

Seven new French patterns uncovered in United States

All seven came from different sources, says Bob Szymanski

Seven new French perfins have been uncovered in the United States in recent months. All of them have been submitted to Robert Dedecker, the co-editor of Ancoper, the French perfin catalog.

Each of the patterns, discovered by Bob Szymanski (#145L), a specialist in French perfins, seems to have been previously unknown to collectors. Bob says it is amazing that these finds have been made in the United States rather than in their country of origin. All date from the earliest part of the century and all are found on very common stamps.

It is remarkable that the patterns all seem to be complete, well-punched examples. Szymanski says each was received from a different source, lessening the chance of them being fraudulently produced.

If you collect French perfins, an updated catalog is essential. The Ancoper catalog is available from the Jackie Ryan in the publication sales department. The basic catalog is \$54 postpaid; the latest supplement is \$8 postpaid.

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