The Perfins of Bosnia and Hercegovina by Jan Prins

It is rather difficult to find data on the Perfins of Bosnia. Some information was acquired from stamp collectors who have been specializing in stamps of this country for many, many years. Here are the results:

- 1 <u>B.A.G.</u> on stamps of the 1912-14 issue, Scott #65/85. User unknown.
- 2 <u>C.B.M</u> on stamps of the 1912-14 issue, Scott # 65/85. User unknown.
- 3 <u>C.D.</u> on stamps of the 1906 issue, Scott # 30/45. Name of user: Bosniche Forst-Industrie-A.G. Otto Steinbeis <u>CELLULOSEFABRIK</u> <u>DRVAR</u>- Post Drvar (Bosnien).
- 4. <u>E.Z.</u> on stamps, Scott #11/24, 30/45. User: <u>EISENINDUSTRIE</u> A. G. <u>Z</u>ENICA, Zenica.
- 5. <u>L.H.</u> on stamps of the 1912-14 issue, Scott # 65/85. User unknown.
- 6. <u>PAKB</u> on stamps, Scott # 46/61,65/85. User: <u>Privat Agrar Kommerzial Bank</u>, Sarajevo.
- 7. <u>P.L.B.</u> on stamps, Scott # 1/24, 30/45, 86/104. User: <u>Privilegirte Landes</u> Bank fur Bosnien und Hercegovina, Sarajevo.
- <u>S R P</u> on stamps, Scott # 30/45. On the cover mentioned as sender: Moritz Herbatschek, Leiterder Expositur des K.K. Oest. Handelmuseum, Sarajevo.
- 9. <u>S.T.</u> on stamps of the 1906 issue, Scott # 30/45. User unknown.
- 10. There exist mint stamps of the 1906 issue with two big holes. Although they are not Perfins, they are mentioned for the sake of good order.

After the end of W.W.I., the stamps of Bosnia and Hercegovina were demonitized and stocks of the 1906 issue were found in the vaults of the post office at Sarajevo. These stamps were defaced with punches. To the various officials of the new government, these punched sheets were distributed as mementos.

