# More on "Mints Anyone?"

Paul Gault (#774) writes: "The "Mints Anyone? article on page 101 was interesting to read. I have one other possible explanation for "Mints" - the stamps were received by someone from the company of the perfin so that it might be used in a reply correspondence to the company. More likely - provided when you say mint you don't exclude ungummed, uncancelled specimens - the origin of these "Mints" would be 'soakers' from "self addressed return reply envelopes" or from envelopes where the stamp was not canceled by the postal service."

And Randall Gabrielan (#LM#52) adds: "With reference to the remarks in the June bulletin, if I recall, some mail order companies sent small refunds for out of stock items in the form of mint postage. I can imagine a mail room not making a distinction between perfinned and not perfinned stamps. Of course, then there are the large pieces such as the major part, half or so, of a sheet of the 2 cent Washington from the 1920s that I have mint. Is there an interest in mint perfins? I would be glad to put mine on the market (Monmouthhistory@aol.com)."

Two of the three routes suggested for the entry of mint perfins to enter the marketplace are completely legitimate use of the company's perfinned stamp stock. The third, as we all know, (the reuse of soakers which have come through teh mail stream uncancelled) is both illegal and commonplace.

In closing Randall asked a question which may generate some comments from members. While I could give a 'stock' answer to this one, I would rather comments from others who actually collect covers either with or without contents. The question: "...are covers more interesting if they have the content still inside, such as advertising?"