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1) Johan Valdemar Faber was born on the 8th September 1849 in Odense, Denmark and died in London on the 18th December 1917. He started business in Newcastle in 1876 (butter import), was made Danish Vice-consul in Newcastle in 1882 and Consul in Newcastle in 1898. He was then appointed to the post of Consul General in London in 1904 holding this post until 1915.

The perforation J.V.F./Co has been found postmarked Newcastle-on-Tyne on postage stamps dated 1880 to 1936. The same perforation appears on a cover sent from London to Naples (Italy) franked with EVIII 1 penny red and 6 pence violet cancelled in London on the 26th of August 1905 and on the reverse the cover is embossed "Consulate General of Denmark".

2) The Danish wording of "Consulate Central of Denmark" is "Dansk General Konsulat" and from 1908 we find covers with the consulate's own perforation D G/K.

These covers are also embossed as the cover mentioned above and have been found up to the year of 1915. I am very grateful for the help from Mike Burrows who furnished me with most of the particulars mentioned here.

3) Although I have not yet found any proof of my theory about the perfin EAC/L I have been informed by the East Asiatic Co. Ltd. of Copenhagen, Denmark that, they had an office in London from 1911 to 1919 when the company office there was amalgamated with other firms into the United Baltic Corporation.

The firm of EAC also had offices in Singapore, Burma, Siam, India and South Africa where they used stamps with perforation E A C in different varieties.

If any collectors of English perfins can give further information as well as proof of the last mentioned perfin from London with pattern EAC/L it will be most welcome and you are kindly asked to contact Peter Engelbrecht, 23 Begelundvej. DE 5464 Brenderup Fyn, Denmark with any information you may think can be of help in our work with the above mentioned perfins