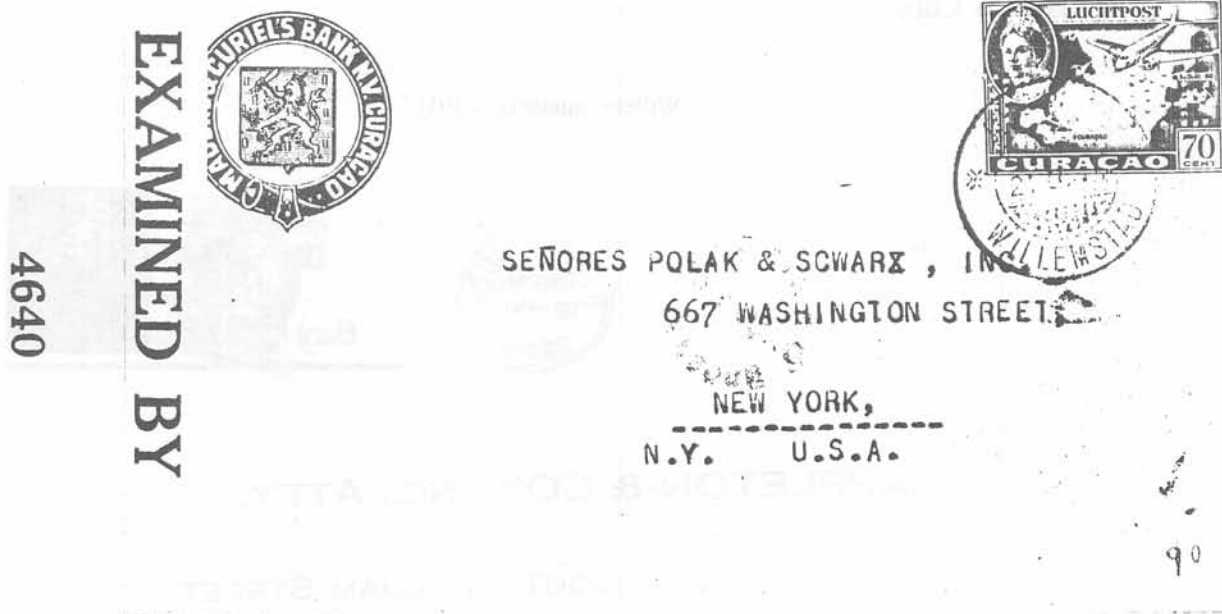


John Lyding (#106)



Jim Estes (#2649) sent the above cover to me along with the following note:

While working on my stamp collection, I came across the illustrated cover from Curacao. The cover has everything. Exotic cover, censored, map stamp and perfin. What more could anyone want? Could you help me identify the perfin? Also, if you have any idea of its value, I would be interested in knowing it.

A cover from my collection. While I can not make out the postmark on Jim's censored cover, mine is clearly

H12 Used in Cuba

Willem Smetsers (L101)



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Here is an interesting use of perfin pattern H12 of Appleton & Cox used in conjunction with a Cuban 2¢ Jose Marti stamp and posted in Havana (Habana), Cuba June 20, 1929. The reply envelope probably had a 2¢ Washington U.S. issue automatically added in the mail room.