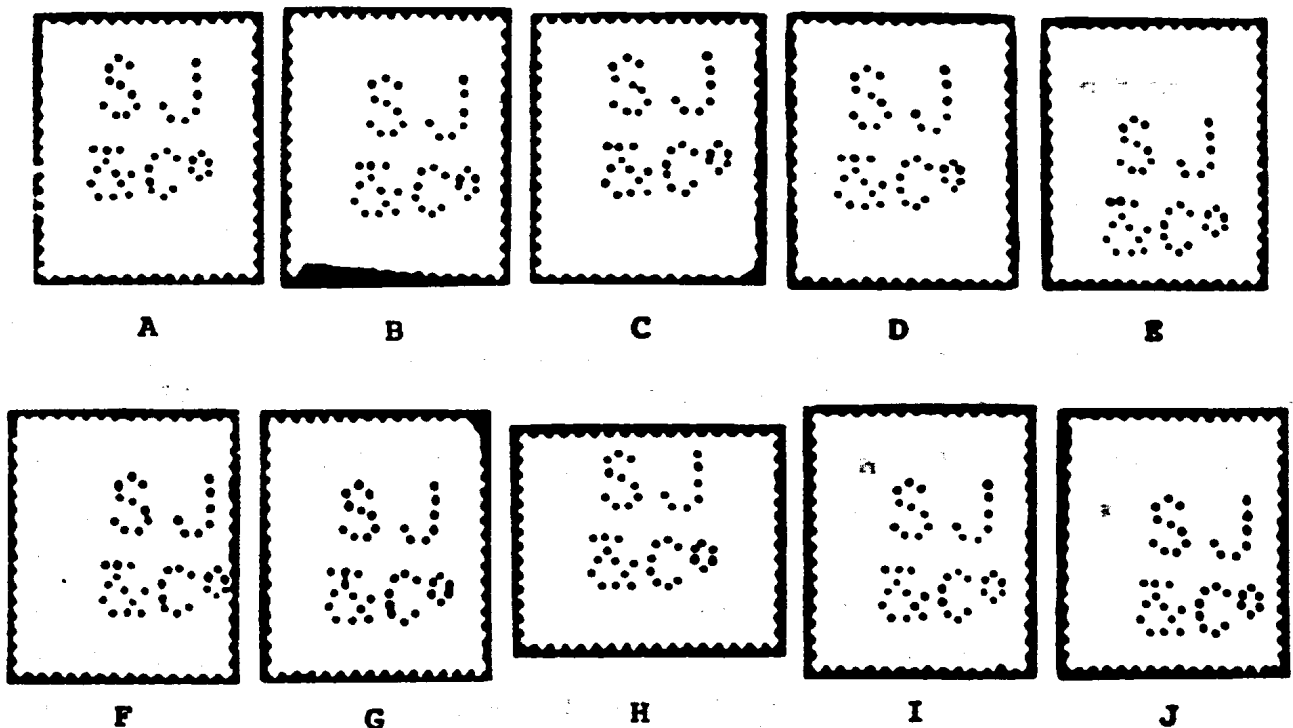


RECONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIHEADED DIE.

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Samuel Jones 6 Co Ltd were well known wholesale manufacturing stationers as well as gummed & coated paper makers, with mills at Camberwell, Tillicoultry and Watford. More importantly for us though was that their head office in Bridewell Place, London EC4, were users of perfins. At least three dies are known to have been used - the POKO SJ/C (S4030.01) in use 1930-1951, and two versions of SJ/tC°, S4040.01a in use c1905, and S4040.01 in use 1910-1940. Close inspection of examples of S4040.01 show that the letters are far from uniform with characteristic differences in all letters readily spotted. This is a sure sign that a multi-headed die was involved, almost certainly 12x1.



With the help of John Nelson, Harry Skinner, Arthur Smith, Rosemary Smith and Stephen Steere I have managed to isolate 10 different patterns (A-J above), and with the aid of blocks, strips and large format stamps, six can now be linked together (see next page). As this die is relatively common, could I ask fellow collectors to inspect their holdings in an attempt to discover the two missing patterns. Also, by reporting any blocks, strips, and large format stamps, enable a complete reconstruction of the die.

In use: 1910-1940.

Dates: 31 May 1912 - 26 June 1929.

Issues: F 2d H ½d, 1d

I ½d, 1½d, 2d, 3d L ½d M 1½d

N 1d\*, 1½d\* O ½d-1½d, 2½d

Q 1d, 1½d, 2½d T ½d(SG479)

Note: \*Evidence for multiheaded die.

Ident: Samuel Jones & Co Ltd,  
London EC4.

