Suggested Catalog Additions and Corrections

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The following three additions and corrections to The Catalog of United States Perfins were first brought to my attention by Joe Laura (#1238). It was necessary to write to Joe to obtain additional information on some of the covers. Joe reported that he had sold the covers to Richard Learn (#3265) who provided the additional details required. My thanks to both members for their assistance in preparing this article. For convenience, the perfins are reported in catalog order and the word "catalog" means The Catalog of United States

Perfins, Balough and Balough (1979), The Perfins Club, Inc.

There are two "AM" patterns listed in the catalog, A176 and A176.5. Both perfins are listed as being used by "Amn Mutual Liability Ins Co, Hartford, CT" It is easy to distinguish between the patterns as the letter "A" is 9mm on A176 and 9/mm on A176.5. The cover illustrated on the top of page 99 (Figure 1) is a two cent embossed envelope with the additional one cent postage paid with a Franklin head stamp punched with pattern A176. The cover was postmarked September 1, 1934 at Albany, NY. The main catalog entry indicates that supplementary data is provided in the Appendix. The supplemental data are: "American Policyholders Insurance, Co: (PC) Boston, MA". However; the corner card address: American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, 11 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY is not listed in the catalog. It is recommended that the US Catalog Editor include this additional data in the next catalog revision.

Arbuthnot-Stephenson Company, a dry goods and notions wholesaler, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is After 5 days, return to

AMERICAN MUTUAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY,

11 North Pearl St.,

ALBANY, N. Y.



Figure 1 - American Mutual Liability Insurance Company

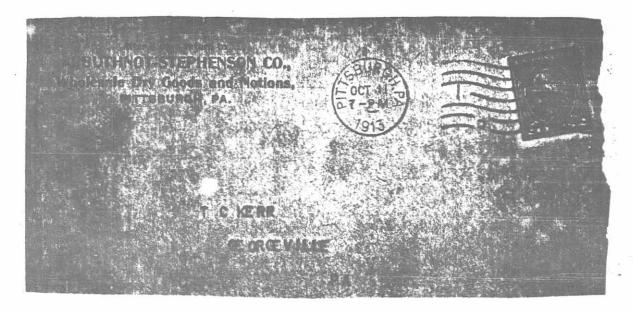


Figure 2 - Arbuthnot-Stephenson Company

the user of the October 11, 1913 cover shown as Figure 2. That cover is franked with a two cents red Washington-head punched with perfin pattern A250. The AS/C(o) pattern matches the company's name. This is a new identification the catalog simply lists the perfin's letters and size.

The Atlas Powder Company of Wilmington, Delaware is listed as the user of perfin pattern A271 in the current catalog. No supplementary data are provided. Since the perfin spells AT/LAS I expect that Atlas was the primary user. The corner card on the illustrated cover (see Figure 3, page 100)

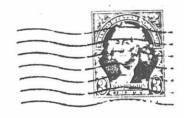
-- The Zapon Company, Stamford, Connecticut -- conjures up an image of a fireworks company. The 3¢ purple Washington stamp is punched with perfin pattern A271 on the illustrated December 5, 1934 posting. If any member has access to a 1934 Stamford, Connecticut city directory I should appreciate a letter providing the Zapon Company's street address and business.

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