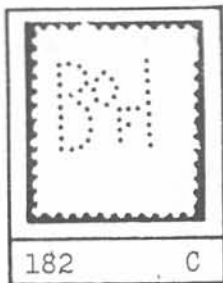


A Potential New Bank of Italy Pattern



One of the early banks in northern California was the Bank of Italy which used the perfin pattern "B of I". The pattern shown to the left is listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* as perfin pattern B182.

The bank's business was good and in order to expand its customer base from Italian Americans, the institution adopted the name Bank of America as it expanded into Southern California.

On first glance at the lower perfin pattern it appears to be an off-center copy of pattern B182. However, closer examination will reveal a small triangular pattern above the letter "F".

A copy of this apparently new pattern has been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor, John Randall, for consideration. Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm the existence of this pattern without another copy or preferably, a copy on cover.

There are other questions to consider. For example, what is the significance of the triangular set of holes. If they are control holes, does that mean that there are patterns out there with one, two, or even four holes?

If you are able to confirm this pattern, or are able to provide any details, please drop the *Bulletin* editor a note.