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How and Why I Collect Perfins

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I began collecting “pinholes” years ago when my husband, in looking over a big bag of mixed stamps threw them out, saying they were no good.

In looking them over I got interested, wondered what the initials stood for, and decided to sort them out.

I mounted them on loose sheets, alphabetically, not knowing anything about them.

Later, I came across an article in one of the stamp papers written by

"P E R F I N S"

Mr. George N. Harden and some were illustrated; thus showing to what firms some of mine belonged.

Now I mount all the different ones on index cards until I get an envelope with the stamp on, and which has the name of the firm—then I mount it in a loose leaf book.

To date I have over 300 with firm name and as many more unidentified.