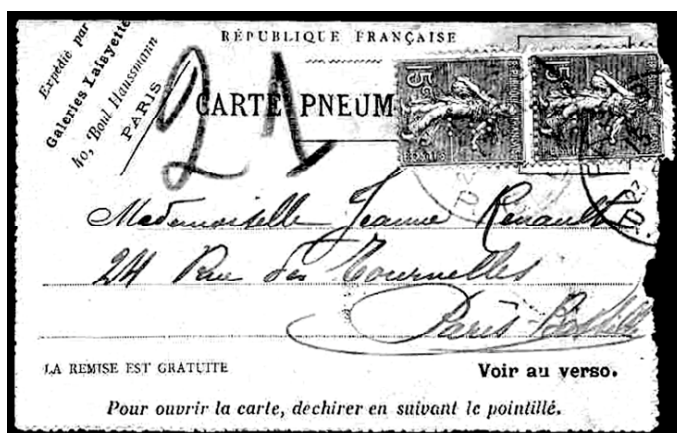

Perfins As Postal History - #8 Used in a Pneumatic Post

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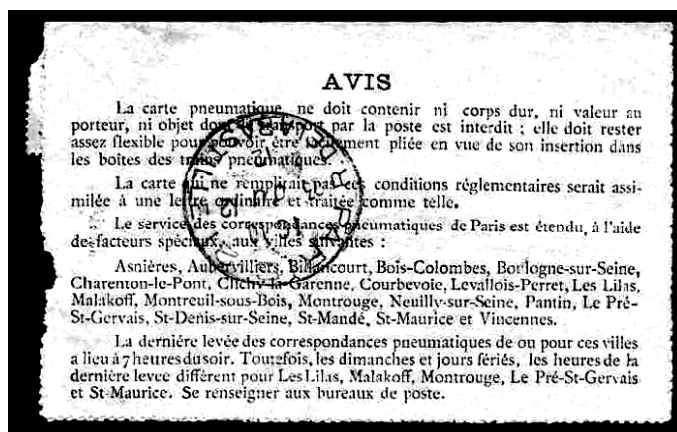
There have been a series of articles and letters recently in the *American Philatelist* describing and discussing Pneumatic Posts. Although there have been quite a number of examples shown from many of the places that had Pneumatic Post mails, none included perfins.

I offer an example from Paris, France. It is an official lettercard with privately applied return address, and then used with the company's perfin pattern.



Official letter cards such as this were issued by the postal service, but had no imprinted postage. Note in the above picture that at the top of the card is printed "Republique Francaise", and below that

"CARTE PNEUM (ATIQUE)". There is also printed in the upper right a box for a postage stamp. On the reverse of the card –are found instructions for use, locations of pneumatic stations, etc. are printed.



Galeries Lafayette imprinted their name and return address in the upper left corner. A pair of the Sower 15 centime 1903 issue with perfins pattern G.L (Ancoper G.L 81) paid the 30 centime pneumatic post rate. Postmarked December 23, 1912, at 1540 (3:10PM), with receiver dated same date at 1610

(4:10PM). This represents 30 minutes from time of mailing until receipt at the destination station. I doubt if the message written inside is readable, but in essence the writer is stating that it will be impossible to attend an event *that evening!*