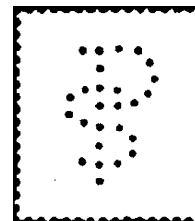


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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO FEB 2005

Total Members 350

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SEC./TREASURER BIT

Final reminder for London meeting on Saturday 21st May at Duchess House, Warren Street from about 1:00. Little official business, a chance to swap and buy, a mini room auction, perhaps a dealer.

No competition but if you have something to show your fellow collectors please bring it along. Attending members are always pleased to see any new or unusual items.

We have been told that the premises at Warren Street are soon to be sold. We have therefore to find new meeting rooms. If any member has knowledge of rooms in London, conveniently situated for tube stations from the main Railway stations, please get in touch with the secretary.

Society Rules:- Article 13 C of our present rules reads:

In the event of the dissolution of the Society for any reason whatsoever all saleable property belonging to the Society shall be realised and together with the liquid assets, shall, after discharge of all liabilities, be divided amongst the members of the Society at the date of dissolution. Each member shall be paid in proportion to the total amount paid in subscription by that member (or in the case of Officers would have been paid) in and after the financial year 1963. All books, monographs and other unsaleable items shall be given to such other Philatelic Society as the Officers shall decide.

I propose that this will now read:

Winding up of the Society. The Society may be dissolved by the consent of 75% of the members who shall have replied to a letter sent by the Officers to all members proposing the dissolution, such consent being testified by their signature to an instrument of dissolution in a form provided by the Society. If, on the dissolution of the Society, there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, such property shall be disposed, but that so no member shall profit individually from such disposal.

Our present rules are in line with the thinking at the time we started. I do not think there is any chance of our dissolution. The new rules are in line with current thinking. Please let me have your comments as soon as possible. I propose a vote to be taken at our AGM in the Autumn. No doubt the matter will be aired at the meeting in May.

President:- Please note Chris Carr's new address on the front page and in 'Change of Address'.

The GB Perfin Society Publications Sales Department

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PUBLICATION	HOME	EUROPE	OVERSEAS
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Gault (W) Part 3 Details	5-50	6-50	7-50
Gault (W) Silhouettes	5-00	6-00	7-00
Gault (Y,Z,Des,Nos) Details	5-00	6-00	7-00
Gault (Y,Z,Des,Nos) Silhouettes	3-50	4-50	6-00

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GB perfin Society History	3-50	4-50	5-50
Stamp Show 2000 Colour Book	18-00	19-00	21-50
Tomkin Identities 10 th Ed 2004	13-50	16-00	19-00
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Handbook of GB Perfins	4-00	5-00	6-50
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British Empire Exhibition Details	3-50	4-50	6-50
GB Graphite Lined Issues Details	1-50	2-00	3-00
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Gault (J) Silhouettes	5-50	6-50	7-50
Gault (K) Details	4-50	5-50	7-00

Publications:- Jeff Turnbull also has a slight change to his address. Please note on the front page that he now has a street number of 40 before 'Maes Llydan'

As an oversight the "M" section of the New Illustrated Catalogue and the "M" Silhouettes have not been publicised in the Bulletin. Jeff has produced and up-dated Publications list of all available catalogues and other literature for sale which is printed in this Bulletin.

Editor:- Two corrections to Bulletin 334

Page 5:- The email address of Melvyn Green was not quite right. Although he has heard by post from some members, if you have tried to get through by email, unsuccessfully, try

Page 14:- I have been told that it was The Oxford Union Society who provided stamps for its members' correspondence, not The Oxford University Society.

A big thank-you to all the members who have written to me this year. If there was a specific question to answer I have, I hope, written back with an answer. If the letter did not need an answer but was something for the Bulletin please accept that mention of the item in the Bulletin is in lieu of a letter. It saves me time!

I have some very good news on the 'take-over Editorship'. Maurice Harp has offered to take my place sometime during the year. Maurice was the first person I thought of when I began to think it was time to give in. Michael Rucklidge was still alive at that time and he too thought Maurice would make an excellent successor. Unfortunately, Maurice was still committed to work, and turned me down. Now, however he is planning on retiring this year so willing to 'have a go'. I am positive there will be a unanimous vote of approval from the other Officers.

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NON-PHILATELIC "PERFINS"

JEFF TURNBULL sent the picture overleaf, taken from ebay, of a very nice Sloper type date and name perforator for Hope Brothers. As far as I know, Hope Brothers Ltd, did not use a perfin on the postage stamps.

LONDON BRANCHES—

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36, 37 & 38, POULTRY, E.C.
134 & 135, FENCHURCH STREET.
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84-86, REGENT STREET, W.
82-86, BISHOP'S ROAD, W.
34, CANNON STREET.
129-133, KENSINGTON HIGH STREET.
606, OXFORD STREET, W.
37 & 38, STRAND.
62 & 63, CHEAPSIDE

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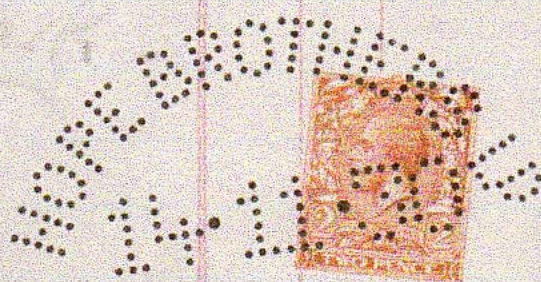
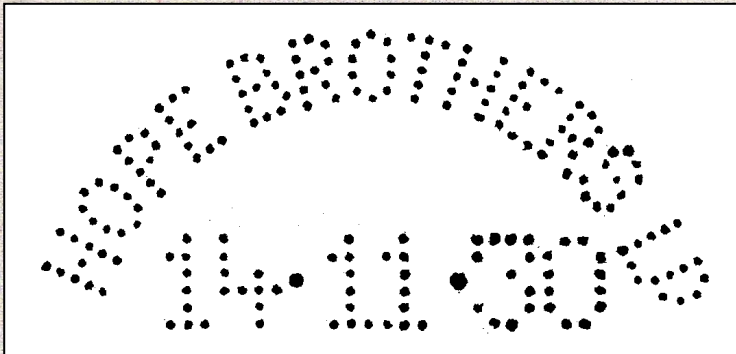
COUNTRY BRANCHES—

GREENWICH—22, 24 & 26, LONDON ST.
LEEDS—78, BRIGGATE.
BRIGHTON—13, NORTH STREET.
LIVERPOOL—89 & 101, LORD STREET.
BIRMINGHAM—40, NEW STREET.
MANCHESTER—107, MARKET STREET.
GLASGOW—84 to 90, BUCHANAN STREET.
NORWICH—12, THE WALK, MARKET PLACE.
NOTTINGHAM—50 & 51, LONG ROW WEST.
BRISTOL—19 & 20, WINE STREET.
CROYDON—6, HIGH STREET.
SHEFFIELD—24, HIGH STREET.
RICHMOND—1, THE QUADRANT.
HULL—26, WHITEFRIDGATE.
READING—8, KING STREET.
BEDFORD—91 & 93, HIGH STREET.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—39, GRAINGER ST.
BRADFORD—45, KIRKGATE.
BOURNEMOUTH—THE SQUARE.
EDINBURGH—99A PRINCES STREET.
PLYMOUTH—20, GEORGE STREET.
CARDIFF—1, ST. MARY'S STREET.
SOUTHPORT—355-357, LORD STREET.
SWANSEA—235, HIGH STREET.

M *Gilbert & Co* *15/100* *19*

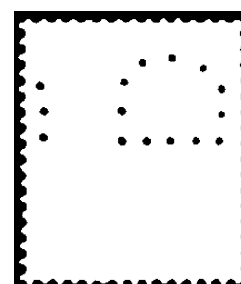
Bought of **Hope Brothers** LTD
Tailors and
Complete Outfitters
SHIRT MAKERS, HATTERS, HOSIERS, GLOVERS and NECKWEAR SPECIALISTS.

No Parcel will be left unless paid for on or before delivery.

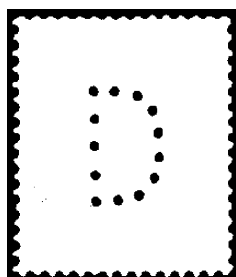


Although I have not yet finished collating the information for Section “D” of the “New Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins” it would seem opportune to illustrate the *nine* dies for which I still have no information. After the 1993 update to the “old” catalogue, there were 872 different “D” dies on record.

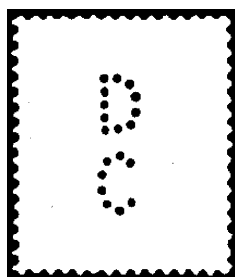
Since then many dies have come in, but dies have also been deleted due to our better understanding of partials, “SPG” types, Sloper Wartime provisionals, etc. The current total of D’s stand at 874, but that is likely to change in either direction prior to publication.



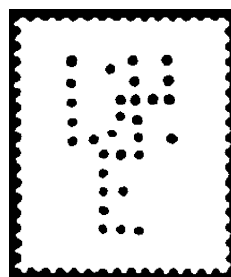
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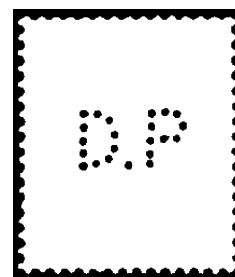
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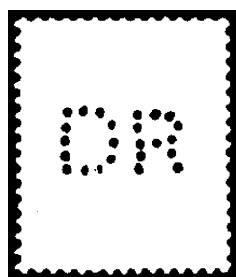
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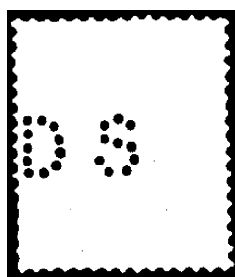
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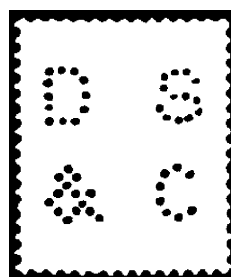
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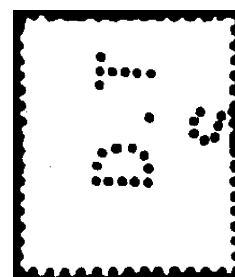
D4010.02



D4360.02



D4410.01



D4845.01

Can I invite you all to have a look through your collections to see if you have any examples of the dies illustrated above?

They must be out there somewhere!

If you are lucky enough to possess any, could I please ask you to send me details of the stamp issue/value and any postmark/date information to help provide an accurate date range for the die.

MORE SLOPER ENGRAVERS

John Mathews

In response to my article in Bulletin 333, December 2004, Roy Gault has kindly sent me a list of staff from the back of Sloper ledger 'A' (May 1862 – Oct 1874) as follows:

H Vaughan, 13 Princes Street, Barbican
 Tom Crust, 3 Alpha Terrace, Notting Hill
 Miss M A Blacklock, 10 Melton Place, Euston Road.
 J Illidge, 20 New St, Covent Garden.
 J Scott, 61 Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell
 S Miller, 21 Staple Street, Long Lane, Bermondsey
 Henry Harborow, 22 Park Villas, Frampton Park Rd, Hackney
 George Culmer, 3 Tottenham Square, Tottenham Road, (King)sland
 Miss R Tebbett, 9 Westbury Terrace, Westbourne Square
 Miss Edlin...., 145 Grays Inn Road.

Some of these have been identified as entries on the Censuses of England for 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. The details are summarized in the following table. Some of the streets no longer exist.

Name in Ledger 'A'	Census entry/Possible Identity
H. Vaughan	1871 – Henry A. Vaughan, 13 Princes Street, St. Giles Cripplegate, 25y., civil engineer, b. Deptford, Kent. (Princes Street is opposite the north side of the Bank of England) 1891 – 78 Warwick Street, St Paul's Deptford, 45y., driller machine 1901 – 40 Childers Street, St Paul's Deptford, 55y., machine minder
Tom Crust	1871 – Thomas Crust (indexed as "Creest"), 6 Talbot Road, Kensington, 20y., apprentice, b. Brompton 1881 – 42 Talbot Grove, Kensington, 29y., telegraph instrument maker. 1891 – as 1881, except 39y. 1901 – 80 Clarendon Road, Kensington, 49y., telegraph instrument maker. (Talbot Grive and Clarendon Road are both very close to where Percy and Eustace Sloper lived during the same period).
Miss M.A. Blacklock	Unable to identify. Date of entry in ledger 'A' unknown. May have married before 1871.
J. Illidge	1871 – John Illidge, 10 New Street, St Martin-in-the-field, Westminster, 19y., engine fitter in factory, b. Southwark, Surrey. 1881 – 169 Elsley Road, Battersea, Surrey, 29y., engine fitter in works. 1891 – Tilbrook House, Park Dale Road, Plumstead SE, 39y., engine maker/fitter. 1901 – 143 Park Dale Road, Plumstead SE. 49y., steam engine minder

Name in Ledger 'A'	Census entry/Possible Identity
J. Scott	1871 - ? John W Scott, 6 Sekforde Street, Clerkenwell, 36y., bookbinder's tool cutter, b. Middlesex. (SekfordeStreet is very close to Exmouth Street)
S. Miller	Unable to identify. Not listed in Staple Street
H. Harborow	See previous article.
George Culmer	1881 – George Culmer, 4 Tottenham Square, Hackney, 34y., telegraph instrument maker, b. Southwark, Surrey. 1891 – Hackney Union Infirmary, 44y., tin case maker, b. Newington, Surrey. 1901 – not found. (In 1891 and 1901, George's family were still living at 4 Tottenham Square.
Miss R. Tebbett	Unable to identify. Date of entry in ledger 'A' unknown. May have married before 1871.
Miss Edlin...	Unable to identify. Date of entry in ledger 'A' unknown. May have married before 1871. In 1871, residents at 145 Grays Inn Road were: Thomas Moger and his family (he died third quarter of 1876) Frederick Weaver and family (they lived at Camberwell, Surrey in 1881) Mary A Morton, widow (she died in the last quarter of 1874) In 1881, residents at 145 Grays Inn Road were: John W Aldridge and his family Joseph Barnes and his family Edward Upjohn and his family Harriet Holloway and her family No lodgers, visitors, etc with the name Edlin... at 1871 or 1881

Vaughan and Illidge may have changed their address in order to get new employment, consequent to Sloper moving the manufactory to West Hampstead. I also wonder if Tom Crust and George Culmer may have been employed by Henry Harborow after these three had left Sloper's employ, based on their occupations at 1881 and later.

Roy has also asked me why I referred to these employees as "engravers". It was a bit subjective. In my searching for companies which may have manufactured perforators, I found many likely candidates describing themselves as "engravers and die-sinkers". "Die sinkers" would probably be a better description than "engravers" for the employees in whom we are interested. Joseph, Percy and Eustace Sloper were all described as "engineers" in the various Censuses, but I thought their employees probably did not warrant this professional term.

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G.B. Stamps Punctured C of A

In the next article, John asks if anyone can complete the postmark place name in the fifth paragraph.

GB STAMPS PUNCTURED CofA

(John Mathews)

I read the article on this subject in Bulletin 334 (Feb 2005, p. 20) with much interest, as it is one of my particular areas of perfin collecting. I can add the following information from my own collection.

The February 10, 1911 cover referred to in the article was sold at a Melbourne (Australia) public auction in September 1903 for A\$600 + 10% GST + buyers commission. The return address on the cover is 72 Victoria Street, Westminster SW, from where the Australian High Commission later moved to Australia House in Aldwych. In the auction catalogue, the cover was described as the earliest known cover.

To the probable frustration of the buyer of the above cover (if he/she is aware of it) another CofA cover was sold on ebay in March 2004. The postmark date on this one is 18 October 1910. Like the 1911 cover, it is a mourning envelope. It sold for US\$168.

I have a "CofA" card used from Australia House, Strand, in 1918, and a cover dated 1 June 1950. These are my earliest and latest dates for the straight-line perfin.

For "CofA", I have losse stamps postmarked Northwood S.O. (12 Nov 1915), Harefield (6 May 16), and Australian Imp. Forces/15 AU 16 (boxed)/Base/...S..... . Thus it appears that the 2 perforators were used in 2 different locations initially. My next dated copy is 15 Aug 1936 with a place name of ".....SON'S R..." – help please? The latest dated copy of this perfin I have is August 1981 on a piece with 8p and 12p Machins.

I have stamps showing perforator damage as follows to the 2-head die "C/of/A". The top pin of the 'A' of the left head, and the top pin of the 'A' and right pin of the cross-arm of the 'F' of the right head are missing in 1948. These have all been repaired by 1951. This may account for the re-use of the "CofA" perforator in 1950 (see fourth paragraph above).

Apologies for the melodramatic title!

A small piece (postmarked London EC, and dated 4th Dec 1912) with the perfin “SM/L” (S5090.04M) has recently been sent in to me by John Griers. Fortunately the reverse shows a partial identity – see illustration >>>

John Nelson kindly undertook the research and found the following entries in two London trade directories:

1895

MORDAN, SAMPSON & Co. – Patentees of the ever-pointed pencil & oblique steel pen; manufacturers of pencil cases, penholders, toothpicks, smelling bottles, fancy articles & fittings in gold & silver, also ivory, porcupine, glass &c mounted in gold or silver & decorated with gilding, engraving or enamelling, makers of seven guard & lever locks, correct letter balances, cedar pencils, portable quill pens, leather inkstands & copying, perforating, endorsing, seal and embossing presses; die sinking, letter cutting and medal striking, 41 & 43 City Road, E.C.; T.A. “Pencils”. (Note the mention of perforating presses.)

1928

MORDAN, S & Co, Ltd (established 1815), manufacturers of gold & silver pencils, original patentees of the everpointed pencil & lead refills for the same; manufacturing gold and silver smiths; manufacturers of gold and silver cigar & cigarette cases and boxes; 41 City Road EC1 (TA “Pencil Finsuare”) TN Clerkenwell 8022 (2 lines) Trade Mark, “S. MORDAN &Co.”

According to the “Register of Defunct and Other Companies” they were registered as S Mordan & Co *Limited* in 1908. It would also appear that the company was dormant for some years before going into voluntary liquidation in 1952.



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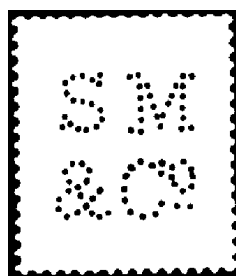
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Watchmaker, Jeweler,

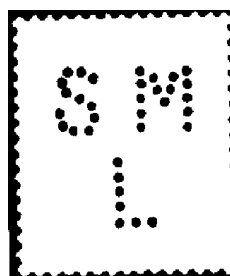
Two dies are now known used by the company as follows:

1870-1890



S4940.01

1908-1935



S5090.04M

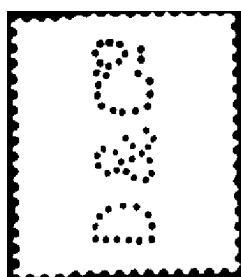
Can anyone add any extra information to bridge the time gap between the two dies, or is there another die awaiting discovery.

Maurice Harp featured two 'Mordan' dies on page 20 of Bulletin No. 290 (Oct 1997) – F2770.01 and S4940.01. Both have similar characteristics, in particular the distinctive type IVa ampersand.

Knowing that Sampson Mordan & Co made perforating presses it is tempting to suggest that he actually made his own early die as well as any others showing the characteristic lettering.

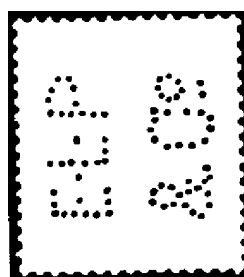
Some five dies are now known with the characteristic 'Mordan' lettering – the other four are illustrated below.

1875-1877



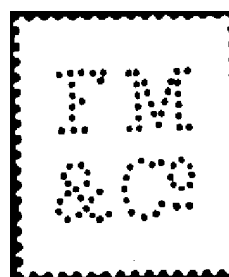
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1885-1890



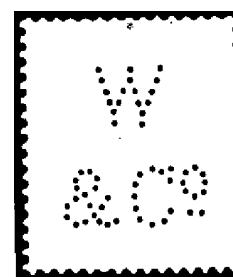
E2705.01

1875-1910



F2770.01

c1905



W1347.01

Does anyone know of any more dies, perhaps without involving the characteristic ampersand, to add to this small list, or can anyone extend the 'die-in-use' date ranges shown above? If so, I would be more than pleased to hear from you.

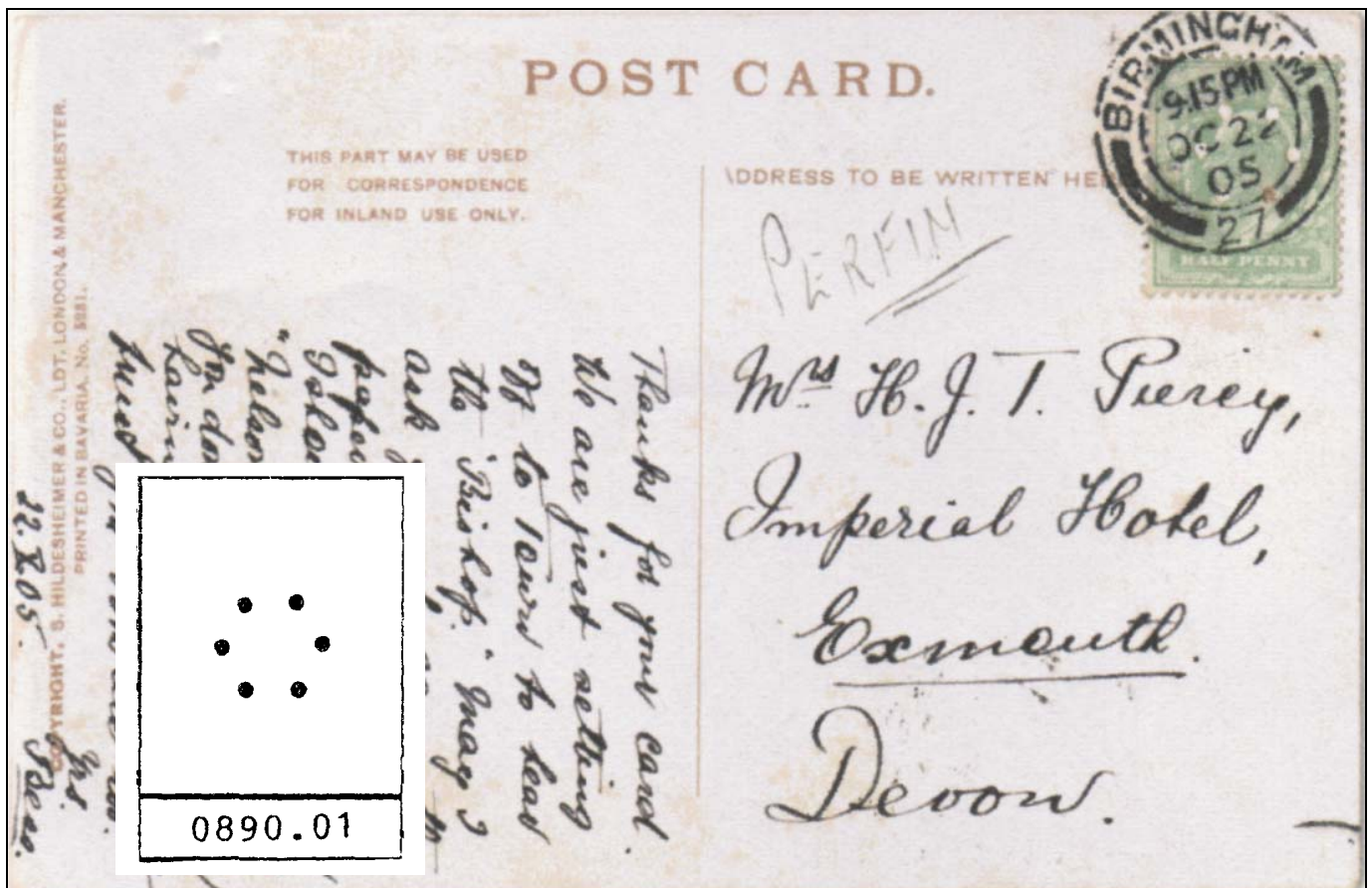
UNIDENTIFIED PERFINS

Some considerable time ago, **GEOFF BENTLEY** sent a photocopy of a picture postcard which bore a KEVII ½d perfin, Design Circle (Des.0890.01)

Like most perfins used on picture postcards, the perfin had nothing whatsoever to do with the card.

As there was no clue to an identity, apart from the postmark perhaps, I put the item in my 'pending file'. The Design section of the New Illustrated Catalogue was published in 1994 and this perfin has still not been identified. It could be that this photocopy may jog someone's memory about a cover in their collection with this perfin.

In the catalogue the latest date of use was 28 Mar 1902 so this extends the date by 3½ years and the only values known used, in 1994, were B 1d, E ½d verm., & F 1d, so again this card adds another value to the catalogue. Birmingham was the only known postmark. Please write if you have any further information.



MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Postmark Proof of Perfin User. 160, 300, 301, 302, 304, 320

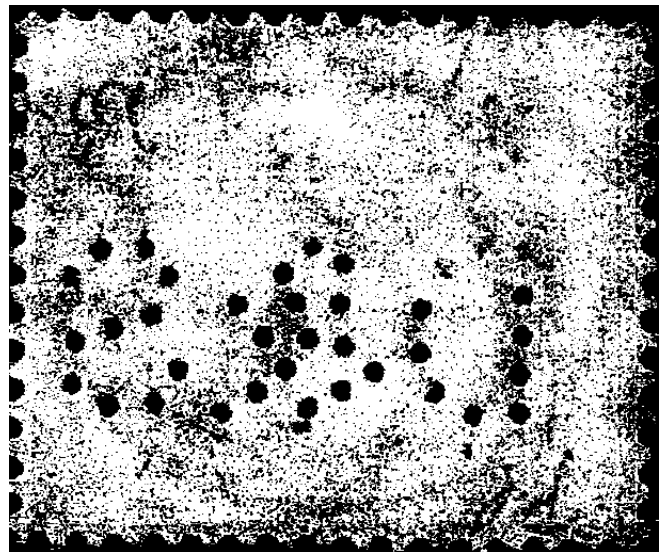
In the above Bulletins, the details of the special handstamps issued by the Post Office in the latter quarter of the 1800s to Smith, Elder & Company – who were then taken over by Henry S King & Company, William Dawson & Sons and W H Smith & Son were fully explored.

Henry S King & Company had 2 handstamps, both a letter “K” in different circles, & William Dawson and Sons had “DS/F” in different ovals with vertical bars.

For anyone not knowing about these cancellers, they were for the companies mentioned above to cancel their own bulk posting of printed matter: the packets, often wrappers, going directly to the post office to be forwarded without further cancels being applied.

In Bulletin 301 page 17, John Marriner had a mention of a “D&S” perfin on a 1/- QV (plate 1) with a H S King special handstamp. No other comments about this stamp were received.

Now Colin Mudie has come forward with a similar perfin, “D&S”, on a QV 4d Plate 14, with a Type II ‘King’ cancel. Colin asks how this could happen



Ed:- my own theory – no higher than that – is that material from Dawson and King was printed by the same printer, the special handstamp cancellers were with the printer where the printed literature was cancelled and sent straight to the post office or railway station for onward delivery. The whole idea of these special handstamps was to prevent a hold-up of the general mail at the post office by having to cancel bulk postings. Any other ideas or true knowledge?

John Line & Sons Ltd and Perfin LS/Mc.D Bulletin 334 Pg.9

Mike Hemsall has a “Wards Directory of 1939 for Newcastle upon Tyne”. In the rade directory for Newcastle is the following listing:

LINE, John & Sons, Ltd (incorporating John Dunn & Son) wall-paper, varnish & colour manufacturers (wholesale) & Decorators’ materials warehousemen, established 1760; warehouse and offices, 135 Barras Bridge (T. 24522-3 & 26618-9).

According to the Directory there were 17 other ‘Paint Manufacturers’ but John Line & Sons were the only ‘Wall-paper Manufacturers & Merchants – Wholesale & Export’

Mike says this information accords with Rosemary’s on-cover address of Haymarket as Barras Bridge lies just off the Haymarket.

Members’ Queries – Logo MK/KM Bulletin 334 Pg. 8

In answer to my query about the perfin “L” and illustration of a shield on which is MK/KM, I have had a number of replies. **Mike Bavin, Ken Dee, Peter Finch, John Nelson, and Mike Penfold** all give the same information about the logo but only John had a guess at the perfin.

The logo belongs to the **Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men** which is a registered charity and amongst bits activities and objectives makes grants to students towards the cost of further education. The KM was for “Kentish Men” and the MK for “Men of Kent”.

The centre of the badge shows the **Kent Invicta** horse. Apparently this prancing horse and motto INVICTA was made popular by the firm Aveling & Porter of Rochester (another perfin user) by a polished brass

replica placed on the front of their Steam Rollers since 1870. How many of you can still remember the smell of hot tar?

The Cross in the background may represent St. Augustine's first introduction of Christianity into this country – which took place in Kent.

The County of Kent is divided by the River Medway, one third to the West, two thirds to the East. Persons born East of the Medway are known as MEN OF KENT, those born West of the Medway are KENTISH MEN. A quote reads:- *A Man of Kent. One born East of the Medway. These men went out with green boughs to meet the Conquerer, and obtained in consequence a confirmation of their ancient privileges from the new king. They called themselves the 'invicti'.*

John Nelson had a suggestion about the "L" perfin and thought it could be that W H & H Le May (Seeds) Ltd, who are known users of this perfin. Members of the Le Hay family have lived in the Tonbridge area since Victorian times and so could have been expected to have connection with the Association. It could be that the Le Hay firm had given the Association a number of their perfins to use in connection with a fund raising event.

I make no apology for this lengthy answer, much of which has nothing to do with perfins, as I know from correspondence that most of our members are keen social historians and look beyond the holes in the stamps. To quote James Mackay in the British Philatelic Bulletin 1997:- *"What combines the skills of the philatelist and postal historians with the study of commerce? The answer is perfins."*

Egyptian Perfin "GAZES TOURS"

Bulletin 334 Pg. 16

John Nelson notes that Henry Gaze & Sons was a London firm of tourist and excursion directors with branches in The Strand, Northumberland Avenue, Piccadilly Circus and Westbourne Grove. Like Thomas Cook they would have arranged tours of Egypt and would have had offices or an agent in Port Said where Egyptian stamps were used. The A91G part of the die is a bit of a mystery. A reference to their address in Port Said perhaps?

Mike Penfold writes: “that in 1930 when the POL perfins first appeared the police had no postal concessions but small fines and various fees could be paid by mint postage stamps, so these were used for outgoing postage. The perfin should have been withdrawn when the official stamps came into use, but it continued until the mid 50’s. After the war many POL perfins appeared but these were made with “liberated” perforators from 1945. The only way to tell is if the town postmark doesn’t match the listed town of issue. There were three main types of perfins, all letters equal height, the P larger or the P&L larger than the O. There were about fifty different perforators in use, which with study can be identified,

Denmark also used a POL perfin.

The mention of C from Jersey police was also new to me. I know of no German perfins used on the Islands during the occupation.”

[Ed:- For anyone especially interested in the POL perfins there is at least one good essay on them in the library]

S Crown O Perfin of the Stationery Office

Bulletin 332/13; 333/10

Tony Lovell has sent photocopies of strips from more than 20 parcel labels with S Crown O adhesive perfins used on the labels. He notes the following details:-

- ⊗ the use of 1924-26 issues together with 1934-36 issues in August 1935
- ⊗ the use of 1924-36 issue 1/- in July 1936
- ⊗ the use of 1934-36 issue 1/- none perfin
- ⊗ the use of 1934-34 issue 1/- used in May 1939
- ⊗ the use of GVI issue 1/- in August 1939

It would appear from the stamps used that they had a good stock of 1924-26 issues 9d, 10d & 1/- well into the late 1930’s

From the stamps and dates on these parcel labels it would seem that the users were not concerned who was on the throne at the time of use.

John Mathews was interested in the article on the Numeral Perfins in which Peter Maybury adds a little to his article in the August 1993 Bulletin. He has not had any feed-back to his 1993 article and John is hoping some members can add some information this time around, in particular some likely firms in Ipswich who may have sent a series of envelopes (possibly accounts) to a motor garage in Sussex in the mid-1930's. Anything sent in to me will appear in the Bulletin or be sent to John in Australia.

B of T Perfin Forgeries A running discussion in many Bulletins

JON EVANS, in his words, says he might as well put in his two-piece worth on the subject.

“Personally I think there are quite a few forgeries about, but that doesn't necessarily mean somebody making a die for the purpose. (I would not rule out such a thing but if it did happen I would suggest it would be the minority of the dies.)

However, I am convinced that there are a quantity of stamps where people have been able to use original machines: I've personally seen a 10s seahorse with perfin (mint). In fact, look at the ratio of mint-to-used examples and compare that with commercial overprints. Purely based on items I have seen, admittedly this cannot be called comprehensive, the number of mint BT perfins is suspiciously high. I certainly have more mint than used.

Then there is the argument that perfins were not seen as collectable at the time so it was not worthwhile someone forging them. Well, neither were commercial overprints collectable, but no one denies Official Overprints were collectable. So, why not the same situation with perfins? I've been told that Official Perfins were listed in some catalogues of the period.

So, what if I'm wrong and they really weren't collectable after all? Well then who on earth collected all those mint examples which we find on the market today?”

MEMBERS' QUERIES

Guyana Overprint and CL Perfin Bulletin 334 Pg. 9

John Nelson writes:- “The GUYANE overprint on a GB KEVII 5d with Credit Lyonnais is indeed a puzzle and I must compliment the members of the GB Overprint Society on the ingenuity of their explanation. Could they possibly help to explain a stamp in my collection which is overprinted ZULULAND. The stamp is a QV ½d Jubilee vermilion with Foreign Branch cancellation and perforated “J&S” (J6860.04) the die of James & Shakespeare, Metal Brokers, 1 Metal Exchange Buildings, Whittington Avenue, London EC. Like the GUYANE overprint, this one does not appear to have any officially recognised validity”



SEEN IN AUCTION

Frank Brown notes that in their March catalogue Philangles had a GB lot of perfins:- “*An extensive accumulation mostly QEII inc many on piece with multiples, good range of initials and use of diff values, few earlier from QV in packets, guess 1000. Seldom offered in such numbers. Est £100-£120*”

A new lot of Queensland perfins offered. “*Two packets with used hoard (c150 adhesives) ‘OS’ with penny and 2d values inc some multiples, company types with many diff. Est £60/£70.*”

In their March catalogue Ocean Auctions had a QV £1 brown (SG129) with perfin L/C&S. The estimate was £200.

QV high values seem to be appearing in other places. John Mathews saw on ebay a QV 1884 £1 Brown/Lilac, (also with perfin L/C&S), which sold for \$410. Another QV £1 value, this time the 1891 green, sold for \$168-50, perfin C.I.H/&S. A third £1 value (SG212) with perfin G.B.L/L sold for £87. A 5/- value (SG126) with perfin R.B (R0330.02) went for £12.

CURRENT PERFINS

Derek Ransom

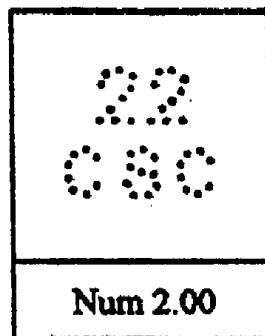
The latest additions to the 'Modern' list, courtesy of Peter Peniket, Sven Klitgaard, Rosemary Smith and Derek Ransom

C110.01	CC	2 nd p	
H3410.01M	HH/MC	1r	(Jun 03)
L0440.01	L.B./H	2	
S2180.01M	SE/EB	1 st p	
S7395.01	ST/HA	19	
T2060.06	TH	2nd	

All new dies, values, dates etc to Derek please. Address in Bull. 334.

ADDITIONS TO REVENUE CATALOGUE Jeff Turnbull

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ADDITIONS TO SILVER JUBILEE CATALOGUE

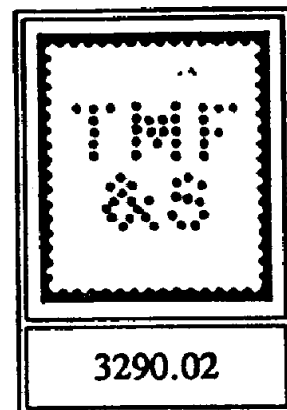
The following are newly reported perfin details seen on KGV Silver Jubilee. The one new die is illustrated.

New Values

A4160.05	AN	1d
W2600.01	W.F/C	½d
W7490.01	W.T.G/M	1½d

New Die

T3290.02	TMF/&S	1½d
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JOSS & LOWENSTEIN PERFIN

ON EGYPTIAN POSTAL STATIONERY CARD

Vahe Varjabedian

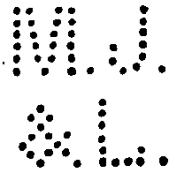
It is most unusual, and perhaps for the first time, that we see a perfin on an Egyptian Postal Stationery Card. This rare item is on 5 Mills Postal Stationery Card belonging to the famous textile agent Joss & Lowenstein (formerly Prague-Bubna) who was at that time working in Ismailia to promote new business. They were active in several towns in Egypt and continuous correspondence was forwarded to Prague (Austria at that time). It would seem that the company bought some Egyptian P.S. Cards in advance and before giving them to their agent, they were perfined so as not to be used privately.

The card is sent from Ismailia on the 21-12-1889 to Prague with arrival CDS of 31-12-1889.

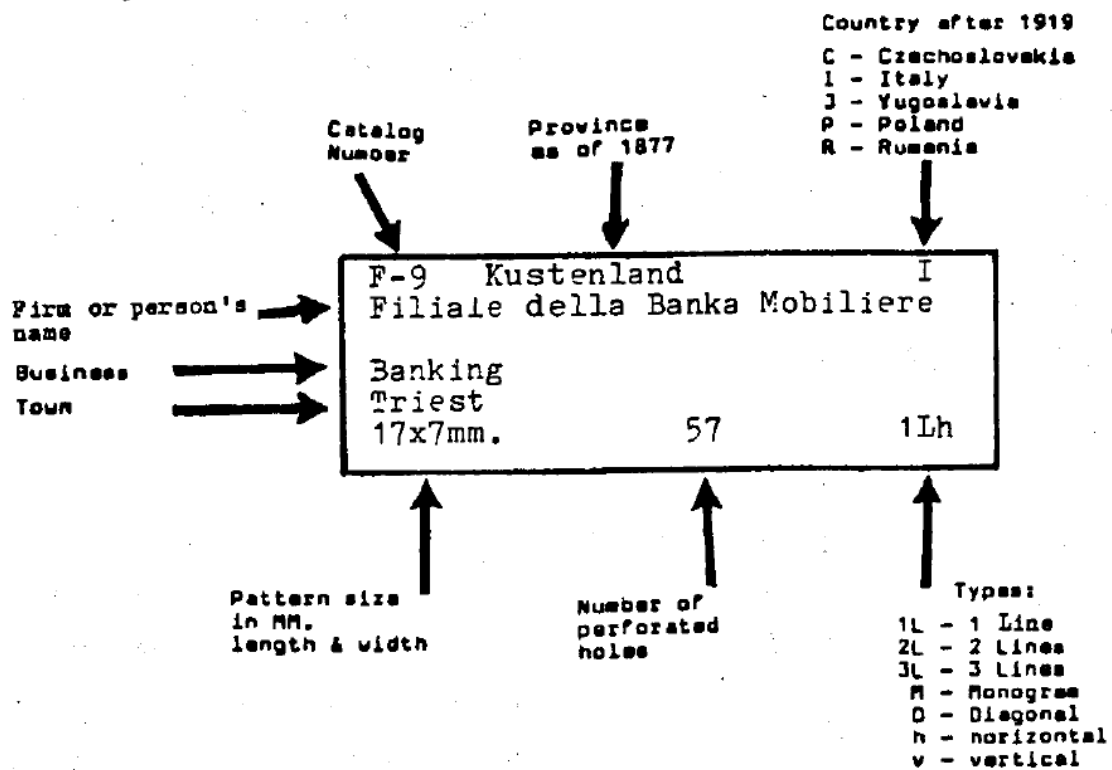


Ed:- After receiving the article from Vahe I made enquiries from our librarian. Alastair Walter, about a possible identical perfin in the Austrian Perfin Catalogue.

In the library is a copy of Austria Perfins by John J Nussbickel (Perfins Club 1991). The following is the copy of the relevant entry for Joss & Lowenstein. Unfortunately the catalogue does not give the dates of use.

	M-81 Böhmen M. Joss & Löwenstein Inderwear Prag 14x15.5mm. 59	C 2Lh
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The following shows the Legend for each entry in the catalogue.



So it is seen that the perfin was used in Prague which at that time was in the province of Bohemia. The firm dealt in underwear and so Vahe's assumption about how the Egyptian P.S. Cards came to be perfined with an Austrian perfin die is quite possible.

ARE PERFINS NECESSARY TODAY?

Rosemary Smith

PAUL NORTH posed this question. He wrote to me to say that he has spoken to 2 sub-postmasters and a senior assistant at a Crown Post Office and all gave the same information.

The Royal Mail will no longer accept mint stamps over the counter in exchange for cash since there is no accounting procedure in place to deal with it. The lady at the Crown Post Office told Paul that she had been there for 25 years and had never heard of such a practice. However, none of these people had ever heard of the Post Office Guide!

If all this is true, then there has been no need for companies to have their stamps 'perfinned' for at least 25 years. Or is there?

Before I sat down to put Paul's question into the computer, I looked through the handbooks of Vallency, Sloper's 5 Reigns and Nelson. I have checked through all my cuttings and photocopies and have nothing later than Dave Hill's 1933 P.O. Guide. Page 219 and 220 are headed "Miscellaneous Regulations as to Stamps". Page 219 mentions that stamps may be perforated with initials (but not with names or trade-marks) providing that the perforating holes are no larger than those dividing one stamp from another in a sheet of stamps. (My 'cross' perfin is therefore illegal).

Page 220 has a paragraph headed "Unused Stamps" which says:-

No small amounts than £1 worth will be accepted from one person at one time. As far as possible the stamps should be in blocks or pairs and should be made up into £1 packets. Each packet made up of stamps of one denomination.

Has anyone a later Post Office Guide to Postmasters? It would be interesting to find out exactly when (or if) mint stamps could no longer be redeemed at the Post Office.

PERFINNED BRITISH LEVANT STAMPS

Although Philip E. Robinson of Sheffield is not one of our members, he takes a very keen interest in all matters relating to perfins. If he comes across anything about them he send me details and a number of the new current perfin values have come from him.

The following illustration of British Levant stamps, perfinned BIO for “Banque Imperiale Ottomane”, come via Philip. He reports these in case anyone is recording these perfins on British Levant Stamps



PERFINNED CONTRACT NOTE STAMPS

Jeff Turnbull

I would like to make a start on producing the Catalogue of Perfined Contract Note stamps. It is some considerable time since I put in a plea for details of any Contract Note perfins to be sent to me. I have enough information to produce a catalogue of these perfins but make a last call for any new details, not reported to me as yet by any member, to be sent in.

My address is on the front page of the Bulletin.

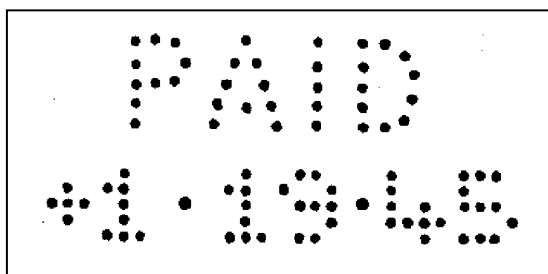
JOSEPH SLOPER CANCELLATOR

At the beginning of the year JEFF TURNBULL visited New Zealand where he met up with one of our members down under, IAN HAMILL.

Ian is the proud owner of a "J. Sloper & Co Ltd." **PAID/DATE CANCELLATOR**, often seen on New Zealand Revenues. Ian has the date set to his birth date *1-19-45.

The machine is No. 71737 and a friend of Ian's picked it up a couple of years ago in Mosgiel. It perforates **PAID** and then has rotating date numbers which he can use to perforate stamps if he so wishes. It says, on the machine, that it is model 49 but Ian does not know whether that means there have been 48 previous models.

Jeff took photographs of this machine and gave me computer scanned colour copies. Once again, I am not very happy with the black-and-white photocopies I have been obliged to use but hope the following illustrations give some idea of the shape of the machine and how it is used.





ANOTHER 'FUN DISPLAY' PAGE

Graham Fortey

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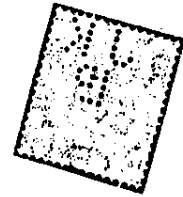
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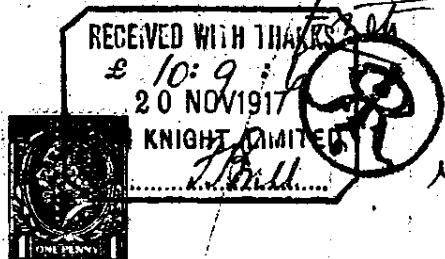
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