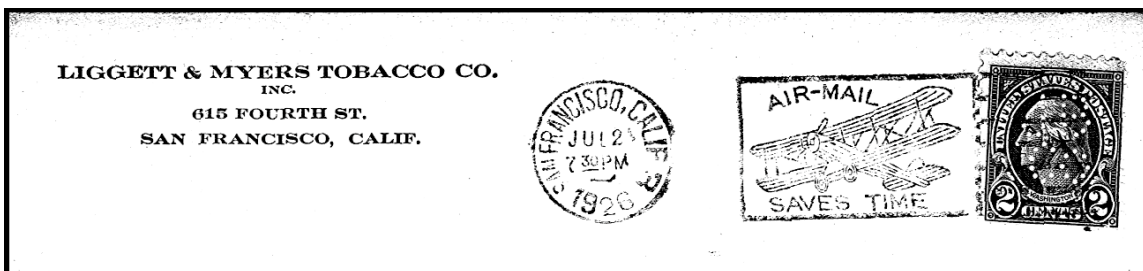

Auction Success Brings New Information

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I was successful on four bids in Jim Mehrer's Postal History Mail Bid Sale #59 (see auction Watch in the March *Bulletin*). I am enclosing photocopies of what I got. [Ed. Note – full cover illustrations received – only graphically cropped cover strips reproduced.]

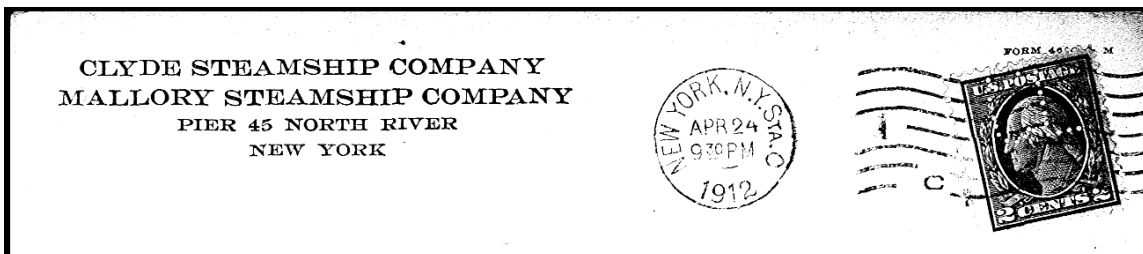
Of main interest is the "JBCo". which is cataloged as John Bollman Co. (pattern J7) but has a corner card

of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. The current catalog lists as supplemental information: "This company [reference to Bollman] was a branch of Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Company." However, it does not clearly list usage on L&M envelopes. Based on this cover should the L&M usage be added to pattern J7's supplemental information?



The Clyde Steamship Company's cover has an inverted perfin (pattern C180) and a corner card which pairs the Clyde Steamship Co. name (primary user listed in the catalog) with the Mallory Steamship Co. (listed as a supplemental user) name. This suggests something not currently reflected clearly in the US Catalog – multiple concurrent

primary users. [Ed. Note – There is an opportunity for some research here – C181 and C182 are listed as used by the Clyde Mallory Lines. The shapes of C180 and C181 are too similar to be coincidental and the user names are also too similar to be pure chance. Someone have time to research the history of a steamship company?]



Nothing unusual about the other two covers [Ed. Note – they are not reproduced here]. The four covers cost me \$41.00.

Also, Jim's current mail bid sale (#60) has 39 perfinned covers listed. Note a "BB" with a Mishawauka, IN address and a Floyd Walker/Perfins Club cover with a Kansas City address..
