

The Perfin Society

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SOCIETY INFORMATION

London Meeting on November 7th.

The present committee were willing to continue for a further year out the position of President, Secretary and Treasurer will be vacant next November. Volunteers for Secretary and Treasurer continue to bear this in mind.

Treasurer's Report

Full report appeared in the last Bulletin. Michael did mention that many members had not paid their subscription which was due in September. If you have not received a membership card you still owe your sub'. In this case there is a red cross on your address label plus a note of the amount due (in sterling). If Michael does not receive this amount by December 31st he must assume that you do not wish to continue your membership.

Catalogue Editor's Report

No more update pages to TOMKINS IDENTITIES catalogue will be issued. Roy is to produce a complete updated edition a.s.a.p.

Turning to the EDWARDS ILLUSTRATED catalogue, as soon as the new Tomkins is published Roy is putting out new update pages of new die illustrations. He has had many hundreds of new dies reported and asks that no more be sent until you have the update pages to check them yourself. Most of those now being sent in have been reported already and are awaiting publication in the update pages.

Looking to the future when a complete new Edwards catalogue is produced Roy brought the "O" section in a completely different format, for members to take away, study and then send comments to Roy. The new format has illustrations in two columns down the page with details of date of use, postmarks, issues and identities side by side to the illustration.

THE PROVISIONALS CATALOGUE (as described in Bulletin 258 Pg.3) is now finished and our Publications Officer, John Donner, has costed these at £8 including postage (£9 overseas). The catalogue is A4 size, 115 pages printed one side only, and comb bound. A complete copy was brought to the meeting and the detailed information it contains, plus being fully illustrated, makes it excellent value.

Publications Report

The new Sloper Provisionals Catalogue is mentioned elsewhere. John is running a "Sale of the Century". The existing Tomkins Catalogue is now available for £5 and copies can be either bound or unbound.

The remaining Edwards Catalogues are reduced by £12 to £30. Only available unbound. Probably this latter catalogue will be current for another two years at least.

Auction Report

Harry assured the meeting that he can guarantee good quality material coming through the auction for the next four or five years. Although he was fortunate to have been given three or four large collections to break up for auction, he is always ready to include smaller lots and looks forward to your surplus material being sent for auction.

Packet Report

Dave would like to see more material being channelled into the packet. Sales booklets can be obtained from him at 10p each.

Library Report

Members once again are borrowing more and more from the library which indicates a healthy society. Maurice is in the last stages of completing the inventory of our library material and makes the following plea:-

"Since taking over the library I have been trying to catalogue what the society owns. Unfortunately when referring to previous lists I am finding that a number of catalogues, handbooks and journals have 'walked'. If any members of the society have any items from the library please let me know and if you have finished with them please return them to the library so that other members can have the chance to borrow them. We don't have any fine system for late returns, we rely on every member to promptly return material. Much of the material in the library is irreplaceable so please could you all look on your bookshelf and make sure that nothing has been forgotten."

I am sure Maurice would be happy to receive items from 'John Doe'.

Bowman Award

This year the award went to Harry Skinner for his contribution to the work of the Society. The income to the Society generated by the successful auctions, ensures that the subscription remains static and we can continue with work on the catalogues.

Date of next meeting

The Spring meeting at Baden Powell House will be on May 15th 1993. Please note in your next year's diary.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members

CLEMENTS F.

DINAN T.M.

PROSHO W.J.

Resignation

SEARS

Lapsed

ENTWISTLE

Change of Address

BERNER J.

MACKAY Mrs.J.

GILES Miss B.H.I.

SIDAWAY Miss J.

WINKELMANN K

THRUSSELL Mrs.

HIGGS D.H.

LIBRARY - CATALOGUE REVIEWS

The three reviews on the next page conclude the reviews of the new catalogues received into the library over the last few months.

Railroad Perfins of the Railroads of the United States and Canada

The original edition of this catalogue was produced by the Perfin Club of the USA in 1960. Since then it has become the standard reference work covering this material. This latest edition was produced in 1987 and has been compiled by Robert Gray of the Perfins Club. Railroad perfins passed into history at the end of the 1970's with the rise in the tide of meter stamps and so this listing is very comprehensive. Details are given of the users, the period of use and the catalogue is fully illustrated.

The Perfins of China

This A4 catalogue has been produced by Paul N. Davey, a member of our society, and he kindly presented the Society with a copy for the library. The handbook has been published by The China Stamp Society Inc. I can do no better in reviewing this handbook than to quote from its introduction. The "handbook covers perfins found on the stamps of Imperial and Republican China, Foreign Post Offices, Local Posts, Manchoukuo and the P.R.C. It does not include stamps of foreign offices without overprints, used in the treaty ports. However stamps of the French Indo-Chinese post offices, used in Indo-China proper are included." The handbook also includes a comprehensive reference list.

The Perfins of India and Indian States

Published in 1990 by the Perfin Club, editor Magnus Werner. The catalogue covers India, Postal Stationery, East India, Indian States, Burma, Pakistan, Fiscal Stamps and Stamped Paper. 116 A4 size pages with American 3 ring binder holes. Right hand page shows die illustrations, left hand descriptive page divided into six columns showing alpha die number, perfin, hole details etc, place of use, identity of user where known and period of use.

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MEMBER'S WANTS

WANTED:- Small nice cover with perfins from the following firms ALFA-LAVAL LTD; ELECTROLUX; SWEDISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and SKF with all types of pins.

Replies direct to STELLAN SWENSON

SOCIETY VISIT TO CHECKPOINT SLOPER by Dave Hill.

Three members of the Society visited Checkpoint- Sloper in Reading where stamps are perforated for firms on the old Sloper machines. The premises at Reading, in a small modern business park are somewhat different to the old Victorian works at Hampstead which was occupied by Sloper for over a century. Indeed, the old machinery looks incongruous alongside the computers which form the other part of the Checkpoint business.

Checkpoint have found a local toolmaker to produce new dies for them (Stephen Steere took the details of the new dies) and are keen to build up the business. Only recently they were able to identify over £50,000 of stamps recovered, with other stolen property, as being perforated by them.

Checkpoint seem quite happy with their new business which fits in well with their existing security work. The Society are pleased that the name of Sloper, the inventor of Security Perforating, will continue.

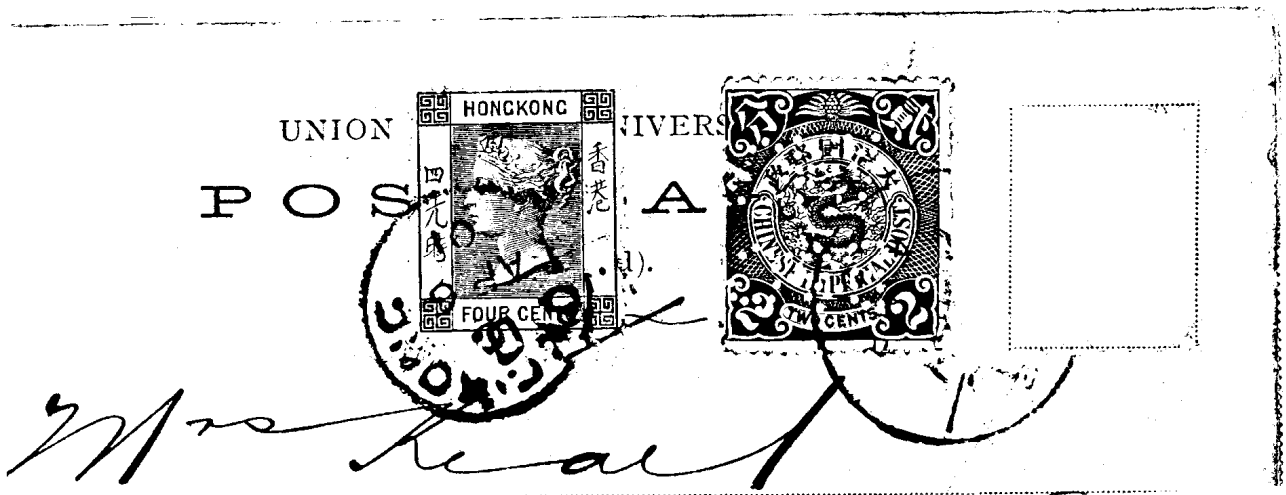
Editor's Comment

Many members bemoan the fact that the use of perfins is now almost extinct, killed off by the use of the office meter machine. If any member has a say in the buying in of postage stamps for where they work, think seriously about the possibility of using perfins. Checkpoint-Sloper would be happy to supply a quote.

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A CHINESE PERFIN

PAUL DAVEY, Editor of the Library's newly acquired Catalogue 'Perfins of China', has sent the following photocopy.



The card shows a China 2c Waterlow dragon with the rare BSC^o/AMOY perfin. The only two covers he has seen with this design are the one partially illustrated plus one other from the same correspondence but neither give any clue as to the identity. Paul would like to know the user of this perfin and if any member can supply the answer, write to him at 4 High Trees Close, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 OND.

He also supplies the following very interesting details. The Hong Kong 4c (affixed because Chinese stamps were not valid for foreign mail since China did not join the U.P.U. until 1914) is not perfined but is tied with a small rectangular framed mark containing the letters I.P.O. standing for Imperial Post Office. This was an official security endorsement applied by the Amoy Post Office, who affixed the Hong Kong stamp from their stocks. They were not allowed to cancel the 'foreign' stamp and so used the so-called tie print to prevent pilfering on the journey to the exchange office, in this case, Hong Kong.

His next plea is for the return of the 2c stamp which has been removed - reward offered! The other known card has had the 4c Hong Kong stamp removed so if this appears in the same collection he would be pleased to obtain this too. Although neither card is complete they are the only two perfin combination covers of China he has recorded.

The B&C^o/AMOY perfin is known on Hong Kong stamps so maybe one of our specialists in this field can identify the user.

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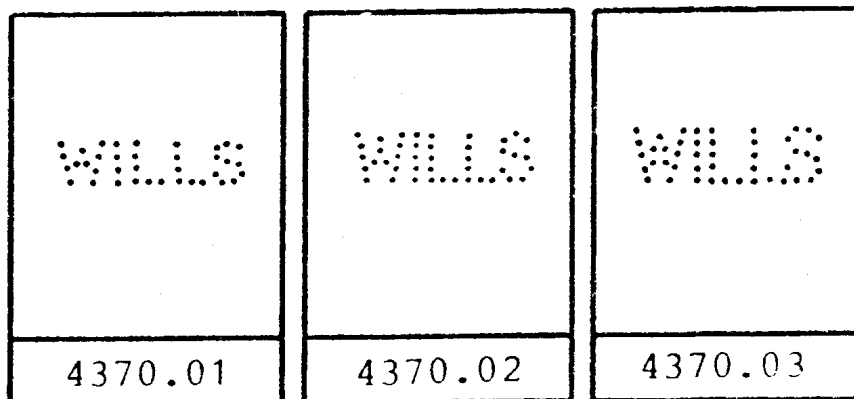
THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IN THE HEYDAY OF PERFIN

Dave Hill

W.D. and H.O. Wills

In 1786 Henry Overton came to Bristol from Salisbury and went into partnership with Sam Watkins in his tobacco business in Castle St. First as Wills Watkins & Co., then H.O. Wills. His sons Henry Overton and William Day joined in 1815 and took over in 1826. Both were lifetime non-smokers. The firm became W.D. & H.O. Wills in 1830, Reckets Wills & Co. in 1833 but reverted to the former name in 1847.

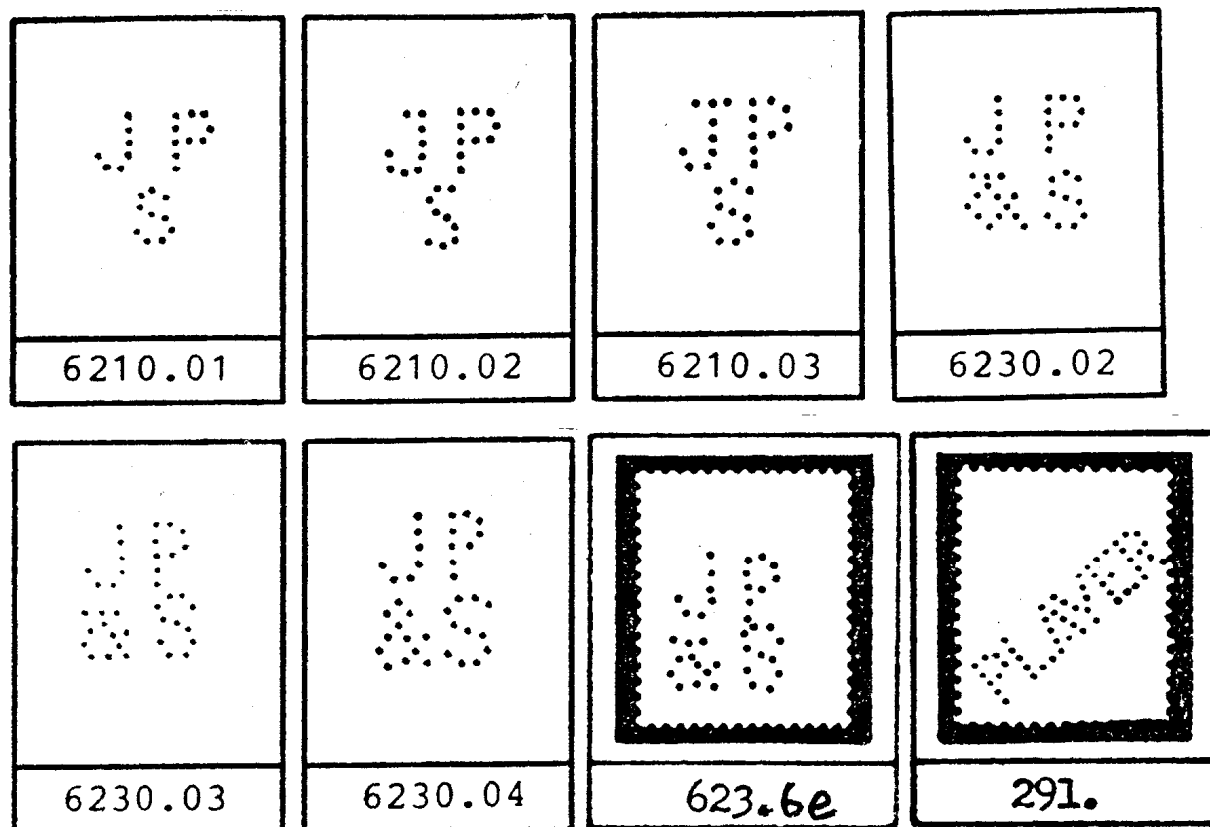
Until 1960 Wills still made a chewing tobacco for Welsh miners.



JOHN PLAYER AND SONS LTD

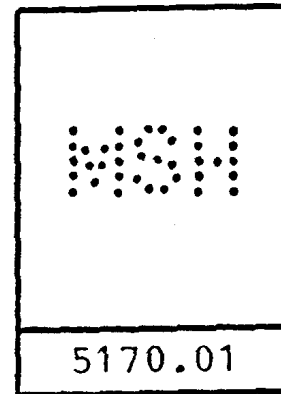
John Player came to Nottingham from Essex in 1862 and set up business as an agent for manures and seeds, selling tobacco as a sideline. In 1877 he took over William Wright's factory and registered the Castle trademark.

The American Bonsack machine revolutionised cigarette making. Wills introduced their Woodbines made by the machine in 1888. In 1893 Players installed a similar Elliot machine and other manufacturers followed. Cards to stiffen the packets carried adverts from 1887 and in 1895 Players issued the first set of cards depicting Naval and Military Uniforms following this with Soldiers then Ships.



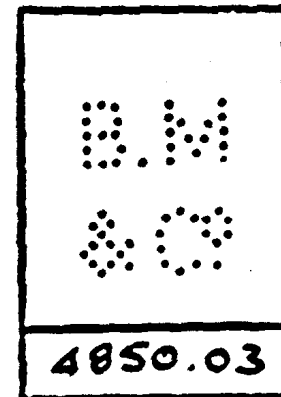
MARDON, SON & HALL LTD

They did much of the advertising for the British Tobacco Industry, as did Ogdens. With Wills, Mardon Son & Hall developed the packet making machine which was leased or licensed to other manufacturers. These developments led to the demise of the clay pipe.



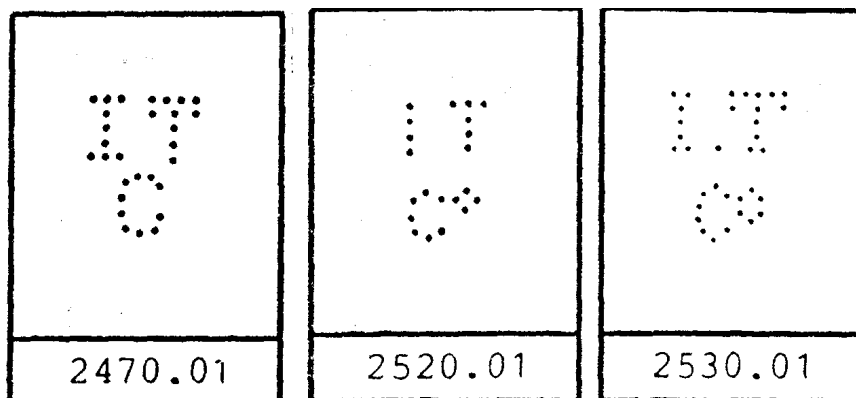
B.MURATTI SONS & CO.

This was another firm which included cigarette cards in their packets, the earliest in 1899. In the 1933 directory they are shown as "proprietors of the United Kingdom Tobacco Co (1929) Ltd." They had by that time been taken over by Godfrey Phillips Ltd but continued to operate as a subsidiary company.



IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY

In 1901 American Tobacco bought out Ogdens and attempted to establish a monopoly by starting a price war. The UK firms banded together as the IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY and successfully resisted the American company. Ogdens were sold back to ITC in 1902 and the companies came to an agreement to market one another's products in their respective countries.



Bibliography includes:- 'Pipe Dreams' by Mike Dempsey and 'Packaging Source Book' and 'The Art of the Label' by Robert Opis. John Nelson found the reference to B. Muratti Sons & Co.

PERFINS ON THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS OF THE 1924 AND 1925
BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION (Bulletins 258 and 259;

John Nelson

The collation of all the information received in response to my survey is proceeding well and I am grateful to all those members who have responded to my requests for supplementary details.

I intend to list the identities of users of the Wembley perfins so far as they are known, but a number of those I have pencilled in, and which are listed below, seem to me to be in need of confirmation. They have come from various sources but mainly from the list in Bulletin 258 which includes identities appearing in our Tomkins Catalogue.

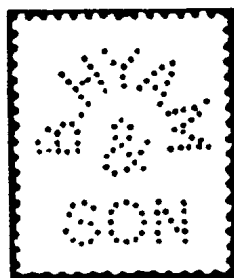
A1140.01	ACF/&CO	A.C.Fincken & Co.
B1150.02	B.C.	Barrow-in-Furness Corporation. (Tomkins gives only U-W period of use).
D3110.03	DM	Daily Mail.
G5470.02	G.W/Co.	The Globe-Wernicke Co. Ltd. (Tomkins gives only O period of use).
H7770.01	HW/LD	H. Williamson, London.
J2270.03	JDW/M	J. D. Williams & Co. (Wholesale) Ltd. (Tomkins gives only U period of use).
J8280.01	J.W	Joseph Williams, London W. (Full address and nature of business?)
M4560.01	M&P/P	Mather & Platt Limited, Manchester. (No identity problem but does anyone know what the second P stands for?)
P0710.02	PBL	Scottish Provident Institution Mutual Ins. (Pilkington Brothers Limited is OK but can anyone explain this alternative in Tomkins?)
S0820.04	S&B/LD	The Wall Paper Manufacturers Ltd. Smith Brothers, Leeds. (Why the ampersand?)
W6680.12	W&S	Wilkin & Sons, Tiptree, Essex.

Would members who can, from evidence in their collections, positively confirm, amend or amplify any of the above identities please send details to me. (Address on front page).

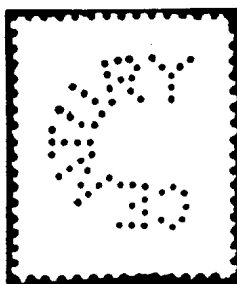
I would also be pleased to have any possible help in identifying the following dies:

B2340.03	BE/A	B2500.01	BE/RP	B6170.02	BR/C
B7580.06	B&W	C0550.05	CBC	C4900.01	CM/Co
E4660.03	ET	H5170.02	HM&S	H7620.01	H.W
M4130.01	M.N.	O0480.01	O&Co	S4320.03	S.L
S5090.04	SM/L	T1010.07a	T&Co	W1340.03	W/&Co

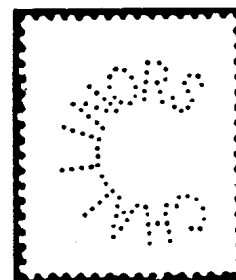
Lastly, can anyone shed any light on die B2320.02 B.E. stated in Tomkins to be British Empire Exhibition 1924-25 Wembley but with period of use letter W (QE II Decimal Machins)!



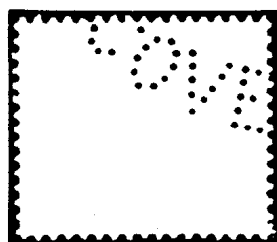
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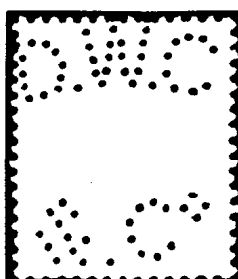
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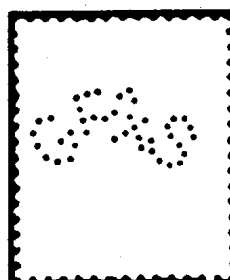
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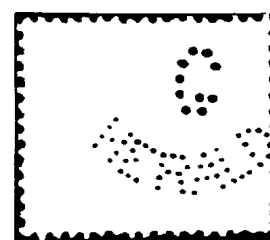
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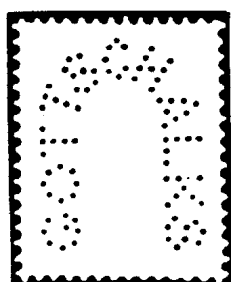
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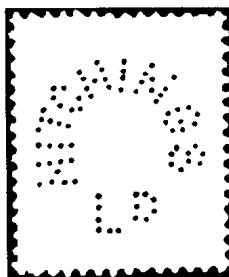
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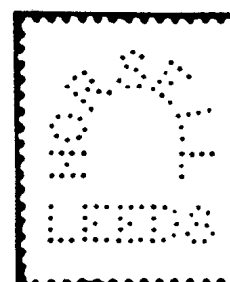
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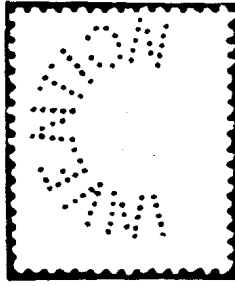


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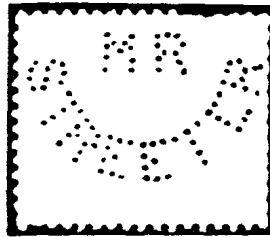


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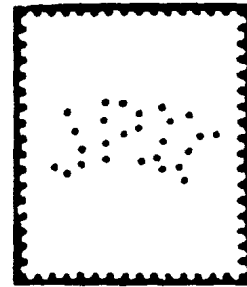
Of the 20,000 plus perfins patterns that can be found on postage stamps of GB, only a very small percentage have letters which are arranged in some form of arch or curve. Way back in 1985 I searched through a variety of catalogues and other material then to hand but could only find 20, a total which has not increased in the last seven years. Admittedly, one or two are partials, but none-the-less they make a fine display. Arthur Smith has recently provided me with an illustration for the elusive 'Mr Streeter' so this just leaves the incomplete die



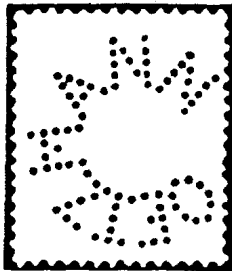
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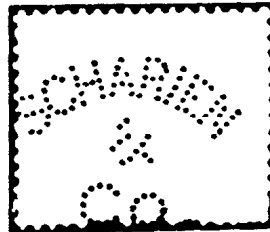
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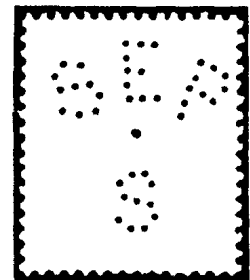
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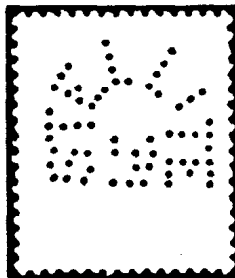
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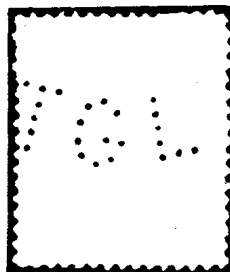
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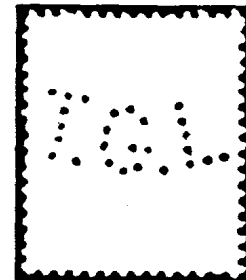
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S7345.01



T1945.01



T1950.01

SALL... (reported by Jennings on a QV 1d Red) without an illustration. The earliest example is probably B.HYAM & SON, Wholesale and Export Clothier, London EC and dates to c1875. The most recent is JP11, issued by the UK Polish Philatelists Association in October 1983 to commemorate the 5th anniversary of Pope Paul II as Pontiff. In order to build up as complete a picture as possible of this tiny group of perfins, could I ask you to inspect your collections and report to me the issues and values involved, along with any legible dates or postmarks.

THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERFIN?

This is a translation by Gerald E. Soutar of an article in German by HORST BRANDT which appeared in Lochungen, Rundbrief Nr 74, April 1992, publication of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Lochungen im Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V. Translation by permission of the author and with the approval of the board of directors of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft.

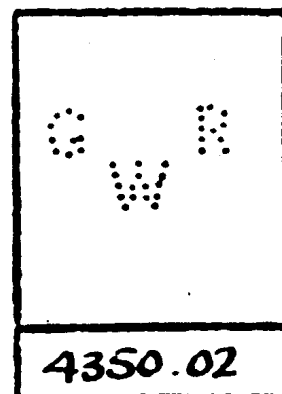
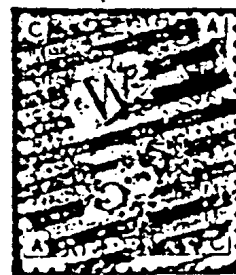
The following appears on Page 5 of our letter 44 (October 1983) under the title "When was the first German stamp perfinned?":-
"Joseph Sloper, after lengthy efforts, received permission on March 13, 1868 from the British Postmaster-General to perforate stamps with a proof of ownership. . . The oldest known perforation was found on a one penny red stamp with plate number 74 from the 1858/69 issue (Michel number 16). It consisted of the letters C.D/ & Co, and was used by C. Devaux & Co., London."

The following appears on Page 15 of "The Handbook of British Perfins," Third Edition (corrected) 1988, 500 copies, The Perfin Society, John S. Nelson 1967:-

". . . the earliest reported is Plate 74 - C.D/ & C°, mentioned by Mr. Vallencey in his 1948 booklet ..."

This can now be corrected. In 1990, I found the perfin GWR in a one penny red with plate number 71. The stamp information is:-

1d red (Michel 16; Scott 33)
Watermark Michel 3 II; Scott 20
Perforated 14
Corner letters CA/AC
Plate number 71
Printing started March 1, 1864
Day of issue April 1, 1864
Perfin GR/W= Great Western
Railways Co.
Cancelled with London district
black duplex cancel W/52
Stamp centering is only fair,
with the lower right corner
perforation rounded.



I found this stamp in an accumulation of approximately 12,000. Michel number 16 (Scott 33) in very mixed condition which I obtained at auction. It took months to check these stamps, which were mostly still on paper. I found 31 perfins. I first learned towards the end of 1991 (from "The Handbook of British Perfins") that, since 1948, the earliest known perfin was thought to be in a stamp from plate 74.

In order to be absolutely sure that my stamp is from plate 71, and to eliminate the possibility of an error on my part, I checked it against my reconstruction of plate 71. Although the cancellation is very heavy, the numbers of the plate 71 appear, by coincidence, between the thick crossbars of the cancellation, and are easily recognized. Both the numbers 71 and the corner letters AC/CA are identical with those of the corresponding stamp in my reconstructed plate 71. To eliminate the possibility of it being plate 171, I made the same comparison with plate 171, and could not find any similarity. In their clear grotesque style, the numbers of plate 171 are more legible, cleaner, and larger than the numbers of plate 71. By 1873 the engravers had significantly more experience in the engraving of these small numbers than in 1861, since twelve years separate the engraving of these two plates. I am convinced that my stamp is from plate 71.

(Ed:- At this point the article contains a page and a half about plate reconstructions of the 1d black and 1d red on the various watermarked paper, Type I and II of the likeness of Queen Victoria and differences in paper, shades and perforations.)

. . The oldest perfin I am aware of in Queen Victoria stamps is the previously mentioned penny red with corner letters AC from plate 71. In this connection, it must be remembered that stamps of this issue from plates 71-74, 76 and 78-106 (plate 75 does not exist and plate 77 is extremely rare) were available (or had already been on sale) at post offices by March 13, 1868, when Joseph Sloper received permission to perforate stamps as proof of ownership. Most had probably already been used before March 13, 1868. Plate 103 was sent to press on August 8, 1866, and plate 104 on January 22, 1868. Perfined stamps thru plate 103 can only be remainders still on hand which were perfined later (which explains their scarceness).

The predecessors of perfins are also worth mentioning. These are the overprints and underprints used by firms and organizations to identify their stamps. These were printed mainly on the backs of stamps, and, according to the Michel catalog, were in use until 1882. In the case of the five users, J. & C. Boyd & Co., Friday St.; Copestake Moore Crampton & Co., London; G.E.R.; O.U.S.; and W. H. Smith & Son, 188 Strand, London, the printing was applied officially to the back of the sheet of stamps before the gum was applied.

(Ed:- see Bulletin 257 for illustrations of the overprints.)

These printings are usually still legible after the stamps have been soaked off the paper. The private printings, on the other hand, were made on the gum itself, and disappear or are at least damaged when the stamp is soaked off the paper. These printings are described in greater detail in the Stanley Gibbons specialised catalog (Great Britain, Volume 1, Queen Victoria, 9th edition, 1989, Annex 2, "Protective Overprints or Underprints"). The catalog lists 68 different overprints/underprints, but there are more.

Most of these protective printings appear on the penny red (Michel 16), but they are also found on Michel number 10 (Scott 14 and 16) (from 1855?) and even on Michel 65 (Scott 88 and 89) (till 1882?)

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Editor's Comment:- I am grateful to MANFRED KINKEL, editor of LOCHUNGEN for bringing this article to my attention; and to GERALD SOUTAR who then provided me with this excellent translation.

Bulletin 253 Pg.7 (1991) gives the earliest date known for a perfin cover as 24-9-69 (R.S/M.L) but a loose stamp has the date NOVEMBER 1868 (SM/&C^o). The vendor of lot 687 (Auction 5 1992) failed to report that this cover is an entire with 4d vermillion, Plate 11 SG94 perfin CD/&C^o with date JY-7-69.

It would be appreciated if the new owner of this cover (Lot 687, Auction 5, 1992) would write, with a photocopy if possible, to verify this earliest date for a perfin on cover.

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MEMBER'S COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

G.B.PERFIN OLYMPICS Bulletin 260 Pg.11.

MICHAEL RUCKLIDGE points out that the perfin with the MOST HOLES would appear to be Design 0150.01, the shield and 3 castles of the City of Dublin. The hole count is 154 (not 157 as in Tomkins).

BRIAN SMITH suggests a further "Olympic Record" - the use of the HIGHEST NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PERFINS on one cover. Brian sent a copy of the following on one piece - LB/R; IL/EA; GLC. I myself have had letters from members on which were many different perfins but the use of which would not fall into Brian's category. The perfins must have been produced for, and used by, the same user. The Greater London Council and Inner London Education Authority overlap but as yet LR/B has not been identified.

Any other genuine 'multiple' use?

MACHINERY PUBLISHING CO.LTD. Bulletin 260 Pg.7.

ARTHUR HARRIS has sent a photocopy of an Index Page (Vol. IX, Oct' 10th 1916 to March 1917) to "MACHINERY - A JOURNAL FOR THE MACHINE SHOP AND DRAWING OFFICE". The name and address at the bottom of the page is "The Machinery Publishing Co.Ltd., 51-52 Chancery Ln., WC2." The 'Machinery' magazine was a monthly publication and it is still published today but the name has changed to 'Machinery and Production Engineering'. Mr. Harris believes that there was a certain amount of American influence in Machinery's thinking and wonders if they could have been a self contained subsidiary of Dawsons.

Mr. Harris has 90 volumes of the 'Machinery' journal from 1917 to 1960, which belonged to his father. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who could make use of these magazines.

BELL PERFIN Bulletin 258 Pg.6; 260 Pg.7.

JOHN NELSON says the statement in his handbook about the Bell perfin "known from 1884" refers to his own single example on the QV 3d purple surcharged 3d in carmine, postmarked LONDON AP/2/84. He also adds that Sloper's records of perforators supplied to customers shows that two single die machines numbered 6200 and 6208 with these bell designs were made in the latter part of 1882. There is no indication of the user but one of the machines could well have been destined for use in Australia.

HISTORY OF FIRMS F.Braby & Co.Ltd. Bulletin 260 Pg.8.

MR. J.G. WESTCOTT writes:- "F. Braby & Co. Ltd are still operating in Winterstoke Road, Ashton, Bristol as Braby Group Ltd, metal manufacturers."

ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY Bulletin 256 Pg.12; 258 Pg.14.

ALAN HAMMOND writes that the true date for the founding of the Society was 1837 and it's work continues. Churches help the Society's endeavours with financial support as part of their planned giving. The General Secretary's address is:- The Rev'd Canon A. J. Prescott, Gordon Browning House, Spitfire Road, Birmingham B24 9PB.

HOSPITAL LIST Bulletin 260 Pg. 9.

One of our members, KEVIN PARKHILL, sent me a full list of all the known hospital perfins which have been published so far, almost by return post after getting his October Bulletin. I have had offers of help from three other members who should by now have had my letter of appreciation.

As Stephen Steere has found many more, as yet unrecorded identified perfins in the Sloper Record Books, we are going to hold back the Hospital List until all the new Hospital Identities have been abstracted and added to the list.

SLOPER PERFORATING MACHINES Bulletin 258 Pg. 9.

Machine No.65176 (ENIT)

DAVE HILL writes that the 1975 Sells Directory has the following entry:- "Italian State Tourist Dept.(E.N.I.T.) Tourist Information, 201 Regent St., W1 telegraphic address ENITALY." So the letters must mean something in Italian.

MZ/DS PERFIN (Still unidentified) Bulletin 259 Pg. 15.

DAVE HILL has found the information about the Mazawatee Tea Co., that they had offices at Leadenhall and Fenchurch St., but also had warehouse and factory at Knoyle St., New Cross SE14.

IL/EA PERFIN QUERY

After seeing thousands of IL/EA perfins, HARRY SKINNER comments that it appears all values are found except the 2p green Machin. In fact the 2p not perfined often is found in a mixture of perfined stamps on the same cover. WHY?

SEEN IN AUCTION from J. G. Westcott.

From Embassy Philatelists, Manfield House (7th Floor), 376 Strand, London WC24 OLR.

- 1883 10/- S.G.128 V.G.U., neat numeral, perfinned 'LC&S',
Cat. £850 for £95
- 1887 Jubilee 2½d S.G.201 'BOARD OF TRADE' perfin, G.U., tied to
small piece by 'London Duplex'. Scarce genuine usage for £30.
- 1911 Mackennal 1d S.G.329 'BOARD OF TRADE' perfin, M.M. for £10.
- 1912/ Royal Cypher 1½d overprinted "ADDITIONAL MEDICINE DUTY",
24 bottom marginal for £10.

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PRATTS INSURANCE OFFICE

This office is local to DAVE HILL and he has found out that the reason for the NP perfin (N2510.01) is that the family name is NICHOLS-PRATT. The perfin currently in use is PI/O (P2565.01)

The company do a large trade in motor insurance, keeping open till 9 at night for the convenience of motorists. (We ought to get commission for these advertisements!! Ed.)

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HELP IN RESEARCH INTO PERFIN IDENTITIES

STEPHEN STEERE has provided the following useful information for those members who do their own research into identity and background to perfin users. British Telecom have Archives at:-

BT ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL INFORMATION CENTRE, ROOM G09, TELEPHONE HOUSE, 2-4 TEMPLE AVENUE, LONDON EC4Y OHL Tel.071 822 1002 Fax-071 822 1010. Open Mon-Fri 9.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. Appointments essential as some records are stored off the premises.

Its major collection is a near complete set of telephone directories for the whole country, not only by B.T. but also it's predecessors including P.O. Telecommunications, the National Telephone Co., and other private companies dating back to 1879. It also has records of private telegraph and telephone companies taken over by the Post Office.

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Note: Underlined Catalogue Numbers are new dies, and as yet unpublished

From Rosemary Smith

A3670.01	AL/M	10,8/13	5½	address info. - 501 Ibex House, R Minories, London EC.
B2520.01	BET	14,10,7	5	The British Electric Traction E Co. Ltd., The Strand, WC.
B3820.02	BJ/&B	15,8/14,15	4½ III	Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, B. Wolverhampton.
<u>B6430.25</u>	B&S	14,14,10	5 III	Blake & Son Carpet Warehousemen F 93 & 94 High St., Maidstone.
C0255.01	C.A/N	10,10/13	5	City Accountant, Norwich. F
C3040.04	CIH	9,13,11	5 III	Cogswell & Harrison, London W. B
<u>C3965.01</u>	C&J/M	8,14,7/15	4½ III	C & J Murphy, Corn Merchant, B Liverpool. (Receipt 3/7/1894)
C5490.02	C&O	10,14,10	5½ III	Cutcliffe & Owen, Cornhill, B London EC.
E3900.01	ERF/C°	10,11,8/8,4	4½	Eagle Range Fire & Gas Stove Co. B Ltd., Regent St., London W.
G0010.40	G	15	8½	Arthur Guinness Sons & Co. Ltd., Q Stores, Liverpool.
G5030.02	G&T	10,14,11	4½ III	H Clifford Gosnell & Tiernay, EC F
H3250.01	HH/&C°	12,12/12,8,6	4½ IIIa	Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., L'pool. F
J6210.01	JP/S	7,10/10	5	2. John Perks & Son, Crown Wks, I Lye, Stourbridge.
L2450.01	L/GA	7/10,10	5	London Guarantee I & Accident Co. Ltd.
L4790.02	LR/&C°/L ^d	7,12/14,8,6/7,7	4½ I	L Rose & Co. Ltd., Worship St., I London. (Rose's Lime Juice etc.).
M2290.01	ME/C°.	15,10/8,6	4½	Midland Educational Co. Ltd., F. Birmingham.
R1590.01	RE(in diamond)	11,10(32)	4(17)	Richard Evans & Co Ltd, Haydock B Collieries, Nr. St. Helens.
R1870.01	RFS	12,8,10	4	R Farden & Sons, Gresham St, EC F
R5382.01	R.T/&S	12,7/13,11	6 III	R Tindall & Sons Ltd., I. Ironmongers & Iron Merchants, Tinsmiths, Plumbers & Gas fitters, Fraserburgh.

From Rosemary Smith continued

S6420.02a	S.S	10,10	5	Stubbs Ltd.	B.
				(Mercantile Offices, Birmingham)	
<u>W0285.01m</u>	WAT(Mono)	26	10	W A Tyzack & Co., Stella Works,	F.
				Sheffield. (Note: was T4945.01)	
W6680.02	W&S	14,12,10	4½	IIIa Watkins & Simpson Ltd., Seed	I.
				Merchants, 12 Tavistock Gdns, London.	

From Bert Johnson

B0410.09	BB	14,14	6	Baring Brothers & Co. Ltd.,	Q
				London & Micheldever, Hants.	
<u>B3240.12a</u>	B&H	12,13,10	6	III Buck & Hickman,	E.
				2 & 4 Whitechapel Road, London.	
B6280.03	BRYCE	15,11,8,8,10	3½	Additional trade - Seedsmen.	A
<u>C0655.02a</u>	CB/&C ^o .	8,13/13,8,6	5½	III Chance Brothers & Co. Ltd.,	I.
				Glass Works, Smethwick, B'ham.	
E0750.01	E.C.L ^d	10,8,7,8	4½	The Electrical Co. Ltd.,	F.
				(AEGMA metal lamps),	
				121-5 Charing Cross Road, WC.	
H8170.01	H.Z	12,9	4½	Henry Zweifel & Co.,	A,E.
				32 New Broad St., London EC.	
L0020.05	LA	6,6	4½	The London Assurance.	R.
	Note:	Slopers produced this die by modifying DLR die D2920.02b.			
S6440.12	S&S	15,14,15	6	III Sutton & Sons, Seed Merchants,	B.
				Reading & London.	
U1170.01a	U.L	10,7	5½	University of London, SW7.	I.
Y1160.01	Y&WD	6,12/12,9	4½	Ia Yiewsley & West Drayton UDC.	U

From Ian Hamill

C4920.01	C.M/C ^o .	10,17/10,6	5½	Partial ...IFT CYCLE on a fiscally used E7 1d dated 31/10/07	
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From Willem Smetsers

H5740.02	HP/Co	12,10/8,4	5	Hernu, Peron & Co. Ltd.,	I.
				Continental Carriers, Wharfingers,	
				Lightermen, Shipping & Insurance	
				Agents, 32 Trinity Square,	
				Great Tower St., London EC	
E0415.02a	EBL	10,13,7	6½	Elliott Brothers, Cetury Works,	F.
				Lewisham, London SE.	

From Kevin Parkhill

A4230.01	AN/L	8,11/6	4½	3. Daily Mail – Ideal Home Exhibition, 161 Queen Victoria St., London EC4	U
D0010.29	D	18	12½	2. Marshall & Snelgrove Oxford St., London W1	I.
(Anyone know of their connection with Debenham?)					
D0860.02	D/&C ^o	9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	8. John Donaldson & Co Ltd., Seed Merchants, Edinburgh 1.	R
E5095.01	E.W/&S.	10,17/15,11	5½ II	Webb & Sons (Postal Department) (Stourbridge '750' postmark)	B
F2070.01	FISON	8,5,10,10,13	4½	Fison, Packard & Prentice Ltd. (Ipswich, Suffolk postmark)	I
H1620.01	H&C ^o /L ^d	10,12,7,4/6,5,6	4½ Ia	2. Brodie, Williams & Boyes Ltd., 1-5 Underwood Row, London N1	I
M5860.01	M.V/C ^o .	15,9/8,6	5	3. AEI (Pmk Motherwell & Wishaw) U	
T0065.01	T.A	7,10	5½	Atkinson & Sons Ltd, Timber Merchants & Coal Exporters, Edinburgh Buildings Newcastle-upon-Tyne	I.

Note: A.T A5315.02 can now be deleted

From Roy Gault

S0460.02p	SB	9,11	4½	Stringer Brothers, Iron & Steel, West Bromwich	R
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From Frank Summers

C3085.03	C/HA	7/11,10	5/6	Crewe Health Authority	W
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From David Allen

J3150.03	JGM	7,10,15	5	John G Murdoch & Co Ltd Farrington Road, London EC	E
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From Roy Everett

S4280.01	SK/HA	9,9/10,8	4½	2. Whiston Hospital, Prescot.	
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From Ian Burns

C5920.04	CP/Co	8,10/8,4	5	The Caxton Publishing Co. Ltd., L. P.O. Box 18, Clun House 17 Surrey St., London WC2.	
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From Stephen Steere

B5630.12	B&P	13,13,10	5½ III	Boulton & Paul Ltd., Norwich	I.
P0710.02	PBL	8,10,6	5½	2. Pilkington Bros. Ltd., - additional address – 184 Sheperdess Walk, Hoxton, London N1, and Horse Shoe Wharf, 10 Upper Thames St., EC4	I.
R2225.01M	R/HA	10/10,8	4½	Confirm – Riverside HA	
The following new identities are from Stephen Steere and have been taken from Sloper's Official Ledgers. The number(s) in brackets is the number of dies in the perforating head - (m x n) indicating n rows of m dies each.					
D0010.02M	D	9	4½	9. Doulton & Co. Ltd. 10. Dawson.	(12x1)
D0010.01a	DA/Co	9,8/7,4	4½	2. Dicks Asbestos Co. Ltd.	(1)
D0420.01	DB/Ld	9,11/6,6	4½	Dun & Bradstreets Ltd.	(1)
D0440.01	DB/Ltd	9,11/6,5,6	4½	2. Dennis Bros. Ltd.	(1)
D0560.02M	DC	9,7	4½	1. Dudley County Borough. 2. Doncaster Corporation. 3. Derby County Borough. 4. Deptford Borough. 5. Dagenham Borough (Barking).	(12x1)
D0770.01a	DC/L	9,7/6	4½	1. Dermatine Co. Ltd. 2. Davis Contractors Ltd.	(1)
D0860.02M	D/&C ^o	9/12,7,4	4½ Ia	8. Donaldson John & Co. Ltd. 9. Dobell John Ltd. 10. Danks Thomas & Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
D1570.01	DE/LP	9,9/6,8	4½	Dawlish Electric Light & Power Co. Ltd.	(???)
D1760.01	DF	9,7	4½	1. Dunns Footwear Ltd. 2. Dinham Fawcus & Co. Ltd. 3. Davis's Feather Mills Ltd.	(1)
D2940.02	DLR/S	9,6,10/9	4½	De La Rue Thos. & Co. Ltd.	(1)
D3170.01a	DM/CL	9,11/7,6	4½	Dental Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	(1)
D3630.01	DO/HM	9,8/10,11	4½	Domewood Park Estates.	(1)
D4190.02M	DR/DC	9,10/9,7	4½	Docking RDC.	(12x1)
D4220.01	DR/L ^d	9,10/6,6	4½	Devas Routledge & Co. Ltd.	(1)
D4380.01	D/S	9/9	4½	Dolphin Square.	(12)
D4390.01	D&S	9,12,9	4½ Ia	Donaldson & Sons.	(1)
D4400.01	D/SC	9/9,7	4½	Day & Sons (Crewe) Ltd.	(1)
D4570.01	DS/S	9,9/9	4½	Direct Salt Supply (Ruislip) Ltd	(1)

D4710.05	DT	9,6	5	Davies Turner & Co. Ltd	(???)
D4710.06M	DT	9,6	4½	1. Davies Turner & Co. Ltd 2. Daily Telegraph Ltd.	(12x1)
E0010.01M	E	9	4½	5. Everett W H & Son Ltd.	(12x1)
E0140.01b	EA/L	9,8/6	4½	E Atkins Ltd	(1)
E0510.01M	EC	9,7	4½	1. Exeter City & County	(12x1)
E1050.01aM	ED/CL	9,9/7,6	4½	Express Dairy Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
E1320.01aM	E&E/C	9,12,9/7	4½ Ia	Epsom & Ewell Corporation	(12x1)
E1330.01aM	EE/C°	9,9/7,4	4½	English Electric Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
E1350.01aM	EE/L	9,9/6	4½	1. Ellis & Everard Ltd. 2. Ehrmann & Ehrmann	(12x1)
E2590.01a	E&L/A	9,12,6/8	4½ Ia	Eastes & Loud Ltd.	(1)
E3100.01b	EMU	9,11,8	4½	Emu Wine Co. Ltd.	(1)
E3430.02	EP/B	9,8/11	4½	E P Barrus Ltd.	(1)
E3940.01	ER/L ^d	9,10/6,6	4½	Evans & Reid Coal Co. Ltd.	(1)
E4110.01aM	ES	9,9	4½	Eyre & Spottiswoode (Publishers) Ltd	(12x1)
E4310.01	E&/SI	9,12/9,4	4½	Essex & Suffolk Equitable Insurance Company	(1)
F0010.01M	F	7	4½	6. Fitzpatrick & Son (Contractors) Ltd. 7. Figgis & Co. 8. Fairclough T M & Sons Ltd. 9. Faber J V & Co. Ltd.	
F0300.06	FB/&C°	7,11/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Fenton Byrn & Co. Ltd.	(???)
F0610.01M	FC	7,7	4½	5. Fraser & Chalmers Engineering Works 6. Foster Clarke & Co. Ltd.	(12x1)
F0640.01	F&C	7,12,7	4½ Ia	Fenn & Crosthwaite	(1)
F0685.01	FC/&C°	7,7/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Ferguson Cross & Co. Ltd.	(1)
F1580.01a	FG	7,9	4½	1. Fownes Gloves Ltd. 2. Faulkner Greene & Co. Ltd.	(1)
F2130.01c	F&J	7,12,6	4½ Ia	Fassett & Johnson Ltd. (Rolls)	(1)
F2520.01	F/M	7,11	4½	Frasers (Maple) Ltd.	(1)
F2630.02bM	F&M	7,12,11	4½ Ia	Fortnum & Mason Ltd. (Rolls)	(6x1)
F3160.01M	FP	7,8	4½	3. Francis & Pearse Ltd.	(12x1)
F3300.01	FP/L	7,8/6	4½	Fleetwood Paints Ltd.	(12x1)
F3310.01	FPM	7,8,11	4½	Ford Paper Mills Ltd. (Rolls)	(???)
F3530.02	FR/DC	7,10/9,7	4½	1. Faringdon RDC. 2. Flaxton RDC.	(1)

F3700.01a	F&S	7,12,9	4½ Ia	1. Fraser Alexander & Son Ltd. (1) 2. Francis FR & Sons Ltd. 3. Fixol & Stockphast Ltd. 4. Fitzpatrick & Son (Contrs) Ltd.
F3710.01	F/&S	7/12/9	4½ Ia	France J A & Son Ltd. (1)
F3860.01	FS/L ^d	7,9/6,6	4½	Fuel Supplies Ltd. (1)
F3950.01a	FS/W	7,9/12	4½	Fore Street Warehousing Co. Ltd (1)
F4260.02	FU/DC	7,8/9,7	4½	Feltham UDC (1)
G0010.01M	G	9	4½	3. Gale E.J. (12x1)
G0190.02a	GA/&S	9,8/12,9	4½	Adlam G(eorge) & Sons Ltd. (1)
G0360.01aM	GB	9,11	4½	1. De Graff & Baker Ltd. (12x1) 2. Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd 3. Bowles Geo. Nicholls & Co. Ltd. 4. Bell Geo. & Sons Ltd
G0390.03	G&B	9,12,11	4½ Ia	Gelpke & Bate.
G3310.01bM	GM	9,11	4½	G M Engineering (Acton) Ltd. (12x1)
G4460.01M	GS	9,9	4½	5. George & Sons. (12x1) 6. Gent G L & Son
H3110.01M	HH	10,10	4½	2. Birmingham Henry J & Co. (1) Hospital Board
H3990.01	HJB	10,6,11	4½	Burgess Henry J & Co (1)
J0460.01M	JB	6,11	4½	4. Budgett James & Son Ltd. (12x1) 5. Barker John & Co. Ltd.
J0640.03	JB/&C ^o	6,11/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Bly J B & Co. Ltd. (1)
J1540.01	JC/LDN	6,7/6,9,11	4½	Constantine Joseph (London) Ltd. (1)
J2660.05a	JF	6,7	4½	Ferry John Ltd (1)
J7040.05	JSD	6,9,9	4½	Darwen J S & Co. Ltd. (1)
L0317.01M	L.B/B	6,11/11	4½	Bromley Borough London(Rolls) (12x1)
L2230.01	LF/C ^o L ^d	6,7/7,4,6,6	4½	2. Beck & Inchbold Ltd (1)

The following two dies were made by Slopers for Waterlows.

C3010.01M	CH	7,10	4½	Coleshill Hall Gr'p of Hospitals (12x1)
H1160.02M	HC	10,7	4½	Hastings Corporation

Note: This roll Die is virtually indistinguishable from the standard 12x1 die H1160.02M

Errors noted in Bulletin No. 260

C3590.01	CI	7,4	4½	Should read C3560.01
C5760.01M	CP	7,8	4½	Add Ltd to Cornwall Press.
C5930.02eM	CP/&Co	7,8/12,7,4	4½ Ia	Should read C5930.02e (i.e. No M)