

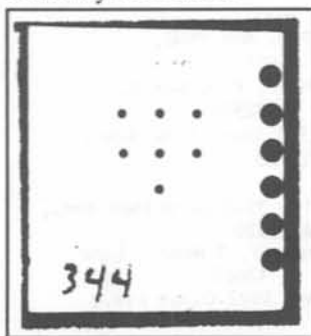
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Notes from here and there ...

## Schermack Perfins Additional

Larry S. Weiss (#1310) provided the following comments about David A. Kent's "Schermack Perfins Listing in *Scott Specialized Catalog* in the February 1994 issue.



The photocopy illustrates a 9-hole square pattern, missing holes 7 and 9 on a two cent red Washington (Scott Catalogue number 344).

I will also take issue with his estimate that 99 percent of the Schermack sales take place through the pages of *The Perfins Bulletin*. My observation is that many more are sold at shows and from dealer stocks than are sold through this publication. Most



pass from uninformed sellers to informed buyers. In those few cases where the seller is informed of the current demand and existing scarcity of these items (or when offered at auction), the catalog prices have some meaning.

They are at least in the general ballpark where transactions occur, recognizing there is currently a wide variability in prices due to the relatively sudden awaking to these items and entrance of several serious collectors.

The question raised by Kent's tabulation is in regard to Scott Catalog number 347, the 5¢ imperf. When do we hear the first report of a Schermack perfin on this issue? It seems logical it would have

been used by somebody for outgoing foreign mail to meet a fourth class rate.