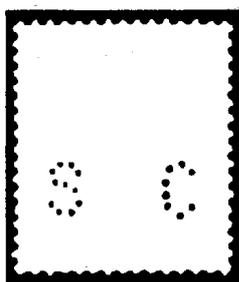


Unbeknown to Dave Hill, during the summer of last year I collected the fine detail in terms of stamp issues and denominations etc., for the various dies that we either know, or strongly suspect, were used by 'Copestakes'. The intention was to produce an illustrated 'write-up' on the company and make it available to members attending the London meeting, and afterwards to anyone who wanted a copy. This back-burner' project will still go ahead, but the following 'die-in-use' information may be useful/interesting to collectors.

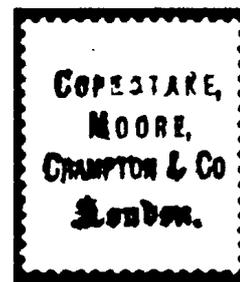
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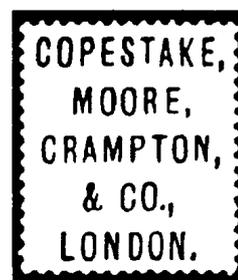
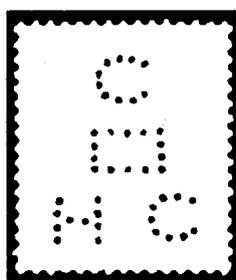
The unique 'trial' die "SC" and underprint, not known postally used

The precursor of all perfins!



Combined Perfin & Underprint - earliest known date 22nd October 1880.

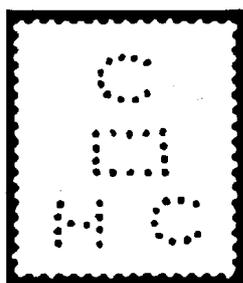
1880-1883



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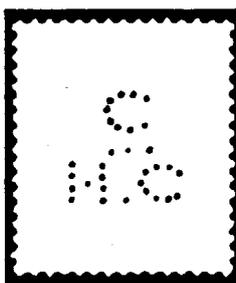
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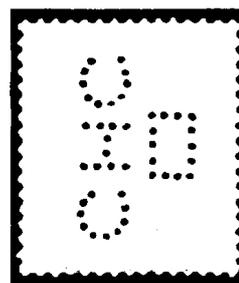
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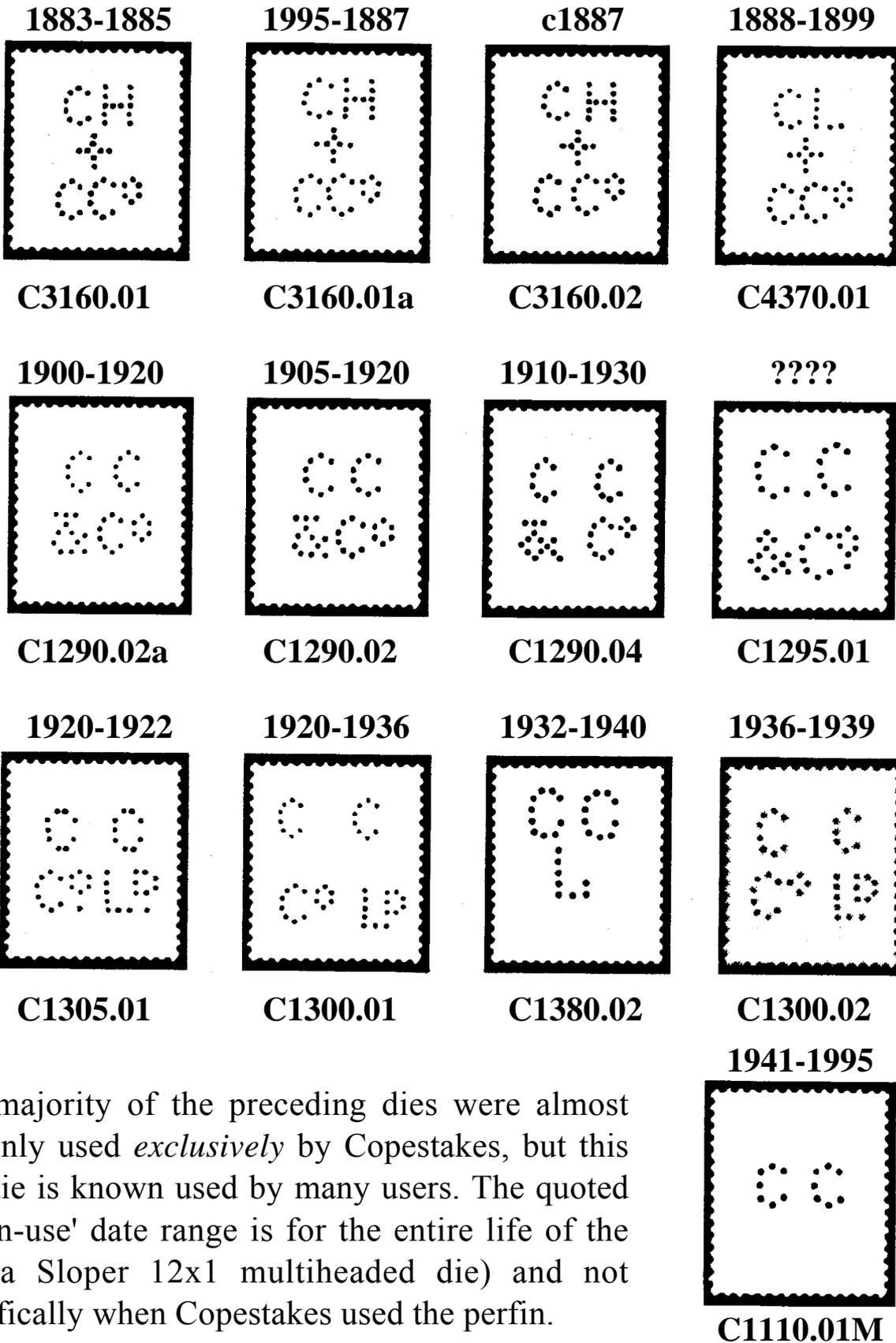


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c1883



C3195.01



The majority of the preceding dies were almost certainly used *exclusively* by Copestakes, but this last die is known used by many users. The quoted 'die-in-use' date range is for the entire life of the die (a Sloper 12x1 multiheaded die) and not specifically when Copestakes used the perfin.

If anyone would like a copy of the list of stamp details and earliest/latest dates, please write either to Dave Hill or to me enclosing an SAE.

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