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Mr. J. A. Jones, 'Gorsey Rise', Rockbourne Avenue., Woolton, Liverpool.

NEWS

On behalf of all officers of the Group may I take this opportunity to wish all members the compliments of the season and all you wish yourselves at this time.

As was stated in the last News Sheet the Secretary was writing to Mr. Jennings to ask if he would reconsider his decision to resign as President. Mr. Jennings' reply is below:

Dear Mr. Bowman,

Having given the matter of my resignation plenty of consideration I still feel that it is not desirable for any official of a Group or Society representing collectors to be a known dealer. His aims will always be suspect in certain quarters. As a private collector one receives a great deal of assistance from other collectors which would not be forthcoming to a member of the trade.

To make matters worse, having just compiled a suggested price list of punctures for the Group based on prices which I, myself, would be willing to pay for stamps for my collection it might nor be thought by many members that this was an attempt by me to establish a market price for my own wares now or in the future.

With regard to Mr. Nelson's letter I took no offence and, save for that one unfortunate remark, I fully respected and admired his views and forthrightness. I wish more members would take part in debate in this way so that we could really achieve something instead of just drifting along a quiet backwater. It is about time that the study of punctures entered the main stream of philately since we have shown it to be a part of the same river.

I have always felt it was inevitable that my status would become public knowledge but hoped that we should have achieved some status in the philatelic world before then when I could have resigned knowing that my main ambition was achieved.

I still feel, therefore, that I should resign but in order not to create a 'crisis' am prepared to wait until the A.G.M. when a successor can be appointed.

I would like to assure members that this is not done in a spirit of 'pique' but in their interests. I feel that members will get more co-operation from other dealers if I continue as a member rather than an official of the Group.

If another dealer, advertised and commonly known to be such, was appointed to any position on the executive I should oppose this just as zealously as I have made my own resignation, and therefore, I consider it only right that I should stand down now that my own status has been advertised and made known.

After all, the President, is mainly a figurehead and my research and findings will still be at the service of members as it always was. The only difference now is that I shall have to refrain from any efforts at fixing prices for material in the Groups publications.

Assuring you and members of my continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,

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The following letter has been received from Miss Thornton in which she states her views on the burning questions of the moment:-

Dear Mr. Bowman,

I would like to thank Mr. Nelson for his letter to the Editor, published in the October issue and I think you were quite right to print it.

I was not surprised to hear that Mr. Jennings is in the stamp trade - why should he not be, for it must be an interesting business. However, I am very surprised to read that he objects to the fact being known - surely it was bound to come out sooner or later, by one means or another!

If from a membership of 72 there are only 41 replies to the question concerning a change of name for the Group, it would seem that the name can be of no great importance. In my opinion it is quite wrong to separate the U. S. A. votes from the 41 replies, one cannot eliminate nearly 20% of the electorate as an argument of convenience.

However much it may be desired to emphasise the Under and Over Prints and do not think that 'S.O.S.' (Security Overprint Society) should be tagged on the Perfin Group or Society name.

Most of us will continue with our collecting in our own way, being concerned or unconcerned with 'values' according to taste. I enjoy being a member of the Society and find the News Letter interesting and helpful.

Yours sincerely,

M. E. Thornton

Member No. 40 of the "PERFIN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN" ?

It will be noticed that Mr. Jones has resigned and he has passed on to the Group his complete collection of PERFINs in order that they might be sold with the proceeds to go into the Duplicator Fund.

There were some loose stamps which it has been assumed were duplicates and these have been passed to the Exchange Packet Superintendent for inclusion in the packets.

The remainder of the collection consists of:-

(a) Approximately 400 Pragnell 'Byron' Album leaves No. 397 (size 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") containing an estimated average of 7 or 8 stamps per sheet. This means that there are about 3,000 different dies represented. All the stamps are mounted face down on a black background in individual cellophane packets,

(b) Over 230 specially made perfin album pages made by the Peerless Album Company of the U.S.A. These are all completely unused, in fact one packet has not even been opened and normally sell at \$2 (14/-) per 100.

(c) All the bulletins issued by our Group since No. 1.

The complete collection etc., as described above, will be sold to the member making the highest bid to the SECRETARY. In order that all members, including our overseas friends, may have a chance the closing date is 31ST JANUARY 1963, Our thanks go to Mr. Jones for this very generous gesture although we are sorry to lose his membership, of course.

#### MEMBERS WANTS

Mr. Janes Lambert,  
would like very much to find someone with an interest in the "POL" perfins of Germany, who is willing to correspond on the subject. He would also like to receive offers of any of the G.B. Officials.

#### COMMENT:

Thanks are extended to Mr. Bowman who put a great deal of effort and time into producing the master stencils for the design identifications. I am sorry I did not mention this in, the last issue.... Editor

#### WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER ?

(N.B. When a few more of the outstanding queries are answered then a page of the bulletin will be devoted to them; so please search your collections and try to find some clues).

1) A Queen Victoria ½d. Jubilee issue on piece with postal number '75'. The information on the back is scanty and consists of, PAPER MAKES - Telephone No. 402.

Type III - J.B/&S      2H      7,13/13,11      6/6

This type is also known on issue up to KG VI dark colours.

2) The following perfin is known as being used by the Brokers and Traders Insurance Company Limited, London, E.C.3. Does anyone know what the initials actually refer to ?

QO/CoLd      2H      10,4/7,4,6,6      4½/4½,2,4½,2

WHERE TO WRITE

Would all members please note that the following Officers and Assisting Members should be contacted direct for that portion of the Groups \_ business with which they deal ?

MR. V. A. TERRY	- Editor	- All editorial matters including material for publication.
MR. J. M. RUCKLIDGE	- Exchange	- Requests for packets and stamps for inclusion in exchange system.
Mr. B. C. TOMKINS 83 Gaywood Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk	- Catalogue Editor	- For all matters arising from publication of the Simplified and Identities Catalogues.
MR. C. J. T. CARR	-	- Auctions and London Meetings.
MR. C. JENNINGS	- President	- Advice etc. appertaining to perfins and security endoresnents
MR R. BOWMAN	- Secretary	

If when writing to any of the above a reply is expected or advice is solicited please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. I am sure it will be gratefully received.

All other matters not mentioned above can be addressed to me and I will be pleased to help in anyway I can.

R. Bowman.  
Secretary

Having had the occasion to write to the City Treasurer's Department, Sheffield, I took the opportunity of enquiring about their perfin. The reply elicited that the stamps they used were perforated in their Postal Department on a hand operated Jean Sauven machine which dealt with 12 stamps at a time.

The London Telephone Directory gave the address of the Sauven Perforating Machine Company and a letter to them produced a couple of leaflets of stamp perforating machines, (these are illustrated on a separate page), and the information that the firm started in business in 1919.

I have written again requesting more information but to date have received no reply. I had hoped to obtain an illustration of the machine used by Sheffield but since it has been in use since 1942 the machine is probably obsolete as far as Sauvens are concerned.

The details of the two machines illustrated are as follows:-

TREADLE OPERATED - Model No. 50

The machine can perforate 12 stamps in a row and will deal with a thickness of 4 sheets such that 48 stamps are dealt with in one operation.

Complete sheets can be fed through the machine and a marginal guard accurately locates the perforation in the centre of the stamp.

A speed of 1,000 stamps per minute is claimed for the machine and it can be provided with interchangeable dies for Postage and Insurance Stamps.

The leaflet giving this information contained a strip of 12 perforations of the William Whitely die illustrated.

HAND OPERATED - Model No. 6

This machine is a general purpose machine and can be used for a variety of cancellation purposes or marking of books, maps, etc.

When used for postage stamps it is a 6 die machine perforating six stamps in a row, and can deal with a thickness of three sheets at a time. A flat plate is fitted flush with the die for postage stamp use and a marginal guide locates the stamps.

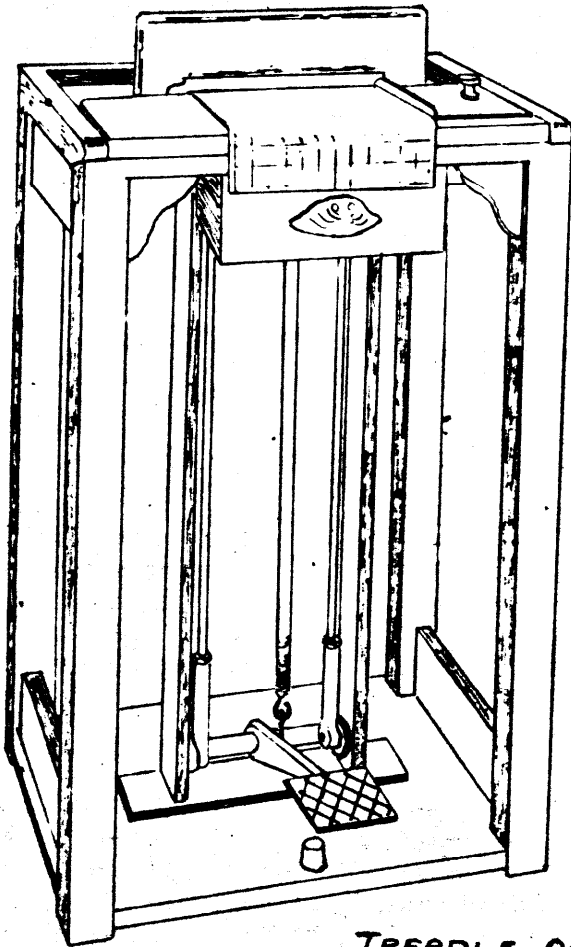
Since it obviously deals with half sheets, one would expect to find that most of the perfins produced on such a machine would read correctly and reversed when viewed from the front, in approximately equal quantities.

It is much easier to fold a sheet than tear it in half and the office junior would not take long to discover this.

If any further information is obtained on these machines it will be duly reported in the News-sheet.

In the meantime, perhaps someone may like to compare the William Whitely die with others of a similar nature and write to the users (if known) to discover whether a Sauven machine is used.

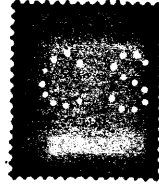
SAUVEN  
PERFORATING  
MACHINES



TREADLE OPERATED



WILLIAM  
WHITELYS  
LIMITED.

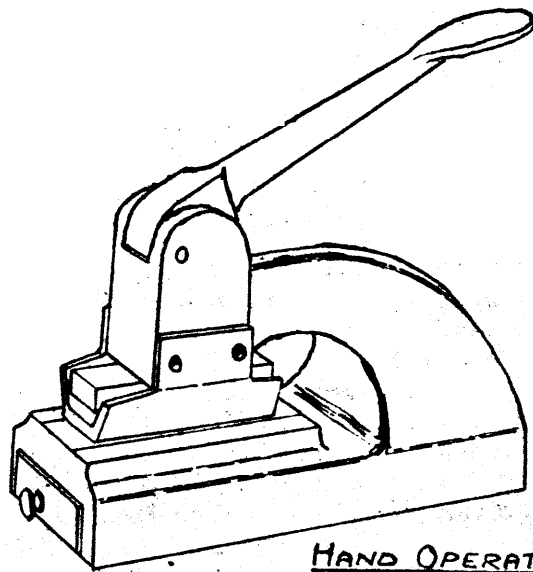


CITY OF  
SHEFFIELD

"SAUVEN" DIES

MANUFACTURED BY:-

SAUVEN MARKING  
MACHINE COMPANY  
11-13 HATTON WALL  
LONDON, E.C.1.



HAND OPERATED

The article by Mr. Rucklidge in the June Newsletter touches on what is probably the most fascinating aspect of Perfin collecting. There can be little merit in a collection of unidentified perfins and most collectors must, like myself, have spent many enjoyable hours searching out from little scraps of available information the identities of perfin users. An article illustrating some successes in this field by Mr. Muggleton and myself appeared in STAMP COLLECTING in March, 1959.

Perfins often turn up on small pieces of card or envelope which bear perhaps only a small part of the name, address, telephone number, telegraphic address, trade or business, etc., of the user, and it can be very irritating to be unable to complete the identity.

Research in some form or another is clearly indicated and in this nothing can be more invaluable than a few of the right reference books which in many cases, can provide the direct answer to the clues available.

After spending many cold hours in cheerless library reference rooms, I decided that I would enjoy doing my research much more at home if only I could get together a few reference books of my own. Although one or two of the books I wanted, if purchased new, would have cost much more than I could afford, I found that I was able to get older copies quite cheaply from secondhand bookshops and from friends working in offices. The following details of my 'library' may be of interest to other members:

1 GENERAL

(i) STOCK EXCHANGE OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK (1949 and 1959)

This, in my opinion, is the most useful of all reference books. It is published annually in two volumes by authority of the Stock Exchange by Messrs. THOMAS SKINNER & CO. (a subsidiary of KELLY'S DIRECTORIES). The number printed is limited to that previously ordered - this mostly by Stockbrokers, Bankers, Lawyers, Investment Advisers and a few others.

The two volumes, which together weigh about 10 lbs, contain particulars of over 8,000 companies whose securities are quoted on Stock Exchanges in Great Britain. This number may not seem large, but the "potted history" given in respect of each company lists all subsidiaries, amalgamations, etc. UNILEVER, for instance, is stated to control about 43 smaller companies, all of which are listed, including such perfin users as D. & W. GIBBS LTD., LEVER BROTHERS, PORT SUNLIGHT LIMITED, A. & F. PEARS LTD., VAN DEN BERGHS & JURGENS LTD. and BRITISH OIL & CAKE MILLS LTD. All companies are listed in the index which contains, at a rough estimate, about 25,000 references.

Particulars of companies supplied include the addresses of the registered offices with telephone numbers and telegraphic addresses, names of directors, date the company was formed, details of any changes of name, nature of business and situation of factories, and so on. There is also a very useful classified index in which companies operating similar types of business are grouped together.

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(ii) KELLY'S DIRECTORIES

Kelly's Directories Ltd., of 186 Strand, London, W.C.2, produce not only the Post Office London Directory, but also British Town Directories which include Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, etc., and Local Directories, including smaller provincial towns such as Bath, Reading, Southampton, Norwich, etc. The layout of all the directories is basically the same as the London Directory, of which I have three copies (1933, 1948 and 1959), the main features, from my point of view being:

- (a) List of streets in alphabetical order with most street numbers and names of occupiers of all but some residential property. This is post helpful for completing portions of addresses and of tracking down the firms whose stamps are used by "the people of next door".
- (b) An alphabetical directory of commercial and professional firms giving the full address, telephone number and telegraphic address, if any. The value of this is obvious.
- (c) A classified list of the above commercial and professional firms under such headings as Booksellers, Shipbrokers, Printers, etc.
- (d) There are also separate directories dealing with lawyers, bankers. municipal, etc.

(iii) REGISTER OF DEFUNCT AND OTHER COMPANIES

As mentioned previously, the Stock i~xchange Year book contains details of companies which are still in business including those which have amalgamated, been taken over etc. Many companies have, however; gone into liquidation, been nationalised, struck off or met some similar fate, and these are listed in the Register of Defunct and other Companies. The list includes about 23,000 which have fallen by the wayside since 1875, among them many former perfin users.

(iv) SELLS DIRECTORY OF REGISTERED TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES

It is reasonable to assume that a firm that has a perfin also has a staff to steal its stamps. Most firms big enough to employ any sort of a staff also have a telegraphic address.

To be continued



The following further notes are additional to the list issued in News Sheet No. 36 of September 1962.

PERFINS ON POSTAL STATIONERY (Continued)

Earlier Dates

1 ENVELOPES				Q. V. 1 penny pink	Ju 15 99
				(A&N/C.S.L)	
2 REGISTERED ENVELOPES					
3 POSTCARDS					
4 WRAPPERS				Q. V. ½ penny brown	Ja 14 01
				(B.F )	
				K.E.VII ½ penny green	5 11 02
				(AC/&Co)	

Additional users:

Type III

AC/&Co	2H	10,8/14,8,4	5/5,5,2	K.E.VII	Wrapper
B.R	H	14,11	5	Q.V.	Wrapper
CR	H	8,13	4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
C.R	H	8,13	4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
C&S	S	9,13,11	5½	Q.V.	Wrapper

D&J/&Co

Type 111A

FR/&Co	2H	8,12/12,8,6	4½/5,4,2½	Q.V.	Wrapper
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Type 111

GM/&G	2H	10,15/14,10	4½/4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
H.A.L	H	12,11,7	5	Q.V.	Wrapper
M/G	2H	15/10	4½/4½	K.E.VIII	Wrapper
PL/Ld	2H	9,7/7,7	4/4,3	Q.V.	Wrapper
R&S/H	2H	11,14,7/12	4½/4½	Q.V.	Wrapper

Many thanks to Messrs. Enschede, Nelson, Regnier and Summers for information on this subject.

If there is any further information which anyone can offer it will be published at a later date.

Miss M. E. Thornton

2<sup>ND</sup> PERFIN AUCTION  
of the  
G.B. PERFIN STUDY GROUP

All bids must be sent to Chris J. T. Carr, 4 Mount Road, Dover, Kent, to arrive before 4th January 1963. Bids should be in sterling but any received in dollars will be converted at the rate of \$1 = 7/- unless the rate changes.

SG cat. is Gibbons catalogues

J cat. is Jennings suggested prices in news sheet

Great Britain

Lot	Description	Reserve
1	60 diff. on strips showing user - modern	
2	85 diff. on strips showing user - modern	
3	160 diff. on strips showing user - modern	
4	170 diff. on strips showing user - modern	
5	4 oz. on paper, mainly QE II	
6	4 oz. on paper, mainly QE II	
7	Many hundreds (5 oz gross) sorted by letters into envelopes with duplication.	5/-
8	150 of ail reigns representing over 50 diff perfins.	
9	Over 300 representing 122 perfins lettered A to R	3/-
10	260 (QV, KE VII and sprinkling of early KG V) sorted alphabetically into envelopes - no duplication except that the same perfin may occasionally be found on different stamps.	
11	Many hundreds, socqe duplication-but a wide range of perfins. Mainly modern	
12	14 diff. stamps of KG VI and QE II with CC. Used by many corporations, e.g. Cardiff, Croydon etc.	
13	22 diff. stamps of KG VI and QE II with AA. Used by Automobile Association.	
14	QV 10/- 1878/1883. SG 131 Anchor wmk. on blued paper. The perfin appears to be N.Z. but there are other perfs along the stamp perforations. Reckoned to be N.Z.L., SG Cat. £50 J Cat. £15	£7 10s 0d
15	QV 3d. 1887 Jubilee SG202 <u>MINT</u> Perf. A/OF/H SG Cat. 10/6.	2/6
16	5 ld, reds all with slight defects. Plate Nos. in brackets. perf. B.S.&Co (137), B.T (135), B&T (151), F.G.&Co (155), S.H.&S (108). SG Cat. 5/2 - J Cat. 16/6 The following 13. lots are all KG V 2/6 1913-30 issue, SG. 399 etc. SG Cat. 10/- plus.	
17	B.B/Ld	
18	BW/Co Has small tear	
19	C/Ld	
20	C.W	
21	F	
22	FS/W	
23	<u>I</u> &R/M	
24	N.C./S	
25	Reversed P joined to normal B	
26	R&S/L	
27	RT/&S	
28	W.B/Co.L	
29	W/H	

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
30	QE II 10/- 1959 SG 597 Perf. MB Used by Midland Bank Ltd.	
31	QE II ½d, 1½d, 2½d, 6d. perf DS/IR Used by Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research	
32	KG V 10d photogravure, KG VI 1/- and 3d pale violet (this has corner perfs missing) Perf S Crown 0. Used by His Majesty's Stationery Office	2/-
33	QE II 2½ and 1/- Perf HM/SO Used by Her Majesty's Stationery Office	
34	56 High values including 1 x QE II £1 & 10 x KG VI & QE II 10/- duplication of perfin types	9/-
35	1/-, 2/- & 9/6 Mayor's Court Fiscal Stamps. Perf fancy script MC described as type 2 in Sept/Oct 1961 news-sheet.	
36	Registered cover from Slopers with 4½d and 1/- QE II stamps perf. JS/Co	
<u>Other Countries</u>		
37	7 Ecuador fiscals perf. B°E	
38	11 France perf. CNE SG Cat: 2/6	
39	2 Sets Germany, Perf. S&C on Germania issue. 6 values normal and 6 reversed.	
40	Nigeria. QE II 1953 6d, 2/6, & 5/- perf. E&F/Ld with Tiko, Cameroons, UKTT pmk. Used by Elders & Fyfes Ltd.	2/6-
41	Cameroons UKTT ovpt: on QE II Nigeria 1/- perf. E&F/Ld as lot 40	1/-_
42	U.S.A. \$1 1922 issue. Perf BSC diag.	
43	3c Swedes & Firms. Perf. SAL horiz.	
44	17c 1938 issue Perf. BMC diag. Used by Bailey Meter Co. Cleveland.	
45	18c & 24c 1938 issue Perf. AEL/Co	
46	\$1 1938 issue Perf. BSC diag. & BT/PA	
47	30c 1954 issue Perf. <u>M</u> in circle. Used by State of Michigan	
48	50c 1954 issue. Pert BT/PA Used by Bell Tel.Co- of Penna.	
49	50c 1954 issue. Pert HCB diag. This might be defective NCB See Van Lint Illustrations 31.2.7 and 48.7.2	
50	\$1 as lot 48.	
51	\$1 as lot 49.	
52	6 commems. Armed Forces and Handicapped Perf. IOWA in arc, used by State of Iowa. Boys Clubs perf TFL diag. Colorado perf T.H. used by Terr. of Hawaii. Press perf M in U used by Univ of Missouri. Opening of Japan perf BT/PA	
53	1000 mixed from a U.S. source	10/6
54	Block of 4 50c 1938 issue porf. PP/C Used by Paramount Pictures Corp. N.Y. with New York bureau precancel dated BFD Feb '57	
55	Venezuela 5, 10, 15, 25, 37½, 40, 50c, B1 1932 issue on Winchester Security Paper and 7½c on 10c 1933. Perf G.N = Gobierno Nacional SG Cat. 5/6	
56	As lot 55 but additionally 75c and B1 1932 Air on Winchester: Security Paper. Perf G.N SG Cat. 6/1ld	
57	26 Mixed foreign from 10 countries incl. Azores	

Non-Perfin Lots

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
58	Table Lamp with lampshade completely decorated with stamps representing most countries of the world. To preserve the colours of the stamps the shade has not been varnished. The stamps are all damaged but are overlapped to hide this and it is only noticed when the light is on. The base is A Royal Decree Scotch 'Whisky bottle (empty) drilled at the base for the flex, which has a switch on it.	£1
59	85 diff. G.B. Business Reply Cards, Envelopes etc.	
60	Tongan envelope letter with ld. postage design embossed on the flap.	5/-
61	Tongan Air Mail Letter Card (an aerogramme) No stamp. Mint condition	1/-
62	Tonga Treaty of Friendship complete set on reg. FDC 2nd July 1951	12/6
63	200 diff. G.B. meter marks	

Notes

Lots 1-3, 8, 17-29 and 53 have been donated for which we thank the donors.

Lots can be sent for viewing on payment of all charges or further information will be gladly given on receipt of S.A.E. All profits from the auction will be added to the Duplicator Fund.