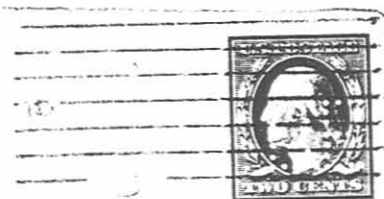


Unexplained Usage of Pattern B91

Joseph Laura (#1238)

Andrew N. Fox
120-28 S. Sangamon Street
Chicago, Ill.



The Catalog of United States Perfins, Balough and Balough, 1979, lists Benjamin Franklin Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois as the confirmed user of perfin patten B91. That corporate name matches the "BE" of the pattern. The photographically cropped illustrated cover was franked with a two-cent red Washington head when it was mailed on Valentine's day in 1912 in Chicago. The corner card, "Andrew N. Fox, 120-28 S. Sangamon Street, Chicago, Ill." is not a match by any stretch of the imagination. Unfortunately, our catalog does not provide the users' addresses hence we are unable to determine if Benjamin Electric and Andrew N. Fox were co located. I have forwarded a full-size photocopy to John Randall, the US Catalog Editor, for his evaluation and comments.