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NEWS

This issue sees the beginning of the new Catalogue of Identified G.B. Perfins for which we all are indebted and hereby offer our sincere thanks to our catalogue editor, B. C. Tomkins, Esq., for all his work.

I hope that everyone has read, inwardly digested and acted on all the items mentioned in the last issue, because without your help the Society cannot function.

In a recent letter Mr. H. B. Okey; Jnr. Member No. 67, asks if any members have a tape recorder because he recently purchased a machine himself and has joined the World Wide Tape Pals Exchange Club. He is exchanging tapes with five ouraries and finds it very interesting to meet people on tape and would like very much to hear from any members who would exchange tapes. Any Offers ??

A letter has also been received from a Mr. Froehlich of South Africa who is asking if any members have any stamps, postmarks, postal stationery or covers, from either NATAL and/or ZULULAND to help with his studies of the postal history of these countries. Mr. Froehlich offers generous quantities of perfins (or cash) in return for items sent to him. Will anyone who is interested in this offer please contact our friend as soon as possible as he may move very soon.

Mr. Collison of Cambridge (No. 61) issues the following plea and considering the amount of work he has put into writing articles for the Group, I hope you can all help in this matter: -

"Wanted - G.B. over/under prints and G.B. Perfins having name in full, e.g. Travers, Wills, etc."

Unfortunately, there were one or two typographical errors on the membership list (my bad writing caused them I suspect) and I hope you will make the necessary alterations listed below:-

- No. 7 Eades, E.
- No. 29 Van Lint, V.J.
- No. 47 Murk, C.E. Mrs.
- No. 48 Summers, F.T.

Below is the final set of notes made by Mr. Collison on underprints.

THE UNDERPRINTS OF W.H. SMITH & SON

1) W. H. Smith and Son followed in April 1867. Their underprint read W.H.SMITH/AND SON,/186,STRAND in three lines vertically reading up or down. It exists from plates 73; 78; 92; 97; 102; 103; 109; 111; 114; 119; 121; 124; 131; 134; 147; 152; 164; 169; 173; 174 and 183 of the Penny Red "Plate No." issue. Twopenny Blue from Plates 9 and 10. Also said to exist from Plates 101; 117; 118 and 133 of the penny value. Again private printings were most likely made over the gum.

The information for these and the earlier notes came from the following:-

- 1) Stamp Collecting 11. 11. 33
- 2) Stamp Collecting 26. 7. 47.
- 3) "The College Stamps of Oxford and Cambridge" (Chapter on o/ps. and u/ps.) by Rev. H. Cummings.
- 4) "The Stamps of G.B." part II by J. R. Seymour.

EXCHANGE PACKET

The exchange Packet is still going strong and I hope all members are taking full advantage of its facilities offered both for buying and selling. I'm sure Mr. Rucklidge will be only too pleased to hear from anyone that is interested in the packet

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INTRODUCTION

The identifications given herein represent about 20% of the total of known perfin types used during the past 90 years.

Only those that have been positively identified with the aid of a supporting cover, or those whose name is perforated in full, and thereby self evident, have been included.

Additions will be made from time to time to these lists, when sufficient 'new' identifications have been made to enable the publication of an additional page for any particular letter.

TABULATING PERFIN DESIGNS

Introduction

For the purpose of recording perfin types in the best possible manner and without actually illustrating each individual type, a system has been adopted which enables details of the letter comprising a design to be written down in catalogue form.

This system is based on the method used by the Perfin Club of the U.S.A. but has been extended to cover the further differences which appear in the Perfins of Great Britain.

Method Employed

Perfin types are listed horizontally across the catalogue pages in the order shown below;

- 1) The letters forming the Perfin
- 2) The pattern formed by the letters
- 3) The number of holes in each letter
- 4) Height of the letters
- 5) Type of ampersand, where necessary
- 6) Name of the concern using the Perfin

1 Letters

The letters are written in one line with an oblique stroke separating the letters of any distinct rows, For example a perfin listed as HB/&Co would appear on the stamp in two lines with the HB directly above the "& Co". Fancy letters or these with serifs are underlined.

2 Pattern

A coding is used for this as follows:

- H - 1 Horizontal line
- 2H - 2 Horizontal lines
- 3H - 3 Horizontal lines
- D - Diagonal
- S - Sideways
- B - Badge
- M - Monogram

3 Number of Holes

The number of holes comprising the letters are written down in a similar manner to the letters themselves.

4 Height

The height of the first letter only is given (in brackets), in most cases following the number of holes. The height is measured to the nearest millimeter above, from the centre of the lowest hole to the centre of the topmost.