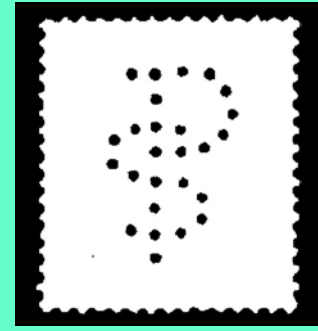



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No. 354 – June 2008

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 Prefix _____ Code _____ (Inland Telegrams.)

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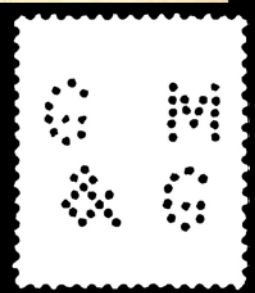
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(4602) Wt. 4583-1704. 1,000,000. 5/12. W.Y.



A rare unused King Edward VII Post Office Telegraph Form dating from May 1912 with perfin GM/&G (G3400.01) known used by Ginner Morton & Goddard – merchants based at Eastcheap, London.

EDITORIAL

In preparing this copy of the Bulletin I have used up all my pending material – so if you want an August addition please put pen to paper and finish off that piece that you have been thinking about for the last two years. Whether it's a major article or just a bit of news about a nice piece in your collection everything is greatly appreciated.

You may have noticed that the reproduction of black and white illustrations in the April Bulletin were considerably improved. Our printer has recently acquired a new machine, which has resulted in better quality printing and faster turnaround.

I was hoping that I would be able to announce the completion of the searchable CD of the Perfin Bulletin. Including the past auctions took a lot longer than I hoped but they are now completed and its just a matter of correcting small errors and adding the index. There is a vast amount of information that has been produced over the last 50 years so I hope you will all agree that it is worth waiting just a little longer. There will be a full announcement in the August Bulletin.

SECRETARY/TREASURER BIT - DAVE HILL

I think the time has come to actively find my replacement, I have done this job for 14 years (almost as long as **Michael Rucklidge** did before me!) I no longer collect perfins and have even considered disposing of my small collection and catalogues (but perhaps I will come back to them one day). It may be that doing the job for so long has caused my interest to wane! I may be holding the Society back, I have tried to streamline how I do things, to save myself, and my successor work and have not actively sought new members. I feel I may be criticised for not accepting Paypal or credit cards, for not computerising the accounts or payment for the auctions but feel these are things for my successor. Neither Michael or myself had any experience of bookkeeping. Please contact me if you want to take the Society forward.

MEMBERS' REQUEST

Mick Penfold writes with the following requests. If you can help Mick in anyway please contact him directly – his address is shown below.

“The article by **Roy Gault** in the December issue set me off on a new voyage of interest. I only collect perfins of Germany and associates, so the piece by Roy of the German Bank, London, (GB/L) alerted me to fact that other German companies had branches and perfins in the UK. Roy very kindly sent me the relevant catalogue sheets and some examples of those he knew such as DB (Deutsche Bank), DrB (Dresdner Bank), both common to the German collector, also LFB the German Trade consol. There is too Z &Co, of London, but there is not a perfin for their factory in Hanau, Germany. I also would like to know if the GB/L had a German parent company.”

“If any fellow member has any information or spare perfins to purchase of these German companies in the UK, please let me know.”

“One further request, there is a perfin, UBC/L, used in several of the Baltic states - in my scope, Danzig. It was used by the United Baltic Corp/Ltd, which appears to be an English company but is it?”

LIBRARY REPORT

Alastair Walter

The latest edition of the library index, dated May 2008, is now available. An electronic version can be seen on the library page of the website. Paper copies are available, free of charge, on request.

The following is a new book in the library:

2745 : Hungarian Perfins

István, Lente

pp.223.

(400g / 14oz approx)

Comprehensive illustrated catalogue of Hungarian perfins.

In Hungarian and English.

See Bulletin 253 page 10 for a review of this book.

FEEDBACK ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

Members Queries – VIR Endorsement – Bulletin 353/4

John Mathews writes in reference to Jack Brandt's query on his stamp with a VIR endorsement. "It looks as if someone may have made up an abbreviation for "Victoria I Regina" (similar to "E2R"). It looks as if it has been done by hand."

Members' Queries – F & C P P Postmark – Bulletin 353/4

Andy Donaldson writes in relation to Jack's query regarding the "F & C P P" cancel.



"I wouldn't claim to have a greater knowledge on cancels but I do have a good book on them (Collect British Postmarks by Whitney, 7th Ed.) I have attached the image from the catalogue, which, as you can see, is a very good match. The description states that this is a dated rubber handstamp for the "Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post".

Chris Carr also makes an interesting contribution on this subject. "The F&CPP is almost certainly part of F&CPPD [at that time Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post Depot as an alternative to I&FPPD or Imperial & Foreign], later to change to F & Commonwealth PPD. It is not so much a revenue use but rather a "date stamp" to postmark any stamp used at that depot or to date any label, document, etc. used at that depot. It was initially at Mount Pleasant but after WW2 it was divided between Mount Pleasant, King Edward Building and The Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, [commonly referred to by Customs staff as Aggie Hall] and eventually work was transferred to LOMO [London Overseas Mail Office] at Stratford. Whilst I was in HMC&E [1948-1989] I worked at MP, KEB and RAH examining both inward and outward mail in 1949 and 1963-64. The RAH is now the Business Design Centre where Stampex is held.

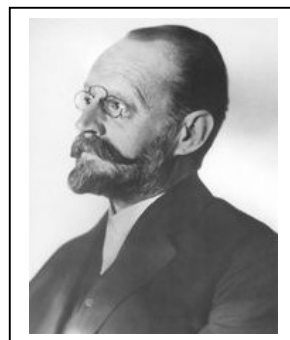
More on the HM/OW Perfin – Bulletin 353/14

John Mathews writes "...was unacceptable in use (?)...". Perhaps because it covered too much of the stamp and might cause the stamps

to split when being separated from the sheet, or perhaps because it obliterated too much of the monarch's image. These were two aspects, which seemed to concern the authorities when perfin were first proposed.

Gas Mantle Manufacturers – Bulletin 353/20

John Mathews writes in reference to A5570.01 A/U/R perfin.



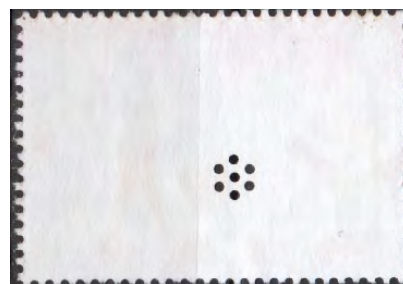
“The Welsbach Light Co Ltd gets plenty of hits on Google, but none, including company histories, mention anything that might be associated with these initials. There are no holes after each letter, and I wonder if it could have been meant to be a form of Carl Auer von Welsbach's name??”

Telegraphic Perfin “What Hath God Wrought?”– Bulletin 353/26

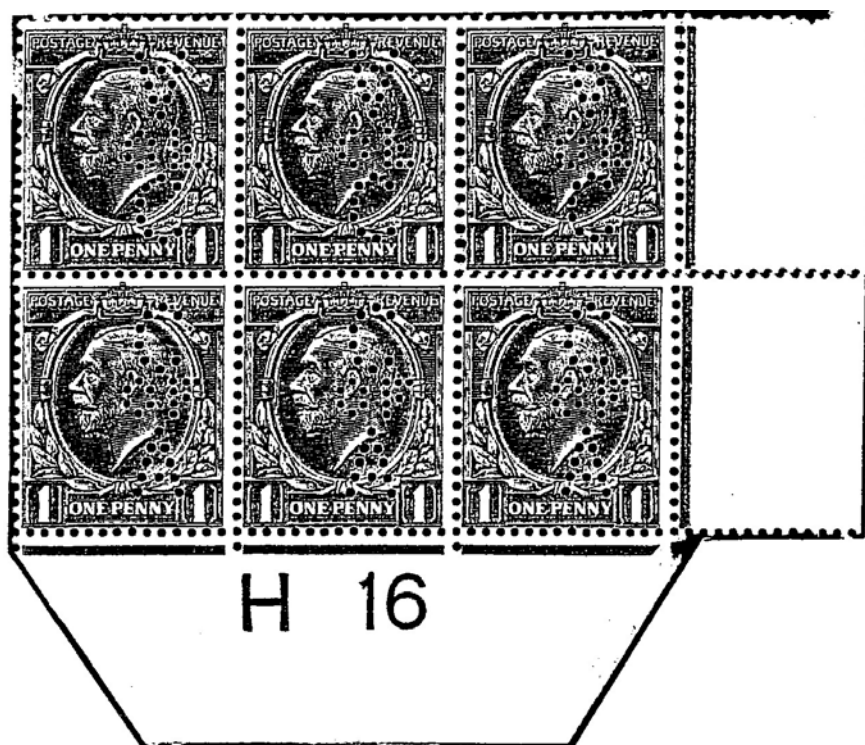
John Mathews responds to Roy Gault's invitation for information on Henry Harborow. “Bulletin 333, page 13 gives some details of Henry Harborow's life through Census records. I later found some earlier Census records and added the extra details in Bulletin 338, page 13 (the first reference to 1871 for Henry should of course be to 1861). In addition, the 1851 Census shows him as a scholar at Potter Street, Harlow, Essex, and the 1841 Census lists him with people in Kent with a different surname (could be relatives) so he may have been an orphan. The common link in all these Census records is his birthplace of Waltham Cross, Essex. The GRO records show he was born in the third quarter of 1838 and the birth was registered at Edmonton, north London. He married in the first quarter of 1864 at Shoreditch, which is where he was living at the 1861 Census. The 1913 and 1914 Directories show him living at 4 Weald View Road, Tonbridge, Kent. He died in the last quarter of 1916 at Bromley, Kent, aged 78 years.”

NEW PRIVATE PERFIN

Jan Brinkman writes to say he has been given permission by the Dutch TNT post to use his own perfin. As far as he knows it is the first private perfin in Holland. He only uses it only for his own private post.



UNUSUAL “C/O/A” MINT BLOCK



This control block of six King George V “C/O/A” (C5220.01) was published in the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin – April 2008. Nick Aninny supplied the block, which he noted was issued to an Australian soldier in Hospital in the

UK. A very nice and scarce item.

FRENCH BOOKLET PANE WITH PERFINS

Also in the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin Arthur Taylor showed a French booklet pane with perfins. The illustrations show it from the front and also as it was folded to be fed under the perforating head (Based on detectable paper creases). From this evidence, it must have been a single headed die and capable of perforating at least five thicknesses of paper.

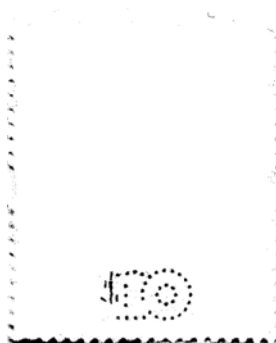


MIS-PERF 2½d WILDING – W7730.02M

Fred Taylor has highlighted this item that appeared on e-bay during February. It was priced at £50 but failed to find a buyer. The die appears to be W7730.02M that was used by Wiltshire United Dairies from 1939-1965. The stamp was listed as SG574 (wmk MC) but whether this was inferred or checked by the seller is not clear. Our catalogue lists this as a 6 x 1 die and also that it usually appears on sideways delivery coils with sideways watermark. With the offset perforation I would assume that this example is also from a coil and that the watermark is most likely sideways as well. Its rather intriguing that the company should have used a standard 6 x 1 perforator with coil stamps rather than just buying sheets. Assuming that they had a whole coil they could have made a handsome profit with the local stamp dealer rather than sticking them on the regular mail.



MODERN HONG KONG “PERFIN”



Mike Bavin noticed this item in his office mail. The \$10 Hong Kong stamp has the value picked out in very small pins. Presumably other values in the issue are similarly “perfinned”. Whether this is for security or just a design gimmick is unclear. The enlarged illustration has been included to show the design clearly.

PRIVATE AUCTION OF MEWHINNEY'S COLLECTION

Bob Szymanski

*[Ed:- Bob Szymanski of the US Perfin Club has sent the following announcement that was first made in the May issue of their club Bulletin. **Dick Mewhinney** has been a member of our society for nearly forty years and over the years has contributed greatly to our hobby. Dick is probably best known this side of the Atlantic for his Perfins of Ireland Catalogue. He has also contributed greatly to the Gault/Skinner permanent collection. Dick has quite an extensive Great Britain and Commonwealth perfin collection that he thought would be best appreciated by some of your members. Although the US Society private auctions are usually only available to Perfins Club members, Dick has requested that members of the Great Britain and Australian Clubs be allowed to bid in the auction. On behalf of our Society we wish Dick and his wife Leona all the very best for the future and thank Dick for his many significant contributions to our hobby.]*

Every so often I hear perfin collectors bemoaning the difficulty in obtaining desirable perfins. Naturally, since some patterns are only known in one or several copies those are extremely difficult for anyone to obtain. But in the eighteen years that I have been a member of the Perfins Club, I promise that this will be your one, best opportunity to obtain perfins. Past President Dick Mewhinney's 70-year world-wide perfin collection is one of the largest known in the world and just maybe the only one older than the Perfins Club itself! Regrettably, Dick is finding it necessary to give up perfin collecting to move to an assisted living home to be able to be with Leona, his wife of 63 years. A high light summary of Dick's collection could use a special issue of the Perfins Bulletin. It is that vast! At present, Dick's is the 4th largest US collection known - well over 5600 patterns! There are many US speciality collections - the largest collection of the US F-1 perfined "Blue Devils"! There are nice collections of most of the Schermack perfins - parcel post - special handling - various issues by Scott number and a comprehensive US synoptic collection. Included are also the wheelchair perforator - US Des49IP and a 25 drawer library card catalogue full of perfin duplicates (card catalogue

available also)! In the last Foreign Perfin census, Dick had the second largest total number of different world-wide perfin patterns reported so most all countries, large and small alike, will be well represented! ...a 15,000+ pattern Great Britain collection! ...one of only two perfins known from Bushire (with certificate!) Do you even know where Bushire is? ...British underprints and overprints! ... many current and "antique" perfin catalogues! I think you can easily get the idea. If you are looking for anything in perfin material, you are likely to find it in Dick's collection. Although likely five or six monthly auctions will be held beginning in October 2008, Dick's US collection will be available "immediately" to fill any want lists submitted by members. All perfins rated F through and inclusive of B rated perfins will be offered for sale - F/E @ 10c; D @ 25c; D+ @ 50c; C @ \$2.00; C+ @ \$4.00 and B @ \$16.00 (Schermacks and B-rated railroads not included). Lists will be serviced on a first come, first served basis! A, B+ and unsold B rated will be auctioned individually. Please do not send lists with A and B+ perfins wanted.

To receive all future auctions of Dick's collection, please contact Bob as soon as possible. You will not want to miss this one! Everything will be auctioned!

Below is a new die that is an addition to the Foreign Bill perfin catalogue.

FOREIGN BILL PERFIN

Jeff Turnbull

In use: 1895-1905.

Dates:

Issues: EDVII - 10/-

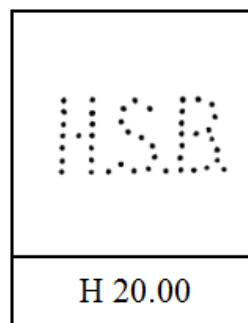
Ident: Hong Kong & Shanghai

Banking Corporation.

31 Lombard St, London EC

New Illustrated

Cat No H 6440.01



ADDITIONS TO PERFORATED POSTAL STATIONERY

Rosemary Smith

The following additions to previous list are all from **Gerald Soutar**

Postal Stationery Envelopes

Queen Victoria ½d Vermillion Type 1

N0640.01 NCG Nottingham Corp 15-07-01 New Die to lists

Postal Stationery Post Cards

Queen Victoria 1d

B7240.01 B.T/P 24-11-88 Earlier date to previous report

Postal Stationery Wrappers

King Edward VII ½d Green

A1105.02 AC/&Co 14-4-04 New Die to lists. ½d additional stamp also perfinned A1105.02

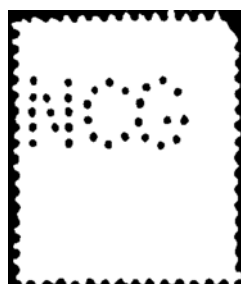
King George V ½d Green

C6800.10 C&S Now on identified Wrapper front – Churchill & Sim, 29,30 & 31 Clements Lane, London EC4

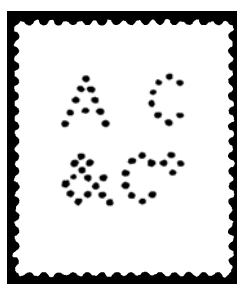
Correction

Queen Victoria ½d Brown Wrapper perfin GWR

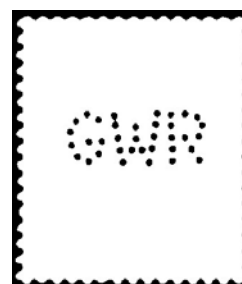
The details in Bulletin 353/16 and the illustration on page 17 need to be deleted. The die number is G5610.04A (a new die). It has not been identified as used by Great Western Railway but obviously it is a provisional identity. **Roy Gault** has put the dates of use for this die as 1882-1885.



N0640.01



A1105.02



G5610.04A

GEORGE HOUGHTON'S ENSIGN CAMERA LEGACY

Roy Gault

While preparing the draft sheets for the letter 'H', I came across Adrian Richmond's fascinating website containing, amongst other things, "**Houghton - Ensign, A Short History**". Adrian has kindly allowed me to use the fruits of his research to help document the use of perfinns by the various companies involved.

See www.ensign.demon.co.uk for more details.

It all started way back in 1836 when George Houghton (1805-1887) and Antoine Claudet (1787-1867) went into business together as '**Claudet & Houghton**' selling sheet glass and glass lamp shades from their warehouse at 89 High Holborn, London WC. The company prospered, and with Antoine's interest in photography (he knew Daguerre and bought the first license for the use of the Daguerre process in England in 1839), expanded into the production of optical glass and photographic materials.

In 1867 George Houghton's son (also called George) joined the company, and after the death of Antoine Claudet (who had retired in 1863), the company became known as '**George Houghton & Son**'. Coincidentally, all of this was around the time that Joseph Sloper was seeking permission to initial postage stamps to deter against theft. The first use of perfinns by 'George Houghton & Son' is *suspected* (from London WC postmarks) as having been "G.H/&S" (G2370.03).

1875-1885



G2370.03

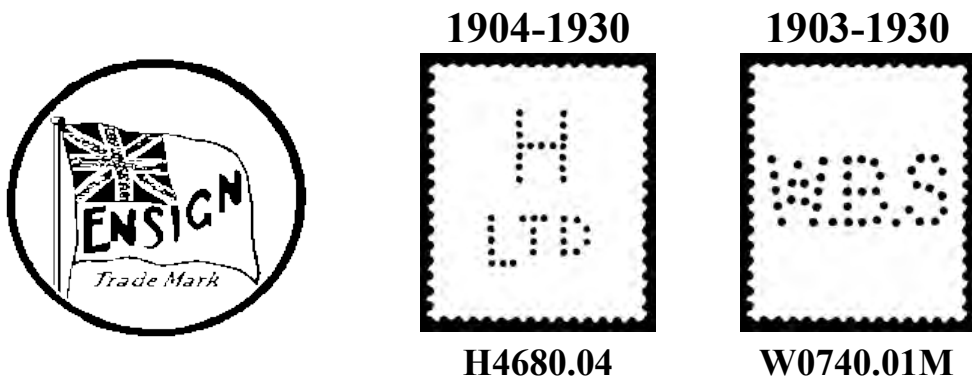
1885-1904



G2360.01

A second die, "GH/&S" (G2360.01) has been *positively identified* as having been used by 'George Houghton & Son', 1885-1904. In 1899 the company bought the adjoining building of 88 High Holborn, London which then became their head office.

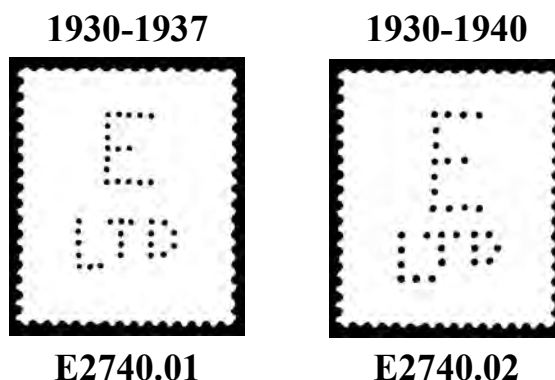
‘George Houghton & Son’ took on ‘Limited Liability’ on 10th March 1904, becoming ‘*Houghton's Limited*’. To reflect their new name, a new die was introduced, “H/L^{td}” (H4680.04). Variations of this die exist showing an 8-pin “L” and/or a shortened “H”. Also around this time, c1905, Houghton’s built a factory in Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, specifically to make cameras, and in 1911 the company adopted the Royal Navy Ensign flag and ‘Ensign’ as their trade mark.



January 1915 saw ‘Houghton’s Ltd’ and ‘W Butcher & Sons Ltd’ join forces to form ‘*Houghton-Butcher Manufacturing Co*’, but continued to trade under their ‘old’ names. ‘*W Butcher & Sons Ltd*’ also used perfins, using “W.B.S” (W0740.01M) from 1903-1930.

The next development came in 1930 when ‘*Ensign Limited*’ was formed to handle the sales side of ‘Houghton-Butcher Mfg Co’. The company used two dies, both lettered “E/L^{td}” (E2740.01/02).

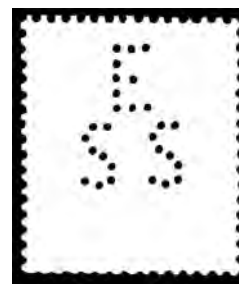
E2740.01 was made
by altering H4680.04
in 1930. >>>>>



The offices of ‘Ensign Ltd’ at 88/89 High Holborn, London WC, were destroyed by enemy bombing on the night of the 24th/25th September 1940. Of course, we now know a similar fate awaited Sloper’s premises in May 1941! On 7th October 1940, ‘Ensign Ltd’ was wound up, all of which would account for the ‘disappearance’ of the die E2740.02 from the stamp record - last recorded use 1st January 1940.

An advertising leaflet for ‘Mail Room Equipment Ltd’ mentions ‘*Ensign Snapshot Service*’ as being a user of one of their ‘POKO’ machines to affix stamps to postal items. The most likely contender is “E/SS” (E4390.01), known used 1932-1940, although no postmarks have yet been reported to confirm or deny the suggestion.

1932-1940



E4390.01

Sometime after 1930 and certainly by 1935, the ‘Houghton-Butcher Manufacturing Co’ had started using perfins with the initials “HB/MC”. Although the sequence isn’t fully understood yet, we know the following five exist. H0760.02 was specifically for use on vertical delivery coils, and was almost certainly destroyed (along with H0760.02b) when Sloper’s premises were bombed in May 1941.

1935-1939



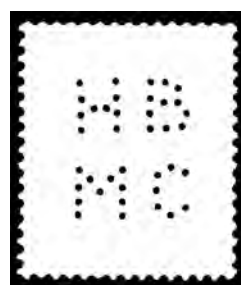
H0760.01

1939-1941



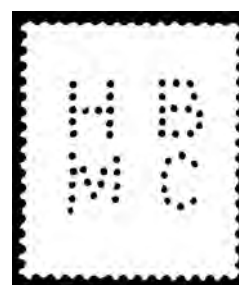
H0760.02

1939-1941



H0760.02b

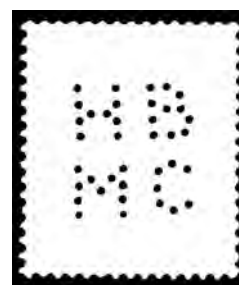
c1941



H0760.03

No Sloper ‘Wartime Provisional’ was used for the “HB/MC” lettering, instead a new single-headed die “HB/MC” (H0760.02a) was made early on as a direct replacement. The last known date for the use of this die is 14th April 1944.

1941-1945



H0760.02a

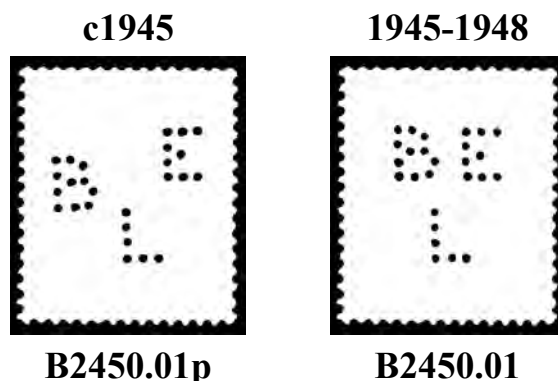
1941-1945



E4130.01

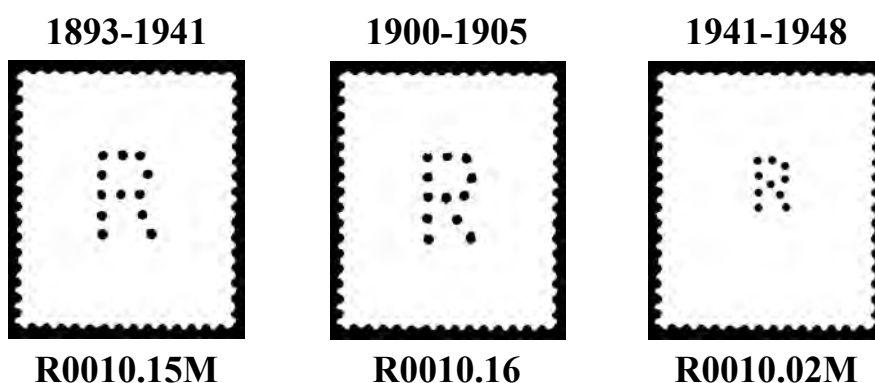
27th June 1945 saw the formation of ‘*Barnet Ensign Ltd*’, a union between the ‘Houghton-Butcher Mfg Co Ltd’ and ‘*Elliot and Sons Ltd*’, makers of ‘Barnet’ films and plates. ‘Elliot & Sons Ltd’, based in Barnet, are known to have used at least one perfin die - “E&S” (E4130.01).

The new company, 'Barnet Ensign Ltd', is thought to have used two perfin dies, both lettered "BE/L", and both Sloper products.



1948 saw another merger, with '*Ross Ltd*' joining 'Barnet Ensign Ltd' to form '*Barnet Ensign Ross Ltd*', although perfins are not known used by this company.

'Ross & Co', later 'Ross Ltd' (Reg'd 28th June 1897), were Opticians and Optical Equipment Manufacturers, in New Bond St, London W, with their Optical works at 3 Northside, Clapham, London SW. They were also big users of perfins. Beware - the 3rd pattern (R0010.02M), a 12x1 multiheaded die, was used by 'Joseph Sloper & Co' to initial stamps for at least nine other users right up to c1975, including 'Rothmans Ltd', Cigarette Mfrs, who were also based in London SW.



There was a final name change, c1951, to 'Ross Ensign', followed by a move of production from the Houghton's Walthamstow factory to Ross's Clapham Common factory. However, perfins do not seem to have been used during this final phase, and by 1961 'Ross Ensign' had disappeared completely.



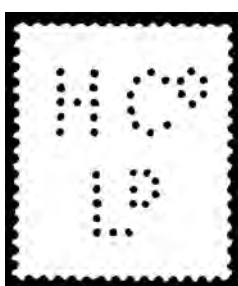
The lens cap had been well and truly put on, never to be removed!

HAVE YOU HEARD OF HORSEHAY?

Roy Gault

Every now and again, while sorting through perfin, an unusual postmark is chanced upon. A godsend when trying to assign a suspected user to a loose stamp. In this case it was **Horsehay**, which I vaguely associated with Shropshire - since confirmed in my Gazetteer as being 'just west of Dawley'. The perfin involved is "HC^o/L^d" (H1590.03), for which I have just nine examples. Four of them have legible postmarks, all reading Horsehay (or at least in part).

1905-1936



H1590.03

A quick telephone call to **John Nelson** soon established that the only contender for the user was 'The Horsehay Co Ltd', Engineers, and Ironfounders, Horsehay, Shropshire. But is the die rare? Well I suspect not, but I do have a gap in the perfin record between 1910 and 1930.

A search of the web has yielded the following:

The 'Horsehay Works' was established as early as 1755 by Abraham Darby II, when he built a blast furnace on the site. Much later on, in 1886, the 'Horsehay Works' was purchased by the 'Horsehay Co', a partnership between two Simpson brothers. They expanded the heavy engineering side of the business to include the manufacture of girders, roofs, and bridges. Notably, in the early 1900's the 'Sentinel' steam wagon was developed at Horsehay, and by 1913 (now a limited company) they also specialized in the manufacture of gas plant equipment. In its heyday, the works was large enough to warrant the use of two industrial steam locomotives, but disposed of in the 1950's.

However, sometime after 1945 the company was taken over by the Adamson Alliance Co Ltd, and the works re-organised to build heavy cranes. It was while under the tenure of Adamson-Butterley Ltd, that the works closed in 1986, thus ending a 230 year engineering reign.

Another die (#25) for Brian Atkins's Salopian List!

COLMAN'S OF NORWICH

Maurice Harp

There can be few companies in the world with such a proud tradition and heritage as Colman's of Norwich. Their history dates back to 1814, a time when George III was on the throne and Wellington was preparing to defeat Napoleon at Waterloo.

The logo for Colman's of Norwich, featuring the word 'Colman's' in a large, bold, serif font, with 'of Norwich' in a smaller, elegant script font below it.

It was in that year that Jeremiah Colman, a flour miller of ten years experience took over a mustard manufacturing business based on the river Tas, four miles south of Norwich. In 1823 Jeremiah took his adopted nephew, James, into partnership in the new firm J & J Colman. The partnership prospered and in 1836, a London branch was established.

Following the deaths of his great uncle Jeremiah in 1851 and his father James just three years later, young Jeremiah James Colman found himself head of a firm which employed 200 people and was in the process of moving its present location at Carrow. The transfer took some time and was finally completed in 1862.



J4350.01

The famous Colman bulls' head trade mark dates from 1855 although it was originally registered for a 'Starch for laundry and manufacturing purposes'. The Colmans signature appearing on mustard labels was written by Edward Colman one of the three nephews of the founder Jeremiah.



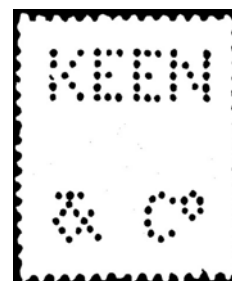
In 1866 the firm received the ultimate accolade. Queen Victoria granted a special Warrant as Manufacturers to Her Majesty. This Royal Warrant is still carried on all Colman's products today.

Jeremiah James Colman was something of a visionary with ideas on employment years ahead of his time. He realised a healthy and happy workforce would be more productive and

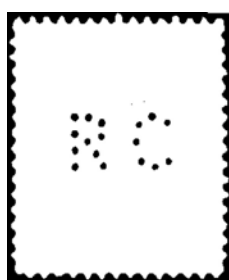
took steps to achieve this. In 1864 he built a subsidised school for his employee's children. A kitchen was set up in 1868 to provide hot meals at affordable prices and in 1878 one of the very first industrial nurses, was appointed to assist the company doctor in the dispensary and to visit sick employees.

In 1875 the company also took the step around this time in getting its stamps perfined using die J4350.01. This one die was in use until around 1939 and appears to have been mainly used by their London office with London EC and Lombard St cancels predominating. A Birmingham cancel has also been recorded. No other die is known used by the company.

In 1903 Colman's bought out rival mustard manufacturer, Keen Robinson & Company, originally Keen & Son, who were founded in 1742. The company had been successful in making their product a household name, hence the phrase "as keen as mustard." The Robinson's name is still famous today for it's lemon barley water and it's range of baby foods. Only one perfin die is known used by Keen Robinson and that is K0670.01, which was only used for a short period between 1870 and 1879.



K0670.01



R0810.01M

In 1896 the partnership became a limited company with Jeremiah James Colman becoming the first chairman. The Colman's expansion continued with the acquisition of two smaller mustard manufacturers and in 1938 the company merged with Reckitt & Sons. The new company Reckitt & Colman had a diverse range of products and grew to become one of the UK's most successful businesses. Surprisingly although there are a number of perfin dies associated with Reckitt & Son prior to the amalgamation there is only one die associated with Reckitt & Colman R0810.01M which was in use by a number of companies between 1941 and 1975.

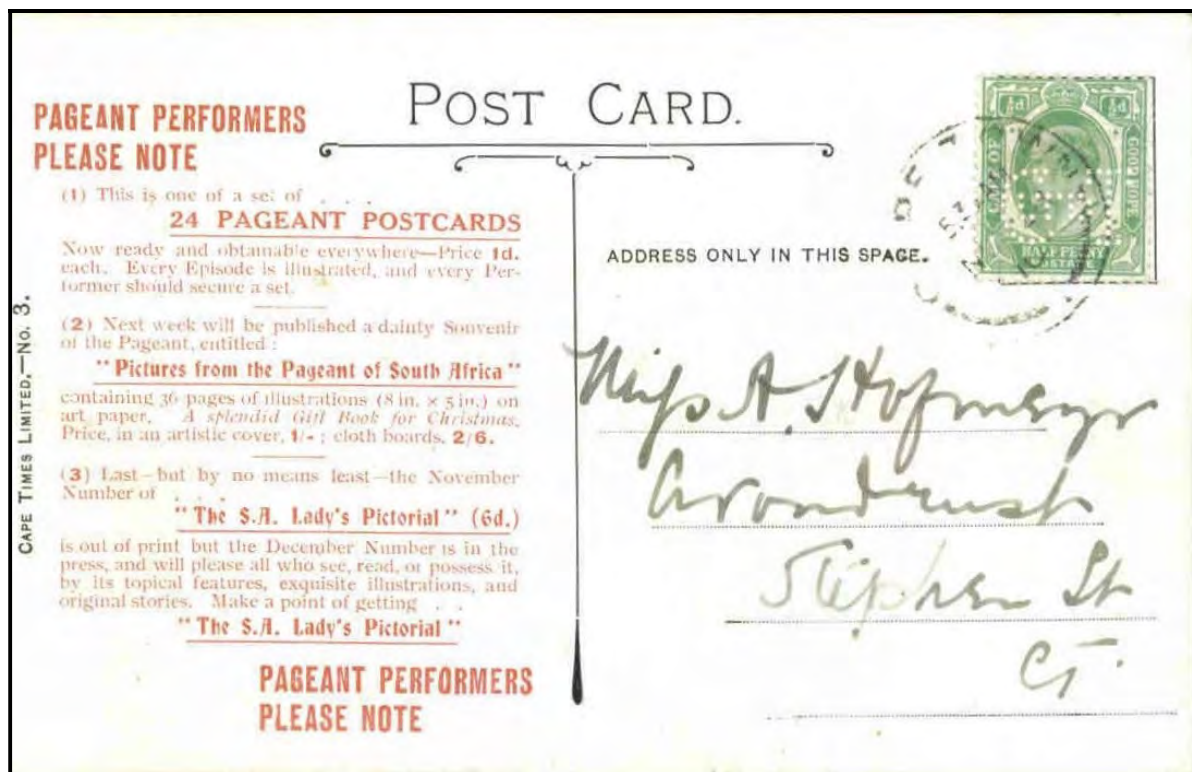
In 1973 the company celebrated 150 years of business since the partnership, J & J Colman with the opening of the Mustard Shop, in Norwich. In 1995 Unilever purchased the Colman's brand.

THE CAPE TIMES PERFIN

Brian Dennis

The Cape Times is a popular English language newspaper in Cape Town and the Western Cape. First published in March 1876, under the editorship of Frederick York St Leger, it is still widely read every morning by a large number of South Africans, including myself. Although mainly known as publishers of newspapers and journals, the Cape Times described itself in 1908 as “printers, engravers, bookbinders and manufacturing stationers”.

A recent article, by Chris Oliver, was published in the Stamp Lover (October 2007) on the Cape Town Pageant of 1910. It covered a series of 24 postcards that had been printed by the Cape Times to illustrate this historic pageant. One card used in this article showed a postage stamp with the “CLTDT” perfin of the Cape Times Ltd. This prompted **Dave Hill** to request an article on the perfin itself.



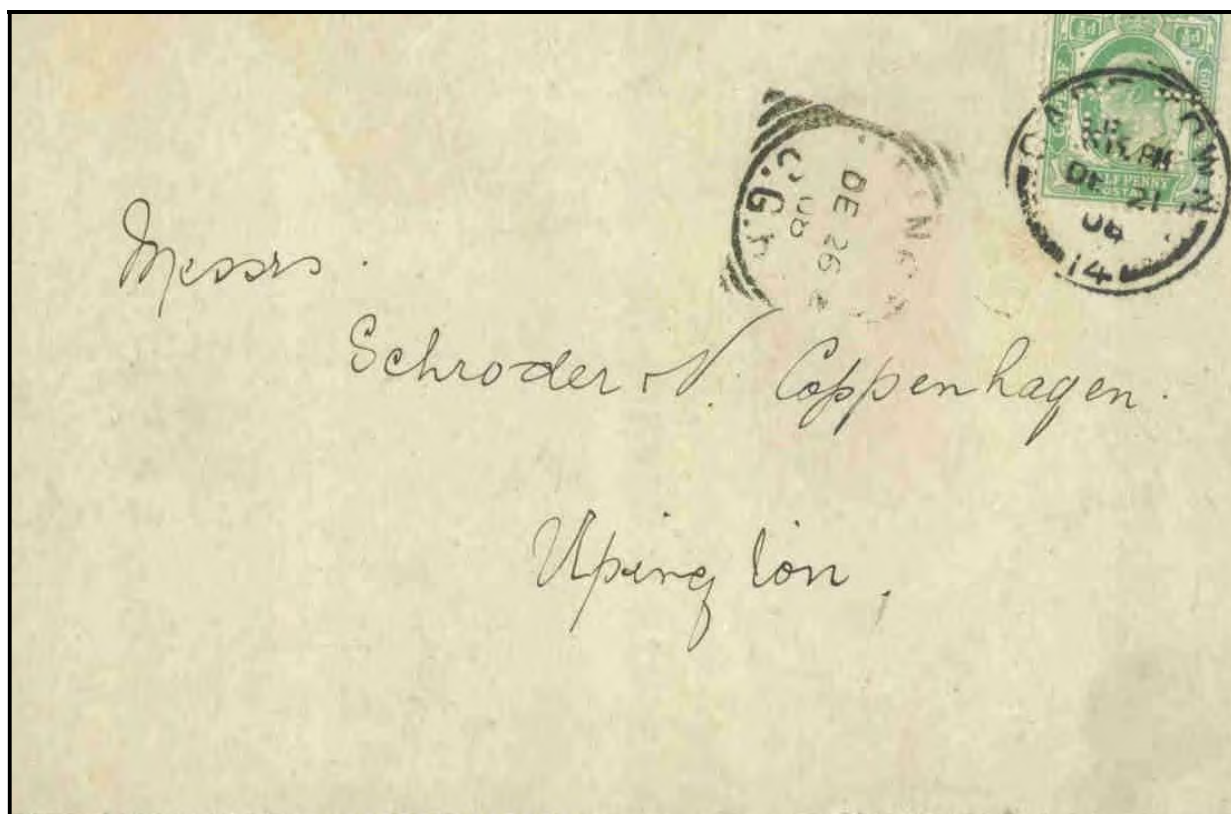
The perfin - Type C5 in the African Catalogue of the Perfins Club (editor Bob Schwerdt) - has been recorded on almost 150 postage stamps from the Cape of Good Hope and South Africa. It was used

over the period 1907 to 1915. It is only found with Cape Town cancellations but is recorded on the Cape of Good Hope stamps until 1910, on stamps of all four South African Provinces (when these could be used inter-provincially) and then on the KGV Kings Head stamps of South Africa.

For the record, I have noted this perfin on the following postal issues:-

- Cape of Good Hope. Hope Standing: 3d (SG68)
- Cape of Good Hope. KEVII: ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-
- Transvaal. KEVII: ½d, 1d, 4d, 6d
- Orange River Colony KEVII: ½d, 1d, 2d, 6d
- Natal. KEVII: ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d
- South Africa. KGV: ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d, 6d

That the user of the perfin was the Cape Times has been recorded on four covers of which two from my collection are illustrated. The perforator has not been seen, but from a study of multiples in my collection it is clear that it had a single row configuration, with at least four dies in the row.



No doubt there is more to be learned from others holding this perfin. However, several collectors have already contributed to my data base, including **Peter Maybury**, a fellow Perfin Society member.

THE PRINTING & STAMP PERFORATING CO LTD

Maurice Harp

One of the lesser known perforating companies is The Printing & Stamp Perforating Co. Ltd based at 9 South St, Finsbury, London EC. They described themselves in the 1910 edition of Kelly's Directory for London as "perforators (initial) of postage stamps, printers & perforating press makers". The name of this company first came to light from research carried out by **Stephen Steere** at the Post Office archives, which uncovered the story of how perfins nearly became official (see Bulletin 245/7 and 349/25). **Alastair Walter** also extracted a little information about this company from the same archive documents that showed that the company charged 0.5% for perforating. (See Bulletin 329/32). In a report on perforators made to the Controller of Posts in May 1906 we learn a little more:-

"The Printing & Stamp Perforating Co, which has only recently started, appears to be more or less under the management of Messrs Braham, late of Tabernacle Street T.S.O.. Judging from their known purchases of stamps, their present business is at the rate of about £750 a week or - say - £40,000 a year and is increasing. Their usual charge appears to be 10/- per cent on ordinary stamps but it is likely that lower rates are accepted in some cases, as it is known that was done by Messrs Braham when at Tabernacle Street. One of their order forms is attached."

A reduced copy of this order form is shown opposite. As can be seen it is very similar to those used by other perforators at the time. I have done some directory research and found that although the company is recorded in the 1910 Kelly's London directory there is no mention of them in the 1914 directory. So it appears that the company really didn't last very long – indeed we only have any record of them from 1906 – 1910. Can any other member with access to other directories extend this date range? We know that Frank Braham founded his original business in Tabernacle St in 1883 and that it is recorded that he went bankrupt in 1906. So it seems he bounced straight back by founding the Printing & Stamp Perforating Co. and that this company in turn folded within a few years.

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1d. @ 10/- per sheet	240			
1d. " £1	240			
1 1/2d. " £1 10s.	240			
2d. " £2	240			
2 1/2d. " £2 10s.	240			
3d. " £3	240			
4d. " £4	240			
5d. " £5	240			
6d. " £6	240			
9d. " £3	80			
10d. " £4	96			
1/- " £6	120			
2/6 " per single stamp				
5/- " " " "				
10/- " " " "				
£1 " " " "				
CHARGE		-	£	

Amount of herewith.

Stamps received by

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L.N.E.R. HOTEL RECEIPT WITH L.N.E. PERFIN
Reprinted from Railway Philately June 2007

The L.N.E.R. hotel bill below, for "Room No. 23" in the "Great Northern" hotel in Leeds, is an interesting and attractive piece of ephemera as it has a receipt bearing a GV 2d stamp perforated with the initials "LN/E".

The L.N.E.R. only used two perfin dies both with the initials "LN/E". Die 1 perfins have large letters 7 mm high as seen on this receipt. Die 2 perfins, which were only known used after 1941, had initials only 5 mm high.

Die 1 perfinned stamps are known with postmarks as far a field as Bury St Edmunds, Edinburgh and Manchester. Surprisingly no example has been recorded so far with a Leeds postmark. The bill, for the 19th and 20th August 1928 gives an interesting glimpse of the pre-war tariff at this L.N.E.R. hotel.

114950
 LONDON & NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.
 Telephone: "NORTH-EAST" LEEDS. LEEDS. 20370
 ELECTRIC ELEVATOR. LEEDS. 20370
 ROOM No. 23.
Murder Hickok
 The London & North Eastern
 Railway Hotel, Leeds.
 NO CHEQUES TAKEN IN PAYMENT. It is requested that all Bills be paid when presented.

August	19	20		
1928	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		17		
Apartment, Bedrooms	16			
Do. Sitting Rooms				
Fires		6		
Breakfast		8		
Luncheon				
Dinner	10			
Supper				
Ten, Coffee and Sundries				
Pension, Visitors				
Servants' Board				
Wines-Bottled		7		
Wines-Draught				
Ales and Stout				
Minerals				
Spirits and Liqueurs				
Cigars and Cigarettes				
L.N.E.R. Hotel, Leeds.	8/	6521		
Received with Thanks				
Date	20	1928		
£	2	s.	11	d.

PLEASE GIVE UP YOUR KEY.
 No Receipt is Valid unless on this Form.

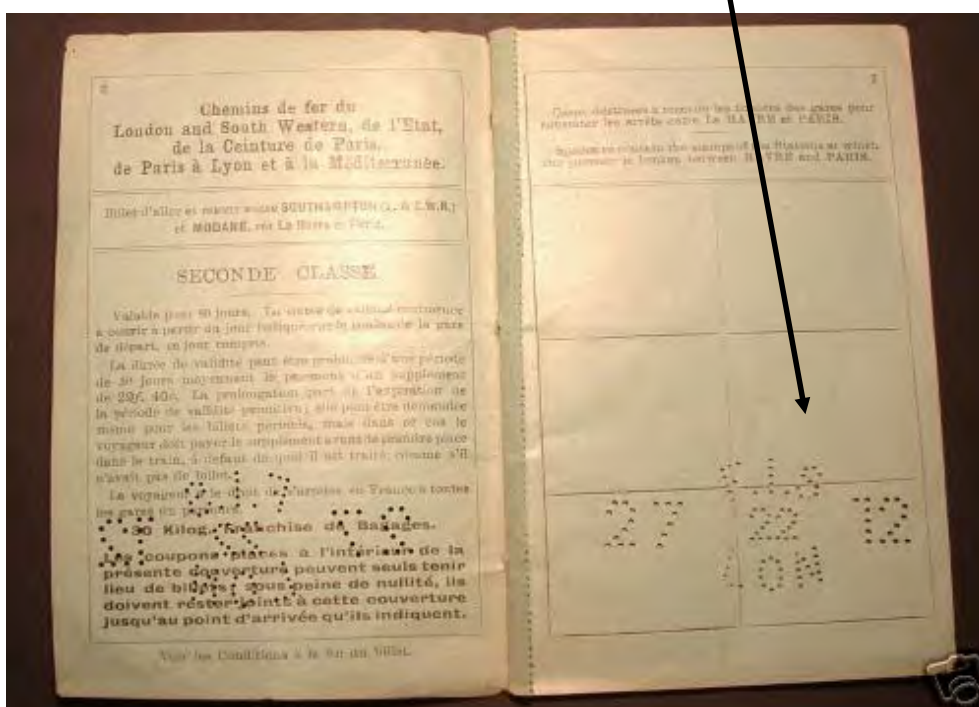
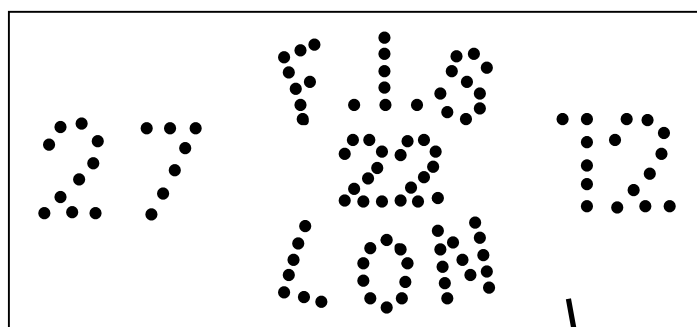


L.N.E.R. Hotel, Leeds. 8/ 6521 8155
 Received with Thanks. Room No. 23
 Date 20 1928
 £ 2 s. 11 d.
 PLEASE GIVE UP YOUR KEY.
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BRITISH RAILWAY TICKET WITH “PERFIN”

John Mathews

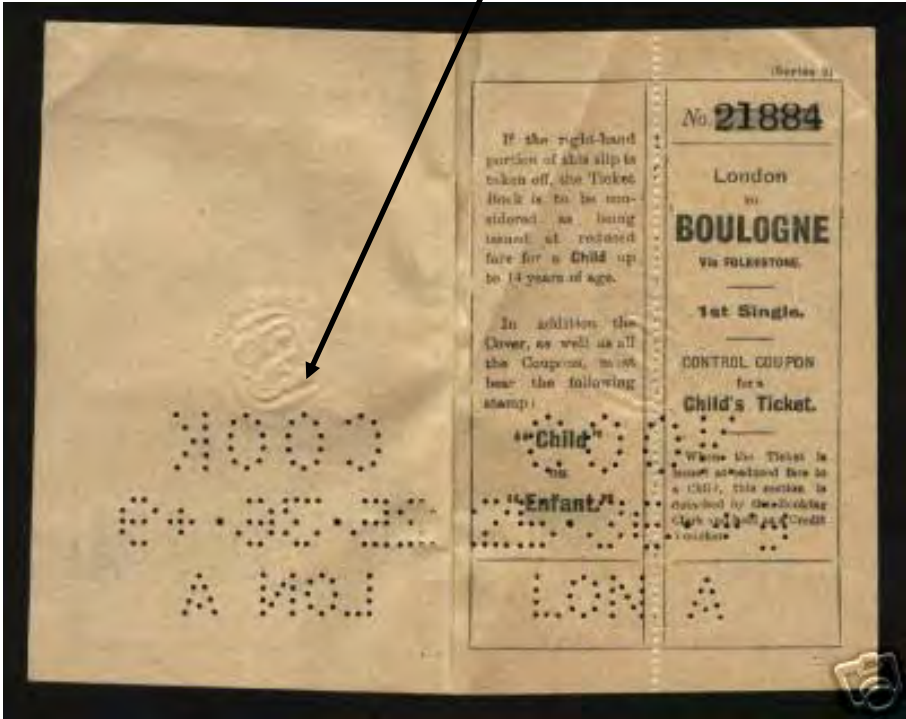
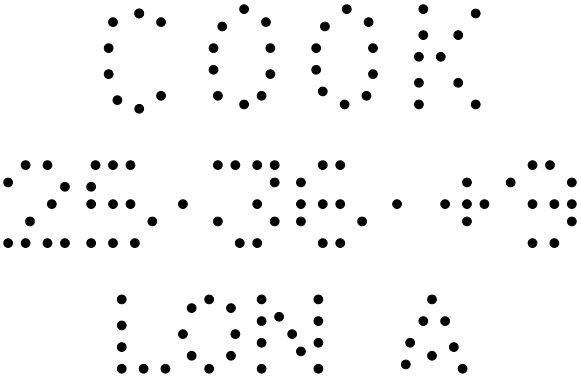
Item # 260019658324 offered on e-bay in August 2006 was a railway ticket of the London and South Western (L.& S.W.R.), French State, Paris Ceinture, Paris Lyon & Mediterranean Railway. Apart from the pages which contained nothing other than general instructions and conditions of use, the “ticket” pages themselves were all punched with the style of date stamp which comprised a considerable part of Joseph Sloper’s perforator business.



The punch reads “27 F.I.S/22/LON 12”, the numerals no doubt meaning 27 December 1922. If any reader has access to London Directories for 1922 or thereabouts, they might be able to ascertain whether the initials “F.I.S” are those of a travel company in London.

Thomas Cook & Sons, for example, also used such a style of punch over many years.

Another railway ticket was offered on ebay in December 2006 (item #140066160177) and was unsold. It was a First Class Single ticket from London to Boulogne and was issued by Thomas Cook & Sons on 25 September 1936.



The significance of having the dated punch can be seen from the wording on the cover that reads “Available for 7 days”.

A NEW SLOPER "IS" Monogram!

Roy Gault

As I'm currently preparing a 2nd Edition for the Letter "I" of the New Illustrated Catalogue, the report by **Michael Millar** of a new "IS" monogram is timely.

Michael reports this new die (I2260.05m) on a Queen Victoria 3d Plate 20 (wmk spray), dating to c1879. This becomes the 5th such monogram, and having a London postmark, was almost certainly used by Joseph Sloper & Co.

c1879



I2260.05m

1930-1941



I2260.01m

1895-1920



I2260.02m

c1879



I2260.03m

1883-1895



I2260.04m

All five dies are illustrated here for reference, but because of the similarity between I2260.03m and I2260.05m, could I ask you to check your holdings of these two early dies and report any new information, including the correct assignment of any of the unallocated items?

I2260.03m

QV 1d (SG43) - plate 215

I2260.05m

QV 1d (SG43) - plate 219

QV 3d - plate 20 (wmk spray)

Unallocated

QV 1d (SG43) - plates 212, 213

QV 1½d (SG51) - plate 3

PERCY SLOPER'S PERFORMANCE

Maurice Harp

A fascinating document came to light when **Stephen Steere** carried out research in the Post Office archives. This was a performance report on Percy Sloper in his role as Sub Postmaster of King William Street, Post Office. Like his father before him the relationship with the Post Office was always a bit prickly in that regular Post Office work clearly got in the way of him running the perforating business. However although he was making good money from the poundage on the half million pounds of stamps he was supplying each year as can be seen from the extracts below he wasn't above asking for a pay rise.

October 8th 1902 - *Secretary (was) asked whether (the) question of salary might be proceeded with. He replied that "...there would seem to be no ground for increasing salary. But in any case the Secretary would not be disposed to consider the question of allowing any further remuneration to the Sub Postmaster, so long as he fails to provide even reasonable accommodation for the public at a Post Office in the important position of King William Street. Only two or at the most three persons can be accommodated at the counter at one time, and it has been represented that the Office is discreditable to the Department and that as many as a dozen people are sometimes seen waiting in the passage or out in the street endeavouring to get inside in order to transact their business. The Secretary has grave doubts indeed whether things should be allowed to continue"*

The Post Office sounds a bit like the offices we have today – some things never change. He let the matter of his salary lie for a couple of years, but clearly he hadn't forgotten as can be seen below.

April 5th 1905 - *It was decided that in the circumstances, no increase in salary and the secretary asked whether the Sub Postmaster had any intention of doing anything to improve the accommodation. The Sub Postmaster, on being written to asked what additional remuneration would be given if an improvement was effected. He was told that the Secretary required to know what he would do for the existing salary and he then replied that he was **unable to do anything**.*

I guess he didn't get the pay rise!

G. B. KENT & SONS – BRUSH MAKERS

Maurice Harp

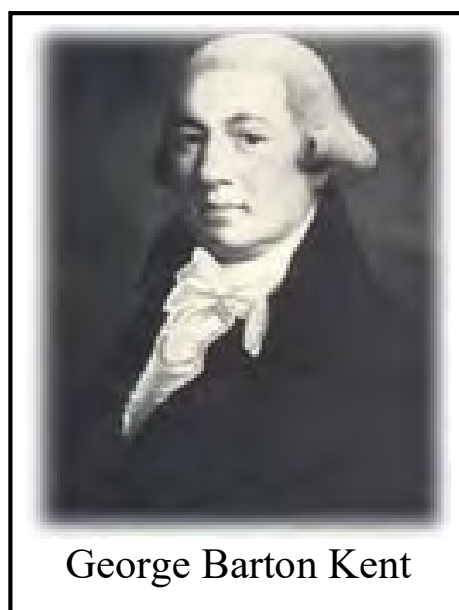
In September 1873 Eden Fisher applied to the Post Office to perforate the full name SUTTON on stamps for his customer. The Post Office turned the application down but Fisher was not to be put off and told the Post Office that Sloper was using full names, so why shouldn't he. The Post Office carried out a survey of mail passing through the E.C. District Office and found to their surprise that indeed a number of companies such as HUTH and GLYN were indeed using full name perfins. The offending firms were told to desist and Sloper was given a warning but as every perfin collector knows the warnings mainly fell on deaf ears. One of the full name users of the time who may have been warned was G. B. Kent & Sons – brush makers to Royalty.



G. B. Kent & Sons was founded by William Kent of Barnard Castle in 1777 in the reign of George III. In 1807 William Kent's eldest son (also William) took over control of the company. In 1836 William's younger brother John James took over and the company became for a while John James Kent & Sons. Under

John James the company made King William IV's toothbrushes and to this day the company holds the Royal Warrant for brushes. The company went through various partnerships to become G. B. Kent & Co in 1854. This was changed to G. B. Kent & Sons in 1880 and then became a public limited company in 1900.

Until the beginning of the last century Kent made brushes in London, but for the last eighty-five years or so they have used a factory at Apsley near Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Much of the manufacturing, though, is still carried on by hand using methods which are little changed from 1777.



George Barton Kent

William Kent exhibited no false modesty in promoting his wares as seen in this Times advert. *'These brushes, which are entirely different to any hitherto offered to the public, are so decidedly superior in principle as to convince at first sight the most incredulous. By their peculiar arrangement they at one action remove the dirt or dandruff and polish the surface, at the same time leaving the most beautiful gloss on the coat that can be imagined.'*

George Barton Kent, from whom the company takes its name, held the Royal Warrant and ran the business from 1854 to 1900, presiding over a massive expansion in the range of products and the number sold. By the end of the century Kent were making so many bone-handled toothbrushes that were using the leg bones of 600 bullocks a week.

G. B. Kent & Sons are associated with the use of five perfin dies. Four of these are confirmed as used by Kent but K0700.05 is still to be confirmed. Looking at the 1d plates reported Die K0700.04 is almost certainly a Sloper die, however no dated copies of this die have yet been reported. As can be seen from the dates of use Kent & Sons continuously used perfins until around 1940 when it seems their use apparently stopped – maybe their machine was lost during one of the seventeen air raids on the factory during the war.

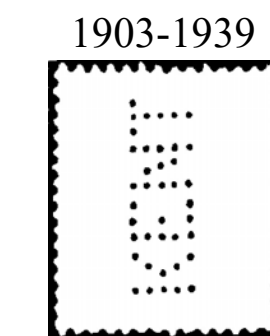


K0700.04

London Office
Gt Marlborough St

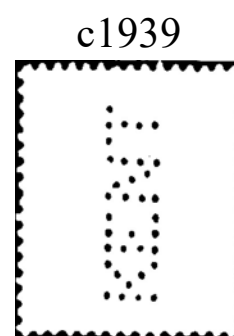


K0700.02



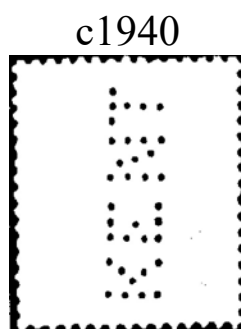
K0700.03

London Office
75 Farringdon Rd



K0700.01

London Office
24 Old Broad St



K0700.05

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