

G.B. KENT & SONS LIMITED

Established in 1777 by William Kent this firm of brush manufacturers and sponge merchants went through various partnerships to become G.B. Kent & Company in 1854. This was changed to G.B. Kent & Sons in 1880. Located at 11, Great Marlborough Street, London, W., in 1885, the Company was incorporated on 2nd July 1900.

A 1910 directory shows 15, Robinson Road, London, N.E., as the firm's headquarters, whilst trade lists of the 1920's give the address of the head office as 75, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.1., with a factory sited at Victoria Park, London, E. An out-of-town works could be found at Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire.

With the slogan "BEST BRITISH BRUSHES" the Company continued to flourish, and by the 1960's Crosby Comb Company Limited and Titterton & Howard Limited were under the Kent mantle. The Company then being operated from 24, Old Broad Street, London, W.1.

Several perfins are recorded in the Identities Catalogue.

- 1) KENT 10,10,13,7
4mm. (15mm wide)
Cat. No. 70.4

Issues Reported

Q.V. 1d Plates: 111, 119, 124, 130, 131, 134, 137, 139,
144, 147, 148, 149, 150, 15R, 155, 156,
157, 159, 161, 162, 164, 166, 171, 172,
174, 175, 177, 178, 182, 184, 186, 187,
188, 192, 194, 201, 205, 215, 216,

4d Plate: 18.

Unconfirmed Plates: 106, 146, 160, 170, 203, 204, 218.

- 2) KENT 10,10,13,7
4½mm (162mm wide)
Cat. No. 70.2

Issues Reported

Q.V. SG 164 ½d
 168 2d
 191 3d
Jubilee 2d
 1d lilac
 2d
 3d
 1/- green & carmine.

K.E.V11 ½d, 2d, 3d, 2/6d.

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