

NEARLY BUT NOT QUITE By Dave Hill.

I have hunted in recent years, in vain, for a perfin machine. I have come across many company seal or letterhead embossing machines in antique shops or car boot sales but never a perfin machine.

I thought my luck had changed when I turned up for my weekly duty at our town museum. Someone had brought in a machine about 12" wide and it had pins! It might have been a multi-die machine but it wasn't. The central lever brought down a line of pins in guillotine fashion and it would have been used for raffle tickets and the like.

I illustrate the pattern to show how easy it would be to



confuse it with some of our straight line design perfins (design 600.01 etc.). The machine was made by the distinctively named Harrild & Sons, London. From an old directory I find they made machinery for printers and this type of machine must have been fairly common.