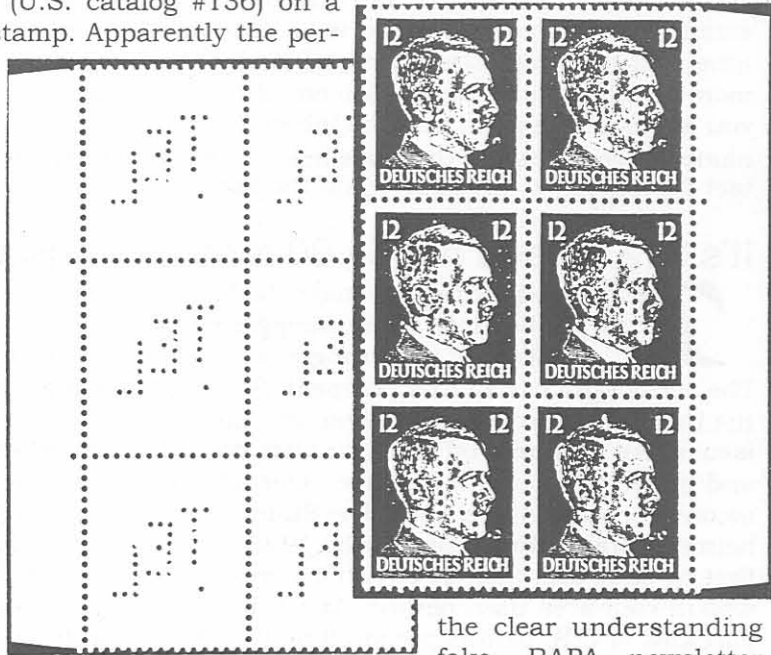


## Watch out for those Hitler-head perfin!

The August 31, 1999, issue of the *Bay Area Perfin Association Newsletter* reports on a practical joke that resulted in a Mountain States Telephone Company perfin (U.S. catalog #T36) on a German Hitler-head stamp. Apparently the per-

forator of the telephone company, headquartered in Helena, MT, wound up in private hands and a couple of collectors decided to play a trick on a friend by perforating a sheet of Hitler-head stamps with the TEL perfin. Ultimately the sheet wound up in the hands of David Ripley (#3420) who has been breaking it up and selling it off to others—always with that the perfin is a



editor Alan Sandy (#2539) says U.S. catalog editor John Randall will note that the perforator is now in private hands in the update to the catalog,

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