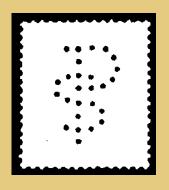
PERFIN SOCIETY BULLETIN



No. 399 - December 2015



Newly discovered cover used February 28th 1868, two weeks prior to official permission being granted for the use of perfins to Joseph Sloper

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SOCIETY NEWS

SECRETARY/TREASURER

My annual report is elsewhere in the Bulletin so I will take this opportunity to wish all those who celebrate it a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please make a new year's resolution to never send a Society payment to anyone other than the Treasurer with the Society named as the payee.

Auction results will now be published in the Bulletin. This gives us the ability to maximise the number of lots in each auction which hopefully will keep up with the demand from vendors. Some past results have not been published but these will be included in the next couple of Bulletins.

WEBSITE

At the meeting Roy Gault exhibited a display entitled "In the Beginning". A copy of this display has now been posted on the Society website and can be found with the following link. http://tinyurl.com/JS1868

PERFIN DISPLAYS

Richard Husband will be giving a 180 sheet perfin display to Cambridge Philatelic Society on Friday 15 January 2016 and to Huntingdonshire Philatelic Society on Tuesday 12 April 2016. Details of the Meetings and how to get to them may be obtained on each philatelic society's website via www.mapf.co.uk, or by telephoning 01223 210848.

GERMAN COLLECTION FOR SALE

German collection, no duplication, in 3 Prinz/Hagner binders. A to Z alphabetically in order followed by emblems and states. At least 2910 different dies on 5250 different stamp issues. Stamps unchecked for value. Reserve £900. Buyer pays DHL/FedEx shipping cost. Payment via society for commission purposes.

SOCIETY AGM REPORT – OCTOBER 31st 2015

Once again we had a very enjoyable London meeting with a total of eighteen members attended the meeting and were treated to displays by **Maurice Harp, Richard Husband, John Strange & Roy Gault**. We were also able to view three different types of Perfin machines that had been brought along.

Rosemary Smith brought along two suitcase loads of perfin covers to sell which I am happy to say all did. We then had a very enjoyable room auction of 38 various lots raising a total of just over £200.00. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon!

<u>Presidents Report – Rosemary Smith</u>

Once again, the Perfin Society is a thriving group, unlike many "hobby societies" these days. This is due to the dedication of every member of our committee who spend many hours fulfilling their particular role in the Society. There is no need to name these individuals, just look at the list in the front of the Bulletin and say a collective, "Thank You".

This means that the members of the Perfin Society keep their interest because of the frequency of perfin news, articles, auction and queries for research. There have been no controversial comments from members this last 6 months so my role has been redundant.

Once again I have brought down many lots for the room auction from **Norman Hewerdine**'s collection, so that the members who take the trouble to attend the meetings have a chance to return home with some new material. Many of these lots have not been researched, so any new data will be appreciated by our Catalogue Editor.

Although I am still fully functional at my desk, my balance is not great and I think that this meeting will be the last one I shall be able to attend.

Bulletin Editors Report – Maurice Harp

It has been a steady year for the Bulletin with material still growing slightly, but of course there is never enough. I would like to thank everyone I have been in touch with this year and for all the support that has been given. I am very pleased to say that there are signs of more and more members contributing. I would also like to thank **Margaret Harding** for her sterling work in distributing the Bulletin.

An increasing number of members now receive the Bulletin electronically and if any members would like to take up this service they only have to ask. In fact over 20% of the members are now receiving the Bulletin electronically.

Website Report – Alastair Walter

Over the last year, the website content has again expanded significantly. The first 5 sections of **Rosemary Smith** and **Maurice Harp**'s Perforated Postal Stationery Catalogue are now online. Significant updates have also been made to Jeff Turnbull's online catalogues and to Roy Gault's survey of stamps known with perfins. Together, these three projects contain a large amount of information and members are encouraged to look at them and to report any new data.

Costs consist entirely of web hosting fees, which have not changed in the last 2 years, but are billed in US dollars and therefore subject to currency fluctuation. As always, I encourage members to report any problems they encounter with the website and to contact me with any comments and suggestions

Library Report - Sean Brady

Although the Library has had to take second place to the auctions, two loans were made during the year. In both cases, the books were marked with the hand-embossing machine to identify them as belonging to the Society.

Requests for specific loans may be made (please refer to the website for the catalogue) but general enquiries are better sent to one of the more experienced members. The collection remains housed mainly in plastic bins until time is available to continue with the projects to revise the library catalogue and select those items which are superfluous now that they have been digitised.

Publications Report – Terry Comper

During the year the Society issued the 1st edition of section "C" of the New Illustrated catalogue. During the year I processed 76 separate orders for catalogue with a total of 32,978 page copies being made. With the catalogue now nearing completion it is expected that the amount of copying will decrease in the future. Our machine is now getting old and the service contract is proving expensive. Following completion of the catalogue we will have to review how we cover our copying requirements. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Stephen Steere** for all the help he has given me, and look forward to next year.

<u>Catalogue Editor's Report – Roy Gault</u>

With Section 'C' published in the Spring this year, I started immediately on the 2nd Edition for **Section 'J'**. This is the oldest section of the 'New Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins' having been produced by traditional photocopying and 'cut-and-paste' techniques, and published way back in July 1996. Then there were 1,644 DD but this has now risen to 1,806 DD and 17,047 DDF - correct to 30th October 2015. The JL's have just been completed taking us to around the 60% mark, and on schedule to be published in time for the Spring Meeting 2016.

Current figures *per month* for additional dies, denominations, new identities etc., are:

New Dies - 12 New Identities - 26 New stamp values - 644

Overall figures for G.B. Perfins are 24,215 DD and 247,410 DDF.

Auctioneers Report - Sean Brady

The third auction under the new system is now current and includes a wide variety of material. Not unexpectedly, there were problems aligning the computerised system with other aspects, particularly the

accounting procedures. Stephen Steere remains both a tower of strength and a source of much information and help, for which sincere thanks are expressed.

Computers prefer numbers rather than names but it's hoped that everyone is coming to grips with the changes and that everything will run more smoothly in the future.

Briefly, the system is that auctions are numbered from 100, Auction 102 is the latest. Vendors have been allocated numbers (sorry that these had to be changed to avoid confusion with another area) starting from 300. The allocation was arbitrary and only new vendors will be given sequential numbers.

If you are sending lots for auction, they should now be numbered in line with the auction for which they are intended, ie. for Auction 103, lot numbers should start from 300; for Auction 104, from 400 and so on.

When the auction catalogue is produced (by the computer program), each lot is given an auction number according to its position in the catalogue. This is the number used by bidders.

The backlog has nearly been cleared and all the 'old' material should have been offered in the next two auctions. The work involved is considerable and the understanding and patience of members is appreciated.

The help and co-operation of Webmaster Alastair has also been gratefully received. Our site will in future carry the results as soon as each auction closes. It will also display a list of unsold items (if any) at reserve prices. These will be sold for two weeks after the auction; first come, first served. Some changes have been required by the system, others may be reviewed in the light of experience, so please write (by email if possible) if you would like something changed. No promises, but it is very helpful if members express their opinions and wishes.

<u>Secretary/Treasurers Report – Steve Steere</u>

The Society has remained financially healthy despite rising costs, and has been able to retain members for which we can thank my fellow

Society Officers for their hard work and dedication in offering a high quality service to the membership. We are also supported by many active members who make the Society what it is today, thank you all.

This year is the first for obtaining commission on sales in the Bulletin which were from a Perforator offered for sale by a non-member and a Postal Stationery Perfin collection by our President. The Bulletin can be used for the sale of large collections or items not suitable for the normal auction by means of weight or bulk, the commission at 10% is the same as the Auction.

The change of Auctioneer increased expenditure and also resulted in having to obtain another second-hand laptop when the other failed. The auction software previously purchased is now being used and it will take time for the new system to be fully adjusted to Society needs. Auction income decreased as the new Auctioneer has made a determined effort to list a backlog of old lots, many of which were low value, or overpriced for what they were. Each auction costs nearly a £100 to print alone so can members remember to submit auction lots of reasonable value, quality and realistically priced reserves please.

Publication of the New Identities Booklets has increased expenditure but due to the large number of new & suspected identities being submitted was thought necessary to clear the large backlog.

Publication expenses this year include the missing Bulletin from last year as the Printers were late submitting their invoice, and includes this and last years excess copy charge to the Society for its own printer under a service contract, which itself unfortunately keeps increasing.

The number of members now using the email subscription has greatly increased and has helped to keep postal expenses down despite increased rates. I would ask all World & European members to consider switching from paper to email.

We are still fortunate to be allowed to hold our London meetings at Grosvenor Auctions in central London, as normal room hire would be more than double what we pay and also only for a few hours, and very difficult to find on a Saturday.

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Statement of Accounts 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015

SOCIETY INCOME & EXPENSES

	INCOME	EXPENSES	2013-2014
AUCTION [1]	£694.94	(£539.98)	£992.49
AUCTION (Printing) [2]		(£360.25)	(£220.50)
BULLETIN (Printing) [3]		(£2,002.10)	(£1,167.00)
CURRENT ACCOUNT		(£0.00)	(£0.00)
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£336.44		£323.96
POSTAGE (Auction & Bulletin)) ^[4]	(£1,535.00)	(£1,501.90)
LIBRARY [5]		(£33.48)	(£169.06)
PUBLICATIONS	£3,035.44	(£2,283.42)	£2,116.48
SOCIETY CD	£22.00		£30.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£3,638.50		£3,734.00
WEB SITE		(£78.82)	(£73.86)
OFFICERS EXPENSES		(£242.90)	(£246.62)
SOCIETY EQUIPMENT		(£104.99)	(£0.00)
MEETINGS		(£360.00)	(£360.00)
STATIONERY		(£0.00)	(£312.00)
COMMISSION (Bulletin Sales)	£113.20		£0.00
DONATIONS	£152.79		£73.45
TOTALS	£7,994.31	(£7,540.94)	£7,270.38
TOTAL SURPLUS	£453.37		£1,714.92

Notes

- [1] The auction income figures are for Auctions 2-2014, 100-2015 & 101-2015
- [2] Costs are for printing three Auctions
- [3] Cost of printing seven Bulletins (only five in 2013-2014) & six new identity booklets
- [4] Costs are for six bulletins, three auctions & six new identity booklets
- [5] Auctioneer & Librarian shown separately

THE PERFIN SOCIETY

Statement of Accounts 1st September 2014 - 31st August 2015 As of 31st August 2015

BANK ACCOUNTS

CREDIT	31 August 2015	31 August 2014
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£343.66	£1,691.32
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT: SOCIETY	£25,422.45	£23,289.05
MEMBERS CREDIT	£9,817.29	£10,304.42
PAYPAL INTERNET BANK (Transferred £4,400.00 into the Current Account during the year)	£63.48	£169.11
TOTAL CREDIT	£35,636.88	£35,453.90
TOTAL SOCIETY CREDIT	£25,829.59	£25,149.48

ASSETS

The Society owns: (1) A Xerox M20 Printer value about £150.00

- (2) An Epson GT15000 A3 Scanner value about £350.00
- (3) A Compaq laptop computer value about £100.00

WANTED Redcliffe Crown Galvanised Iron Co, St Philips, Bristol (1881–1895)

I am researching the history, marketing and distribution of Redcliffe Crown Corrugated Iron. There are three incarnations, one of which is the Redcliffe Crown Galvanised Iron Company based in St Philips, Bristol. That company operated from 1882 to 1895 when it went bankrupt (and the trademark was bought by Lysaght). Perfin R0980.01 reads "RCG/IC°" which has been interpreted as 'Redcliffe Crown Galvanised Iron Co'. I am now wondering if anyone owns a Proving Cover for this or stamp? If you think you can help please contact Prof. Dr Dirk Spennemann

MEMBERS COMMENTS

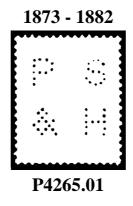
Eùgene Rimmel - Perfumer - Bulletin 390/8, 394/5

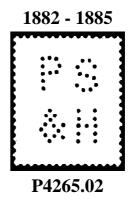
Bulletin 397 quoted from a report in South Pacific Perfin Bulletin (110) that questioned whether the Australian die B/Brs was equivalent to B0900.01 and whether it should be listed in the Australian catalogue. **Roy Gault** has looked at the two dies and has concluded that they are different dies. **John Mathews** has also written in to highlight that he produced the "Handbook of Australian Private Perfins", that he considers the die to be genuine and that there is no plan to delete this die from the catalogue.

Trade Mark Perfins - Bulletin 396/26

In going through an old trade directory another trade mark has been found to add to **Roy Gault's** article on Trade Mark Perfins. Perfin die P4265.01/02 reflect the trade mark with the initials PS/&H. These dies are believed to have been used by Henry Pound, Son & Hutchins - London trunk makers.







The Great Fire of Wood Street - Bulletin 384/25

In the researching of the Henry Pound's Trade Mark it was found that the company suffered a major fire at their premises on January 14th 1884. This fire resulted in the demise of the company and probably destroyed the perfin machine at the same time. The partnership was wound up in 1886 and the company was finally dissolved in 1889. The die's dates of use tie in well with the companies end.

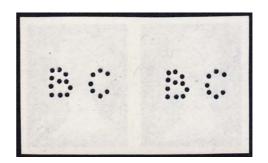
Industrial Co-operative Society Perfins - Bulletin 398/20

Roy Gault advises that a small correction need to be made to his article Industrial Co-operative Society Perfins. In the piece the report of the New Die "W.I/C.S" (W4317.01) was attributed to **Ron Mills**. On checking his records he has seen that it was **Jeff Turnbull** who actually notified him.

More Errors - Bulletin 390/31

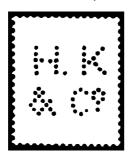
Roy Gault illustrated an imperf pair of 3p Ultramarine (2-band) Machins with BC (B1110.03M) in his article on perfin errors. Now another pair has appeared on the market. How many of these imperforate perfins are in existence is unclear.





Burmester Correspondence - Bulletin 396/20

Another Burmester perfinned cover has surfaced on ebay. This one has a pair of Jubilees with perfin die H4277.01 - H.K/&Co. used by Harris, Kemsley & Co, General Merchants, 44 Leadenhall St, and 1 East India Avenue, London EC





Odd Items - Bulletin 389/6

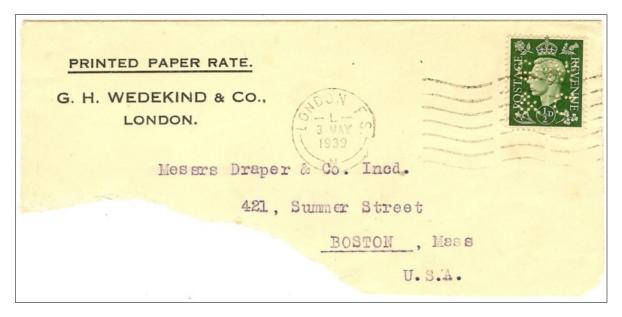
In Bulletin 389 a number of mystery stamps were reported with wavy line underprints. Terry Pusteria of the GBPS has now reported similar stamps when he soaked a stamp off a piece of a legal document. During the soaking off process the line was transferred to the stamp.

THE FIRST CUSTOMER DIE - A CONUNDRUM.

Roy Gault & Richard Husband.

A long held tenet of the Perfin world is that the first perforating press specifically made for a customer to initial postage stamps was Sloper press N°. 2607. The machine was fitted with a **1** x **2** multiheaded die with letters "GH/WC", and according to the Sloper records, was completed on the 3rd April 1868, just three weeks after Joseph Sloper was given official permission to perforate postage stamps. However, there is no mention in the records of who actually purchased the machine, and although no confirming cover has yet been discovered, it's always been taken 'as read' that the user was George Hitchcock, Williams & Co, who operated from St Paul's Churchyard, London EC.

In the New Identities section of Bulletin N°. 392 (October 2014), a 'combination' cover was reported by *Maurice Harp*, dated the 1st November 1893. The two Perfins involved are a QV 1½d Jubilee issue with "GHW/C°" (G2420.01 - in use 1890-1939) and a QV 16-dot 1d Lilac with "GH/WC°" (G2410.01M - in use 1868-1908). As a result G2420.01 was assigned the same suspected user as G2410.01M, i.e. George Hitchcock, Williams & Co.



However, in August this year the identified piece illustrated above was discovered showing "GHW/C" (G2420.01) as being unquestionably used by 'G H Wedekind & Co', who were Wool Brokers working from 80 Coleman St, London EC.

Applying simple logic, we should assign 'G H Wedekind & Co' as the user of the world's first customer press, Sloper m/c N°. 2607. However, a little research into 'G. H. Wedekind & Co' reveals that the company was not called this until 4th January 1887 {Info from Maurice Harp}, so clearly they were not the original users of G2410.01M which was almost twenty years earlier.

On the other hand, 'Hitchcock, Williams & Co' were in business from the mid to late 1860's, often with G (1866), or Geo (1865-1867) in their title. The perforating machine N°. 2607 that Sloper's made was for sale to a customer, and no doubt once purchased would have continued in use by that customer even though the company may not have been consistent in how they were referred to. As a consequence, I'm content as Catalogue Editor to keep the suspected identity for G2410.01M 'as is' - i.e. Ø George Hitchcock, Williams & Co.

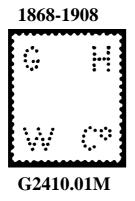
We know that 'G. H. Wedekind & Co' came into existence in 1887, and are clearly shown as the user of the 1939 piece, all of which ties in neatly with the 1890-1939 date range for G2420.01.

As for 'Hitchcock, Williams & Co', they have an almost complete run through from 1884 to post 1957, although it's difficult to say quite when they stopped using Perfins as two users were involved with the latest die. Can anyone supply evidence for a latest used date by them?

	Cat No.	Letters	Die in Use	User	Comments
1	H7710.02	HW/&Co	1884-1897	Confirmed	Braham die
2	H7710.01M	HW/&Co	1897-1915	Suspected	
3	H7710.06	HW/&Co	1915-1939	Confirmed	Sloper die?
4	H7710.03M*	HW/&Co	1939-1941	Confirmed	Sloper die
5	Н7710.03р	HW/&Co	1941-1945	Suspected	Sloper die
6	H7710.06bp	HW/&Co	1941-1945	Suspected	Sloper die
7	H7710.03d	HW/&Co	1945-1948	Confirmed	Sloper die
8	H7710.03aM	HW/&Co	1948-1954	Confirmed	Sloper die
9	H7710.03aaM	HW/&Co	1957-1980	Confirmed	Sloper die
	* 2 users				

But where does the 1893 'combination' cover fit into all of this?

The suggestion is that once 'Hitchcock, Williams & Co' started purchasing postage stamps c1884 from Frank Braham, perforated with "HW/&C" (H7710.02), the old 'office' machine with "GH/WC" (G2410.01M) fell out of use. The Perfin record for G2410.01M follows - note that there are no issue 'D' stamps from the mid 1880's!



In use: 1868 - 1908.

Dates: 22 Jan 1875 - 9 Mar 1906.

Issues: QV ½d (SG48) - plate unknown

QV 1d (SG43) - 39 plates known.

QV 1½d (SG51) - plates 1, 3

QV 2d (SG45) - plates 14, 15

QV 2½d - plate 20 QV 1d (SG166)

B 1d (16 dots)

E ½d (both), 1½d-4d, 6d, 1/- (red/gn)

F ½d (both), 1d-6d, 1/-

QV 1d Inland Revenue (die 2)

A possible scenario is that the now unused 'office' machine was sold on (possibly via Sloper's) to 'G H Wedekind & Co' in the late 1880's or early 1890's, so anything perforated after that date should be assigned to Wedekind rather than Hitchcock, Williams. If this can be substantiated, then the 1893 'combination' cover would have come from 'G H Wedekind & Co' rather than 'Hitchcock, Williams & Co'.

Under normal circumstances, the Catalogue Editor is only interested in the earliest and latest known dates, but in this particular case intermediate dates might help 'prove' the machine was unused for a period in the mid 1880's. I guess we're looking for a 'black-hole'!

Could we ask you all to have a look at your holdings of "GH/WC" (G2410.01M) to see if you have any *dated* examples, and if you do, to report them to either of the authors.

Beware - dated examples are likely to be scarce!

POSTMARKS ARE KEY

Roy Gault

Two stamps were reported to me in August that deserve special mention. The first was sent in by *Gerry Soutar* as part of his regular submission of new stamp details for the 'New Illustrated Catalogue'. The stamp is a humble 6d Wilding with "UH" (U0910.01), used by Unilever Ltd 1957-1985. It's not a new value for the catalogue, but the postmark is intriguing. The date is in French, 20 Avril 1959, which sits within the known footprint, but the place-name at the top is in Arabic, with a European equivalent below beginning Casa...., presumably Casablanca in Morocco. Confirmation came from the Internet!





The second came from *Steve Bence*. As can be seen, the stamp is a 1st Large vermillion ['irridescent' code 'MA13 - MBI'] with the Perfin "C\I" (C3577.01M). The stamp itself increases the date range for the die by one year to 2013, but the completed postmark increases it to 2015!



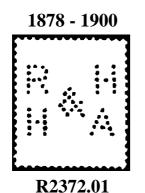
Our hobby isn't dead yet, but this might well be one of the last twitches!

BRITISH THEFTS OF PERFINNED STAMPS - PART 4 Maurice Harp

In Bulletin 385, 386 and 387 there were a series of articles covering records of the theft of perfinned postage stamps that had been recorded in the British Museum Newspaper archive. These previous articles identified 21 companies who had perforated stamps stolen. **John Mathews** has now been doing a bit more digging and has come up with another five companies that suffered the theft of perfins. In addition he has uncovered cases where perforated fiscal stamps were being fraudulently used but these cases will be covered in a later article.

The first theft was uncovered in the 5th May 1884 edition of The Bristol Mercury.

Thomas Kidman, a respectable looking youth, was charged, as a servant, with stealing stamps, value 4s., the property of his employers, Messrs. R. H. and H. Ashman, leather merchants, Broadmead. George Solias, prosecutors' foreman, said the prisoner was employed as junior clerk, at 7s. 6d, a week, part of



his duty being to perforate stamps - for protection against sale or improper use - and affix them to parcels and letters sent by post. In consequence of suspicions, the lad was watched on Friday, and found to have falsified the stamp account as compared with the stamps actually used. When stopped, prisoner gave up some of the unperforated stamps, and the rest were found on him on a search being made.

Prosecutors did not wish to press the charge unduly, and hoped the magistrates would be as lenient, as possible, but they could not pass over the case, as others had occurred. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was fined 11s., with the alternative of a fortnight's imprisonment.

There is no confirmed die used by Ashman but perfin die R2372.01 - RH/&/HA was used in Bristol during this period and is probably the die referred to in the report above.

The next report is from The Lichfield Mercury of 9 August 1907.

The premises of Mr. Mallison, Hackney Road, N.E., have been burglariously entered. Enraged at not finding any hard cash, the thieves tore up a large number of perforated stamps, and broke up a walking stick to get the gold fittings, and did all the damage they could.



William Mallison described themselves in the Trade Directories of the time as timber merchants and importers of American hardwoods and were based in Hackney Road, London NE. Its odd that this report should have been made in a Staffordshire newspaper but was absent from London papers.

The third report is from the Northampton Mercury of 12 Nov. 1897.

Entering and Breaking.—John Ryan, shoe hand, fixed abode, was charged with entering a shop in Market Harborough and stealing from there £4 4s. 9d. in stamps and 7s. 6d. in cash, the property of the Market Harborough Co-operative Society, Limited, on November 4th. — John Shirley, manager to the Cooperative



M2966.01

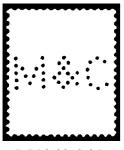
Society, said on Thursday evening, November 4th, he locked the premises about 9.15 p.m. At about 5.20 on the following morning he received information that the place had been broken into, and gave information to the police. He went with P.C. Bissell and others, and looked over the premises, and found his office had been broken into and perforated stamps to the value of about £4 4s. stolen, also 1s. 3d. in money from the same

box the stamps were in. The cashier's box in the office was also broken open, and according to the book 6s. 6d. was missing.

The finding of this report is quite a coincidence as **Roy Gault** wrote and an article on the Industrial Co-operative Societies in Bulletin 398. This particular Co-operative was not included in Roy's article. Although I have managed to trace the Co-operative up to 1925 the perfin die appears to have had a short life.

Now a report from the Nottingham Evening Post May 2nd 1912.

1900 - 1915



A Loughborough thief who broke into the offices of Messrs. Messenger and Co. breaking pane of glass, got precious little reward for his pains. booty was 6d., for all the cash was securely locked up in the strong room, which was not tampered with, and perforated stamps were not in the thief's line.

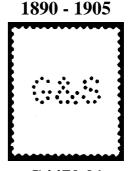
M1040.04A

This last comment is rather amusing as it seems that the burglar realised that the perfins might have little or no value. The die referred to was probably M1040.01A. The company were horticultural builders and heating engineers.

Lastly there is a report from the Birmingham Daily Post of 31st March 1882

During Tuesday night or Wednesday morning some burglers gained admission into the premises of Messrs Grimley & Son, auctioneers and estate agents, Temple Street, Birmingham, forced

open the door of the strong room, situated at the far end of the office on the ground floor, and broke open all the drawers in the office. Apparently disappointed in the value of the contents of the safe they forced all the drawers in the office and pocketed all the stamps they could find. The stamps were all perforated with the initials of the firm, and therefore of no use to the thieves.



G4470.01

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NEXT, March 1, commencing at Twelve o'clock punctually,
on the Premises.

Lots described in Catalogues, to be obtained at the Auctioneers'
Offices, 40, Temple Street.

At present there are no dies New the Illustrated identified catalogue being used by Grimley & Son however John Mathews suggested G4470.01 01A could be provisionally identified as Grimley dies and this has been accepted

by our catalogue editor. G4470.01 is recorded with a Bull St, Birmingham cancellation and Grimley & Son were based in Temple St which is close to Bull St.

The list below shows the 27 discovered perfin stamp thefts. Clearly theft of stamps either perforated or not was a very common occurance and justifies Slopers introduction of perfins as a security device.

Die No.	Die	User	Date of Theft
G3260.01	GLYN	Glyn, Mills & Co.	05/07/1875
M0520.06	MB/&Co	Munt, Brown & Co.	19/11/1877
C0500.03	C&B	Carlhian & Beaumetz	30/09/1878
H2830.03	H&G	Hughes & Gold	20/06/1881
?	J.& J.L.A	Unknown	14/11/1881
G4470.01	G&S	Grimley & Sons	31/03/1882
N0510.07	NC	Nottingham Corporation	25/08/1882
R2372.01	RH/&/HA	R H & H Ashman	05/05/1884
W6290.02	W.R/&Co	William Roberts & Co.	22/04/1886
H5890.01	H.P./&S	Halling Pierce & Co.	01/01/1887
W2673.01	W&/F.H	Unknown	05/11/1887
M0015.10	M	MacQueen & Co.	26/07/1888
S2200.01	SDS	Stamp Distribution Syndicate	10/08/1891
W4370.04	WILLS	W. D. & H. O. Wills	08/09/1891
K0010.04	K	Kay, Jones & Co.	16/04/1892
A4205.05	A&N/C.S.L	Army & Navy Co-op Soc.	29/04/1892
M4340.01	MOY	Thomas Moy Ltd	06/07/1895
J8430.01	J.W/&Co	John Wright & Co.	16/12/1895
?	?	Wigan Coal & Iron Co.	09/06/1896
P4960.03	PVS	Patent Victoria Stone Co.	18/04/1897
E4960.04	EW	Edward Williams	31/08/1897
M2966.01	MH/I/CS	Market Harborough	12/11/1897
		Industrial Co-operative Soc.	
C6920.04	CS/&Co	Cooke, Sons & Co.	19/01/1899
M0480.01	MBCo	Morris Beef Co Ltd	15/12/1899
E4170.02	ES/&/AR	E. S. & A. Robinson Ltd	05/05/1900
W5270.02	WM/&Co	WilliamMallison & Co	09/08/1907
M1040.04A	M&C	Messenger & Co	02/05/1912

MERSEY RAILWAY PARCEL STAMP

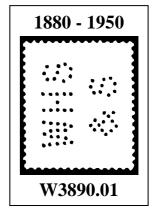
Maurice Harp

From the earliest times linking Liverpool with Birkenhead was a high priority. Marc Isambard Brunel suggested a road tunnel when designing the Birkenhead docks and from the 1850s a railway tunnel



under the Mersey was proposed several times. The Mersey Pneumatic Railway received Royal Assent for a single line pneumatic railway in

In 1871 the Mersey 1866. Railway was given the necessary permissions for a railway connecting the Birkenhead Railway to Liverpool. However the company found it difficult to



raise the necessary funds until Major Samuel Isaac undertook to build the railway in 1881. The railway was completed in 1886.

The 2d Newspaper Parcel stamp shown above has perfin die W3890.01 - WHS/&S. This stamp has not been recorded in the Bulletin before although it is listed in the New Illustrated catalogue.

HERBERT FITCH & Co Ltd RECEIPT - H2560.02M Maurice Harp

A receipt issued by Herbert Fitch & Co Ltd with 1d red King Edward VII with perfin die HF H2560.02M. The company were stationers and book makers and the die used between was 1882 and 1915.



TEN GREEN BOTTLES.

Roy Gault

I'm sure we can all remember the children's rhyme 'Ten Green Bottles standing on a wall' being chanted endlessly on charabanc trips to help while away the time, and no doubt being irritated by it after the second verse! But from a Perfin point of view, quite how many bottle making companies (as opposed to general glass making companies) actually used Perfins? The answer is just three, and all in the 20th century.

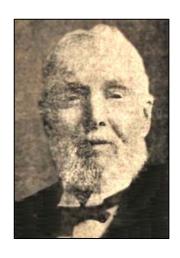


The earliest I can find is *Nuttall & Co (St Helens) Ltd*, which as given away in the name, had extensive glass works in St Helens, Lancashire. St Helens was (and still is) a long established glass-making area.

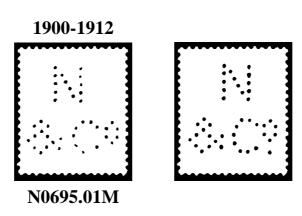
Our story starts with a certain Jonas Nuttall, owner of Nutgrove Hall, who was a wealthy printer and publisher in the 18th and early 19th centuries. When Jonas died in 1837 he left his not inconsiderable estate to his nephew Thomas Nuttall on the condition that if he died childless (which he did in 1859), then the estate should pass to his great-nephew Francis Dixon.

Francis Dixon already had glass making experience as he had entered into partnership with his brother-in-law John Merson in 1842, and together they acquired the 'Thatto Heath' Bottle Works in St Helens. They later purchased the 'Ravenhead' Bottle Works, also in St Helens. Although now working on his own account, in 1859 Francis changed his surname to Dixon-Nuttall as a condition in Jonas's will made it clear that 'Nuttall' had to be part of the family name. He then promptly sold the Ravenhead Bottle Works to Pilkingtons and retired!

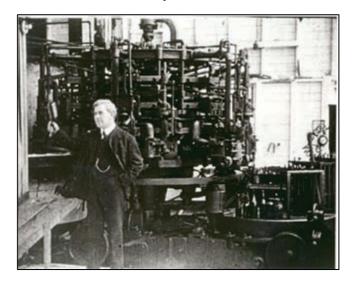
However, Francis Dixon-Nuttall (shown alongside) returned to bottle making in 1873 when he built a new works in St Helens, south of Ravenhead Colliery, which no doubt very conveniently provided a ready source of coal for the furnaces. The company traded under the title of *Nuttall & Co*. Francis died in 1915, aged 95 years, but by then his son Frederick Dixon-Nuttall had long been running the company.



Just one die seems to have been used, a multiheaded die with two patterns, in use 1900-1912. Both patterns are shown below, although one has two pins missing. Strikes are often poor!



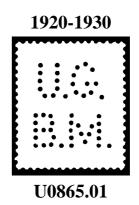
The terminal date of 1912 ties in with the creation in 1913 of *The United Glass Bottle Manufacturers Ltd*, when 'Ravenhead Glass', 'Cannington, Shaw and Co',' Nuttall & Co (St Helens) Ltd', 'Alfred Alexander and Co', and 'Robert Candlish & Son' merged to raise the necessary capital to acquire the rights in the first successful automatic bottle making machine invented by Michael Owens, shown below.



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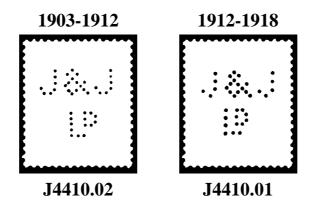
The company used its initials to promote itself - <u>Use Good Bottles!</u>





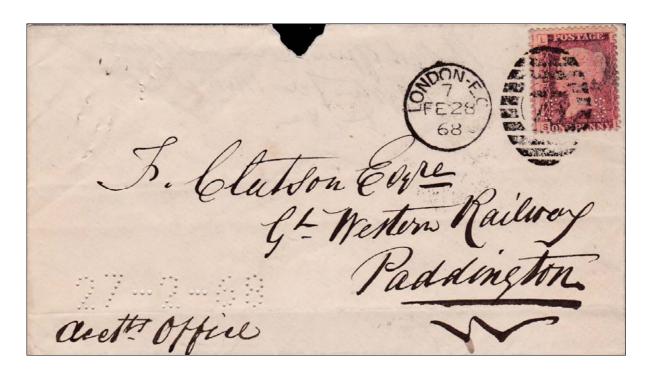
Just one die was used from their headquarters at 40-43 Norfolk St, Strand, London WC2.

The third bottle-making company known to have used Perfins is Johnsen & Jorgensen Ltd, Glass Bottle Mfrs, 26/27 Farringdon St, London EC. A 1915 Trade Directory describes them as manufacturers & importers of glass bottles, table glass & electric light shade makers & glass manufacturers. Two Perfin dies are known covering the period 1903-1918. Both are likely to be single headed.

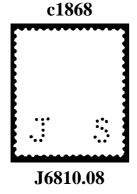


Unfortunately, I can find very little about the history of the company on the Internet, although they do still trade today, having recently merged with Pont Packaging.

DISCOVERY OF 1868 SLOPER COVER Roy Gault



The newly discovered cover shown above is clearly dated 28th February 1868, and is addressed to F Clutson Esq^{re} in the Accounts Office of the Great Western Railway at their H/Q in Paddington. This would have been written by Joseph Sloper himself and bears his hitherto unknown 'Personal Perfin' "JS" on a 1d red plate 86. This new die has been assigned the catalogue number J6810.08.



The letter was no doubt intended to drum up trade for the stamp perforating business that he was eager to get underway. Note that this cover is the earliest known use of a perfin and pre-dates permission for perfin use on stamps which was granted by the Post Office to Joseph Sloper on March 13th 1868.

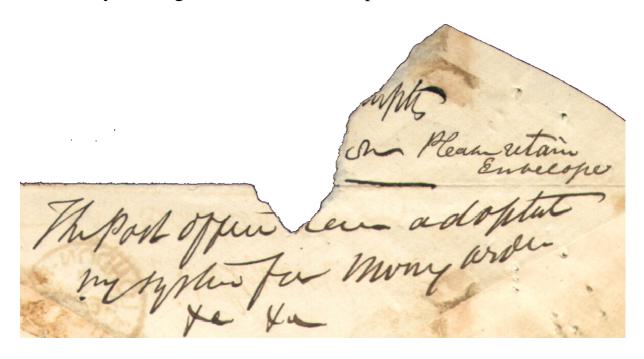
Unfortunately the flap to the cover is torn, probably when it was opened in 1868, and only a portion of it survives, but it reveals a message from Joseph Sloper to the addressee (see next page), with an additional request added in a different hand and thinner nib which reads

'Please retain Envelope'.

The lower portion is virtually complete and reads:

'The Post Office have adopted my system for Mony [sic] Order'.

Note that the letter is perforated through with '27-7-68', the day Joseph Sloper wrote to the Post Office for a second time requesting official sanction to perforate postage stamps. Here we can see that he's implying his system can be used for postage stamps, but he's careful to only mention Money Orders which would have been covered by the original use for his 1858 patent.



It's probable that we have the addressee **Frederick Clutson** (1825-1877) to thank for asking for the envelope to be retained, but how and when it found its way to New South Wales, which is where it was repatriated from in September 2015, remains a mystery.

Frederick Clutson was born in 1825 at Nether Stowey, a small village near Bridgwater in Somerset. By the time of the 1851 census he is recorded as a *National School Master*, but by 1858 he is known to be a shareholder in the Great Western Railway. In both the 1861 and 1871 censuses he's recorded as a *Railway Accountant* living in Paddington (1861) and Hammersmith (1871), and by then an employee of the Great Western Railway.

He married Emma Davis Rich in 1858, and together they had two sons (Frederick Rich Davis and Arthur Davis) and a daughter (Emma Rich). Sadly, Frederick died on the 27th December 1876 at the relatively young age of 51.

MIDLAND BANK COVER

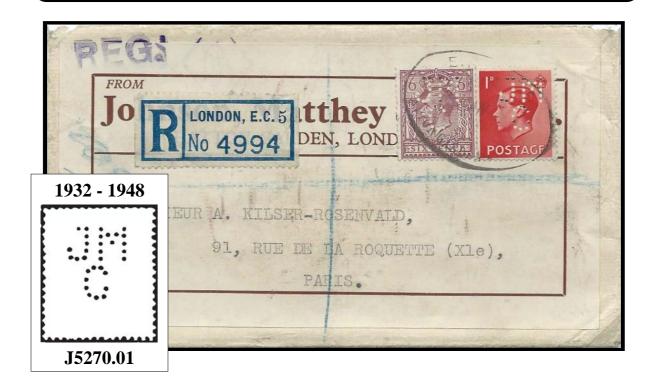
John Marriner



The cover shown above was sent during WW II. The letter from the Midland Bank was to the Banque Mellie Iran, Teheran in Iran during December 1942. The stamp is perfinned MB - M0360.01M and is identified for use by the overseas branch of the bank. The three shillings and nine pence postage rate was to send it on its way during a difficult period for mail travelling to the Middle East. But at this time all the old direct routes from the U.K. (via central Europe and North Africa) to that part of the world were under the control of the third Reich.

So I assume that this censored letter (as shown by the tombstone mark) had to travel by a circuitous route. From information to hand, it might have gone via Portugal, down to West Africa, then across central Africa connecting with the horseshoe route coming from the Cape, onto Cairo or Alexandria (still in Allied hands just) then onward to Iran via Iraq. A very nice war time piece of postal history, and perfinned to boot!

JOHNSON MATTHEY REGISTERED COVER Melvyn Green



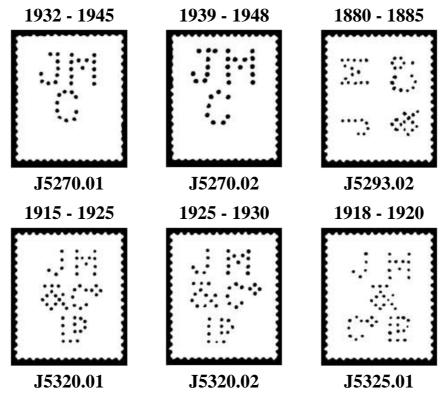
Illustrated above is a "Two Kings" registered cover with a George V 6d purple SG426 and Edward VIII 1d red SG458, both perfinned JM/C - J5270.01 and the identity of Johnson Matthey & Co Ltd, Precious Metal Manufacturers & Dealers, 78/79 Hatton Garden, London EC1. The cover was sent January 1937 to Paris, France with oval Registered Hatton Garden cancels. The reverse of the cover has a wax seal and customs label detailing that the contents was 0.72 troy ounces of Fine Gold Grain valued at £5 for customs purposes.

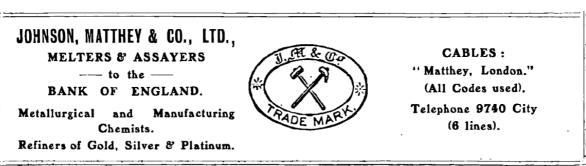
Johnson Matthey traces its origins to 1802, when Percival Norton Johnson set up a business as a gold assayer in London. In 1851 George Matthey joined the business and its name was changed to Johnson & Matthey. The following year the firm was appointed Official Assayer & Refiner to the Bank of England. The company had branches in Birmingham and Sheffield to supply the jewellery, silverware and cutlery trade with raw materials and ancillary supplies, such as silver solder and flux, which it manufactured.

Apart from dealing in Precious Metals, from the 1960's onwards, Johnson Matthey diversified into Banking, Chemicals and Emission Control Catalysts. In the early 1980s the bank expanded its activities outside the bullion business and started making high-risk loans. Bank assets more than doubled between 1980 and 1984, their loans became concentrated to a few borrowers and the size of the loans grew to exceed the level of the bank's capital. To prevent a wider banking crisis the Bank of England organized a rescue package purchasing the Bank for just £1. The rest of the company is still trading profitably today.



The company seems to have used at least six perfin dies over the years although looking at the gaps in the date range there are probably other dies still to be identified. As the company also had branches in Birmingham and Sheffield some of these dies may be found with provincial cancellations.





<u>AUCTION 1 - 2014 REALISATIONS - TOTAL £2965.90</u>

1	3.60	51	10.10	101	5.10	151	u/s	201	3.10	251	3.00	301	5.30
2	7.30	52	2.80	102	9.00	152	4.50	202	1.40	252	5.10	302	5.10
3	20.10	53	11.10	103	1.40	153	8.70	203	21.10	253	10.20	303	13.10
4	7.10	54	1.60	104	20.10	154	1.00	204	1.00	254	2.10	304	1.00
5	30.10	55	11.10	105	1.20	155	u/s	205	13.10	255	11.10	305	1.30
6	1.40	56	1.60	106	6.10	156	6.10	206	1.30	256	1.00	306	8.10
7	15.00	57	20.10	107	12.10	157	4.30	207	9.00	257	45.10	307	15.10
8	11.10	58	u/s	108	3.90	158	32.30	208	3.90	258	3.60	308	11.60
9	20.10	59	10.30	109	5.30	159	30.10	209	12.30	259	7.70	309	4.30
10	5.10	60	u/s	110	1.20	160	4.10	210	4.10	260	13.10	310	4.10
11	25.40	61	10.00	111	1.20	161	30.00	211	5.00	261	5.10	311	7.30
12	25.10	62	1.00	112	11.10	162	1.50	212	8.10	262	12.60	312	16.10
13	6.10	63	3.10	113	4.10	163	1.00	213	1.00	263	6.40	313	4.40
14	8.70	64	13.10	114	1.20	164	4.30	214	1.50	264	5.10	314	13.10
15	6.10	65	3.90	115	5.10	165	2.00	215	4.20	265	u/s	315	10.60
16	4.10	66	4.30	116	3.10	166	5.30	216	15.10	266	u/s	316	3.10
17	17.20	67	8.10	117	6.10	167	4.30	217	5.70	267	4.70	317	12.10
18	4.60	68	15.10	118	10.10	168	5.50	218	25.10	268	23.30	318	3.90
19	15.10	69	1.20	119	4.60	169	7.10	219	1.20	269	u/s	319	6.60
20	4.10	70	4.00	120	10.60	170	15.10	220	9.60	270	21.50	320	16.10
21	5.40	71	2.10	121	4.90	171	2.10	221	3.60	271	u/s	321	2.10
22	3.60	72	1.30	122	22.30	172	2.30	222	4.30	272	12.70	322	5.60
23	2.20	73	3.70	123	12.10	173	8.10	223	9.90	273	6.10	323	4.10
24	10.30	74	2.30	124	4.30	174	3.10	224	20.10	274	3.10	324	60.10
25	1.00	75	23.30	125	30.10	175	5.10	225	2.60	275	7.10	325	1.40
26	1.00	76	5.10	126	1.00	176	5.10	226	6.90	276	7.80	326	4.20
27	7.10	77	2.60	127	32.10	177	5.60	227	2.60	277	11.90	327	6.10
28	1.20	78	5.10	128	7.10	178	9.40	228	12.10	278	10.00	328	3.90
29	7.10	79	6.10	129	14.10	179	23.30	229	7.10	279	3.10	329	35.10
30	10.10	80	4.80	130	5.00	180	1.20	230	2.30	280	3.10	330	5.10
31	7.10	81	4.60	131	10.10	181	4.60	231	20.50	281	10.10	331	9.20
32	4.60	82	25.10	132	4.90	182	u/s	232	7.60	282	30.30	332	5.70
33	8.10	83	2.90	133	6.80	183	9.10	233	6.10	283	5.10	333	8.10
34	3.90	84	8.90	134	7.10	184	6.10	234	6.10	284	1.20	334	4.80
35	10.20	85	13.20	135	4.10	185	3.00	235	27.10	285	5.10	335	11.60
36	4.10	86	1.20	136	4.90	186	4.30	236	6.30	286	6.10	336	2.10
37	40.10	87	3.10	137	15.30	187	10.60	237	8.00	287	1.20	337	6.40
38	1.30	88	8.70	138	1.60	188	90.10	238	2.20	288	6.40	338	6.40
39	8.70	89	7.50	139	2.40	189	3.60	239	4.60	289	10.10	339	1.30
40	60.10	90	1.30	140	1.30	190	5.70	240	10.30	290	6.10	340	2.60
41	3.10	91	6.10	141	30.10	191	16.60	241	11.60	291	12.60	341	8.90
42	9.10	92	4.60	142	1.30	192	u/s	242	1.30	292	5.20	342	1.20
43	1.30	93	11.60	143	12.10	193	4.30	243	9.10	293	5.30	343	7.10
44	38.60	94	15.10	144	1.90	194	1.50	244	10.10	294	1.00	344	1.20
45	10.70	95	5.00	145	3.10	195	3.10	245	8.60	295	4.10	345	4.80
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48	1.30	98	1.20	148	17.50	198	4.30	248	4.20	298	12.10	348	4.80
49	36.30	99	5.10	149	5.60	199	6.30	249	1.30	299	2.10	349	3.10
50	6.10	100	1.30	150	4.10	200	1.30	250	10.10	300	3.30	350	8.60

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23	£33.30	73	£4.30	123	£4.20	173	u/s	223	£4.60	273	£11.30	323	£11.60
24	£11.10	74	£12.10	124	£11.10	174	£7.10	224	£10.10	274	£2.60	324	£6.10
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26	£13.10	76	£9.80	126	£3.70	176	£3.30	226	u/s	276	£13.10	326	£3.10
27	£1.20	77	£65.10	127	£1.30	177	£9.10	227	£15.70	277	£11.20	327	£11.20
28	£20.10	78	£2.30	128	£4.80	178	£1.20	228	£4.10	278	£5.10	328	£5.60
29	£4.60	79	£1.30	129	£14.20	179	£14.70	229	£15.10	279	£23.60	329	£4.30
30	£13.10	80	£12.30	130	£8.80	180	£3.20	230	£1.20	280	£3.60	330	£4.10
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35	£14.70	85	£1.60	135	£17.10	185	£2.10	235	£6.60	285	£5.10	335	£1.00
36	£11.10	86	£3.60	136	£6.80	186	£8.70	236	u/s	286	£1.30	336	£6.20
37	£4.10	87	£8.30	137	£3.10	187	£1.30	237	£2.10	287	£3.20	337	£4.30
38	£5.30	88	£27.60	138	£20.10	188	£1.20	238	£5.10	288	£20.10	338	£4.10
39	£6.80	89	£6.30	139	£6.60	189	£5.00	239	£20.00	289	u/s	339	£4.00
40	£17.90	90	£1.30	140	£8.60	190	£3.60	240	£9.10	290	£1.70	340	£5.70
41	£30.10	91	£10.00	141	£2.70	191	£8.00	241	£9.00	291	£4.10	341	£7.00
42	£22.40	92	£3.10	142	£4.40	192	£12.60	242	£6.10	292	£1.50	342	£9.10
43	£4.90	93	£6.30	143	£16.70	193	£5.10	243	£10.10	293	£7.60	343	£3.00
44	£5.00	94	£3.60	144	£10.10	194	£10.30	244	£6.10	294	£2.10	344	£18.10
45	£6.10	95	£6.10	145	£1.20	195	£4.10	245	£3.90	295	£5.70	345	£12.10
46	£8.10	96	£25.10	146	£9.10	196	£2.70	246	£5.30	296	£10.10	346	£5.10
47	£1.00	97	£6.80	147	£10.10	197	£2.30	247	£7.60	297	£19.00	347	£1.00
48	£8.00	98	£3.80	148	£5.00	198	£1.80	248	£8.10	298	£2.10	348	£1.20
49	£23.70	99	£1.30	149	£2.30	199	£52.70	249	£3.60	299	£4.10	349	£9.10
50	£6.10	100	£12.10	150	£1.30	200	£1.00	250	£7.10	300	£3.10	350	£42.10

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