

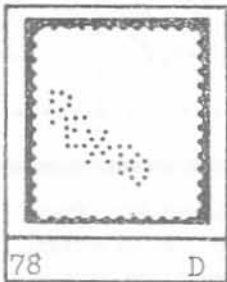
P78 - Follow Up

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Prior to the item in the May 1994 issue, I had begun looking into the pattern PEXTO and why this combination of letters and their association with the listed user, Peck, Stowe & Wilcox Company, to satisfy my curiosity. I recently had the opportunity to stop in the Southington, Connecticut Public Library. I located a book titled *One Hundred Years of Progress*, which was a brief history of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company. The history was published in connection with the company's one hundredth anniversary in 1919. Please note there is no letter "e" on Stow.

The firm was started by Seth Peck in 1819 under the name Seth Peck & Co. In 1833 this became Peck, Smith & Co. In 1870 the Peck, Smith Manufacturing Company, S. Stow Manufacturing and Roys & Wilcox Company combine to form The Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. PEXTO was a trademark of this company. Its products included sheet metal machinery, tinware, hand tools and machinery for sheet metal fabrication. The only connection I have made between PEXTO and this company is that it

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appears to be a phonetic spelling of the combination of Peck and Stow. After some prosperous times which included a branch office in Cleveland, Ohio the company was liquidated and sold off to a manufacturer in

the midwest about 1976. PEXTO is currently the trademark of Roper Whitney, Inc. of Rockford, Illinois.

Based upon the forgoing, I suggest that the US Catalog Editor should keep perfin pattern P78 identified as The Peck, Stow & Wilcox Company using the corrected spelling of Stow.