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NEW MEMBERS

This month we are pleased to welcome two new members into the Society.

Mr Roland Williamson, 840, Vroom Ave., Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs Ellen "Kitty" Weisz, 9109 N. Lamon Ave., Smokie, Ill, U.S.A.

LIBRARY

All the library material has now been passed over to Mr F. Summers who is ready to receive requests for loans. May we remind prospective borrowers that postage must be included when sending for any particular item. Similarly, if you have to write to Mr Summers for any other reason return postage would be appreciated.

ADVERTISEMENT

WE HAVE STOCKS OF MOST THINGS IN G.B., INCLUDING PERFINS ON 1d REDS, UNDERPRINTS, O.U.S., AND OTHER SIDELINES--AND, OF COURSE 90% OF STRAIGHT CATALOGUE LISTED STAMPS,----WE CAN ALSO SUPPLY PACKETS OF 1000 MODERN PERFINS AT 10/- EACH.

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DEVON

OFFER

Mr G Collison of 64, De Freville Avenue, Cambridge, has 12 copies (November 1962 to October 1963) for disposal. He will be pleased to give them to anyone interested who is willing to refund the postage. First request received by Mr Collison (not the Secretary) will gain the magazines.

OFFICIAL PERFINS CATALOGUE

Due to a bereavement in the family, Miss Thornton will be unable to devote much time to the catalogue for the next few weeks. Should anyone be waiting to hear from Miss Thornton, please bear with her for a week or so.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

Mr Holden who recently resigned from the Society has donated his entire collection and accumulation of perfins to be sold to help swell the Society's funds. It is hoped that we shall be able to include some of this material in the forth-coming auction, and to pass over to Mr Rucklidge the loose stamps for the Exchange. In both ways the Society will benefit providing support for the auction and exchange packet is provided by our members.

In our last issue we mentioned the latest news we had at that time on the progress of Mr Jennings' book. Since then we have had further and less happy news.

Without going into great detail, it appears that certain correspondance Mr Jennings has had causes him to feel that he is being pressurised into giving dates for the appearance of a work which was being done entirely voluntary and partly at his own expense. We quote from his letter, "So long as I was allowed to potter along in my own time and manner without being forced to declare a schedule and being called to account for not keeping to it, there was the certainty that part by part the work would have appeared eventually. As I am not to be allowed to proceed in this way, I am scrapping the whole idea until such time as demand in Britain is sufficient to justify a printed version. If such a demand does not materialise then it shows that I should just be wasting my time."

Mr Jennings says that one or two members have already subscribed money towards the book and these will have a refund made.

As most of the support (55 out of 72) was from American collectors all the stencils comprising Chapter 1 of the book have been sent to Mr Stump, Editor of the American Perfins Club bulletin to use as he feels fit. If Mr Stump decides to duplicate it is possible that, at least the check-lists of line-engraved may be obtained from him.

Mr Jennings closes his letter by saying, "At all times I will gladly furnish to our members, any information they may want but I feel it only fair to point out that I have very little information regarding modern issues not already available from other sources. On issues and dies before 1883 I may be able to help in many cases."

We are sorry Mr Jennings has dropped his project and hope that his knowledge will get published in some form at a later date perhaps.

THIS ISSUES CONTENTS

This issue contains two pages of general interest, Chapter 2 (pages 5 and 6) of hlr Nelson's article on Joseph Sloper, two pages of the Council perf ins listing (3.11 to 3,16), one page on collecting methods, five pages of 'H' identities, and Worksheet No. 7. The identities pages replace those previously issued. The worksheet for Official perfins should be returned to Miss M. Thornton.

CHAPTER 2 - 1869-1872

The official letter dated 13th March 1868 can hardly have been exactly what Sloper had hoped for, but it implied sufficient authority for him to put his system in to operation. Without knowing it however, the Post Office had conferred a temporary monopoly on him, for, with the protection provided by his 1858 patent he was the only person who could legally manufacture machines for perforating documents, etc., for security purposes.

Accordingly, he immediately set about publicising his system and establishing this new branch of his business with increasing success.

The Post Office on the other hand took some time about officially advising Postmasters that the system had been approved, because it was not until almost a year later that the following Notice appeared in the Postal Official Circular (Postmasters' Edition) for Monday 1st March 1869:

Postage Stamps

In consequence of representations made to the Post Office by various Firms that there is reason to believe that their postage stamps are purloined by persons in their employ, the Department has recommended that the name or initials of Firms, &c be either printed on the back of the stamps, or perforated through the stamps by means of a machine devised 'for the purpose, so that, inasmuch as the sale of such stamps would thereby be rendered difficult, the temptation to steal them might be lessened or altogether removed.

Postmasters will take care not to purchase any postage stamps thus marked which may be offered to them for sale.

A Notice to the public in similar terms first appeared as part of Rule 224 in the British Postal Guide for 13th April 1869 and later, as from 1st January 1873, became Rule 7 on page 21.

As time went on, so Sloper received more and more enquiries about his system, many coming from abroad, and anxious to extend the sphere of his business to foreign countries he wrote to the Secretary of the Post Office on the 23rd May 1870 as follows :-

OFFICE FOR SLOPER'S PATENTS  
Walbrook House, Walbrook, E.C.  
London. 23rd May, 1870.

To the Secretary of the Post Office, London.  
Sir,

Having had repeated applications from Foreign

Houses, desiring to know if my system of perforating the Initials &c. on Postage Stamps &c. as licenced by the Postmaster General in England, cannot be adopted on the Continent, as it would be of great service, as on the Continent the Commercial community are liable to the same depredations there, as in England.

I am about introducing it personally to the various Governments, and for this purpose, as the system is working so satisfactorily in England, I shall feel much obliged, if My Lord Marquis, the Postmaster General will do me the honour of giving me a letter, stating that his Lordship has authorised my system on postage stamps &c. and recommends it for the public good and also that the system is in operation in other departments of the Post Office.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obed. & humble servant  
Joseph Sloper.

The Post Office promptly obliged by providing Sloper with the letter he required and it is most probable that this official "reference" played some part in bringing about the introduction of perforated stamps in other countries. The letter, dated 30th May 1870 is set out in full (although quoted somewhat out of its true context) in the booklet "British Stamps Perforated with Firms' Initials (S.P.I.F.S.)" by the late F. Hugh Vallancey.

On 31st August 1872, almost four and a half years after the Postmaster General first authorised the use of Sloper's system, his patent rights, as contained in his 1858 grant, expired. By a further grant of Letters Patent dated 10th December 1872, which covered a variety of modifications and improvements to his existing machines, he endeavoured to extend his monopoly but with no great success.

Others had been waiting to move in on what had hitherto been his exclusive territory, and whilst the 1872 patent reserved for Sloper certain rights in connection with the design and operation of the machines, the actual principle of perforating for security purposes was now free to be adopted by anyone who chose to do so. Others were able to manufacture perforating presses and supply them to the public and to sell stamps ready perforated, the only precaution was to ensure that none of the machinery used infringed Sloper's 1872 patent.

3.11 CHELSEA (B) LONDON, S.W.3.

Chelsea is the third smallest of the London boroughs. In 787 it was known as CEAL CHYTHE (hythe : Haven) and a similar name appears in Saxon charters in the 11th century.

In the 16th century it was known as CHELCITH. The later suffix 'EY' or 'EA' describes the insular character of the land on which it is situated whilst the prefix indicates a gravel bank.

Perfin:           CB/C       2H   7,11/7       (4½)

Perfins have been in use since 1945 and are supplied by Slopers in denominations of ½d, 2½d, 3d, 4½d, 6d, & 1/-.

3.12 CHELTHENHAM (B) GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

The town as it is known today was founded on the chance discovery of its medicinal waters nearly 200 years ago. People came to take the waters and the town grew, and as many stayed to make it their home, Cheltenham became a beautiful Regency town.

The visit of King George III in 1788 undoubtedly gave Cheltenham its first distinction as an inland spa.

Perfins :       (i)



C. C.

(ii) CC           H       7,7       (4½)

Due to the destruction of records it has been impossible to obtain confirmation of the shield design from the Council authorities although it has been reported by other sources.

Die (ii) is currently used on values of 2d, 2½d, & 3d supplied by Slopers.

3.13 CHERTSEY (UDC) SURREY

The history of Chertsey began with the founding of the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter and was called CEROTESEGE in the Abbey's early charter. In the Domesday Survey the name appears as CERTESYG, but by the 14th century it had become CHERTESAY.

Although only 25 miles from London, the district has resisted the usual large scale development and the modern tendency to become a London dormitory town.

Perfin:           CU/LC       2H   7,8/9,7       (4½)

Perfins only came into use by this council in July 1960 and are supplied by J. Sloper & Co., in values of ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, & 6d.

At present most of the Council's postages are paid by means of a franking machine so that the use of perfins is limited.

3.14 CESHUNT (UDC) HERTFORDSHIRE,

Situated on the borders of Hertfordshire, Middlesex, and Essex the district has a present day population of 31,100.

Finds in the area indicate that a Romano-British settlement existed there.

Other links with the past are a Benedictine Nunnery which existed in the 13th century, and a mansion "The Greate House" which once belonged to Cardinal Woseley.

Perfin: CU/DC 2H 7,8/9,7 (4½)

Perfins were first used in 1951 and are supplied by Slopers.

Current values :-id, ld, lid, 2d, 3d, & 6d.

The Council Offices are at Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, so that perfins with such a postmark can be allocated to Cheshunt.

3.15 CHESTER (CB) CHESHIRE

The history of Chester dates back to Roman times when the Station of Deva was founded in AD 48. The City became the permanent quarters of Legio XX Valera Vitrix but was destroyed in 614 and lay in ruins until 907 when Aethelflaad rebuilt the walls and the Monastery of St. Werburgh.

The Saxon form of its name was LEGANCEASTER.

Chester was incorporated in 1506 and created a County Borough in 1888.

Perfin: C/BC 2H 7/11,7 (4½)

This Authority has been using perfins since about 1948 and obtain their supplies from Slopers.

Current values perforated: ½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, & 6d.

3.16 CHESTERFIELD (B) DERBYSHIRE

The town of Chesterfield is over 1,000 years old and is thought to be the place known to the Romans as LUTUDARUM.

A hundred years ago it was a small marketing town of not more than 5,000 people, but today it is a busy industrial centre of almost 70,000 population, where large engineering works compete with mining as the main source of employment.

Perfin: CG H 7,7 (4½)

Perfins were introduced early in 1930 and have been supplied by J. Sloper & Company since that date.

The values perforated today are: 2½d, 3d, 4½d, & 6d.

Introduction - It is intended in this series to discuss the various methods used by our members in forming and mounting their collections. The length of the series depends upon the amount of information received but it is hoped that we shall be able to cover all the methods used.

1. By Mr E. Eades - When I was in business I used to acquire any perfins which came in with the office correspondence, etc., and these were all collected in a box. I suppose I had some 300 or 400. When the Study Group was formed I began collecting in earnest and of course ran into various teething troubles. The position at the moment is that I have 4,539 different stamps - all off cover and mounted - of which 2,664 have been identified, giving a figure of just under 60%. In some years I have not been able too get above this figure, but in the last twelve months I have added 1347 in all to the collection.

As soon as I receive the News-Letter I go through the Catalogue part and annotate everything as far as I am able with the reference books at my disposal - not many I am afraid. I then complete a sheet, if I have a particular stamp.

The stamps are set out on the basis of S.G. Part 1 and I have a "key" for all issues on separate sheets. A space is left at the bottom of each page for varieties, e.g., inverted, sideways, broken pins etc.

I "write-up" my perfins but always give the name of the Head Office of the concern, for example, although there is a large organisation of the Commercial Union Group at Exeter, I use the Head Office address, but with a pencil note of 'used at. . . ' where known.

The collection is arranged in strict alphabetical order of user, ignoring punctuation marks and the words 'and' and 'the', with the exception of where the initial word 'the' forms part of the registered title of a company. I think this system enables one to find a perfin quicker than by one where they are in alphabetical order of perfin, and also brings under one heading different types of perfin employed by one user.

Perfins are mounted face upwards and the perfin type is described at the top of the page in a similar manner to the code used in the Identities Catalogue.

Unidentified perfins or 'queries' are mounted in a separate album under the general heading of their initial letter and by order of the issue of the stamps. The letters and number of holes comprising the perfin are written under each stamp. Perfins remain in this album until they are indentified with a particular user or the query has been settled, then they are transferred as described above.

"H" IDENTIFICATIONS.

3/64

H	H	10	4½	1. Hay's Wharf Ltd London S.E.1
				2. Harvey Nichols Ltd London.
				3. Harrisons Ltd London.
				4. C.W.Hardrodt & Co Ltd Liverpool
H	H	11	6	) Rhoad Haggie & Son Ltd
H	H	12	6½	) Liverpool
H (5mm wide)	S	12	8½	W.H.Hayden & Co Ltd London.
H (6½mm wide)	H	12	8½	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
H	H	17	7	W.H.Hayden & Co 7, Warwick Lane London E.C.
H	H	23	11½	Horlicks Malted Milk Slough, Bucks.
H&A	H	10,12,8	4½(Ia)	Hooper & Ashby Ltd Portsmouth.
H.A.L	H	11,10,7	5	Henry A. Lane & Co Ltd Liverpool
HB	H	10,11	4½	Healey & Baker Co London, W.1.
H&B	H	12,16,14	4½(II)	Hoar & Brown. London.
HB/C	2H	10,11/7	4½	Borough Councils of; 1)Hampstead, London 2)Holborn, London 3)Highbridge, Somerset 4)Hounslow, London.
HB/C	2H	12,15/9	4½	Hampstead Borough Council. London N.W.3
HB/&Co	2H	10,11/12,7,4	4½(Ia)	1) Houlder Bros & Co Ltd Liverpool. 2) Harris Bros & Co. (Grain Limited.
HBH/Ltd	2H	12,13,12/7,5,7	4½	Hirst, Brooke & Hirst Ltd.
H&B/Ld	2S	11,13,13/7,6	5½(III)	Howard Bullough Ltd Accrington.
HC	H	10,7	4	Hull City, Yorks.
HC	H	10,7	4½	1) Huddersfield Corporation 2) Hull City Yorks. 3) Heywood Corporation Lancs
HC	H	10,7	5	Haslingden Corporation Lancs.

HC	H	10,7	5½	Hastings Corporation
HC	H	11,8	5½	Hull City. Yorks.
H&C	H	11,13,8	6 (III)	Harrison & Co Ltd. London.
H&C	H	11,14,8	5 (III)	Hughes & Chenery & Co London E. C.
H&C	H	12,14,8	5 (III)	Hessler & Company. Hull
H/CC	2H	10/7,7	4½	Hampshire County Council
HC/&Co	2H	10,7/12,7,4	4½ (Ia) )	H. Clarkson & Co Ltd,
H/C&Co	2H	12/8,14,8,6	4 )	London E.C.2
HCo	S	12,8,4	5	Hindley & Company Ltd London.
H/&Co	2H	10/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	Hutchinson Group. Lodon EC 4
H/&Co	2H	10/12,7,4	4½ (I)	Hutchingson & Company London E. C.
HC/S	2H	10,7/9	4½	H.C.Stephens Ltd
HC/S	2H	10,12/9	4½	H.C.Slingsby, Hitchin, Herts.
HCS	H	11,8,10	6	Hull Co-operative Society, Hull, Yorks.
H&D	H	10,12,9	4½ (Ia)	Harris & Dixon Ltd. Lndon.
H&D	H	12,14,10	5 (III)	Harris & Dixon Ltd. London.
HD/&C	2H	10,9/12,7	4½	Herring, Dewing & Cripps. London. E.C.2
HEAL	H	9,9,8,6	4	) Heal & Son Ltd
HEAL	H	10,9,6,6	4	) London
HEAL	S	11,10,10,7	5	)
HEAT	M	(in 6 pointed star)		Jones & Attwood Ltd Stourbridge.
HE/&Co	2H	12,10/10,8,6	5 (III)	Higgins Eagle & Co Ltd London E.C.4
HFC	S	9,8,7	5½	H.L.F. Faure & Sons London.
HG/&Co	2H	6,9/12,7,4	4½/4 (Ia)	Henry Greenwood & Co Ltd London.
H.G/L	2H	19,19/10	8	Hopkins Gilkes & Co Ltd.
H&/GS	2H	11,14/10,13	5 (III)	H & G Simonds Ltd, Reading
HH	H	9,9	5½	Harry Rebditch Poultry Appliances. Nortoch Somerset.
HH	H	10,10	4½	Hayes & Harlington U.D.C Middlesex
HH	H	12,12	5½	Hick Hargreaves & Co Bolton.

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H.H.	H	11,11	5½		Henry Head & Co Ltd London E.C.4
HH (Joined)		16	5		Commercial Union Assurance Co.Ltd. "Hand in Hand Club
HH/MC	2H	10,10/11,7	4½		Hereford Hospitals Management Committee.
HH/&P	2H	10,10/12,8	4½ (Ia)		Howard Houlder & Partners Ltd. London E.C.3
HI/C	2H	10,4/7	4½		Heston & Isleworth Borough Council, Middlesex.
HILL/&/SONS	3H		4½		William E Hill & Sons Ltd London W.1
H&I/O	2H	10,12,4/8	4½ (Ia)		Hardham & Ingham Ltd, Oldham, Lancs.
H&I/R	2H	10,12,4/10	4½ (Ia)		do. do.
HKL	H	12,10,7	5		H.K. Lewis & Company Ltd London W.C.
H/L	D	10/6	4½		Hogg Lindley & Company London.
H./L.	2H	12/7	5½		Harrods Ltd. London S.W.1
HL/&Co	2H	10,6/12,7,4	5/4½		Hogg Lindley & Company London.
H/Ld	2H	12/7,7	5		Harrison & Company Ltd, Bradford.
H/LEBUS	2S	9/6,9,10,7,9	3½		Harris Lebus Ltd. London.
HLK	H	11,7,10	5½		Hickson Lloyd & king, Manchester
HL/L	2H	12,7/7	5½/5		Harris Lebus Ltd, London.
HL/R	2H	11,7/11	5½/6		Healas Ltd, Reading.
HM	H	10,11	4½		J. S. Holt & Moseley Ltd Leeds.
H/M	2H	10/11	4½		J. S. Holt & Moseley (London) Ltd. London E.C.3
3H/MC	2H	10,10/11,7	4½		Sheffield Hospitals Management Committee.
4H/HMC	2H	8,10/11,7	4½		Chelsea Hospital Management Committee
6/HMC	2H	10/10,11,7	5/4½		Norfolk, Lowestoft & Gt Yarmouth Hospitals Management Committee
HM/SO	2H	9,11/9,8	3½		Her Majesty's Stationery Office
HM/V	2H	11,13/9	5½		His Masters Voice Gramophone Co _Ltd.
H/&/N	3H	12/12/13	4½ (IIIa)		Hull & Netherlands Steamship Co Ltd. HULL

H/(O)/Ltd	3H	12/10/7,5,7	4½/4½/4½	)	Hattersley (Ormskirk) Ltd
H/(O)/Ltd	3H	12/10/7,5,7	5/5½/4½	)	Ormskirk.
H/P	2H	10/8	4½		Hine Parker & Co Ltd
H&P	H	12,14,11	4½ (III)		Huntley & Palmer Ltd
H&P	H	11,14,11	5½ (III)		Reading
HP/&F	2H	10,8/12,7	4½ (Ia)		Henri Picard & Frere London E. C. 4
HR/DC	2H	10,10/9,7	4½		Holywell Rural District Council. Flintshire.
H&S	H	10,12,9	4½ (Ia)	1.	C.J. Hewlett & Sons Ltd London E.C.2
				2.	Hampton & Sons Ltd London S.W.8
				3.	Hidwell & Sons Ltd Sharnbrook, Beds.
H.&.S	H	12,14,10	5(III)		Holland & Sherry Ltd London.
H&S	H	12,14,12	5,5½,5½ (III)		Howard & Sons Ilford, Essex.
HSB	S & H	9,10,12	4½		Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank
HSC	2H	10/9,7	4½		M. Hopkins Son & Cookes London E.C.
HS/&Co	2H	10,9/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)		H. Symonds & Company Ltd London.
HSEB	H	12,10,10,4	4½		Hanson, Son, Evison & Barter
H.S.K/&Co	2H	12,10,10/12,8,6	4½ (IIIa)		H.S. King & Company
HS/Ld	2H	10,9/6,6	4½		Henry Sotheren Ltd, London.
HS/&S	2H	12,10/14,10	5		Hugh Stevenson & Sons Ltd Manchester
H/T	2H	11/7	6		W. T. Henley' s Telegraph Works Co Ltd London
HT	M	H=17 T=12	11½		Hayward-Tyler & Co London E.C.
HT/Ld	2H	10,6/6,6	4½		Higgins (Textiles) Ltd London W.1
H.T./S.	2H	11,7/11	6		Herbert Terry & Sons Ltd Redditch
H.T/W	2H	12,7/16	5	)	W. T. Henley's Telegraph
HT/W	2H	11,10 13	5½	)	Works Co Ltd,
HT/W	2H	10,6/12	4½	)	London E.16.

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HU/DC	2H	10,8/9,7	4½	Urban District Councils of Hornchurch Essex Hinkley Leicestershire Hunstanton Norfolk.	
HU/DC	2H	12,10/11,8	4½	Hornchurch Urban District Council. Essex	
HUTH	S	12,10,7,12	4	) Frederick Huth & Co Ltd	
HUTH	H	12,10,7,12	4½	) London	
HUTTON	D	9,6,6,6,8,11	4	J. Hutton & Son Ltd, London.	
HW/&Co	2H	10,12/12,7,4	4½ (Ia)	1. G. H. Williams & Co 2. Hitchcock Williams & Co Ltd. London E.C.4	
HW/Ld	2H	10,11/6,7	4½	H. Williamson. London.	
HW/P	2H	11,13/10	5½	Henry Peabody Co Ltd London E.C.3	
H&W/UDC	2H	10,12,12/8,9,7	4½	Havant & Waterloo Urban District Council. Hants.	
HW/V	2H	12,14/9	5	Hazell, Watson & Viney. London.	