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NEW MEMBERS

We have quite a batch of new members to welcome into the Society this time, and we are pleased to do so to the following:

Mr A. Bacon  
Mr P. Burrows.  
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Mr E. Yates

Our apologies to Mr Harris who joined the Society a few months ago and whose name has not been published before.

MEMBER'S WANTS

Mr Bacon (address above) would welcome hearing from other members with material to offer in his line. He states, " I collect G.B. only - official perfins, official overprints, and the various P.O. authorised under/overprints. I have for exchange a range of G.B, perfins - official & private, or would purchase."

REMITTANCES TO THE SOCIETY

Please remember that all movies for subscriptions etc., should now be sent to Michael Rucklidge. Remittances pertaining to the Exchange or Library should continue to be channelled through Brian Birch as in the past.

Money for back pages may be sent to Michael with other remittances or direct to Ron Bowman. In either case please make cheques or postal orders payable to the Society.

Richard Husband is now taking a well earned rest from Society duties and we would like to take this opportunity of once again expressing our gratitude for his hard work over the past 5½ years.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER

11&12/75

1. In response to our numerical queries in the Sept/Oct issue, Mr K. Rymer Young submits the following:  
"RB/15. My only copy (4½d Q.E.) is clearly 15 with no pins missing. 05/18. I have on cover from 'SUPPLIES OFFICER, ENFIELD GROUP HMC, NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, EDMONTON, N18. But this does not explain the numbers."
  
2. We have the following replies to Chris Tennant's query regarding GWR Die III on Irish stamps,  
From Mr Eades : "The 'Railway Year Book' for 1922 (when Die 111 was in use), states that the GWR maintained a 'Traffic Manager for Ireland' whose address was 11, Nassau Street, Dublin. The GWR would also undoubtedly have had an office at Rosslare in connexion with their steamers from Fishguard."  
From Mr K. Rymer Young : "I have this on Irish S.G. 72 & 74 with an Eire postmark ending in ..AOUATH.  
The GWR operated the Fishguard/Rosslare service and presumably had offices in Eire using these stamps"  
From Mike Burrows : "I have a rough draft prepared of an article on the GWR in Ireland. The interest was a shipping company, or should I say steamship line. If members would let me have details of any other GWR Irish perfins I will add them to my check list when typing up the article."
  
3. Two queries from John Nelson.  
INVENTION (in a horseshoe). Does anyone have this perfin on cover, piece or otherwise to help with its identity - I would like to hear direct from them if they have. Jennings has it identified in his book (page 134) as "The Patents Office, London, W.C.2.," which I am inclined to doubt. I have been in touch with a firm which used the Telegraphic, Address INVENTION for many years but although they went to a lot of trouble they were unable to provide anything at all on the perfin.  
RAILWAYS ? "I have just come across a 1d lilac perforated WLWR (as illustrated alongside). The postmark looks very much like CAHIR which I find to be in Ireland and on the line of a railway listed in my old Bradshaws as WATERFORD LIMERICK AND WESTERN RAILWAY. Could this be another to add to the list of possible railway perfins?"  


AUCTION

Ted Francombe is still looking for lots for our next auction. If you have anything suitable please send your material to Ted at  
to arrive  
before the end of 1975. We can then publish the auction list in the January/February 1976 issue.

BRIAN BIRCH CORNER

Exchange Packet: Packet w containing 2,215 items, value £30.83½ is now circulating. Another packet is almost ready for circulation so would any member who wishes to receive it please drop me a line.

More booklets are needed to keep the packet going, and please do not forget that I can serve you best if you give brief details of your collecting interests.

Canadian Perfin Regulations In response to an enquiry made to the Canadian Post Office regarding the perforating of Canadian stamps with the Society's perforator, I received the following,

"Canadian postage stamps or postcards may be perforated with distinctive marks (initials or other) of the individual or firm using them provided that:

- (a) the designs employed are for the purpose of identification and not for advertising.
- (b) the perforation must not exceed one thirty-second of an inch in diameter.
- (c) the whole space occupied by the identifying device must not exceed one half inch square.
- (d) the perforating must not be done in such a manner as to prevent the stamp being easily recognised as genuine and unused.
- (e) the use of ink or other colouring matter in connection with the perforating is prohibited.

Since the design which you submitted exceeds the space mentioned in "c" above permission cannot be granted to your society to use it for perforating Canadian postage stamps. We will gladly entertain your request if you submit a design which will occupy a space not exceeding one half inch square."

Yours sincerely

J. O'Shaughnessy

Chief Postage Supplies Division.

G.B. Illustrated Catalogue I have received some sample pages from this catalogue which now costs \$35.

Dr Tilles says 'this price rise is due to unforeseen costs and the need to utilise a better printing process. Any member who sends me 10p in postage stamps will receive xerox copies of the sample pages.

Perfins at Auction Danam Stamp Company. U.S.A.

FRANCE	1930 1.50fr. blue with perf initials E.I.P.A.30, inverted, very fine, never hinged, est.\$200+	\$120
FRANCE	1930 1.50fr as above, nibbled perf at top otherwise very fine, never hinged, est..\$200	\$70
FRANCE	1930 1.50fr. mint with margin selvedge with inverted reversed E.I.P.A.30 (perforated gum side up) cancelled in selvedge only. No estimate.	\$90

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PERFIN ANECDOTES

The following two anecdotes were sent to us by member Charles Fairweather.

United Legal Indemnity Insurance Society Limited

This Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Yorkshire Insurance Company Limited but was voluntarily wound up during the 1939-45 war when the business which it had on its books was transferred to that of the parent.



The Head Office of U.L.I.S, was at 6, Norfolk Street, Strand, London, W.C.2. and had two branch offices - one at 43, The Broadway, Stratford, London, E.15. - the other at Southampton (address unknown).



Whilst I was an employee, from 1935 until I joined the Forces in 1940, I stuck their "perfin" stamps on their mail for them. I regret I do not have a specimen as at that time I used to regard such stamps as defective. (The two probables illustrated alongside are from my collection. Editor)

Charles Fairweather.

William Toogood Limited

The initials 'WT' were used by William Toogood Limited, 77, Southwark Street, London, S.E.1. Hairdressers & Chemists Sundriesmen, and prior to World War 1 at Heddon Street, Regent Street, London, W.1.

The writer was employed by this firm during 1931-36, at Southwark Street, as a junior clerk. On occasions it was his job to trot through the back entrance to the sub-post office in Union Street, S.E.1. to purchase stamps, and on return to the office, to fold the stamps in strips and perforate them with a small hand punch. Albeit the perfs could well be up-side down and back to front, all to make sure that the precious ½d & 1d stamps were not subject to unauthorised use.

It was a typically old fashioned family business handed down through 3 or 4 generations, the office being somewhat Dickensian with desks along the wall and high stools for the staff. Several times a day the foreman packer would come up to the office and offer snuff to such as might wish to partake. All invoices were hand copied into very large and heavy day books (the writers job) and although they had two motor vans, deliveries morning and afternoon were made in the West End by horse and cart.

The premises at Southwark Street were bombed in the 2nd War and the offices transferred to their factory in Borough High Street S.E.1., but the business finally closed a few years later.

R.E. Mason.  
Bulletin Editor,  
London & Provincial Stamp Club.

MEMBER'S WANTS

Any details that members can give concerning perfin of CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, NATAL, TRANSVAAL, ORANGE FREE STATE, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA & STRAITS SETTLEMENTS would be appreciated by Mike Burrows



By Mike Burrows.

In the article by Kenneth & Barbara Kloss concerning the S.S. HELOUAN and the LLOYD TRIESTINO perfin, the question was raised - Can our readers suggest other instances of perfins whose users are identified by a postmark? (May-June 1975 issue, page 2).

This brought to mind the cancellations of the Foreign Branch of the British Post Office, which were made available for certain private companies.

The first example was issued in November 1865 and was used by SMITH, ELDER & COMPANY (Fig. 1). This Company was taken over by HENRY S. KING & COMPANY in 1868 but the distinctive postmark (Fig. 2) was not issued until September 20th 1875. Although the business of Henry S. King & Company was banking, it was the Official Stock Exchange Lists that they sent out that warranted the postmark.

The next company to obtain a special obliterator was WILLIAM DAWSON & SONS (Fig. 5). Issued on 13th February 1880, a smaller type is also known. William Dawson had another mark issued for their use (Fig. 6) on 13th May 1890.

A mark similar to Fig. 5 is known for W.H. SMITH & SONS, with S S in place of the D S (Fig. 7).

It is believed that all the above mentioned obliterators were intended to precancel stamped wrappers, so as not to delay dispatch from printer to post office. However, some are known cancelling adhesive stamps, both ordinary and perfined.

HENRY S. KING & COMPANY

667 H.S.K/&Co.  
12,10,10/12,8,6      4½ (IIIa)

Stamps Known

Postmark Fig. 2.  
1874 (August 10th) (S.G.51  
Scott 32) 1½d rose-red  
plate 3.

1.2    K                    10                    5

This perfin can be found  
with a variety of Foreign  
Branch cancellations, two

examples are shown in Figures 3 & 4. When this perfin superceded No. 667 is not known, but 1d lilac (S.G.172 : Scott 89) and 1½d (S.G.167 : Scott 80) exists on piece cancelled London MAR 5 1883.

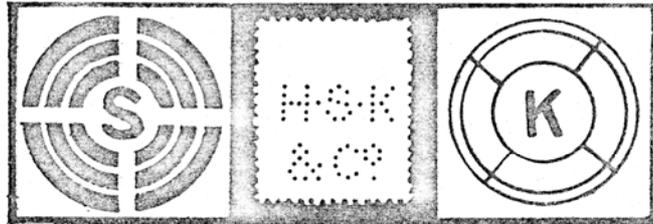
WILLIAM DAWSON & SONS

437 D.S.            11,10            6½

Postmark Fig. 5.  
1884 (1st April)  
1½d lilac (SG 188 : Scott 99)  
2d lilac (SG 189 : Scott 100)  
1887 (1st January)  
6d purple (SG 208:Scott 119)

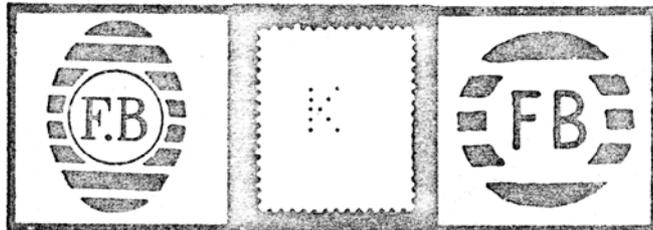
W.H. SMITH & SONS

As yet no perfins with the special obliterator are known to the writer.



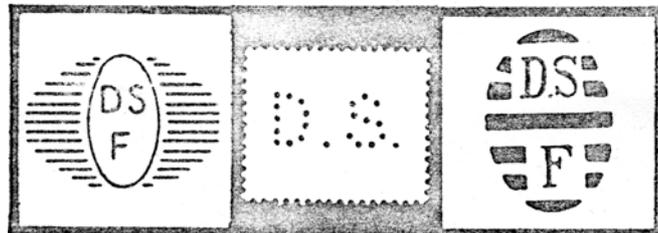
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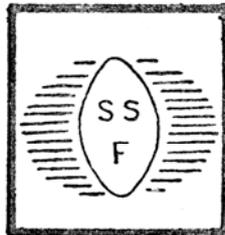
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Royal Niger Company - Additional Information

Mr. K. Rymer Young has identified, from a cover dated 30th April 1900, UN/CO 11,10/10,4 as being used by the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company Limited, of London, E.C.

He also has in his collection the following stamps perforated UN/Co 11,10/10,8,

Q.V. 3d on 6d  
 1½d purple  
 6d green  
 1/- green  
 1d lilac postmark Feb 21 89

Three of these are cancelled at Oxford Street, Southampton.

The Union Steam Shipping Company was registered in Southampton in 1856. The Castle Mail Packet Company Limited was registered in London in July 1881. The two companies merged to form the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company Limited in 1900.

Following this up I find that I have the Union-Castle perfin

U..C/Co            11,10/10,6            Catalogue No. 42.2

on a 1d lilac postmarked at Oxford Street B.O. Southampton 9th June 1900.

So it would seem that steamers that called enroute were another source of stamp supplies. It is a pity that once a stamp has been removed from an early AKASSA cover, there is no way to identify its use as different from the stamps of the shipping companies mail posted in the normal course of business at Southampton or elsewhere. Unless the AKASSA rubber handstamp that should have been applied to the left of the stamp only, actually tied the stamp to its envelope.

M. Burrows.

318	MIS/L	15,5,10/7	5½	M. Isaacs & Sons Ltd, London EC3
337	MJR	16,7,12	3½	Midland Joint Railway
338.2	MJ/R	15,7/12	4½	ditto
351	MK	11,9	4½	Machin & Kingley Ltd, London EC3
361.4	ML	13,8	5½	Macleans Ltd, Brentford, Mddx.
361.5	ML	13,7	6½	ditto
362.1	M.L	15,7	5½	Manchester Liners Ltd.
362.2	M.L	15,7	6	ditto
362.3	M.L	15,7	7	Macfarlane Lang & Co Ltd, Osterley.
366	MLd	15,7,7	5	Ø Messers Ltd, London
370	ML/L	15,7/7	5½	Meccano Ltd, Liverpool
372	M.L/S.	15,7/11	5½	Morses Ltd, Swindon.
377	M/Ltd (Ltd inside M)	21/6,5,6	11½/3½,2½	Ø Marshalls Ltd (trading as Marshall & Snelgrove, Leeds.
386.1	MM	11,11	4½	Montague L. Meyer Ltd, Ringwood.
386.3	MM	13,13	5½	Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd, London SW1
389.1	M/M	17/13	7½/5	Macmillan & Co Ltd, London WC2
389.2	M/M	17/17	7½/5	ditto
395	M&MC	11,12/11,7	4½ Ia	Merton & Morden Urban D.C.
397.3	MM/&Co	11,12/12,7,4	4½ Ia	McMullen & Co. Hertford.
414.2	MN/C	13,14/10	5½	The Mond Nickel Co Ltd, London
433.1	MOSS	11,3,9,9	4½	H E Moss & Co, London EC3,
433.2	MOSS	15 10,10,10	4½	Newcastle & Liverpool ditto
433.3	MOSS	15,10,10,10	5	do do
434	MOY	15,10,9	5½	Thomas Moy, Colchester
441.1	MP	11,8	4½	McVitie & Price Ltd, LONDON NW10
441.3	MP	13,10	5½	Mather & Platt Ltd, Manchester.
444.1	M/&P	11/12/8	4½ III	McVitie & Price Ltd, London NW10
444.2	M/&P	15/12/9	4½ III	ditto
452	MP/E	11,8/9	4½	M P Evans & Co Ltd Manchester 10
453	M&P/L	15,12,11/7	4½ III	Morley & Powell, London
455.1	MP/P	11,8/8	4½	Mather & Platt Ltd Manchester 10
456	M&P/P	15,13,10/10	5½ III	ditto
467	M.R.	15,12	5½	The Midland Railway Co Derby
469	M/R	11/10	4½	May Foberts & Co Ltd. Plymouth
473.1	MR/CoLd	11,10/7,4,6,8	4½	ditto
473.2	MR/CoLd	15,12/8,6,7,7	4½	May Roberts & Co Ltd. London EC1
473.2a	MR/CoLd	ditto (MR 3mm apart)	4½	ditto

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474	MR/CP	11,10/7,8	4½	M R Chemical Products Ltd. London EC2
476	MR/DC	11,10/9,7	4½	Marshland Rural District Council
480	MRM/&Co.	15,12,15/13,9,6	4½ III	M R Meyer & Co. London
485	MR/&S	17,12/13,11	5½ III	Malcolm Ross & Sons, Manchester
499.3	M&S	15,12,10	4½ IIIc	Marshall & Snelgrove Ltd
504	MS/C	17,13/10	6½	Manchester Ship Canal Co
506	M...S/Co	15,10/8,4	5 II	Samuel & Co Ltd
507	MS/Co	15,10/8,4	4½	Milner Safe Co Ltd, London EC
510	MS&Co.	15,13,14,8,6	4½ III	Marshall Sons & Co, Gainsborough
511.1	MS/&Co	11,9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Moxey Savon & Co Ltd. London EC3
511.2	MS/&Co	15,11/13,8,6	5½ III	Marshall Suer & Co. Gainsborough
515	MS/&D	17,13/13,12	4½ III	Moses Son & Davis, London
517	MSH	15,11,11	6	Mardon Son & Hall, Bristol
522	MSK	11,9,9	4½	Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd, London EC3
525	MS&L	15,10,14,7	4 I	Manchester, Sheifield & Lincolnshire Railway
526.2	MS/&L	17,10/12,7	4½ III	ditto
528	MS/Ld	15,10/7,7	5½	Moxey Savon & Co Ltd, London EC3
530	MS/ML	15,10/15,7	4½	Manbre Sugar & Malt Ltd, London
532	M&S/N	15,12,11/13	4½ IIIa	Manfield & Sons, Northampton
541	MS/WJ	15,10/14,7	5	Midland & South West Junction Rly.
558.1	MT/B	11,6/11	4½	Morice Tozer & Beck Ltd, London EC3
558.2	MT/B	15,7/14	5	ditto
560	MT/C	11,6/7	4½	Modern Transport Company, Liverpool
579	MU/DC	11,8/9,7	4½	Middlewich UDC, Cheshire
585	MV/Co.	15,9/8,6	5½	1. Metropolitan Vickers Co Ltd. 2. Midland Vinegar Co Ltd, B'ham.
586	M.V/Co.	15,9/8,6	5½/5	1. Metropolitan Vickers Co Ltd. 2. Associated Electrical Industries, Manchester.
596.1	MWB	11,12,11	4½	Metropolitan Water Board, London
596.2	MWB	15,14,13	4½	ditto
597	MW/B	15,15/14	5½	ditto
599	M/WB	15/14,14	5	ditto
603	MW/Co.	15,15/8,6	5½	The Mirlees Watson Co Ltd. Glasgow
609	MW/HMC	11,12/10,11,7	4½	Mid-Worcester Hospital Mngt. Cttee.
275	MG/ M	11,9/11	4½	Metro Goldwyn Mayor Pictures Ltd, London WC2

Note the following corrections should be made to the 'J' list of identities:

138.1 should read 6,7/7,4

331 " " J&G/T

375.2 " " 7,11/15

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED From: Mr.K. Rymer Young.

246.1	A G	8,9	4½	Alfred Goslett & Co Ltd. London WC2
643.2	B&S	11,14,10	4 I	Braden & Stark, London
232.2	B.E.	13,10	5½	2. Bridgewater Estates Ltd. Walkden
649.3	B S A	12,10,8	5½	The British South Africa Co
442.1	CLd	7,6,6	4½	Churtons Ltd, Liverpool
429.2	CL/B	7,6/11	4½	City of London Brewery & Investment Trust Ltd.
582.4	C&P	7,12,8	4½ Ic	Curdy & Paxton Ltd, London W1
787.1	C.U	9,10	5	Commercial Union Assurance Co Ltd
491.2	EU/DC	10,10/11,8	5½	Eston Urban District Council, Yorks.
92.1	CB/S	8,13/11	5	County Borough of Stockport
623.1	JP/&S	7,9/12,10	4½ IIIc	Josiah Parkes & Sons Ltd, Willenhall
388	ER/DC	9,10/9,7	4½	Epping Rural District Council
184	USSCo./Ld	10,13,13,8,6/7,7	4½ Ø	Union Steamship Co Ltd.
412	B.L	13,7	5½	Bertrams Ltd, Edinburgh
770.7	BW/&Co	11,13/12,7,4	Ia	Burroughs Welcome & Co. London EC1
201.2	F/I	8/5	5	Fraser's Ipswich Ltd, Ipswich
130.2	W&Co	14,12,8,6	4½ IIIc	Worms & Co. Grimsby
21.6	DB	11,13	5½	Daniels Bros. Ltd, Norwich
10.2	GA/&Co	10,10/14,8,4	5 I	George Angus & Co Ltd
10.1	GA/&Co	9,8/12,7,4	4½ Ia	ditto
536.1	GW	9,12	4½	George Wills & Sons Ltd, London EC1
355A	L&L/&GIC	8,13,8/13/12,5,11	4½ I Ø	Liverpool & London & Globe Insuraace Co Ltd.
528.1	W.M/&Co	16,15/14,8,4	4½ III	Welch Margetson & Co Ltd London SE1
1.38A	B	20	13½	Bullers Ltd, London EC4
548	WY/UDC	14,15/10,11,8	4½	Whitley Bay & Monkseaton UDC
186	C&Co..	9,14,9,8	5½ III	Coutts & Co. London
46.3a	SB	10,14	5	South British Insurance Co Ltd, (spacing between S& B is 4 mm) London N4
265	E Ld	10,7,7	6	Eastmans Ltd, London EC
176.2	EG/&CoLd	10,10/12/7,6,6,7	5½/4/4	Evans Gadd & Co Ltd, Exeter and Bristol. ditto
171	EG	9,9	4½	
228.5	HE/&Co	11,10/13,10,6	6 III	H Echalaz & Co, Newcastle on Tyne
512.1	BN/&Co	11,11/12,7,4	4½ Ia	B Noakes & Co Ltd, London E16
63	GBS/BW	10,14,13/14,17	5½	George B Sully, Bridgewater
273A	G&J/B	10,14,9/15	4½ III	G& J Burns, Jamaica St, Glasgow
79.18	KF/&R	9,7/12/10	4½ Ia	Knight Frank & Rutley, London W1
285.1	LB/&Co	6,10/12,7,4	5½ Ia	L Rammond & Co Ltd, London EC3
520.1	BS/&J	11,9/12,6	4½ Ia	J L Morrison Son & Jones Ltd, London W1

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brief, it covers perfins used abroad (Morocco), perfins on French and German stamps due to boundary changes after the two World Wars, as well as illustrating several fancy perfins. One of the earliest known French perfin covers is also shown.

0023 The Sinkiang official Perfins

Crow R.

Perfins Bulletin. Jan. 1975, 28, (1), 5

A compilation of information regarding these perfins which permitted free postage to government officials on official correspondence. The eight possible positions of the perfin are illustrated and a checklist of all stamps known to have been perforated is included.

0024 American Perforator Co. Envelope Imprint

(Stump D.)

Perfins Bulletin, Jan. 1975, 28, (1) 7.

The American Perforator Co, used its AF/Co (A 212) perforator on its own stamps. Beneath the stamp on their envelopes was printed "note the stamp is protected under "the perforating method" " with a hand pointing out the stamp. Two envelopes are illustrated, each with this imprint, however, one has a stamp without any perfin!

0025 Perfins

Bayanwala A.K.

Stamp Digest Annual 1974, pp 74-77.

A general introduction to perfins in rather quaint (i.e. broken) English followed by a rather vague review of the present state of knowledge regarding Indian perfins. A list of 26 identified and 136 unidentified Indian perfins is included. Ten Cochin perfins are noted of which eight are identified.

0026 The Official Stamps of Sudan

Gisburn H. G. D. & Thompson G. J,  
Stamps and posts of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.  
Pub. Stanley Gibbons, London, 1947, pp 88-95

In 1900 stamps of Sudan were perforated SG to distinguish letters from Government departments. These were discontinued in 1903 in favour of overprints but returned in 1912, when the overprints ran out, and were used until 1936. There are two types of perfin differing in the number of holes in the letters SG - 14/12 (1900-03) and 12/13 (1912-36). A check list of all stamps known perforated is included Stamps punctured AS (Army Service) are also described and listed.

0027 Perforated Cancellations

Smith P. B.  
English Specialists Journal, Jan. 1897, 2, (2)  
236-238.

Although not perfins in the true sense of the word, various perforations were used to cancel the first issue of British post cards. Only four large post offices (Edinburgh, Liverpool, London & Manchester) used them on trial. The author illustrates nineteen different types of cancellation although many would seem to be identical except for missing perforations.

0028 The Stamps Surcharged "O.U.S."

Bond H. C. & Oxon M. A.  
English Specialists Journal, May, 1897, 2, (5),  
309 - 310.

As one of the authors was a member of the Oxford Union Society from 1877- 1882 and his writing is based on a series of 40 letters he wrote, utilising the O.U.S. overprinted stamps, and which were preserved for him, this article provides an unusual "eye-witness" account of the changes which occurred in the overprint during this period.

0029 Protective Overprints or Underprints

Great Britain specialised stamp catalogue Vol. 1,  
Queen Victoria. Pub. Stanley Gibbons, London,  
1963, pp 186-189

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In 1867 the British Post Office allowed firms to print their names on the backs of stamps, before gumming, in order to prevent their theft. Only five companies took advantage of this facility and their underprints and also their unofficial underprints and overprints are listed and priced. The firms who were given permission were - Oxford Union Society; J. & C. Boyd & Co; Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co; W. H. Smith & Co., Great Eastern railway.

0030 Prevention of Stamp Thefts by Employees

Howard H. J.

British Philatelist, Sept. 1950, 41, (7), 51-53;  
Oct. 1950, 41, (8), 62-64, Dec. 1950, 41, (10),  
75-79.

A concise history of protective overprints and perfins in Great Britain. Many facts are presented although at times on a rather superficial level. Overprints, Underprints, Advertising rings and Perfins are covered. A most useful article in spite of its brevity.\_

0031 Some Northern Light

Dehli E.

Perfins Bulletin, Feb. 1975, 28, (2), 2

The Norwegian postal authorities punched a star shaped hole in old money orders to invalidate them. similar method was used by the police to annul obsolete passports and by banks to cancell old bank books when the accounts were closed. It is, therefore, possible to find various different sizes and shapes of star punched through stamps, two of which are shown. (complete)

0032 The Perfins of Hawaii

Pickop P. M.

Perfins Bulletin, Feb. 1975, 28, (2), 3-4

Reprinted from May, 1961, Bulletin.

From 1933 to 1954 the perfin T. H. was used on all postage stamps used by the various Hawaiian Government Departments. In 1954 postal meters took over in most Departments but T. H. perfins can be found on issues as late as 1960. By considering the likelihood of various stamps to have been perforated, it is estimated

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that 232 different stamps could exist perfinned for the period. 1931-1954. (U.S.A. T - 47)

0033 The Catalogue and Guidebook of Canadian Official stamps

Wrigley R. & Moir B. N.

6th Edition. Pub: Authors, Vancouver, Canada, 1974.

With a new title and an additional author, this book updates the 5th edition (0009). A classification and pricelist of all known major varieties of the perforated O.H.M.S. Canadian official stamps. Showing the method of perforation, identification of the eight possible positions of the perforation, the missing perforation varieties and pricing each one.

0034 Officials Perforated "O.H.M.S."

Lyman R.

Canada, British North America Postage Stamp retail Catalogue. 1975, pp 46, 50.

A one page simplified listing of Canadian OHMS perfins. Prices are given for used "5 hole" and both mint and used "4-hole" issues.

0055 Perforated Initials and Sloper's Patent, 1869.

Whitehead, Dr. A. E.

British Philatelist, April, 1928, 21, (2), 12-14

An interesting group of letters concerning the use of perfins is reproduced from the Times of Jan. 1869. In the first, Sloper quotes earlier letters to the Times complaining of losses due to theft of postage stamps and extols the virtue of perforating them with initials. The second letter from Sloper, some days later, points out that he and not the Post office does the perforating. An example is given of both protective underprint and perfin being used.

0036 Letters (To the Editor)

Wooley R. J.

Perfins Bulletin, act, 1973, 26, (9), 3.

Pointing out that several Canadian companies used perfins before they were authorised by the Post

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Office, Mr. Wooley suggests that the same occurrence in the U.S.A, could have given rise to the Columbian and Series 1902 perfins. Alternatively, they may have been made after 1908 by a company buying up old stocks of stamps used as collateral on loans.

0037 Question Corner 25

Regnier C.

Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1973, 26, (9), 7.

Question 25 deals with the need for perfins of agencies such as the U.S.V.A. which are authorised to use penalty envelopes. The agencies use perfins when they need additional postal services beyond normal delivery i.e, airmail, special delivery etc. Also, when using odd sized envelopes in such small quantities that it would be wasteful to have them printed. (complete)

0038 Question Corner 27

Bartleson A., Stump D. & Kloss B.

Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1973, 26, (9), 7

Question 27 concerned Christmas seals with perfins Al Bartleson has a 1964 U.S. seal with H-76. Dave Stump confirmed that the seals were used on all Bulletins mailed out in December 1964. Barbara Kloss reports a block of four of 1939 U.S. seal with a B-135 on it.

0039 Convict Fail

Kloss D.

Perfins Bulletin, Oct. 1973, 26, (9), 7

A writer in Hobart, Australia in July 1890, noted that small triangular holes had been punched in the 1d and 4d first issues of Tasmania. His view was that the punches were to keep convict clerks from using the stamps as money. With the punches, the stamps could be used for postage only. A writer in the "Essex County Philatelist" of Lawrence, MA, in July 1890 commented; "The fact is, all letters are thus punched through, stamp and all, which are mailed by convicts to their friends. Hundreds of convicts are sent to Australia each year and the government take this means of identifying their mail. (complete)