donner's mail. We do not mind at all if you do not put our titles on our mail. It is safer without it, nor should you mention "stamps" in any way.

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'P' section of The New Illustrated Catalogue

This time it has been decided to print the letter "P" details as one section of approx 116 pages, and the silhouettes as one section of 30 pages.

The cost to members will be:-

Gault Letter "P" Details	£10-50	(one section)	<u>HOME</u>
	£13-00	" "	<u>EUROPE</u>
	£15-00	" "	<u>OVERSEAS</u>
Gault Letter "P" Silhouettes	£4-00	(one section)	<u>HOME</u>
	£5-00	" "	<u>EUROPE</u>
	£6-00	" "	<u>OVERSEAS</u>

KGV Silver Jubilees Catalogue

George Greenhill's original catalogue has been completely up-dated by Jeff Turnbull. All new information which has been reported over the years is now incorporated into the latest edition. Jeff has added known users of the dies and there is plenty of spare room for future reported dies. The cost will be the same as before.

KGV Silver Jubilee Details and Silhouettes	£3-00	<u>HOME</u>
	£4-50	<u>EUROPE</u>
	£6-50	<u>OVERSEAS</u>

RAILWAY PERFIN RESEARCH

Terry Comper is delighted with the response to the Railway Worksheet in the last Bulletin. 26 members replied, a few to say they had no new information about the 'B' dies but wanted later worksheets. Terry was surprised at the amount of new detail, illustrations and history of the railways mentioned in this first sheet. The second set is with this Bulletin and if you wish to receive further worksheets, please respond. It could be that this may be the last set sent to all 360 members.

SEEN IN AUCTION

Dave Hill saw a **Sloper Experimental Arrowhead Cancel** on a ½d postcard in M D Piggin auction with Reserve of £45. (Ed:-1 may be out of touch but I think this is more than twice what you should be paying for these items.)

Ken Dee has sent the March MAT Stamp Auctions catalogue and the items noted in Bulletin 315 Pg.22 from MAT auction, with the exception of the 2d Blue with underprint, are still for sale at the same reserve. Does this suggest something about the price expected?

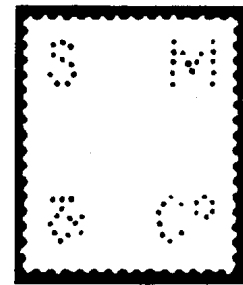
In the March auction there are mint 1935 Silver Jubilee sets perfined "SPECIMEN" from Basutoland (£35), Virgin Islands (£40), Caymen Islands (£40), Grenada (£35), Leeward Islands (£35), Northern Rhodesia (£35) and Saint Kitts (£80).

Under GRENADA is a lot described as 1938 ½d to 10/- each perfin Specimen mint. 13 values. £120. However, the photo of the 10/- value is for Jamaica. Make of that what you can!

NEW 'EARLIEST' COVER REPORTED

Roy Gault

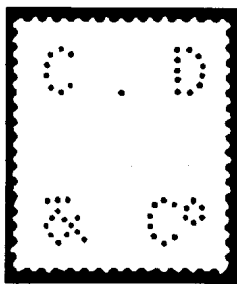
A new 'Earliest' perfin cover has been reported by Tony Swales with a very early date of 5 January 1869 - tantalisingly close to the perfin collectors 'holy grail' of an 1868 cover. Tony's cover has a joined pair of QV 4d plate 10 stamps perforated with the initials "SM/&C^o" (S4920.01).



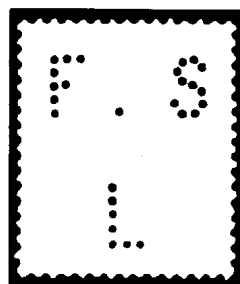
S4920.01

The *only* 1868 date so far reported is still November 1868 on a loose stamp (6d plate 6), again with the initials "SM/&C^o" (S4920.01).

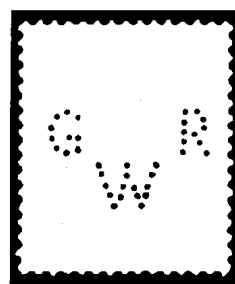
In the past I've kept an unpublished list of the early covers I either see in publications or collectors report to me (see below). Perhaps now is a good time to extend it to include *all 1869 covers known to exist* (and earlier if anyone has one!) to give a feel for scarcity.



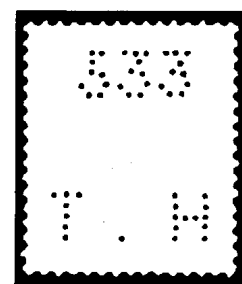
C2087.01



F3845.01



G4350.01aM



#0420.02

Date	Initials	Cat No.	Stamps involved
5 Jan 1869	SM/&C ^o	S4920.01	2 x 4d pl 10
19 Feb 1869	C.D/&C ^o	C2087.01	1d Red pl ???
6 Mar 1869	C.D/&C ^o	C2087.01	4d pl 10 + 1/- pl 4
15 Mar 1869	GR/W	G4350.01aM	1d Red pl ???
21 June 1869	C.D/&C ^o	C2087.01	4d pl 11 + 1/- pl 4
28 June 1869	533/T.H	#0420.02	1d Red pl 123
15 July 1869	C.D/&C ^o	C2087.01	4d pl 11
20 July 1869	GR/W	G4350.01aM	1d Red
10 Nov 1869	SM/&C ^o	S4920.01	6d pl 8
13 Dec 1869	F.S/L	F3845.01	Stamp details n/k

Please report any covers you may have that are additional to the list!

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Perfin T&G/P.I Bulletin 314 Pg.24 & 316 Pg. 17.

Stephen Steere adds the following new information:-

"I now have a list of Historical Company changes obtained from the Insurance Year Book.

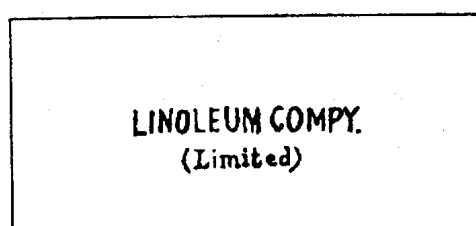
"The entry says **"United Kingdom Total Abstinence Life name changed to United Kingdom Temperance & General Provident Institution in 1849, which subsequently became United Kingdom Provident on an unknown date. No further reference."**

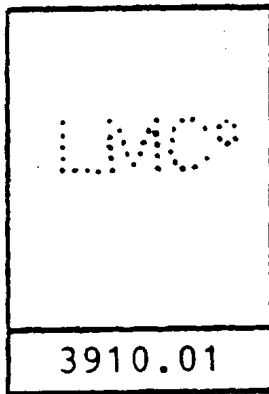
The original company name had 'Life' included, so it fits that the new company carried on this business and as Maurice says had a Life Office with the generic name.

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More on the Lino Story Bulletin 316 Pg. 12-14

MAURICE HARP links this with his information about the "Wenman" overprint (seen in this Bulletin). **The Linoleum Company** used the overprint, shown here, and found on Id Plates 107, 111, 122, 130, 136. The Linoleum Co was at 4 Fell St., Wood St., London EC in 1877. Wood St. of course always raises the possibility of perfins from Wood St. Post Office.



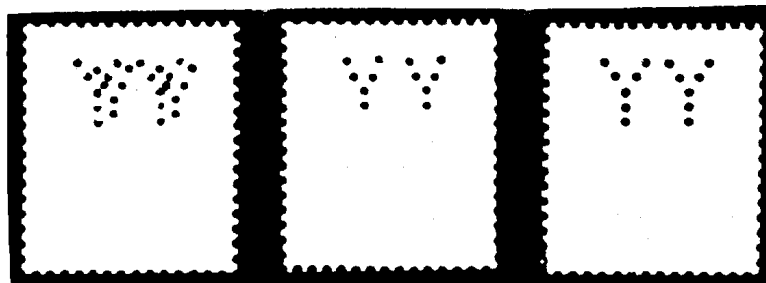


Perfin **L3910.01** (LMC^o) is known on dies 122, 124, 140, 150, 160, 167, 172, 176, 177, 180, 181, 192, 193, 200, 205 and is found with London cancels. Many of the overprint/underprint companies went on to use perfins and I think here we have another case. Note how the die numbers progress from overprint to perfin.

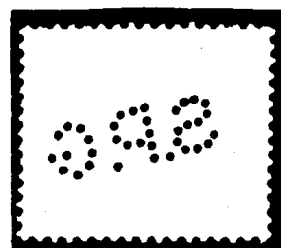
Linoleum, the oldest synthetic floor covering, was invented by the English rubber manufacturer Frederick Walton about 1861. He patented the invention 18th December 1863.

"TWO STRIKES - Different dies" Bulletin 313 Pg 10-11

JACK BRANDT has sent photocopies of another two examples from his collection. The first stamp is a 3d Wilding with "YY" (Y1270.01) and "YY" (Y1270.02) - the latter being the POKO die! Both dies are identified with Yardley & Co Ltd and known used on this stamp.



The second stamp is a QV Jubilee 2½d with S.P.G (I guess S5910.01) and SPG (one of the many variable 'clamped together letter' dies) which is difficult to see. One is struck from the front of the stamp, the other from the back. All are used by The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.



KEN DEE sent photocopies of two more of the "ERRINGTON & MARTIN" underprints. One is a different underprint to those already illustrated in Bulletin 316. These two are on stamps from Brazil and Portugal.



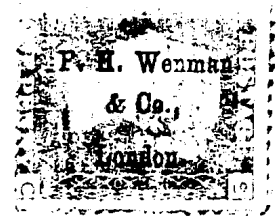
Boy Scout Jamboree Stamps

Although this has nothing to do with the Commemorative Perfins on the Scout stamps, Norman Hewerdine has provided the library with a copy of the article entitled "The 1957 G.B. Scout Jamboree In Rolls" by R J Myers. This was found in Stamp Collecting for December 14th 1967. I know we have some members who collect Scout stamps as a theme and this could be a new source of information. Alastair has given this article the library number 2801. Please quote this if you want a copy.

On the subject of the Perforated "Design BP" on these Scout Stamps, Alastair has brought to my notice the latest advert from Rushstamps for these sets. They say in the advert that these stamps have now been proved to be genuine and not bogus and the price is now about 80% more than before. No mention of the Perfin Society!

A NEW 1d PLATE OVERPRINT

At the beginning of the year, **KEN KLOSS**, from America wrote asking for information about a Penny Plate with overprint. It was an overprint which did not appear to be in any catalogue. The overprint is on a mint copy of Plate 120 and the wording is F.H.Wenman/ & Co.,/London.



I, Ed, could not find anything in my Victoria Catalogues so I wrote to John Nelson who knows a thing or two about the Line Engraved issues! He too was stumped and suggested Maurice Harp as a possible source of information. Maurice has a check list of all underprints known (to himself) and this one is not on that list. He thinks it could be a new find which deserves to be noted by Gibbons. Maurice did track down the company in his directories and the following are the extracts.

1865 Kelly's. Francis Heathcote Wenman
 Ship & Insurance Brokers
 19 Bishopsgate St Within
 London EC

1877 Kelly's. Wenman & Co
 Shipping & Commission Agents
 3 Suffolk Lane
 London EC

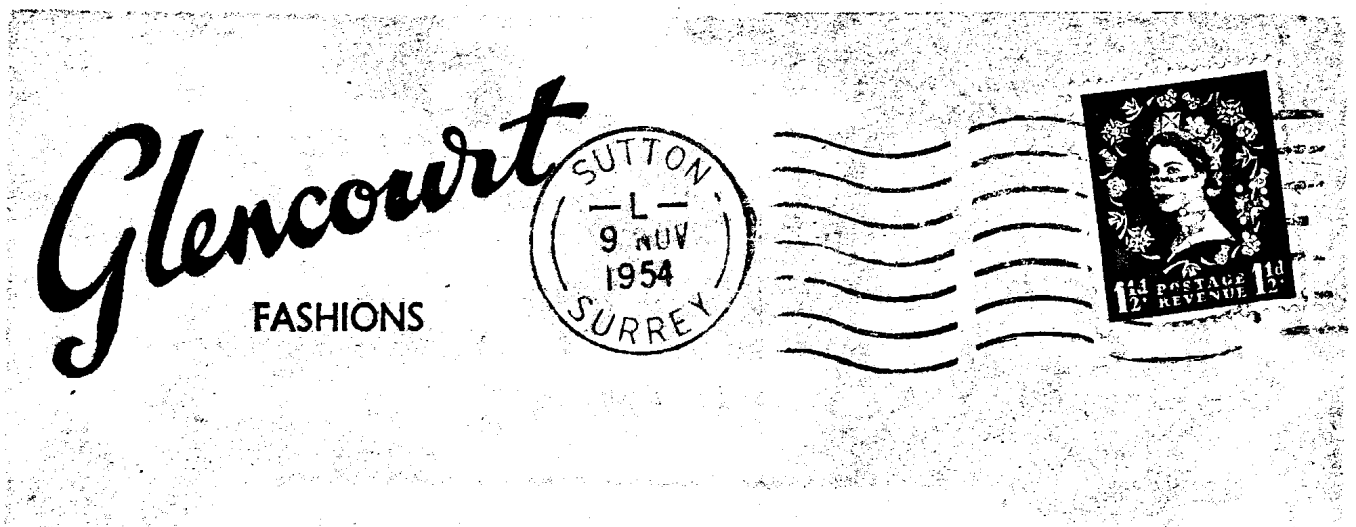
Maurice is sure these two are the same company and that sometime between 1865 and 1877 they were known as F.H.Wenman & Co. The name Wenman is pretty unusual in both directories so the chance of two Wenmans in the shipping business is pretty small.

A Query Answered Rosemary Smith

Some time ago I bought a cover with the perfin "FP" (F3160.01) but with the identity of *Glencourt Fashions*. Looking through my meagre collection of reference books I could not come up with a logical explanation. From past experience I have come to realise that not many firms used the perfins of another company. I therefore turned to the "King of the Reference Books", John Nelson, and sure enough, he found the answer. The following is from John:-

"Like you, I was unable to find a company called Glencourt Fashions. I then thought to link the name up with any of the established 'FP' identities in Tomkins. The probable one being Foster Porter & Co Limited who I knew were textile wholesalers.

"Their entry in the 1949 London Kelly's Directory gave the additional information that their registered brands included the name *Glencourt*, so there you have it. Glencourt Fashions is not therefore a company of any kind but just a brand name printed by Foster Porter on their envelopes."

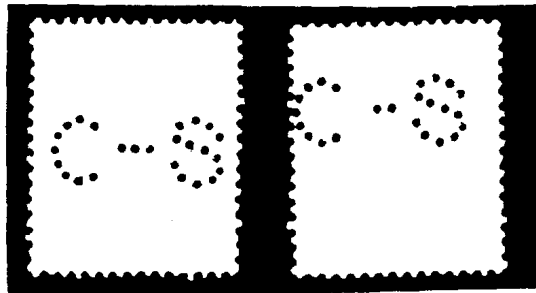


MEMBERS' QUERIES

STEPHEN STEERE has a KEVII ½d dark green on piece, post pmk 'LONDON' & 'FEB 1902', with die O/∞C° (O0500.01). The rear of the piece shows part lettering "..SMA(M?).." with a telegraphic address of 'Oslands, Lon(don)'. Can anyone provide the full identity?

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JACK BRANDT has the perfin C •• S (C6790.02) on a EVIII ½d. Recently he acquired a 1d GV (Downey Head) cancel 1911 with three holes between the letters. He is enquiring if this is the correct die and the one in our catalogues is a broken pin variety. Can members check their copies of C6790.02 and see if there is a probable date for the pin to go missing.



MEMBERS' WANTS

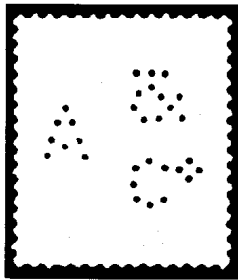
MICK PENFOLD

is seeking a Germany cover with the perfin G.R. and identified as GEORG ROTHCHESSE, Berlin. In the German catalogue it is "Deutschen Firmenlochungen number 1. GR, 17.

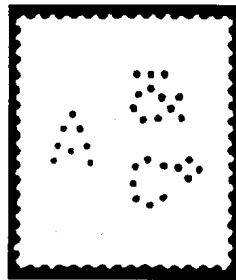
He has several copies of the single perfin and although there was a cover in the Society auction last year, he missed it. He needs a cover to be used in a German Perfin display. If any member is willing to sell Mick a cover, please write with details .

New member, ANDREAS MANZ (address page 2) is interested in the perfins of Switzerland.

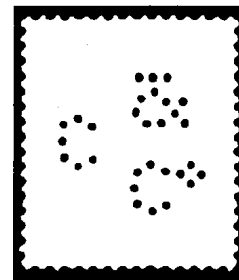
As we progress through the alphabet preparing details for the New Illustrated Catalogue, we often provide answers to some of the puzzles but in the process pose others. One such 'poser' is the small group of Sloper dies with the unusual and seemingly rare form of "&/Co" placed to the right of a single letter. To date only ten dies have been reported showing this layout, all of which are illustrated below.



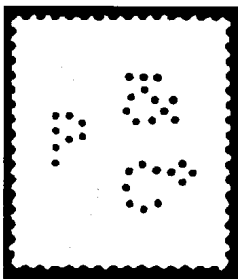
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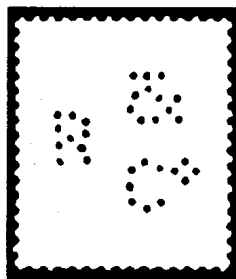
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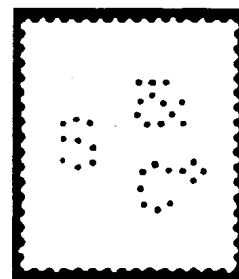
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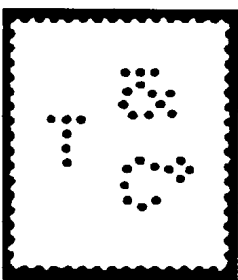
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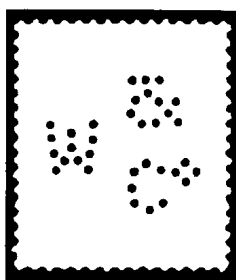
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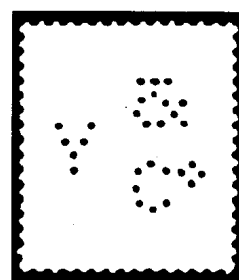
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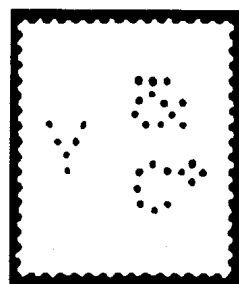


W1355.01



Y0215.01

For convenience, they have been shown against the background of a definitive sized stamp, although some are only known on large format, high value stamps. All known details are tabulated on the next page.



Y0215.01a

Unfortunately, none of the dies have yet been associated with a user, and no dated examples have so far been reported. However, pairs of both A1315.01 and A1315.01a have been reported by Ian Hamill and show they are *not* Sloper Wartime Provisionals.

Cat No.	Letters	Stamps	Comments
A1315.01	A(&/C°)	'Q' 2/6d (br)	
A1315.01a	A(&/C°)	'Q' 2/6d (br), 'Q' 2/6d(gr),5/-	2/6d (gr) introduced March 1942.
C1529.01	C(&/C°)	'Q' 5/-	
PI 133.01	P(&/C°)	'Q' 2½d	Issue replaced July 1941
R1063.01	R(&/C°)	'Q' 1d	Issue replaced Aug 1941
S1665.01	S(&/C°)	No details.	—
T 1020.02a	T(&/C°)	No details.	—
W1355.01	W(&/C°)	'Q' ½d	Issue replaced Sep 1941
Y0215.01	Y(&/C°)	'Q' 6d, 'R' 2½d*	* Introduced July 1941
Y0215.01a	Y(&/C°)	'Q' Id, 'R' 2½d*	* Introduced July 1941

The probable date range for usage was 1940-1942.

As always, if you can add any more details (issues, values, dates ...) or dies to the above table I would be very pleased to hear from you.

SLOPER "SINGLE LETTER" PROVISIONALS. Roy Gault.

The simple answer to Stephen Steere's suggestion that single letter Wartime Provisionals' exist is that they can't! The suffix 'p' can only be allocated where *more than one die* has been employed to make up the required letters. Inevitably, this technique results in wide variation in the position of the letters relative to each other on the initialled stamps. The suffix 'p' applied to catalogue numbers warns of this *irregular* spacing.

Almost by definition, a single letter die such as the "D" Stephen quoted can only be catalogued as a *regular* die (in this case D0010.02M) with William Dawson & Sons Ltd listed as one of the identified users. I fully accept that the use of "D" by Dawsons was short lived, of a temporary nature and probably borne out of expediency, but that doesn't make it a "Provisional".

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Rosemary Smith

In the last six months I have given my perfin display to two Yorkshire Philatelic Societies. On both occasions it was obvious, by questions that were asked, that the story of the 'first booklet stamps' was not widely known. Collectors of perfins are aware that the perfin dies 'SDS' and 'SDC' on the 1d lilac are scarce and fetch about £10 at auction: but how many are conversant with their history?

Recently Ken Dee sent me an article by Stan Hills, pulled from Gibbons "The Stamp Magazine" for November 1969 with details of The Stamp Distribution Company Ltd., the successor of The Stamp Distribution Syndicate Ltd. **This article was Part 3 and I assume Part 2 was about The Stamp Distribution Syndicate. If any member has a copy of this article by Stan L. Hills I would be very pleased to receive a copy.** This reminded me that I had intended to recount the history of these two companies.

Looking at my Cumulative Bulletin Index I found that the only reference to these two companies was in 1963 in Bulletins 43 & 44 and in 1964 Bulletin 62 (plus a very recent reference in "Seen In Auction" where one of the booklets came up for sale.) I did toy with the idea of giving a precis of the facts that are in various articles collected over the years, but as it seems to be a little known facet of perfin collecting, and philately in general, I will copy quite a number of articles almost in their entirety, trying to put them in chronological order.

The first is from **THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN Vol. 8 Oct 1970** by **Stan Hills**.

The First GB Postage Stamp Books

Recent research into Post Office Records has established that the first GB Postage Stamp Books were on sale to the public in May 1891. As these were obtainable through an automatic vending machine it can be claimed that these were also the first stamp machines as it was 'an offence to purchase postage stamps from any other source, other than from Post Offices', which were open from 8 am till 8 pm.

Mr W.Maysmor Williams wrote to the Postmaster-General, The Rt. Hon. H.C.Raikes, MP, requesting an interview to discuss the project, early in August 1889. As a result, the PMG granted permission to affix six Collins Automatic Stamp Deliverer Machines, experimentally, in London. The machines were to be placed Within Six Months or the permission would lapse.

The patentee (Collins) made application for the registration of a trade-mark with the slogan FROM PILLAR TO POST. The PMG raised an objection on the grounds that the slogan '. . had been in common use since the earliest days of racing, and therefore might be misconstrued by the general public'. The objection was upheld and in consequence of these protracted deliberations the machines were not affixed within the time limit imposed and the concession to Messrs Collins lapsed.

However, on 3 November 1890, permission was revived in favour of Mr Maysmor Williams, who exercised his concession through a company formed on 12th February 1891 with a nominal capital of £20,000 with the '. . .object of issuing stamp booklets through vending machines'. The company was registered under the title of The Stamp Distribution Syndicate Ltd with offices at 11 Queen Victoria Street, London EC. The location for the machines was increased from Six to Ten.

The second is the one from our own Bulletin back in 1963.

THE MOTHER OF ALL BOOKLETS

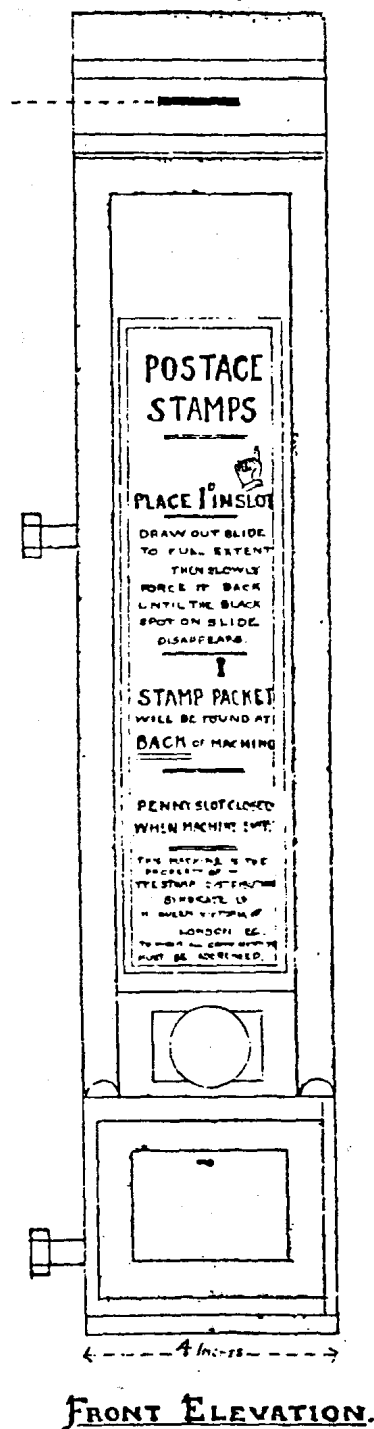
Extract from 'Gibbons Stamp Monthly' January 1952

Illustration from Post Office Archives

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 "SDC" 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 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 visitors. The automatic boxes are about eighteen inches long by six broad and four deep, thus only extending about an inch beyond the top overhead 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 1891.

Then again from **The Philatelic Bulletin Oct 1970:-**

These machines were fixed to posting boxes and were loaded with a memorandum stamp book which was approximately 3½ in. x 2¼ in. with a red linen cover. The back cover had an oblique slit into which was inserted a single 1d lilac Queen Victoria stamp which was 'security endorsed' with the initials SDS through the face of the stamp. Inside the covers were 64 pages, some of which bore full-page advertisements. Prospective advertising clients were invited to submit copy on an official Order Form at a full page rate of 5s.6d. per 1,000 with a minimum of 25,000, which was the print order for each series. Payment was due on

the client's approval of the proofed advertisement. Other pages were dated memoranda, for notes, or for use as writing paper for a letter. There were several pages devoted to general information including postage rates, and a calendar for 1891.

The memoranda book and stamp was enclosed in an envelope, gummed, ready for addressing and posting. The fact that all this was obtainable by putting one penny in the machine brought the following comment from the Leeds Daily News of 4 May 1891: '. . .the fact is that he who puts a penny in the slot will get a better bargain than he who pays for it over the counter!'

Post Office records holds a detailed document showing that some 161,492 books were sold between 2 May and 6 August 1891 - an average of 3,103 books each day. These figures must have been very satisfactory, for in August Maysmor Williams further requested the PMG "for a GENERAL CONCESSION to operate throughout the Country, as he could then form a large Company, for which we have promise of capital. . . ". This request was granted, but as we shall read, was later revoked.

Unfortunately, it appears that later the machines began to give trouble and numerous complaints from the public to the PMG gave rise to an enquiry which confirmed the facts - which in turn 'brought discredit on the GPO . . .'with the result that the PMG wrote to the- Chairman of the SDS, dated 26th March 1892, calling his attention to the fact that '. . . only two machines were operating, others had the slot blocked and the remainder removed for servicing

It would appear that the culminating incident that put an end to the initial venture was the experience of Mr Maddock, the Controller

of London Postal Services at the time. He graphically portrayed, in a letter to the Postmaster General, his encounter with a machine situated by Victoria Station

". . .I placed the penny in the machine but it got stuck half-way and refused to move in either direction . . . I spent some time, rather furtively, as I did not wish to attract attention, to dislodge the coin, but eventually gave up. After moving some distance away, I happened to look back and observed a man with a pair of tweezers, who "went for my penny"! Evidently, he had been lying in wait and makes a good living from this exercise." Constant complaints made it apparent that '. . machines were being tampered with for dishonest purposes - this in turn brought discredit on the GPO' and in consequence a letter was forwarded on the 27th May 1892 to the Company, terminating the concession. The S.D.S. went into voluntary liquidation.

On one page of the booklet it did state '. . .these books and machines are the property of the Stamp Distribution Syndicate 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'. It would appear the general public made their complaints to the PMG rather than the SDS - it always pays to go to the top!!

In the next Bulletin I will continue the story of these first booklet stamps with perfin, relating how **The Stamp Distribution (Parent) Company Limited** took over the concession from The Stamp Distribution Syndicate. This company did last a little longer, but not much.

THE PERFINED REVENUE STAMPS OF G.B.

From Jeff Turnbull

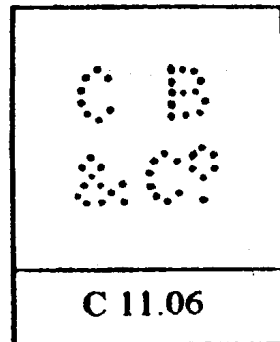
As before, these dies will be included in all new orders for the Perfined Foreign Bill Revenue catalogue

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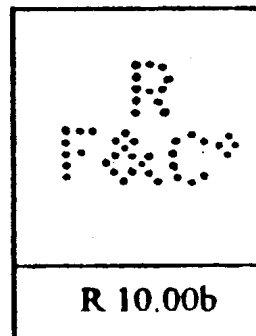
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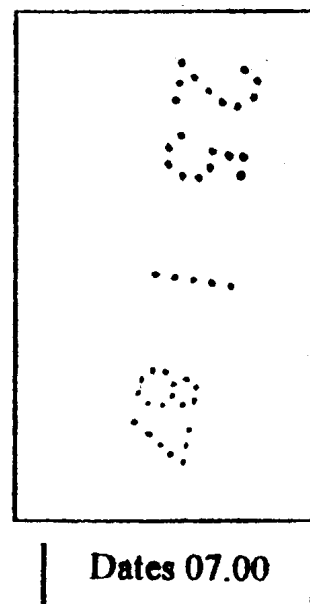
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PERFINS OF MALAYSIA

In Bulletin 310, February 2001, Mervyn Lavender put in a request for any new information of the perfins of Malaysia. The aim was to update the original catalogue produced by Peter Giffin in 1989.

Now the new catalogue is ready and from the advert sheet I quote, "*The only Perfin Checklist (of the perfins of Malaysia) showing all recorded stamps, by Stanley Gibbons number, used by various firms in Malaysia*".

It is in loose-leaf format in an A5 binder. Price :-

£12-50 plus post & package

Euro 20

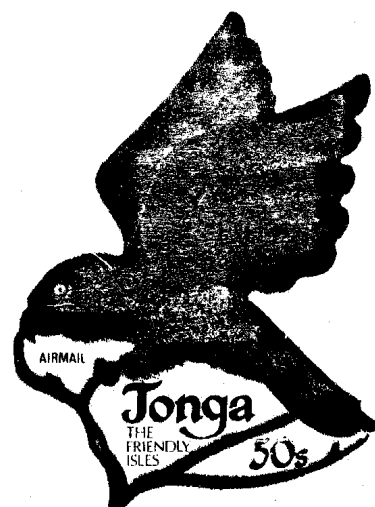
US \$ 18

Cash with order: cheques payable in Sterling or by cash Sterling, Euros or US\$. Cheques payable to G.S.Sterling. It seems you will have to contact G.S.Lavender

Mr Lavender sends thanks to all the members of the Society who sent him any information and a complimentary copy has gone to our library.

TONGA PERFIN (Tongue in Cheek!!)

Norman Hewerdine gave me a Tonga 50s Airmail self adhesive stamp. I know nothing about Tonga philately but from looking at Gibbons Part 1 I think this will be from the 1974 set. The stamp is perforated through with a round cornered triangle with "WSP/SPECIMEN" inside. The perforations are only like pin pricks and the perforation shows on the backing paper but does not go through to the back. Any answers out there?



EGYPTIAN PERFINS

VAHE VARJABEDIAN has sent a further up-date list of Egyptian Perfin details to be added to the catalogue for those members who bought his Egyptian Perfin Catalogue.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FOURTH LIST OF PERFIN STAMPS NOT MENTIONED IN MY BOOK.

NAME OF FIRM	PAGE	SEEN ON STAMPS (SG.NO.)
ABE	5	84-85-90-93-119-148-149-154-157A
BCIE	7	112-119-157A-161-163A-166A-221
BIE	8	160A-163A-166-227-237-252-253-295-296-340-378-382-415-419-422-442-496-537-550-554-565-592-596-600-609-620-622
CLA	10	93-94-111-118-149-151-157-158-160A-163A-239
CLA(FRENCH P.O.)	10	27-28-32-53-58-60-61-63-65-71 -77
CLC	11	62-97-99-105-114-155-176-239-255-257-292-378-384-387-394-439-458
CN(13-19)	13	54-55-58-62-63-77-96-102-104-115-118-156A-160A-165-166-166A-184-237-239-249-252-256-257
CN(13-20)	14	63-162
CN(FRENCHP.O.)	14	29
EOB	18	89-97-106-156A-157A
K&HA	20	54-61
LS	22	91
OB	23	116-137-149-156-157-160A-163 A-174-207-225-251-261-281-342-378-419
OB(FRENCHP.O.)	23	29
R&CO.	26	115-116-151-155-157A-159-160A-161-163A-250-252-253-254-258-404-414-419-425^33-434-444-448-497
R & CO. LTD	27	79
SB	28	59-78-99-116-119-157-252-254-256-498-558-594-655
THOMAS COOK	29	89-105-111-227
V&OCO.	30	119-153-167A-221-226-414-430-M1-444-535-565-580-638-653-713
FMC	31	157A-160A-166A

IN THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR.ANTON JANSEN (ESC 383) FOR HELPING ME TO ACCOMPLISH THIS LIST.