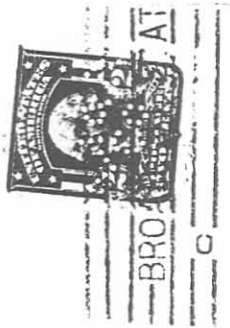


# THE EARLY PERFINS OF UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN

Perfins were authorized for use in the United States in 1908. The earliest known cover is dated May, 1908.

TO PREVENT THEFT

Joseph Sloper applied for and was granted a patent in 1868 to perforate stamps which would identify their users. Sloper devised this method of identification to prevent pilferage and misuse of a company's postage. Early records of the Sloper Company were destroyed during the bombings of London in World War II, therefore, it is not known who was the the first company to utilize Sloper's patent.



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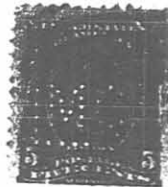


General Electric Schenectady, N.Y.



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C HC was introduced by the firm Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., London so that the rectangle obliterated the 'Moore' on stamps already under-printed when the name of the firm changed to Copestake, Hughes, Crampton & Co.



Lidgerwood Manufacturing Co. Elizabeth, N.J.



Design of James Russel Sons, Ltd. Wednesbury, Straffordshire.

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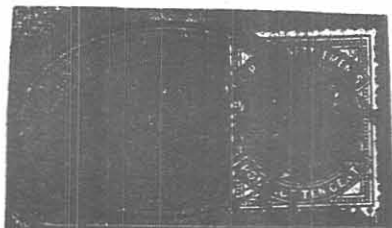
# DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFIN OF BOUSTEAD AND COMPANY FROM THE STRAIT SETTLEMENTS

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Boustead and Company was forwarding agent as early as 1843, with offices in Singapore and Penang. With diverse interests in importing, exporting and insurance, Boustead and Company was the largest user of postage stamps in the area. Control of their postal material was needed to prevent the removal and reuse by low paid coolies, wallas and clerks.



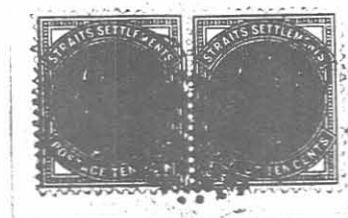
1867-1870 Manuscript 'chop'.



External control.



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Internal control.

1870-1895 Rubber stamp control 'chops'.



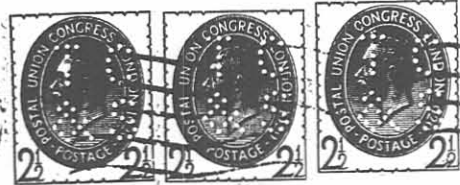
1895-1941-Perfin usage.

# PERFINS OF THOMAS COOK & SON

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In 1865, Thomas Cook started booking trips throughout Europe and a year later to the United States. Gradually, Thomas Cook & Son expanded its organization throughout the world.

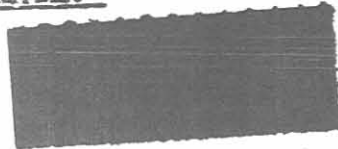
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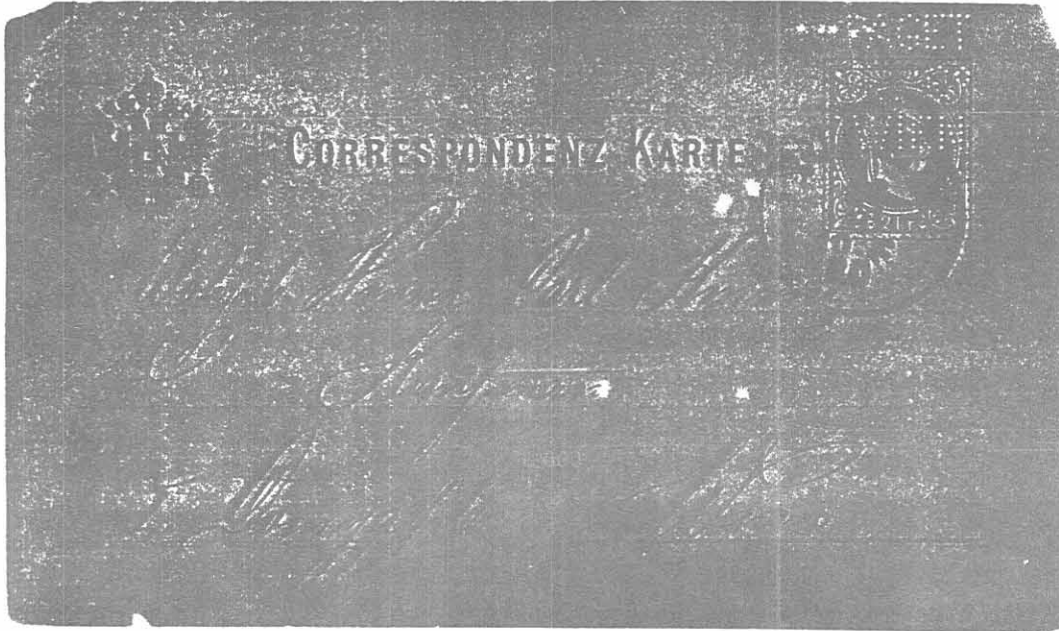


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# PERFINNED POSTAL STATIONARY OF AUSTRIA AND DENMARK

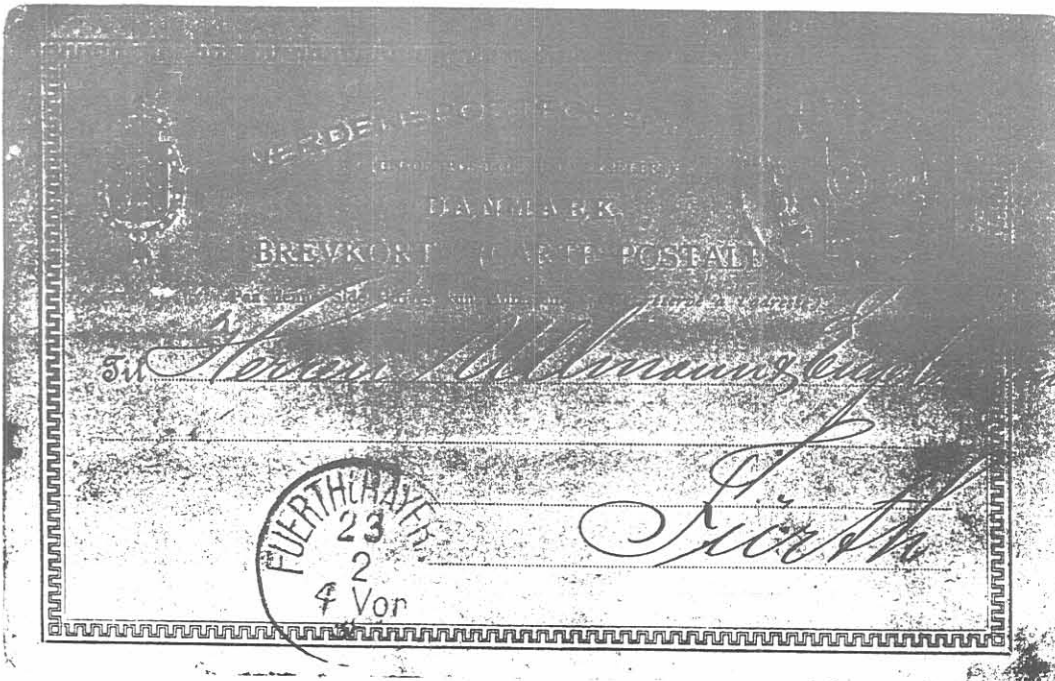
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The use of perfin on postal stationery is rather unusual. The first use of the perfin on postal stationery is unknown. However, Joseph Sloper's patent was utilized initially, but later other companies perfin machines were used.



Austria 1880- Joseph sloper perfin on postal card. Sloper's design are characterized by careful spacing of the letters to attempt not to deface the Emperor's face. Note also the flat headed ampersand.

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& CO  
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Denmark 1888- Monogrammed perfin design of H. B. Cohn (HBC).

HBC