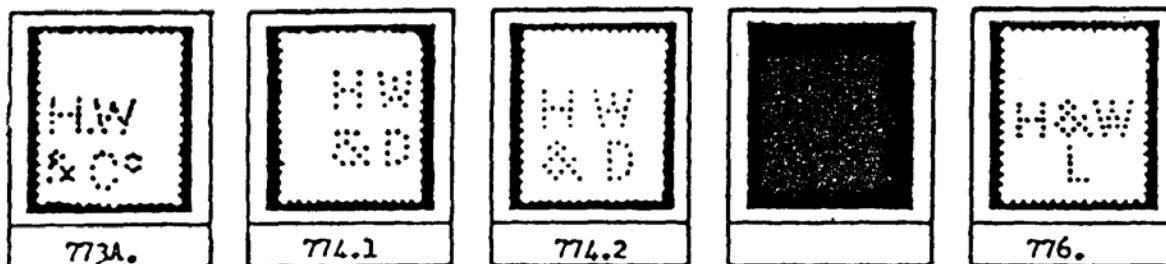


TILLES CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT

The Tilles catalogue is, in my view, the most important of our publications. It is difficult to see how any serious perfinist can manage without it. Comprising as it does some 600 pages, it is expensive to produce, which, no doubt, is why so few were sold.

For those who do not possess a copy, it may be helpful to see the format:



Each page has 30 spaces, with blanks where dies are known, or suspected, to exist. On the opposite page (the reverse of the previous page) are serial numbers, written designation and user, where known.

The proposed supplement is in two parts:

- (a) dies which can be inserted in the blanks in the present edition.
- (b) dies for which no such space exists.

Obviously for those without the present edition there is really no difference between these.

At the start of the supplement we need to consider the best format. This will depend on how one uses the catalogue. I have used it as an album; obviously I thus lose the illustrations. It seems to me that we have the following options :-

- A. As at present, with 30 spaces per page. If blank pages were prepared these could contain either all the new illustrations (for those who do not have the first edition) or just the ones for which no spaces are available in the first edition (for those who have).
- B. Pages with 6 spaces for illustrations per page, with spaces for a stamp under each illustration.
- C. Pages with 6 spaces for illustrations per page, with two spaces for stamps alongside plus space for user's name and address (or notes)

D. Pages with 6 spaces for illustrations per page, with four spaces for stamps alongside

All these could be prepared in "blank" form so that the illustrations could be stuck in. This is not too laborious since only a few will be sent out at any one time.

The printing of written identity plus user on the reverse is, I feel, not really necessary and certainly adds to the cost. As nearly all of us possess the Identities Catalogue, as it is sent with the Bulletin, that is surely sufficient in the case of A., B., and D. Obviously a mark could be added to identified dies so that reference could be made to the Identities Catalogue.

The preparation of these pages would be rather costly as they need to be on good quality paper. At the present time only nine members have shown any interest, so perhaps the whole idea will fall to the ground. I imagined that even those without the first edition would welcome the supplement, but am obviously wrong.

Finally, my real goal is to produce a completely new edition of the catalogue, but I realise it would be very expensive and the idea is likely to remain a pipe-dream.

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