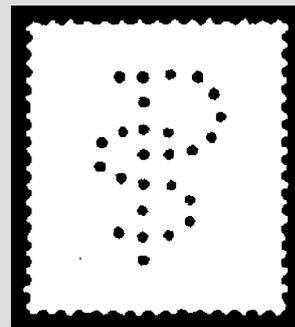
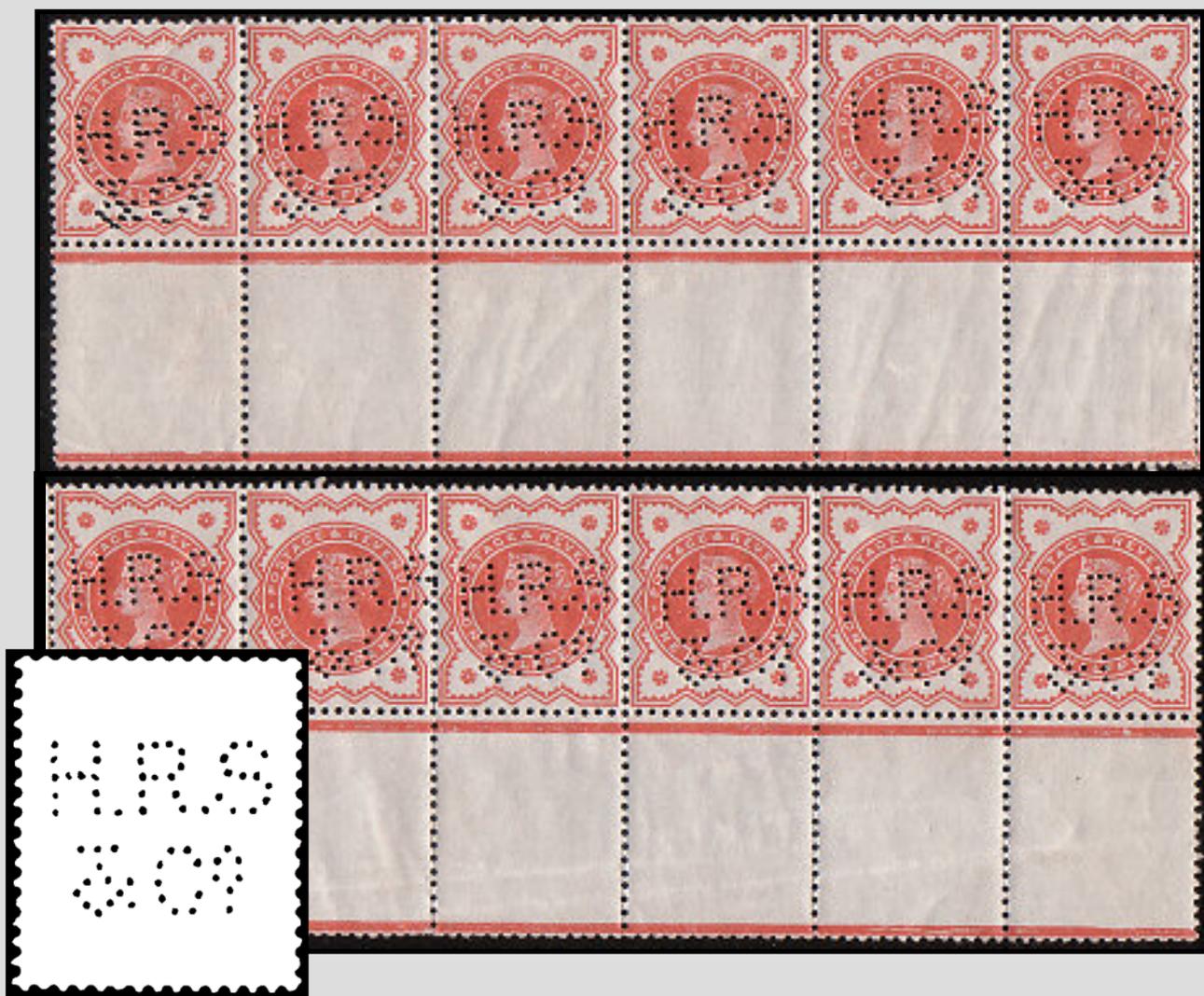


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A mint strip of twelve Queen Victoria 1/2d vermilion (cut in half for illustration) with perfin die H6230.01 – H.R.S/&Co. A broken pin in the “C” on all twelve strikes establishes that this was a single headed die. The die was used by Henry Rogers, Sons & Co, of Wolverhampton

EDITORIAL

This Bulletin was very nearly a very thin production. If I don't get more material the October Bulletin size will have to be greatly reduced. So it's up to you – please send in anything that you have – an interesting piece or cover that tells a story, a short piece or a long study, something that you have seen in auction or even an idea for an article.

I am also always on the look out for nice pieces for illustration on our front cover. A high quality scan or a colour photocopy is required. Surely this could be one thing that every member can help on. In particular I would like some more modern items – large mint blocks, unusual use, high values, commemoratives, covers – all are welcome.

LONDON SPRING MEETING REPORT

The London Spring Meeting was held on the 23rd May. A total of 18 members turned up from as far a field as South Africa and New Zealand. Attendance was probably down a bit as it was public holiday weekend. The Society is still looking for a replacement librarian (see appeal later in this Bulletin). If no one is found there will be no library service after the end of the year.

Roy Gault reported that the H section is well underway and that he is also well on with the Coils Catalogue which should be available later this year. **Stephen Steere** reported that the membership of the Society is growing steadily and a proposal was made to advertise the Society in the national philatelic press once a year which will hopefully yield new blood for the Society. Steve also reported that the cost of the meeting room has been raised and so the Society has had to find new accommodation (see later). We will see how this new venue works out but if any member knows of suitable venues where we could hold our meeting the Secretary would be delighted to hear from you.

A short auction of members' material was held (with many bargains) and material was shown and passed around. Hopefully we will have better attendance at our next meeting in November.

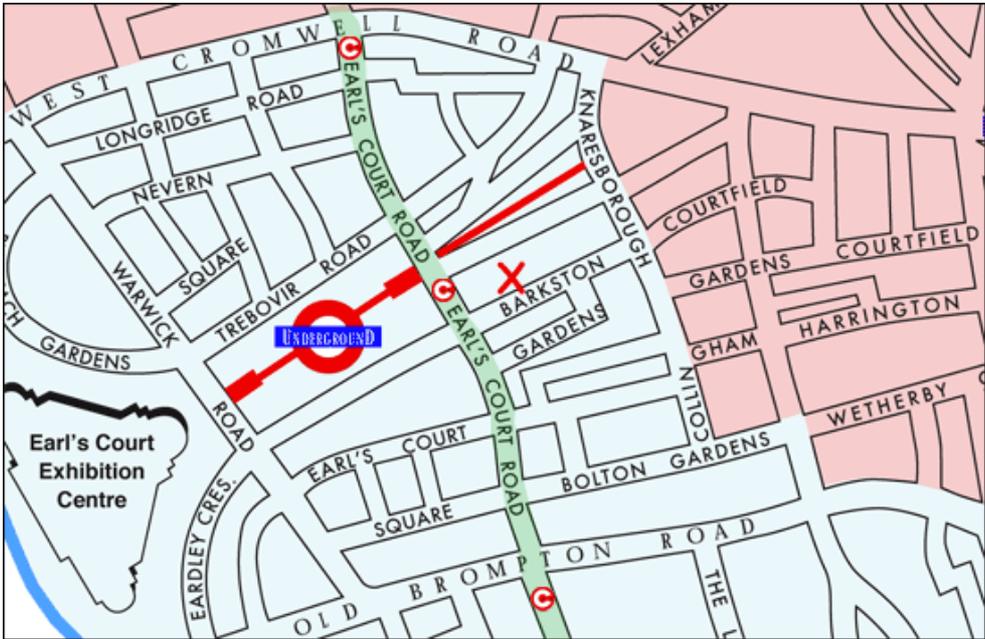
NEW LONDON MEETING PLACE

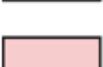
Owing to a very substantial price hike the Society decided to move the venue of our London meeting. This new venue is situated at The Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, London, SW5 0EN, - tel. 0207 373 1665. The Society will have the rear ground floor room that has a large skylight providing natural light.

Light refreshments will be available at the club bar, such as tea, coffee and soft drinks that the Society will provide for. Stronger drinks, and snacks will be available at members own expense, such as toasted and ordinary sandwiches, salads and Panini’s at very reasonable prices, contact Stephen Steere for further details.

The map below (with the club indicated by an X) shows its proximity to the station. It is situated one block from Earl's Court tube station (Earl's Court Rd exit), which is on the Piccadilly & District Lines, making it very easy to reach by public transport.

Parking:- On Saturdays after 1.30pm, you park further East of the club in the shaded area as indicated on the map key below. There you may park in metered bays, single yellow lines or in residents' bays. The congestion zone does not apply on a Saturday.



Hours of Residents' Parking control:		8.30am to 10pm Monday to Friday
		8.30am to 6.30pm Saturday
NB on Saturdays after 1.30pm, park one block east of the club, in the pink-shaded area of the map.		8.30am to 10pm Monday to Friday
		8.30am to 1.30pm Saturday

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Society AGM will be held on November 7, 2009 between 12 noon and 5pm at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, Earls Court, London. SW5. Official business starting at 1pm will be kept as brief as possible, and we ask members to bring along their perfin treasures & finds to show everyone. Hopefully there will be the usual mini-auction of member's perfin duplicates. This date has been chosen deliberately to coincide with Philatex held at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Victoria, SW1, between 10am and 5pm (situated behind the TA Centre where we previously met).

SECRETARY/TREASURER NEWS – STEPHEN STEERE

This August marks my first year in the post of Society Secretary & Treasurer, and I would like to thank the Committee and fellow members for being so friendly and helpful as I've found my feet. I have attempted to keep things as they were for those that dislike change and to also make things easier for those that do! I will give a full report in the December Bulletin following the AGM. As of September subscriptions are due so you will find a separate notice included with this Bulletin. If you have credit with the Society you will receive notification that you have already paid.

Society Meetings

The Spring London meeting unfortunately fell on a bank holiday weekend, so attendance was lower than normal, but I was very pleased to see Peter Maybury from South Africa and Richard Smolnicki from New Zealand (who also came to Sheffield). A big thank you to those that did make it from afar as I know travelling on public transport is not easy. We always enjoy the meetings but are aware of the need for the display of perfin material that many new members have never seen.

With that in mind an effort was made at the Sheffield meeting, where two Laptops were displaying perfins and perfin articles, and a Sloper record book and the Society perforator were on display, and Jeff Turnbull brought along publication samples. It was very nice to meet those members who cannot make it to London and I look forward to

seeing them in the future. My only complaint was that our hosts did not sign our meeting place other than on the room door, so as the public & stamp dealers were two floors below, we were hidden from view. We did have two non-members attend, and I'm pleased to say one, Mr J. Holmes joined the Society.

NEW LIBRARIAN NEEDED! – ALASTAIR WALTER

Our current librarian is unable to continue running the library beyond the end of 2009, so we are looking for a member to volunteer to take over some time before the end of the year. If we don't get a volunteer the Society will have no library service next year.

The job takes around two hours a week on average, but it is very easy to take a week off! It involves cataloguing new items that are added to the library and answering members' enquiries. The library is currently housed in approx. 20 feet of shelving plus a filing cabinet.

The Society will meet the cost of all necessary storage boxes etc. and supply a printer/scanner/copier to enable the new librarian to copy items for members. All other running costs such as postage and stationery will also be met by the Society. Some basic computer knowledge is necessary, but no previous experience of libraries is needed.

One great advantage of doing this job is access to a huge range of perfin literature, including all the Society's current publications. The librarian is also an officer of the Society, with a say in all committee decisions and with the annual membership fee waived.

If you are interested in learning more, or think you might be able to take on the job please email the current librarian, Alastair Walter, for more information.

Please note that I moved house in the first week of July so I have a new address which is shown on page 2 of this Bulletin. Please note that as the Bulletin goes to press I still don't have my new phone number. All requests for items from the library should be sent to the new address. There may be a small delay in despatch as you can imagine life is a bit chaotic at the moment.

MEMBERS COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

George F Males & Co – Perforator – Bulletin 360/20

John Mathews writes in reference to George F. Males (pages 20 & 21). “I have discovered a web site (<http://ancestry.malesfamily.co.uk>) which is a family history site posted by one of G. F. Males’ great-grandsons! It includes a photo of the shop on Deptford Broadway which shows a sign saying “Post Office”. He may be the George F. Males who died in London in the third quarter of 1913, which would explain why his son is shown standing outside the shop (note also the “Gilbey” advert on the shop front – must have been part of the stock of a grocer in those days?).”



“Previous Bulletin references to G. F. Males are Bulletin 342, June 2006, pp27-8 (my family history for him) and Bulletin 337, Aug 2005, pp. 10-11 (Pondage paid to him as sub-postmaster).”

“It seems that being a sub-postmaster alone did not provide enough income, and that it was usually done in conjunction with being a shop-keeper of some sort, and providing a perforating service. In Sloper’s case, he wasn’t a shop-keeper but had the majority of the perforating

business instead. George F. Males was also a “tea grocer” according to the 1901 Census – another sub-postmaster, W. A. Higgs of the Islington sub-post office was also a “tea grocer”.”

Periodic Perfins – Bulletin 360/17

The Periodic Table of elements (pages 17 & 18) brought back some distant memories! I have an Australian candidate for the “PO” slot which is in one of the attached files. The user was Phillips, Ormonde & Co., 17 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria, patent attorneys.

Like you, a couple of gaps are surprising – Ne, and Ce. However, Zn, Ru, Au, Eu, and Xe might prove difficult.

A New Carpet Die – Bulletin 360/14

John Mathews writes “It seemed a shame to have only one of the carpet dies (“J. H. H.” – J3675.01) without an user identity, so I had a look at Kelly’s Directory for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire for 1892. Beverley does not seem to have been such a large town, and I found that the only commercial entry which matched those initials was for:

Joseph Hannath HOBSON, Borough Treasurer and Treasurer to the Board of Guardians of the East Riding Lunatic Asylum, Hengate House, Beverley.

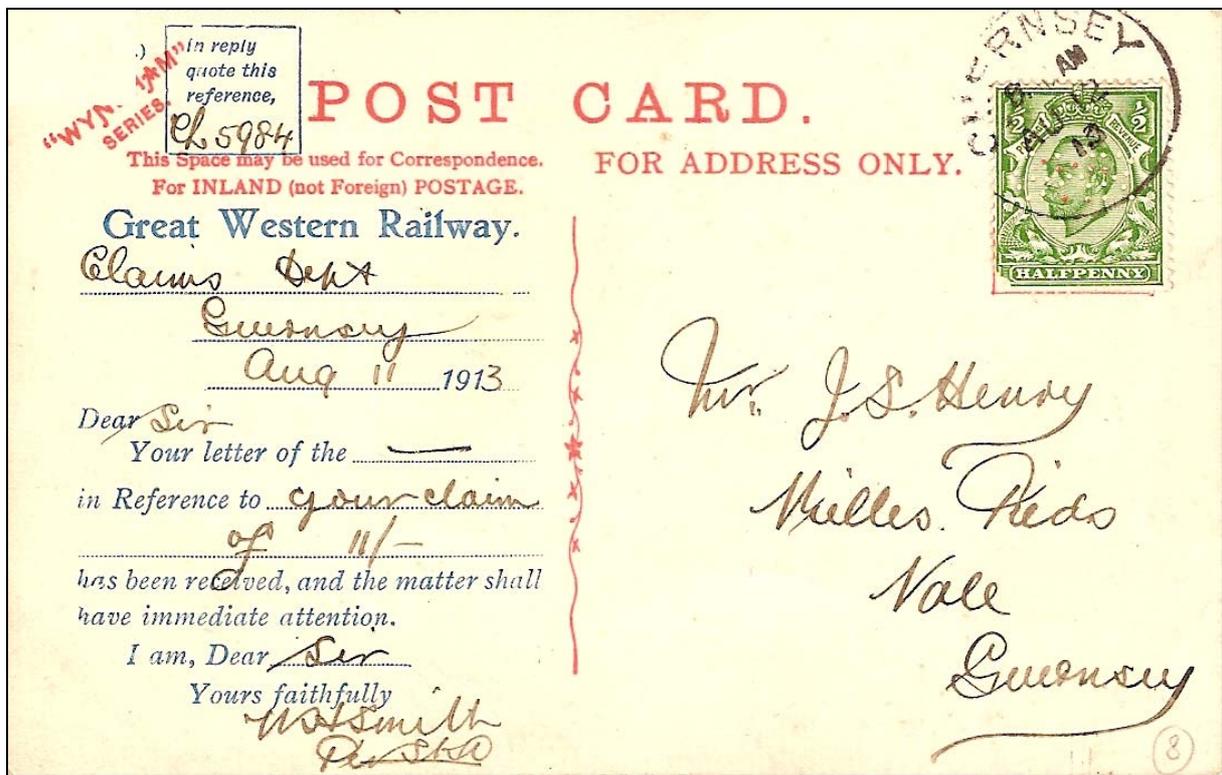
There were two others in the “private residents” section with those initials, but they did not appear in the commercial listing.

At the 1881 Census, Joseph H. Hobson was 30 years old, living in Beverley, and was a “bankers’ accountant and Borough Treasurer.

At the 1901 Census, Joseph H. Hobson, 50 years, born Beverley, was a bank manager in Beverley.”

Guernsey & Jersey Postmarks – Bulletin 360/5

There was considerable response to Roy Gault’s article and as you will see there is an additions list later in this Bulletin. **Martin Pollard** however recorded a particularly nice item. This is GWR (type G5610.07M I think) on an official GWR postcard from the Guernsey office of Great Western Railway cancelled 12 August 1913. GWR will have had an office in Guernsey, and probably Jersey as well, as they operated the boat service from Weymouth to the Channel Islands and so could be considered as a genuine Guernsey perfin. The reverse of the postcard is a picture of Euston Square Gardens, Portland.



THOUGHTS ON THE BOARD OF TRADE FORGERIES

Maurice Harp

In a series of articles between 1999 and 2001 **John Nelson** wrote extensively on the Board of Trade Perfins and whether the so called forgeries could indeed be genuine. However it was concluded in the end that many of the Board of Trade perfins were indeed forgeries and that all BOT perfins found on 1d reds are forgeries. One of the main pieces of evidence for this conclusion was a copy of plate 80 on piece with a CDS cancellation of Glasgow August 3rd 1864 – a date long before permission for perforating was granted. Since these articles were first published I have been keeping an eye out for other line engraved copies of this die. Almost every day BOT perfins seem to appear for sale and on a pretty frequent basis 1d red's will be put up for sale – often at ridiculous prices – and sometimes even supplied with an RPS certificate! So far I have recorded **sixteen** copies of 1d or 2d line engraved Board of Trade perfins forgeries. Two of these were on piece. The two illustrated below were cancelled Aberdeen October 14th 1864 and Inverness May 16th 1865 – two more impossible dates.



Aberdeen October 14th 1864 –
Plate 93



Inverness May 16th 1865 –
Plate n/k

It's interesting to note that all three pieces that have been recorded have Scottish cancellations – Aberdeen, Inverness and Glasgow. John also recorded in his article that he had seen examples on QV ½d Jubilees and a 1d lilac on letters printed on blue paper passing between Scottish branches of the British Linen Company Bank at Greenock and Tain and the Agent at Gospie.

I sent this additional information to John and he replied *“I very much doubt that anyone connected with the Bank had anything to do with the Board of Trade forgeries but it is possible that accumulated correspondence kept in their vaults was at some time sent to be destroyed. Instead of being burnt or dumped however the letters were seen to bear stamps and were sold, eventually landing up with the forgers who were looking out for that kind of material. This would have happened in the early part of the 20th Century when allegations as to forgery were first made. All conjecture of course but not an impossible scenario.”*

BADDELEY BROTHERS, LONDON - ADVERT

TRADE ONLY.



BADDELEY BROTHERS,

For *DIES, EMBOSING & PERFORATING PRESSES, etc., PLATE ENGRAVING, RELIEF STAMPING, etc., LITHOGRAPHY, VISITING CARDS, etc.*

TELEGRAMS: "BADDELEY," LONDON.

MOOR LANE, E.C.2.

An advert for Baddeley Brothers perforators, taken from
“British & Colonial Printer” August 5th 1920

UNUSUAL SHEFFIELD DAILY PAPER OVERPRINT

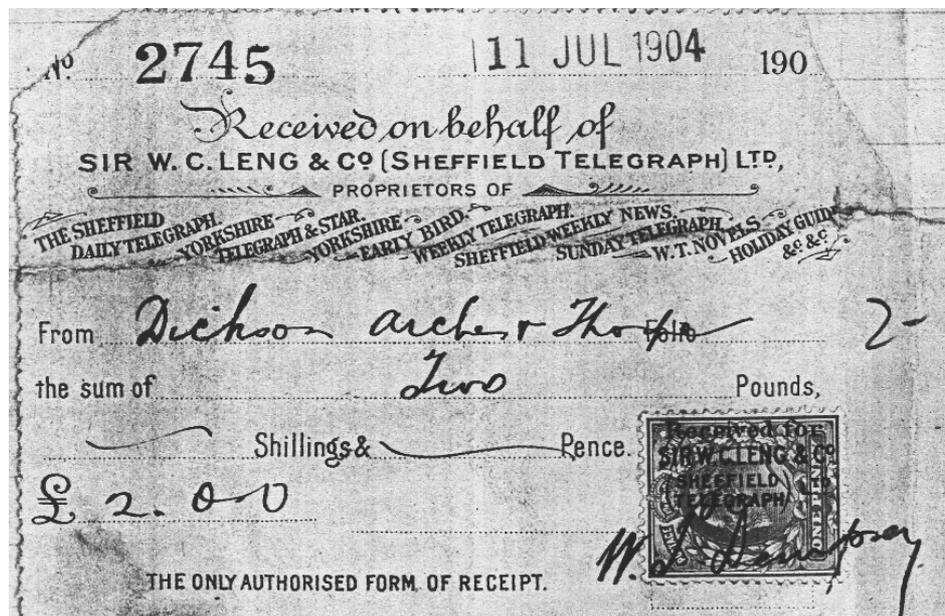
Rosemary Smith

At York Stamp Fair in January I came across a Sheffield related overprint that I had never seen before. Not only had I not seen the overprint, but the name on the overprint was unknown to me.

The King Edward VII 1d overprinted stamp was used as a receipt stamp on a bill from, "The Sheffield Daily Telegraph" and dated 11 July 1904. The bill was from "**D^r To Sir W. C. Leng & C^o (Sheffield Telegraph) Limited, Proprietors.**" Perhaps I am showing my ignorance but this was a new name for a Sheffield connection. The overprint reads, sideways down on the right of the stamp, on four lines "**Received for/SIR W.C. LENG Co./ (SHEFFIELD) L^{TD}..**"
(TELEGRAPH)

On the top of the bill, underneath, "Sheffield Daily Telegraph", are the words, 'The Oldest Daily Out of London'; 'Yorkshire Telegraph & Star, The Only Evening Paper in Sheffield'; and 'Weekly Telegraph, an Empire Circulation'.

On the receipt slip underneath 'Proprietors of' are listed:- The Sheffield Daily Telegraph; Yorkshire Telegraph & Star; Yorkshire Early Bird; Weekly Telegraph; Sheffield Weekly News; Sunday Telegraph; W.T. Novels; Holiday Guide; etc. etc. Without Radio, T.V. and the Internet, would all these papers still be in circulation to spread the latest news?



MISSING SLOPER DIES

Maurice Harp

From the early correspondence of Joseph Sloper with the Post Office it is very clear that Sloper was very proud of his invention to protect stamps from theft. Time and time again he went into bat to defend his business from the attacks of the government and his early competitors. It was this pride in his product that resulted in Slopers surviving over 100 years in the business, whilst his competitors fell away one by one.

We know that Sloper's first advertisement was produced just one day after he was given permission to perforate stamps by the Post office. But surprisingly this first advert did not use a stamp or illustration with the perfin JS for Joseph Sloper but rather had a penny red with perfin GR/W of Great Western Railways. It did have a cheque perforation saying "SLOPERS PATENT" but this was meant to be an advert for promoting his perforating device on stamps. Later adverts also failed to use Sloper's initials and in fact Sloper went to the expense of preparing a printing block of a penny red with the initials T/B&Co.

So what was Sloper using on his mail in those early days, which must have been extensive - was Sloper even using his own invention?

Dies Associated with Joseph Sloper

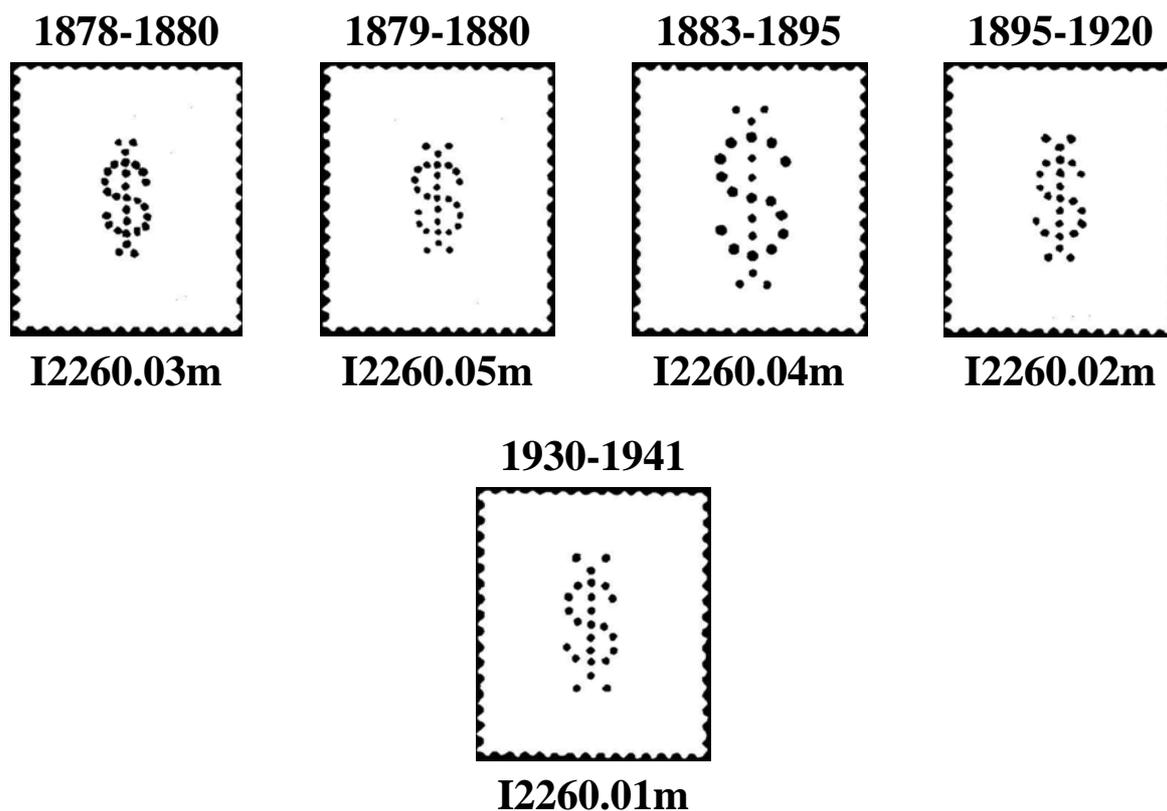
Die	Date of use	Letters	Identity	Use	Machine
I2260.03m	1878-1880	IS	Provisional	A	
I2260.05m	1879-1880	IS	Provisional	A	
I2260.04m	1883-1895	IS	Confirmed	B	S m/c 6324
I2260.02m	1895-1920	IS	Provisional	F, I	S m/c 6466
I2260.01mM	1930-1941	IS	Provisional	I-Q	S 6 x 1

J1650.01	1879-1905	JCS	Provisional	B, E, F	
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J6970.03	1952-1991	JS/&Co	Confirmed	Q, S, U, V, W	S1
J6970.08	1975-1985	JS/&Co	Confirmed	W, Z	S1

Dies identified as being used by Joseph Sloper are surprisingly few and far between particularly in the early days of perfins. The table above lists dies that have been linked with the company. Only **three**

of them have been confirmed to have been used by Sloper, although all the “IS” monogram dies were almost certainly used by Slopers.



Die I2260.02m was illustrated by Vallency in his booklet. Vallency says that he saw the die at the Sloper works and states that the die was in use by the company in 1933, somewhat later than recorded in the New Illustrated Catalogue. This die is very characteristic with the monogram made with the serified I and S. (Note that the use of a serified “I” for “J” was common up to the turn of the century and many of Slopers early dies use a serified “I” where we would expect a “J” to be used today). The similar dies shown above were all almost certainly used by Sloper but confirmation is still outstanding mainly because these are not very common dies. Why are the dies so unusual – surely Sloper’s mail must have been quite extensive?

The earliest of these dies I2260.03m is first known on a penny plate 212, which was not issued until July 1878. Thus we have no evidence, not even circumstantial evidence that Sloper

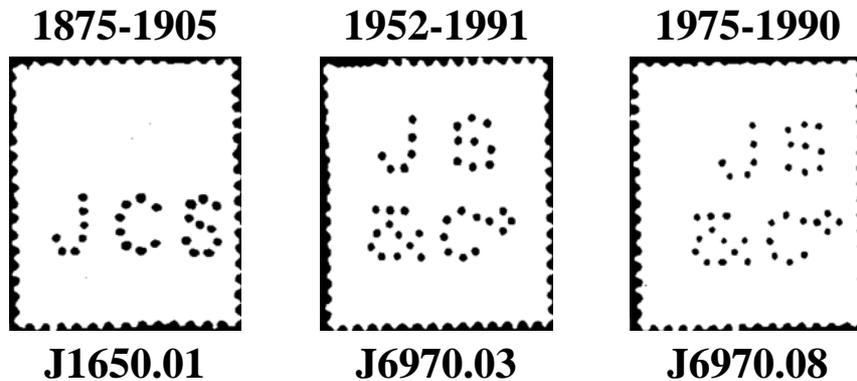
**POSTAGE STAMP PERFORATORS
(INITIAL).**

Alchin Alfred Lim, pharmaceutical chemists,
55 England's lane, Hampstead NW
Alchin Sidney & Co. Post office, 55 England's
lane, Hampstead NW
BRAHAM FRANK, Post office, 91 Tabernacle
st EC & Rivington st EC ; no die system
SLOPER J. & CO. 20 King William street
EC & Tower Royal
works NW; postage
& other stamps per-
forated with initials
of firms to prevent
purloining & sale of
stamps so marked.
(Joseph Sloper, in-
ventor & patentee of
the system)

Orders executed at one clear day's notice.
Established over 40 years
T A "Sloper, London"
T N 5530 Bank

used perfins at all in the first 10 years of the company!

Die JCS - J1650.01 has been linked with Slopers but although used in London EC this die was simply used in adverts in early trade directories (1897) and there is no obvious reason why he would have adopted the middle initial "C" and so it is very unlikely to have been used by the firm.

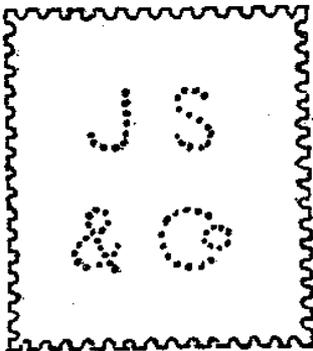


We now have to move to the 1950's to find the next Sloper dies (J6970.03/08) and these are recorded as single headed dies! Its hard to believe that Sloper only used single headed dies from the 1950's until the firm was wound up. And we also have a gap between 1941 and 1952 where we have no record at all of Slopers using their own invention. Surely there are other dies out there that must have been used by Sloper but are still to be identified.

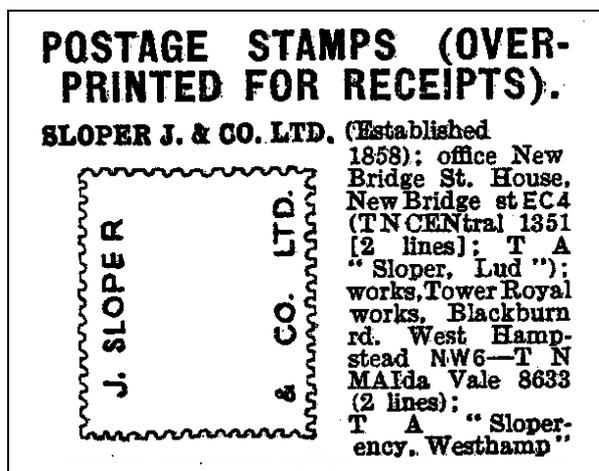
For the record in later editions of Kelly's another fictitious "die" was used for advertising which is shown here. At least at this stage the company was using its own initials - JS/&Co. This "die" is used for publicity from 1947 and was used up to 1980

**POSTAGE STAMP
PERFORATORS (INITIAL).**

SLOPER J. & CO. LTD. (Established 1858); office New Bridge St. House, New Bridge st EC4 (TN CENTral 1351 [2 lines]; T A "Sloper, Lud"); works, Tower Royal works, Blackburn rd. West Hampstead NW6—T N MAIda Vale 8633 (2 lines); T A "Sloper-ency. Westhamp"



I also show over leaf an advert, also taken from the 1947 Kelly's a "fictitious" (?) overprint for J. Sloper & Co. Ltd. (the usage range for this advert was from at least 1947 to at least 1968).



In early editions of the Tomkins catalogue die J6850.01m, which uses JS rather than IS, was shown as being used by Sloper. This die has been reported on the penny lilac to the later Victorian stamps. However although the die, (No. 6826), was made by Sloper in 1887 it is now known to have nothing to do with Sloper and was used by John Shaw.

I can only find one strong contender for being an early die used by Sloper and that is J6820.01 - J.S, which is found on penny plates 117-184 i.e. it may be the predecessor of I2260.03m. It is thought to have been used between 1868 and 1878 i.e. it would nicely plug the gap in the first 10 years. The machine is Sloper No 2609, which was ordered in May 1868.

1868-1878



J6820.01

Numerous other JS/&Co types of dies are recorded and some of these may have been used by Sloper, but as of yet we have no evidence for any of them plugging the gap between 1941 and the 1950's.

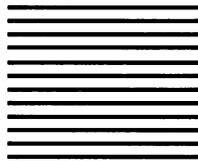
Thus the use of perfin dies by Slopers appears to have been strangely limited. Maybe members could write in and tell us whether they have any of the above dies, the dates of use and the stamps that they were used on. Indeed it would be interesting to record the usage of all possible JS/&Co dies. Better still search through your collections and see if we can't unearth other dies used by Slopers.

(Thanks to John Mathews for supplying the scans of the Sloper adverts.)

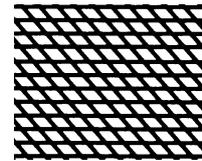
KING GEORGE V SEAHORSE SURVEY

Ian Hamill

Way back in 1994 I started to compile a catalogue of Perfins found on King George V Seahorses in collaboration with Peter Tuckey. Sadly, Peter died in 1996 and the project has been left to simmer gently on the back-burner for the past 13 years. However, the time has now come to publish, but before I do I want to tidy up some of the loose ends!

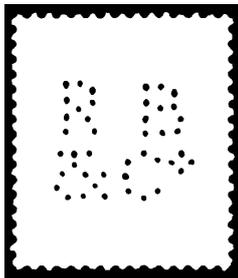


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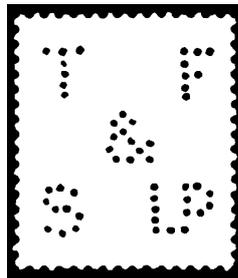


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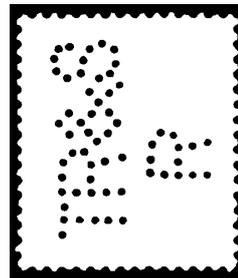
There are just 4 dies/stamps for which the Type 'A' (Horizontal lines behind the King's head) or Type 'B' (Horizontal and Diagonal lines behind the King's head) is unrecorded.



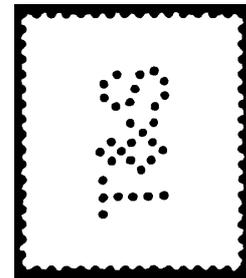
R0460.04



T1720.01



T3910.01M



T4040.03

If you have any of the above dies on KGV Seahorses, please let me know by emailing me. The illustrations have been shown here against a definitive sized stamp for convenience!



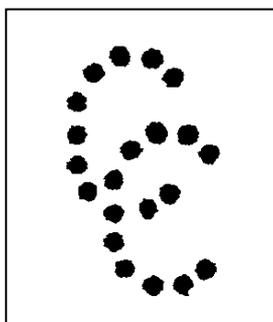
One final plea. The £1 (Green) Seahorse, printed briefly 1913-1915 by Waterlow Bros & Layton Ltd, is currently unrecorded with a Perfin. I would be more than pleased to hear from you if you know differently!

THE PERFIN THAT NEVER WAS (OR CAVEAT EMPTOR)

Chris Carr

Once upon a time I had a desire to have a Perfin machine that would produce my own Perfin to be used on all my mail. Eventually I located a company who would make such a machine, designed my intended Perfin and successfully raided the piggy bank to finance the purchase of this machine.

The maximum die area was 1" x ¾" [25.1 x 19.1mm] but obviously it would have to be smaller than that. With a limited choice of initials, i.e. C, CC or CJTC, I decided on CC and by overlapping the two initials, produced a design as below.



Previously, in 1995 I had arranged for John Lyding of The Perfins Club to be supplied with an Anchor Perfin [US 61IP] and in 1997, John Mathews with a perfin PC / NZA for the Perfin Club of NZ and Australia. So in 2007 I wrote to Chainstream Ltd, with an address in Carshalton, Surrey as they had made these two machines, but got no reply, nor were telephone calls answered.

Following many enquiries and Internet searches it was not until 11 August 2008, following a phone call, that I wrote to Chainstream UK Ltd., 196 Morland Road, Croydon CRO 6NF [0208 686 6500], who denied any connection with the other company, to obtain a quotation for the above design using their FD3 machine that had a base area of 5¾" x 2½" [146.1 x 63.5mm] weighing 2¾ lbs [1.24 kg] and would be predominately aluminium. I also asked to be advised of the cost of postage and packing together with an expected delivery date after payment. This letter was never answered but after several more abortive phone calls I eventually spoke to a Mr. Judge who quoted a price of £285 for such a design.

A cheque for the agreed amount was sent on 11 September, at the same time I asked that posting of the machine should be delayed until after 10 October due to a vacation in the USA. The cheque was cleared through my bank on 1 October. As nothing more happened I phoned on 11 November and was informed that posting would be the next day but it never arrived.

Several more phone calls were made but no contact was made until 23 January 2009 when I was told that delivery would be made on 26th or 27th. On 10 February I was told it would be sent by the carrier TNT but it still did not arrive. On 25 February a new machine would be personally delivered in seven days, subsequently personal delivery was promised by 6 March, 7 April and finally my money would be returned if it were not supplied by 17 April. On 22 April and 5 May I was informed that the cheque was to be posted next day!

Finally on 8 May I was told that the cheque had been posted the previous day by Recorded Delivery. On 9 May the cheque arrived but it had only been sent by first class ordinary post and postmarked the previous day. There was no letter or apology but at least the cheque did not bounce!

WILLIAM GODLEY, SHEFFIELD - ADVERT

This advert from William Godley shows that they produced “embossing presses and endorsing machines”. However there is no evidence that they produced perfin machines at this time.

WILLIAM GODLEY,

MANUFACTURER OF

Marks, Letters, Figures, Brands, Brass & Steel Stamps, Embossing Presses, Endorsing Machines, Letter and Label Dies, Brass Labels, Seals, Key Rings, &c.

Stamps for Cutlery, Saws, Files, Steel, Joiners' Tools, Iron, Wood, &c. Letters and Figures for Wood or Iron, in Sets or otherwise.

Ironmongers and Tool Dealers Supplied.

Brass Stamps, with Movable Dates, Cut to any Size.

Depôt for all kinds of Stamping Machines for Office and Acceptance Stamps; also for Stamping Name and Address on Post Cards, &c.

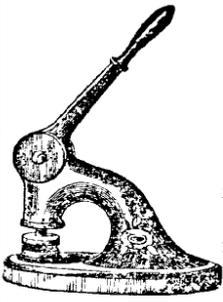
Brass Labels— $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 1 in., 20/- per 1000; die, 10 6. 2 by $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., 30/- per 1000; die, 12 ..
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ by $1\frac{3}{8}$ in., 40 - per 1000; die, 14/-.

Prices for dies refer only to where they have to be cut to order.

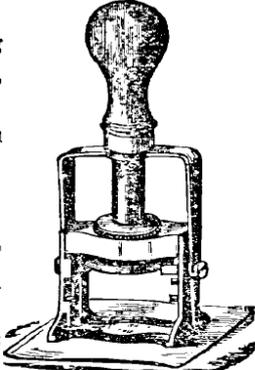
Moulders' Letters (Brass or Hard White Metal)—All sizes up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in., 6/6 per set of 27:
1 in., 9/-; $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., 10 6; $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., 12 6.

EXCHANGE DIE & LETTER WORKS, 58, FARGATE, SHEFFIELD.

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Lever Embossing Press, complete, with Die, from 17/-.



Self-Inking Endorsing Stamp, with die not exceeding 2 dozen letters, from 11 6; with Dates for 99 years, 25/6.

CHANNEL ISLAND PERFIN UPDATE

Roy Gault

Firstly, apologies for not using the Perfin Society '50 Years' Celebration CD when I listed the Guernsey/Jersey Postmarked Perfins recently. If I had, I would have found a few more, including the Guernsey Bisect (C6480.06)! Thanks also to **Jack Brandt, John Mathews, Martin Pollard, Michael Millar** and **Jeff Turnbull** for responding to the article. The 'full' list of 30 Dies is as follows:

No	Reference	PS Cat No	Letters	User	Die in use	Guernsey	Jersey
1	B360	B0010.55	B	Babers Ltd, Jersey.	1935-1936		Jersey
2	B360	B0010.57	B	Babers Ltd, Jersey.	c1905		Jersey
3	B360	B2730.01	BF/FC		1912-1915	Guernsey	
4	B360	B6560.01	B&S/C	Ø Robert Bird & Son, Cardiff.	1895-1905	Guernsey	
5	B360	B6560.02	B&S/C	Ø Robert Bird & Son, Cardiff.	1905-1912	Guernsey	
6	B360	C0530.01	C.B/B	Cadbury Bros Ltd, Birmingham.	1957-1980		Jersey
7	B343/4	C6480.06	CR/&C ^o	Charles Russell & Co, London E.	1920-1940	Guernsey	
8	MP	C7970.01	CU/G	Commercial Union Group.	c1965		Jersey
9	B360	F3860.01	FS/Ld	Fuel Supplies (Channel Isles) Ltd.	1965-1969	Guernsey	Jersey
10	B360	F3950.03	FS/W	Ø Fore Street Warehouse Co Ltd.	1900-1915		Jersey
11	B360	G1390.01	de in G	A de Gruchy, St Helier, Jersey.	1876-1972		Jersey
12	B146	G1610.02	GER	Great Eastern Railway.	1910-1924		Jersey
13	B360	G1610.03	GER	Great Eastern Railway.	1895-1915		Jersey
14	MP	G5610.05M	GWR	Great Western Railway.	1910-1922	Guernsey	
15	B360	G5610.07M	GWR	Great Western Railway.	1925-1939	Guernsey	
16	B360	G5610.07aM	GWR	Great Western Railway.	1887-1912	Guernsey	Jersey
17	B360	J2600.01	J/EX		1895-1900		Jersey
18	Draft Rly Cat	L4140.02M	LN/E	London & North Eastern Railway.	1923-1947		Jersey
19	Draft Rly Cat	L5180.01	LS/WR	Ø London & South Western Railway.	1890-1902		Jersey
20	Draft Rly Cat	L5180.03	LS/WR	London & South Western Railway.	1899-1903		Jersey
21	B216	L5180.04	LS/WR	London & South Western Railway.	1905-1922	Guernsey	
22	MP	M0015.02	M	I & R Morley Ltd, London EC2.	1895-1940	Guernsey	
23	B257	N0740.02M	NC/R	National Cash Register Co Ltd.	1945-1965		Jersey
24	B257	O0080.01	OA/GC	Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp.	1939-1960		Jersey
25	B360	R1960.01c	RG	The Royal Insurance Group.	1954-1980	Guernsey	Jersey
26	B360	S1395.01	SCF	Sporting Club Française, Jersey.	1977-1982		Jersey
27	B259/JB	S3820.01	SI/L ^d	Spillers Industries Ltd, Liverpool.	1945-1970	Guernsey	
28	B360	W1050.01	WCA	Western Counties Agricultural ...	1945-1965	Guernsey	
29	JT	W1050.02	WCA	Western Counties Agricultural ...	1890-1925	Guernsey	
30	B360	W1860.09	WD	Wetherall Drake & Co Ltd, Guernsey.	1903-1925	Guernsey	

PERFIN COVER TO VICTORIA CROSS HOLDER

Paul North

I believe that I may be the only member who has a perfin cover addressed to a holder of the Victoria Cross! Illustrated below is a copy of the cover for which I paid 7/6d to a dealer in Colchester in 1970 – which in those days was a not insignificant sum of money.

The cover, bearing a 1½d Edward VII stamp is attached to an embossed one penny envelope. The stamp bears the perfin – COX C5680.02 – who were military bankers and agents with their head office in Charing Cross.

The addressee, Captain Henry Mitchell Jones, won his Victoria Cross on June 7th 1855 in the Quarries in Sevastopol in the Crimea. He was a Company Commander in the Royal Fusiliers (AKA The Elegant Extracts) or the 7th Regiment of Foot.

The letter was stamped at 5:15 pm on November 1st 1906. Captain Jones was the British Vice Consul at Kristiania in Norway. This (re-directed) cover has a cds for Holmenken on the same date and a receiving strike for London SW on November 8th. Would a re-directed letter do any better today? I doubt it very much.



SLOPER'S PATENTS

Maurice Harp

As perfin collectors we tend to only think of Joseph Sloper as the inventor of the perfin. But Joseph Sloper described himself in many ways during his life – builder & decorator, civil engineer and inventor and indeed his first patent in 1857 was for an improved means of motive power for propelling ships. It was in 1858 that he was granted patent 1985 that was punching holes into cheques and documents as a means of cancelling and preventing fraud. This was the patent that was used for perfining of stamps and effectively granted Sloper a monopoly from 1868 when the government gave permission until 1872 i.e. 14 years after the granting of the patent which was the law at that time.



A.D. 1858, 1st SEPTEMBER. N° 1985.

Indelibly Crossing or Marking Bankers' Cheques, &c.

LETTERS PATENT to Joseph Sloper, of No. 215, Oxford Street, in the County of Middlesex, Builder and Decorator, for the Invention of "IMPROVED MEANS OF AND APPARATUS FOR INDELIBLY CROSSING OR MARKING BANKERS' CHEQUES, DRAFTS, DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER THINGS, WITH A VIEW OF PREVENTING ERASURES OR FRAUDULENT DEALINGS THEREWITH."

Sealed the 23rd November 1858, and dated the 1st September 1858.

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said Joseph Sloper at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 1st September 1858.

I, JOSEPH SLOPER, of 215, Oxford Street, in the County of Middlesex, Builder and Decorator, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "IMPROVED MEANS OF AND APPARATUS FOR INDELIBLY CROSSING OR MARKING BANKERS' CHEQUES, DRAFTS, DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER THINGS, WITH A VIEW OF PREVENTING ERASURES OR FRAUDULENT DEALINGS THEREWITH," to be as follows:—

10 My Invention of improved means of and apparatus for crossing or marking bankers' cheques, drafts, documents, or other things with a view of preventing erasures and fraudulent dealings therewith, relates to a novel mode of crossing or marking bankers' cheques, drafts, or other things by means of a machine which forms the words (and Co.) or other word or words, mark, or device, 15 on any cheque, draft, or other thing required to be marked by perforations.

My apparatus or machine consists chiefly of a surface made of any suitable

The London Gazette published the granted patents during the Victorian period and electronic copies of the Gazette are now available on the internet. I have searched their records and have found that Sloper was granted six patents during his lifetime.

October 27th 1857 – Patent 2734 – To Joseph Sloper, of Oxford Street, in the county of Middlesex, Builder & Decorator, for the invention of “improved means of, and apparatus for, obtaining motive power for propelling ships or driving machinery.”

August 31st 1858 - Patent 1985 – To Joseph Sloper, of 215, Oxford Street, in the county of Middlesex, Builder and Decorator, for the invention of improved means of and apparatus for indelibly crossing or marking bankers cheques, drafts, documents, or other things, with a view of preventing erasures or fraudulent dealings therewith.”

December 21st 1866 – Patent 3373 – To Joseph Sloper, of Walbrook House, Walbrook, in the city of London, Civil Engineer, for the invention of “improved means of, and apparatus for, obtaining motive power applicable for driving machinery and for ventilating mines, buildings, ships and other spaces.”

September 4th 1868 – Patent 2741 – And Joseph Sloper, of Walbrook House, Walbrook, in the city of London, Civil Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of “improved means of, and apparatus for, perforating, punching, cutting, or stamping cardboard, metal, and other materials, and especially applicable to perforating railway tickets.”

March 1st 1869 – Patent 643 – To Joseph Sloper, of Walbrook House, Walbrook, in the city of London, Civil Engineer, for the invention of “improvements in machines or apparatus for perforating, punching, cutting, or stamping cardboard, metal and other materials.”

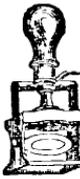
December 9th 1872 – Patent 3740 – And Joseph Sloper, of Walbrook House, Walbrook, in the city of London, Civil Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of “improvements in tools or apparatus for producing perforations (grouped to represent marks, letters, figures, or devices upon or) through paper and other materials.”

As can be seen Sloper didn't abandon his ideas for improved motive power for ships and was granted a second patent in 1866 for further improvements. Whether this patent was ever used I have no knowledge but it seems unlikely as by 1866 Sloper was producing many “perfin” machines for cheque and document cancellation.

Sloper's second patent was the 1858 patent that formed the basis for perforation of stamps as well as cheques and documents. The other previously documented patent is the last one – No 3740 of 1872 which was primarily made to covers features for machines that could have variable date plugs. However as can be seen from the list there were two other patents taken out in 1868 and 1869 covering punching of railway tickets and punching and stamping of heavy materials such as cardboard and metal.

BAILEY BROTHERS, LONDON - ADVERT

Another advert for a manufacturer of endorsing machines is shown below. At this time there is no evidence that they produced perfin machines although as can be seen they produced endorsing and embossing presses.

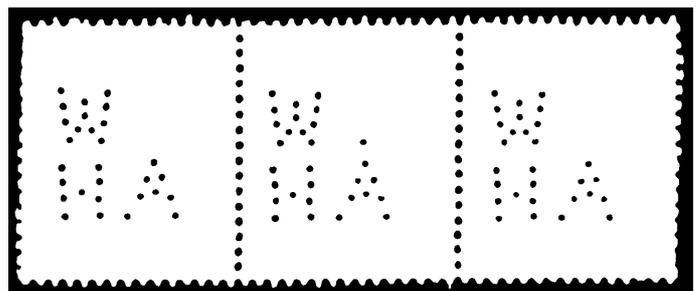
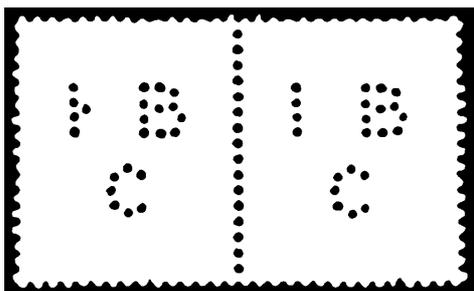
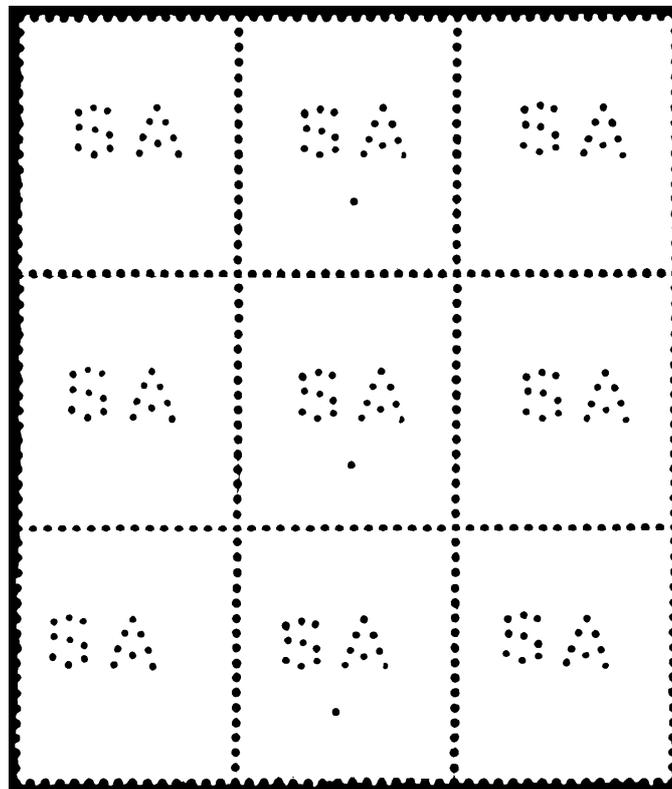
<p>BAILEY BROTHERS, Stencil Plate Cutters to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 71, CHANCERY LANE, LONDON, W.C.</p>	
 <p>To Prevent Loss, use BAILEY BROTHERS' Improved SILVER LINEN MARKERS, which far Supersede the clumsy and tedious method of writing with the Pen. The most unpractised person can use them with ease, rapidity, and beauty.</p> <p>Name Plate, 2/-; Monogram, 3 6; Crest, 4.6. Set of Moveable Numbers, 2.6.</p>  <p>PRIZE MEDAL AWARDED to BAILEY BROS. for their INDELIBLE MARKING INK, which requires No Preparation, neither the Hot Iron, or Holding to the Fire, and Guaranteed not to Wash Out. <i>Bottles, 6d. & 1/-. Brush, 6d.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BAILEY BROS.' ENDORSING PRESSES.</p> <p>These Machines are the simplest and most ingenious ever introduced, for Endorsing Bills of Exchange, Bank Notes, Cheques, Official Documents, Tradesmen's Addresses, &c. They are also made with Moveable Dates, thereby making them invaluable for all purposes of Endorsement.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">BAILEY BROS.' LEVER EMBOSSING PRESSES,</p> <p>For Stamping your own Paper with Crest, Monogram, or Address. The Press, Die, and Counter complete, £1. 5s. Any person can use them.</p> 

“ROGUE PINS” - AN UPDATE

Roy Gault

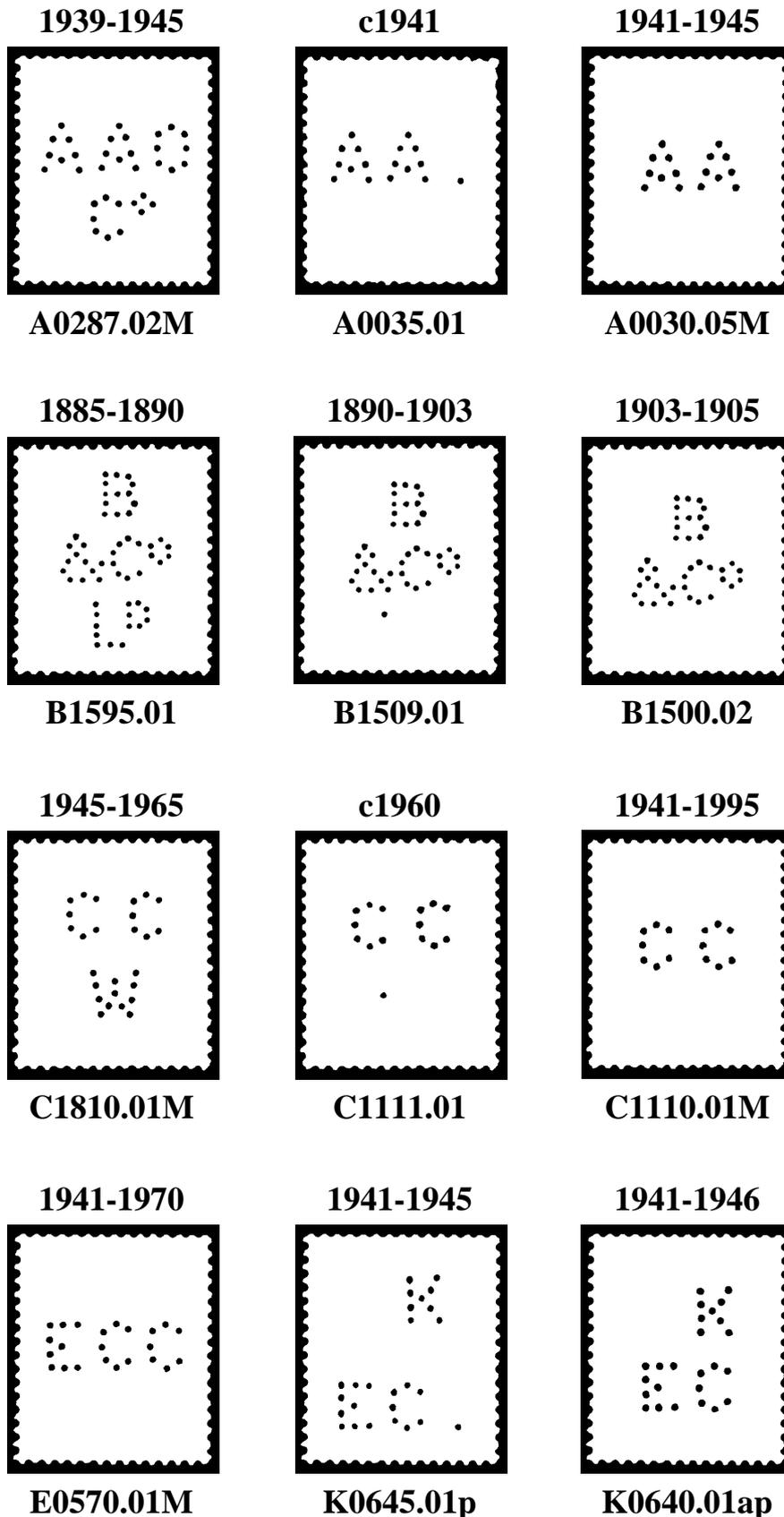
My original article, “Deliberate Pin Removal - The Ones that Got Away!”, appeared in Bulletin No. 258 (June 1992), and featured three dies each showing a “Rogue Pin”. A rogue pin is where an existing die has been modified (sometimes only temporarily) by removing pins to create a different pattern, **but an odd pin has been left in by mistake.**

For multiheaded dies, the scenario is best illustrated in a strip or block, but these are scarce to come by! For example, **Ron Harris** (Bulletin 219, October 1985) reported this ‘Sun Alliance’ block of 6d Wildings.

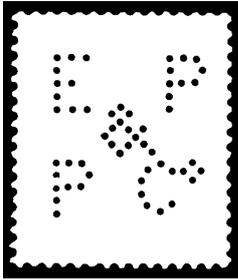


Two more multiples showing a ‘Rogue Pin’ stamp in context.

The following pages show alphabetically all the ‘Rogue Pin’ examples reported to me over the years, in triple format where possible. i.e. The ‘Original’ pattern, the ‘Rogue Pin’ pattern, and the ‘Intended’ pattern.

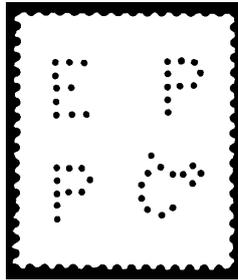


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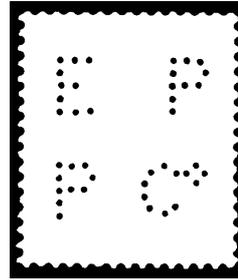
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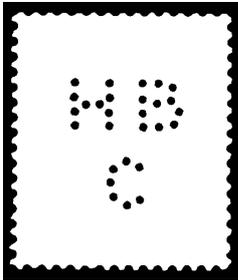
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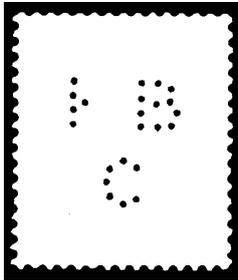
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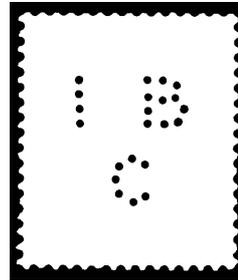
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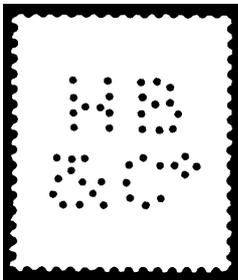
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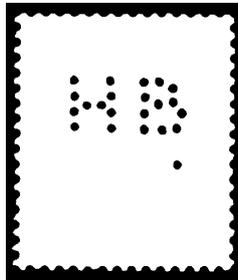
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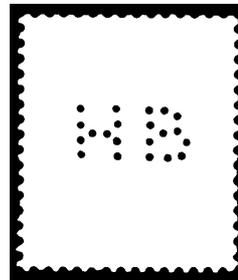
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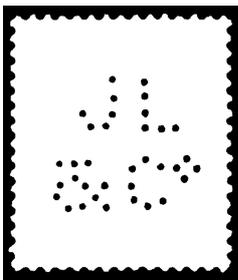
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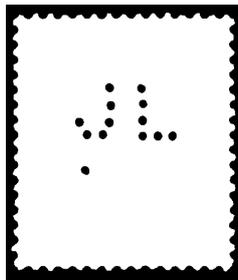
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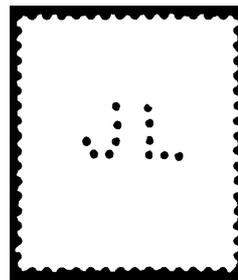
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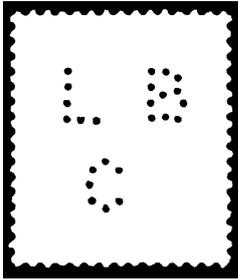
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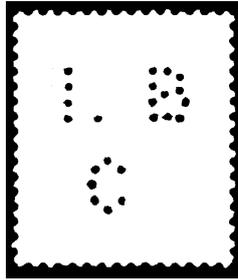
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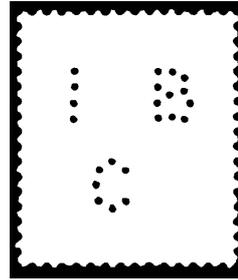
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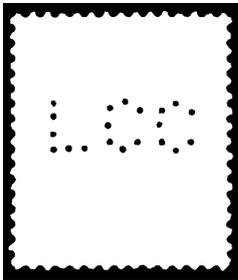
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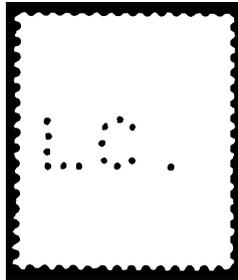
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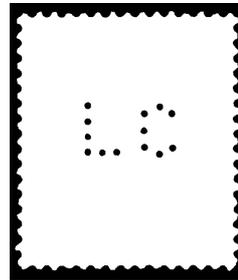
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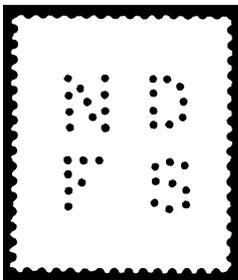
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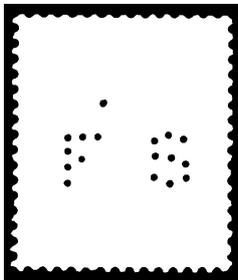
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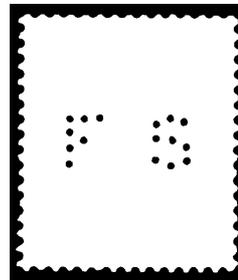
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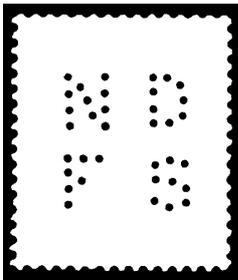
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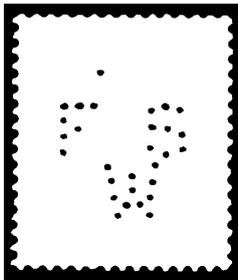
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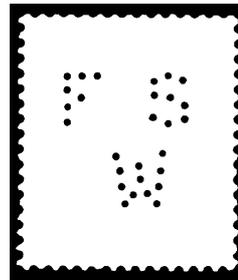
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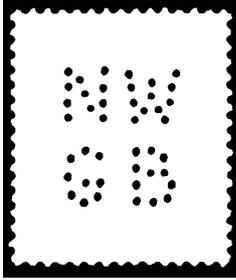
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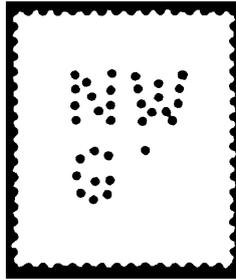
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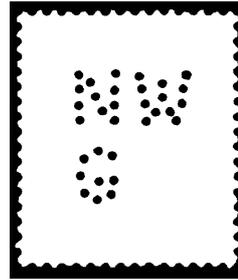
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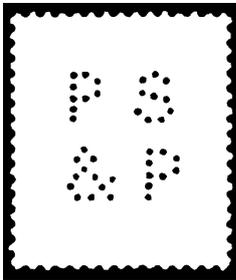
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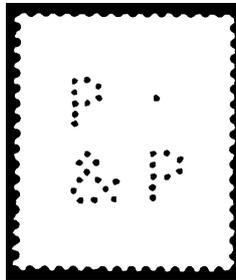
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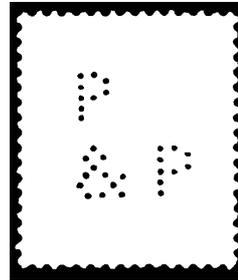
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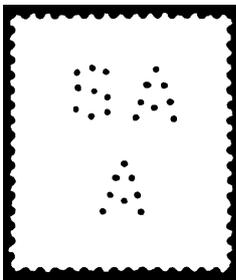
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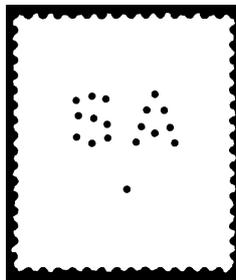
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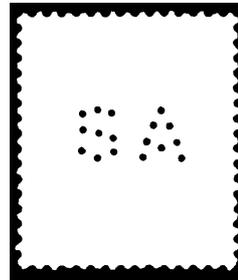
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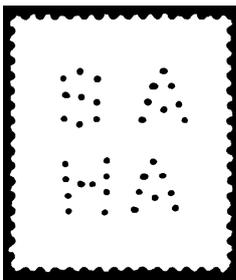
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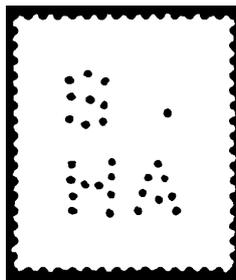
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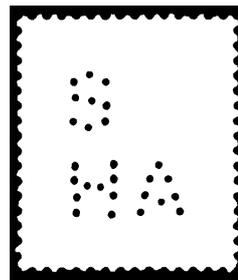
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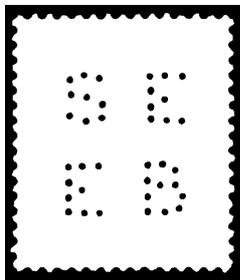
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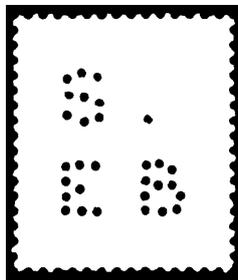
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1948-1995

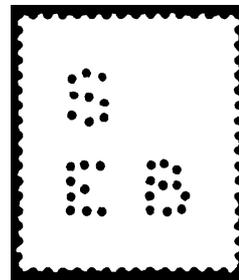


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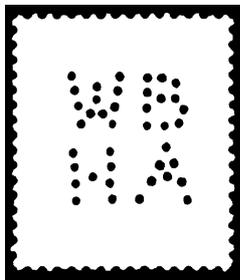
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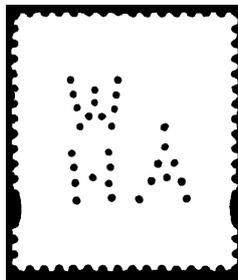


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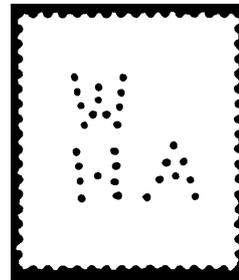
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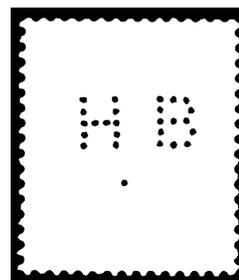
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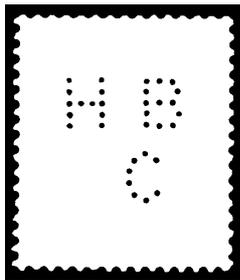
This penultimate die also poses a problem! There are 3 dies known that fit the “HB” portion, but none of them account for the ‘Rogue Pin’.

1890-1905



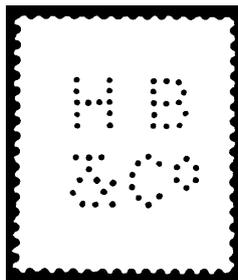
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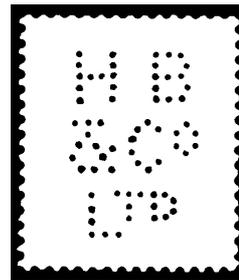
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1900-1905

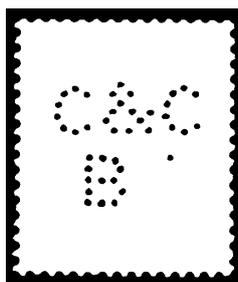


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This final die is a bit of an enigma!

This time only the 'Rogue Pin' version exists, if indeed that's what it is. The asymmetry of the design points to a missing letter, but unfortunately there are no patterns reported (both published and unpublished) to match with this die. Perhaps you can help by looking through your C's to see what you can find?

c1895



C1207.01

The stamp involved is a QV Jubilee ½d (vermilion),
postmarked Bromsgrove, 8th February, 1895.

This is a small group of 20 'Rogue Pin' Perfins, eminently suitable for a display at a local stamp club exhibition. Admittedly, some of the examples are scarce, but a fair few are reasonably easy to come by because the 'error' either wasn't spotted for a long time, or although spotted early, it was judged not worth the effort to rectify it. As can be seen from the dates, a number of these may be found on 'modern' issues, with one even known on the Elliptical-cut Machins ("W./HA"). There's 'treasure' to be found in Machins if the time can be spared to look, but if I'm honest, I'd prefer a UK 20p piece without the date!

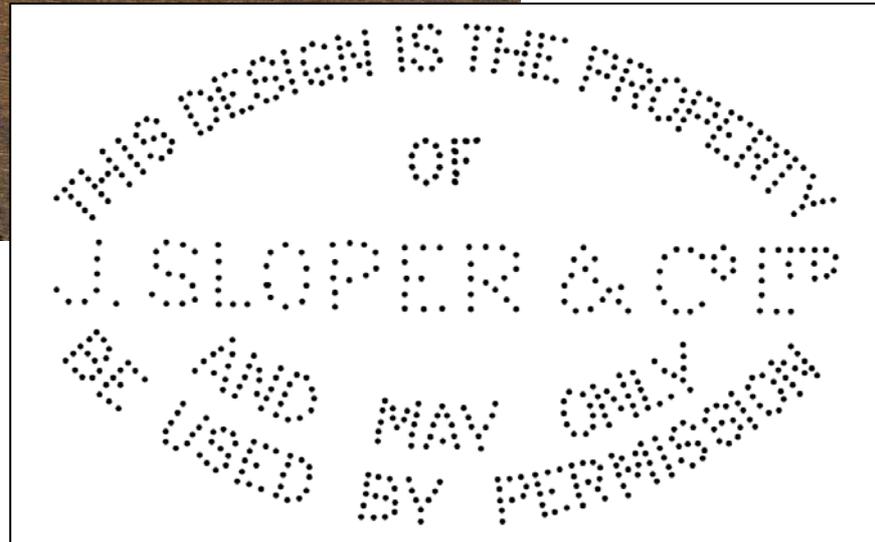
If you can add any more details that further refine the stated date ranges, I would be pleased to hear from you. As some of the 'Rogue Pin' stamps are hard to come by, ***I would also be pleased to receive details of the stamps they've been found on.*** And of course, please report any unlisted 'Rogue Pin' examples you're lucky enough to find!

My thanks go to Jack Brandt, Norman Hewerdine, Derek Ive, Keith Sears, Harry Skinner (ob), Arthur Smith (ob), Rosemary Smith, and Eric Whitehead for reporting the new examples in the article.

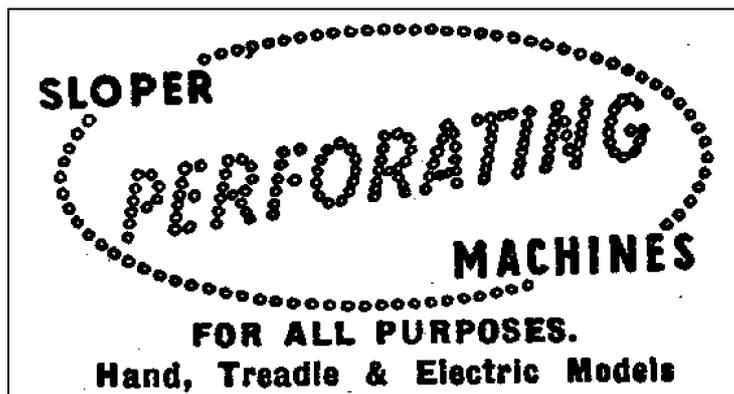
ANOTHER SLOPER TEMPLATE

James Norris

In Bulletin 357 I showed a Sloper template that I acquired from the factory scrap bin. At the same time, I got the template which is illustrated below. Below is a scan taken from the brass plate of the die and a tracing to give a clearer image.



In Bulletin 352/20 **Terry Comper** illustrated a “Sloper Perforating Machines” template and in Bulletin 357/31 I illustrated a second similar template. Now **John Mathews** has found that this die was used for advertising in Kelly’s directory from 1965 to at least 1984.



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