

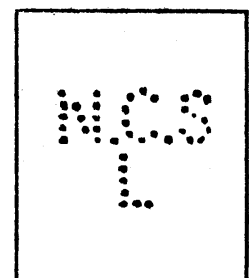
MORE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WHICH USED
PERFINS IN THE EARLY DAYS

From Maurice Harp

The articles on The Army & Navy reminded me that I had in mind a general piece on the various co-operative societies that used perfins in the early days. Knowing my collecting interests, all the dies I show are found on line engraved so they all date from before 1880. There are a surprising number of them. The following historical facts printed in italics come from a little book called *Charles Dicken 's Dictionary of London 1879*.

In the New Identities in Bulletin 302 it was interesting to see that another Co-op perfin user had been established. That was N0840.01 'N.C.S/L' for the New Civil Service Co-operation Ltd. This name seemed rather strange to me **but** I can confirm it from Kelly's for 1877 and Dickens again.

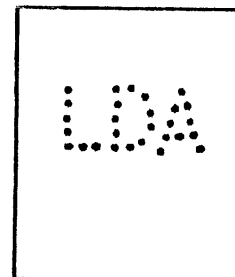
New Civil Service Co-operation Ltd - Offices and stores 122 & 124 Victoria St, EC. (corner of Lambeth Hill). The ticket holders consist of three classes, viz; shareholders, life members and annual subscribers. Ladies and gentlemen desirous of obtaining shares or tickets of membership should apply to the secretary. New members are admitted at any date.



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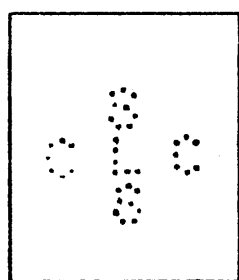
Now for a provisional identity - there is a die L1515.01 'LDA' that I believe was used by the Ladies Dress Association. I still need a confirming postmark for this one - maybe a member can help.

Ladies Dress Association - The principal real co-operative associations are the Civil Service Supply Association, Civil Service Co-operative Society, the Army & Navy Co-operative Society, Port of London Co-operative Society . . . the Coal Co-operative Society and the Ladies Dress Association.



L1515.01

Then there was the Civil Service Co-operative Society Ltd that used S1540.01a 'S/CLC/S'. They were based at 28 Haymarket, London SW and had warehouses at Conduit Buildings, Hart Street, Covent Garden, London WC. Again Mr Dickens comes up trumps with some information on the organisation. It seems odd that there should have been two such similar organisations but it seems that everyone was trying to get in on the act.

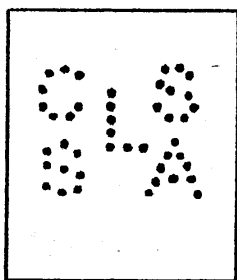


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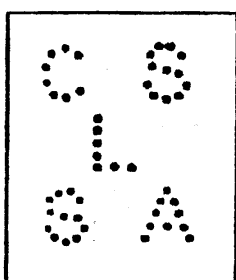
Civil Service Co-operative Society Ltd - Persons in the Civil Service of the Crown, and officials, officers in the army and navy, the reserve and auxiliary forces, clergymen, members of the legal and medical professions, and their widows and sons and daughters, are admitted as members of the society. Tickets can be obtained of the secretary, on payment of 2s 6d for a period of one year, and 10s for a period of five years. Arrangements have been made with the Provident Clerk's Mutual Life Assurance Association, under which insurers are entitled to a permanent reduction of 5% on the premiums of all policies effected through the medium of the Civil Service Co-operative Society. The Provident Clerk's Benevolent Fund and Guarantee Association offer further advantages to policy-holders.

Of course the other large user was the Civil Service Supply Association Ltd. who used a number of dies. They were based at Monkwell St, London EC, 136 Queen Victoria St, 67/68 Long Acre, London WC and 14 Bedford St, Covent Garden, London WC. Again the extract is from Dickens's book.

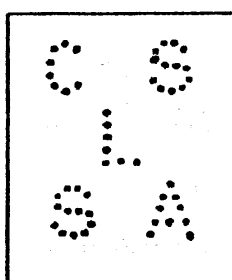
***Civil Service Supply Association Limited** - This association has been formed for the purpose of supplying its members of the civil service and their friends with articles both for consumption and general use at the lowest possible prices. Tickets may at any time be obtained by all civil servants upon payment of 2s.6d. The holders of such tickets will enjoy the privilege of purchasing goods at the stores and from the firms connected with the association: but they cannot attend the meetings, or take part in the management of the association. Tickets may be obtained by the widow (or one member of the family) of a deceased civil servant upon payment of 2s.6d. yearly, and by the widow (or one member of the family) of a deceased member of the association without payment. A limited number of friends of members can obtain tickets on payment of 5s yearly, provided they are introduced by a member of the association. The committee reserves to itself the right to withdraw at any time the privilege so granted to any person, upon repayment to such person of a proportionate part of his or her subscription, if any for the portion unexpired. Tickets expire on the last day of February in each year, and are renewable at the Stores only, between January 1st and March 31st for the ensuing year. The old ticket must be given up before a new one will be issued.*



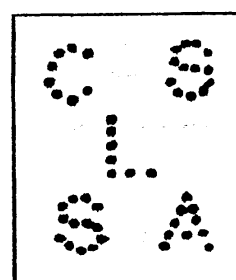
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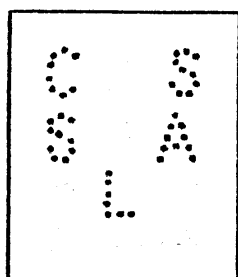
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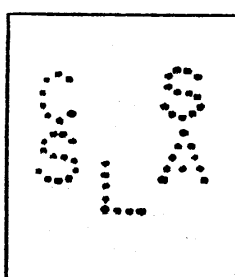
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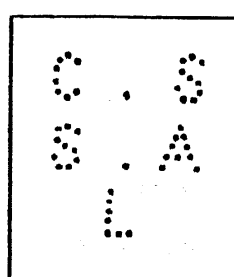
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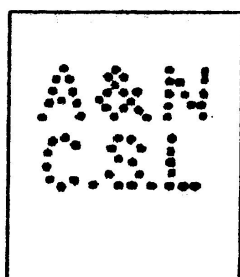


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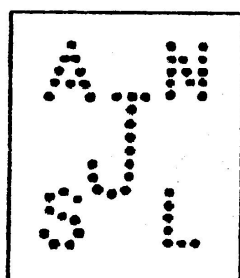


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This little book has a lot about the various co-operative societies and I am wondering if there was any connection between the Army & Navy and the Junior Army and Navy Stores who used A4220.01a 'AN/J/SL'. I have an address for them from Kelly's of 12 & 13 Grafton St, New Bond St, London W, later 15 Regent St, London SW. I also wonder if they were associated with the Junior Army & Navy Club that is also mentioned by Dickens. Can anyone provide a connection?



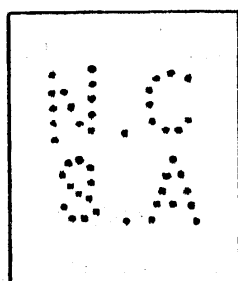
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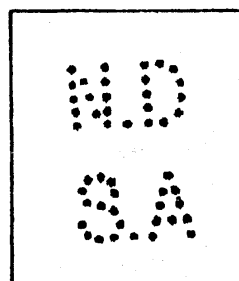
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*Junior Army & Navy **Club** - Members must be commissioned officers in the Regular Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and Royal Indian Forces, and those who may have retired from the same, or midshipmen of the Royal Navy who have attained the age of Uyears. The admission is by ballot, one black ball in ten excluding. Entrance fee, £10 10s; subscription, £7 7s.*

Now one last teaser. There are two dies - 'N0815.01' and 'N1060.01' that look as if they should belong to co-operative societies. Now Dickens mentions a society known as the National Co-operative Supply Association that would be a fine fit for N0815.01. However John Nelson and I can't find any mention of such an organisation. The die was used in London W and only appears to have been used for a short time. Any further than that I cannot go. For the other die that was also used in London and apparently in the same time frame, I cannot even guess at a user. If you have any information on either of these dies I would be very interested.



N0815.01



N1060.01A

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QUERIES

Fred Taylor of the Railway Philatelic Society asks if anyone can help him to identify the monogram which is struck in violet on a KEVII Vid stamp and postmarked with a double ring GPO cancel. He thinks it could be a Scottish type but is not certain. He has separated the monogram and the postmark with the aid of computer scanning and they are illustrated below. To me the monogram looks like three letters - A, K and M but there is a bit left over!! Any other ideas to Editor please.

