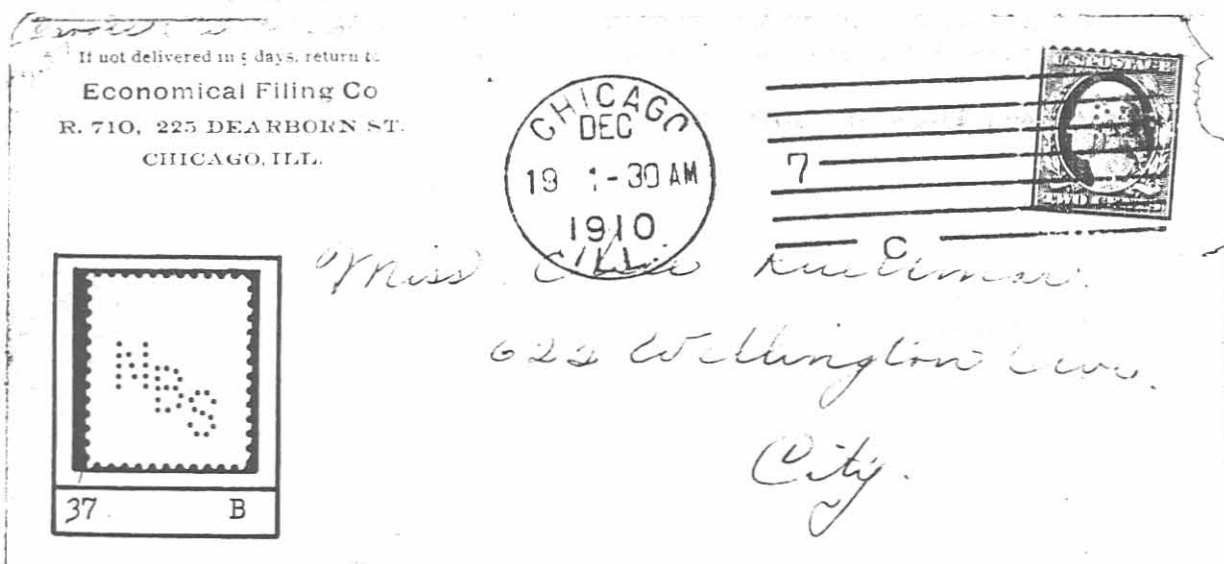


N37 - Found on Chicago Cover

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The National Benevolent Company of Kansas City, Missouri is listed as the confirmed user of perfin pattern N37 in *The Catalog of United States Perfins*. The company name almost fits the abbreviation of "NBS" on the pattern. However, the illustrated cover poses a real delima and several questions for John Randall, the US Catalog Editor. This December 19, 1910, Chicago, Illinois mailing's corner card lists Economical Filing Company, R. 710, 225 Dearborne Street, Chicago, Illinois.

"NBS" obviously is not an abbreviation for Economical Filing Company, but consider the following questions:

1. What did the company do? Is "filing" mean placing items such as claim forms in files or does it imply completing the loading of some sort of containers?
2. Does the "R. 710" really stand for Room 710? If so, why was the room number placed before the street address rather than the more usual position after the street address.

A photocopy has been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor for evaluation.