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SUBSCRIPTIONS

September 1st. marks the date when subscriptions are due once more from the majority of our membership. A red mark in the box alongside denotes that, yours falls due on that date and you are respectfully requested to help the Secretary by remitting early. No mark shows that you are paid up until next year, although certain of our members in the U.S.A. will find their's becomes due on January 1st. 1960. May we suggst to these that dollar bills will save on our bank charges?

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EXCHANGE PACKET

Mr West has resigned from Exchange Superitendent since he feels that with the present attitude among members participating he cannot run it successfully. Due to lack of cooperation he has spent more on postage in determining the whereabouts of packets than has been received in commission on sales. He does, however, think that a smaller packet system of perfins only, and using the letter post, might prove more successfull, but he is no longer interested in trying.

If anyone else is prepared to make the attempt the Secretary would be pleased to hear from him, and will be pleased to discuss some system whereby he would receive some reimbursement for his time and labour. For instance our Arserican counterparts have an exchange system in which the person running it receives five perfins in every hundred.

PERFIN SOURCES

1. Mr K Misegades

has 3 to 4 pounds weight of unsorted British perfin which in the ordinary course of events he would not be able to tackle for a number of years. He is, therefore, seeking the assistance of a sorter and in return offers to share on the following basis.

- 1. All unique items to be sent to Mr Misegades.
- 2. The sorter to retain at least one of each duplicate.
- 3. Where there is more than one duplicate the sorter would retain two in every five, four in every ten etc.

Perhaps anyone interested would contact Mr Misegades.

2. Mr E.R. Bishop. is offering perfins at 1/- per 100, 9/- per 1,000, or in exchange for British Colonials.

WANTED

Mr C. Carr wishes to know if any-one has information of manufacturers other than Slopers who make machines for perforating initials through stamps.

NEW MEMBER.

A HUXLEY Post Office Cottage, Balterley, Crewe

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

K MISEGADES 5011, Alta Vista Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland,
U.S.A

IDENTITY LISTS.

With this issue we complete our initial listing of all known perfin_users. We will now proceed to revise these lists to include all additions and alterations, and will start issuing with our next number.

It is now obvious that height measurements given to the nearest 1/2mm. are quite adequate since the number of holes quoted in our lists takes care of most differences. Therefore, in future we shall ease measurement problems by revising the heights column.

Similarly, any additions received in future will be saved until a sufficient number are available to warrant the issue of a further page for a particular letter. This will make filing so much easier.

PERFIN ILLUSTRATIONS

Work has begun on the illustrations of G.B. perfins and Mr Van Lint tells us that the total will now exceed 9,000 separate Illustrations. This is something in the order of 2,000 more than Initially anticipated and consequently, his price to members in Great Britain will have to increase to about 30/-. Even so, it is only possible to offer at this price if a bulk order is made.

The Secretary will arrange to place the order and distribute them in Great Britain, but it would be extremely helpful in assisting Mr Van Lint to assess the amount of material required if intending purchasers would give prior warning. Perhaps those interested would let the Secretary know, and if it is at all helpful you can start sending the cash in instalments. The project will not complete until early next year but members will be kept informed of progress through our Bulletin.

Mr Van Lint is also offering a 1959 Addenda to his previous works as follow,

Illustrations of U.S. Perfins ... over 100 additions..\$0.50
Belgian Illustrated Catalogue ... over 100 additions..\$0.50
Official Perfins Album 5 new pages.....\$0.50
Send mint commems. or money order to; Victor J Van Lint

WHO KNOW'S THE ANSWER?

Answers to certain of the queries raised in our last issue have been received but space does not allow their inclusion.

These will now be included in our next number.

FULL NAME PUNCTURES Cont.

- NAIRN..... Michael Nairn & Company Limited, Linoleum Manufacturers, 131, Aldersgate Strut, London.E.C.1.
- NICHOLSON...Could be J & W Nicholson & Company Limited. 195, St. Johns Street, London.E.C.1, who distilled "NICHOLSON GIN" and kindred spirits.
- PALE/THORPE..Old established pork sausage manufacturers originally from Cambridge but now believed merged with F. Wall Limited. Acton, London.
- POLY.....The abbreviation in "Sports" & "Touring Company" of The Polytechnic, 309, Regent Street, London.W.1.
- ROSE/&Co....No real clue but suggest it could be:- L. Rose & Co. Ltd London & West Indies. - Established 1865 - "Rose's Lime Juices. - Address today L. Rose & Company Limited, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.
- PLAYER No clue but suggest John Player Limited, Nottingham, cigarette manufacturers.
- SINGER Singer Sewing Machine Company Limited, Singer Building, City Road, London.E.C.1. Works and Head Office in Glasgow I believe.
- SPERO This,I believe, is the trademark of a firm making ladies dress fabrics and was nationally advertised up to 1940, and maybe still used but I cannot remember the firm's name. The fabrics were made of cotton, and latterly of cotton and rayon.
- SUGG William Sugg & Company Limited, Engineers, Vincent Works Regency Street, London.W.1.
- SUTTON/READING).. These are the well known Seedsmen with 'Nurseries
SUTTON/&/SONS) and Head Office at Reading. The title changed throughout the years to include the sons of the originator. London office Sutton & Sons Ltd., 69, Picadilly, London.W.1.
- WHEEN..... Very old soap making firm, "Wheens,Family Soap" whose factory was at Deptford I believe, but who have been amalgamated into one of the big combines and I believe lost its identity, although the "WHEEN" trademark may still be used. I have not seen it for many years.
J. B. When & sons Limited, Grease & Oils, 30a, Bowles Road, Bermondsey, London.S.E.1.
- WILLING.....Willing's Bill Posting Service, 362, Grays Inn Road, London.W.C.1.
- YOST (Trademark YosT)...Yost Typewriter Manufacturing Company Limited, (believed originally of American origin) whose machines disappeared from the market I should say about 30 years ago. What happened, I do not know, probably taken over.

NOTES ON PERFIN USERS

CENTRAL AGENCY GLASGOW

This Company is the wholesale marketing agency for the whole of the J & P Coats Cotton Group. They had a London office and warehouse at Bridgewater Square E.C, but in 1936 the office and warehouse was separated, the warehouse to Brentford, Middlesex and the office to the present address at, 5, Sycamore Street, E.C.

Sewing, Embroidery, and Crochet Cottons are always stocked by drapers and requirements are not by the Glasgow or London warehouses. However, to keep in touch and to acquaint customers with latest developments they have area representatives who send an official postcard announcing their invention of calling on a certain date, the card being initialled by the representative. It could be, therefore, that the scrap of card the initials S.J.A mentioned by Mr Muggleton in his article in Stamp Collecting of March 13th, 1959, was sent by the Mr S.J. Ackroyd whom he discovered used to live in Ramsgate during 1906.

EDISON & SWAN UNITED ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Joseph Wilson Swan born in Sunderland in 1828, would appear to hold prior claim to the invention of the incandescent electric lamp for in 1878 after many years of experimenting he showed his first practical lamp at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Chemical Society. In 1880 he read a paper on 'Incandescent Electric Light' before the Institution of Telegraph Engineers, which today is known as the institution of Electrical Engineers, and early the following year formed the Swan Electric Lamp Company in Newcastle.

However, Swan allowed two years to elapse after his successful laboratory experiments before attempting to take out a British patent on his invention in 1880, and found on doing so that Edison had obtained one in November 1879. This, of course, gave Edison legal backing to the claim of prior invention, but it is quite clear that both had solved the problem of incandescent lighting quite independently of each other. On the other hand, Swan held a patent for a cellulosed thread which was far superior to the carbonised bamboo filaments produced by Edison. Thus, rather than get involved in a costly legal battle they took the more sensible course of joining forces, and in 1881 merged their companies into the Edison & Swan United Electric Light Company.

The Company went from strength to strength and by the end of the century, such had been the pressure of work that there were now three factories in England and two on continent.

During following years the Company's headquarters moved two or three times and the title change to The Edison Swan Electric Company Limited.

In 1914, Sir Joseph Swan died at the age of 86 after having seen the Company granted a Royal Warrant the previous year, and with the death of Thomas Alva Edison in 1931 at the age of 84, all links with the origin of the filament were finally severed.