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SPIFS

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A correspondent, living in England, writes that collectors in his country use another term for our Perfins. They call them SPIFS and derive the word from the initials of 'Stamps Perforated for Insurance against Fraud.'

Perhaps their word is more accurate in its derivation than is our abbreviation of 'perforated initials,' but on the other hand, Perfin seems to have a more homely, familiar ring to it than does the strange and unfamiliar SPIF,—just as gasoline' and 'movie' are preferred by us to 'petrol' and 'cinema.' However, it makes little difference as to what they are called as long as we both know what the other is talking about.

Finally, as a bit of constructive criticism, it may be remarked that a more accurate description of these Perfins, instead of 'Stamps Perforated for Insurance against Fraud' is 'Stamps Perforated for Insurance against Theft' and only a slight change would have to be made in the current abbreviation.

In looking back to the January issue I find that I predicted we would reach 100 in '46 if each member recruited one new member. But for various reasons each one didn't. However we now have reached No. 103. This does not mean 100 members as some have dropped out, but it is good. Let's try for 200!

Get one new member in '47!