

Perfin Cover of the Month

The Perfin Cover of the Month is a very unusual and interesting one submitted by Charles Schoeps (#1315) of Saugerties, N.Y. It is unusual because the two 4-cent Taft stamps, between them, bear the "AMERICA" portion of the Perfin "AMERICAN APPRAISAL" sometimes used on the American Appraisal Company's stamps, perhaps through error. This Milwaukee firm normally perforated its stamps with a conventional postal Perfin "AA/Co" (A-18) as shown in



the inset. The long "AMERICAN APPRAISAL" perforation would appear to be one generally used on checks or other documents. It is interesting to note that although the stamps are precancels, they are tied to the cover by a superfluous machine cancellation - which luckily in this instance gives positive proof of their actual postal use on cover. Shown at right is an interesting reconstruction of the long Perfin, made a few years ago and preserved in the Murray-Lougee Perfin Photo Collection. Other members who have unusual Perfin covers are invited to submit them to the editor for possible use as Perfin Cover of the Month.

