WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

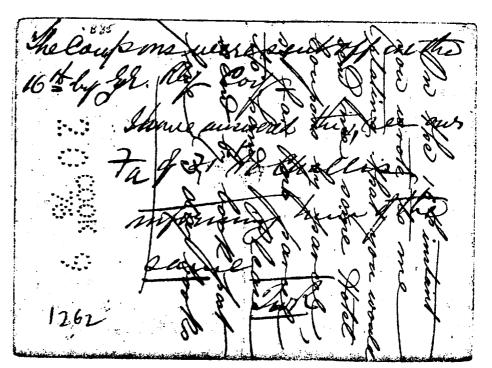
I have ceased to be amazed at the number of coincidences which happen whilst preparing these Bulletins. Already elsewhere, in this Bulletin are the two contributions about the $T/B\&C^{\circ}$ die used by Sloper in the early years and now another Thomas Cook item which came in by the same post as the previous article by Roy.

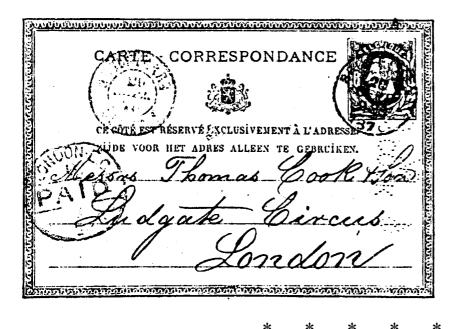
The two photocopies, which I have reduced to A5 size, were sent in by ROY MALTSON. They show the front and back of a card from Thomas Cook in Belgium to their London office and show an almost exact replica of the die shown by Roy.

The card waspostedinBelgium on 20thSeptember 1876.

The date of Thomas Cook's private date die is 20-9-76.

The London receiving date is 21-9-76.





These dates seem to prove conclusively that the Cook date machine used here was situated in their office in Brussels and it was not a receiving die in the London office.