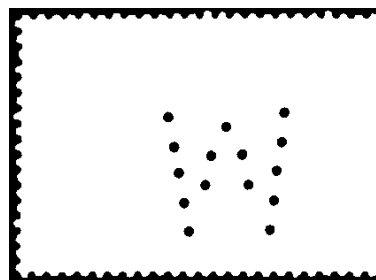


SEEN IN AUCTION

During March a Finland 10m stamp with perfin “W” was sold on e-bay for \$380!



The item attracted a lot of attention with over 41 bids. In Bulletin 339 an article by Eric Keefe dating from 1995 was reprinted which listed only ten perfin dies known in Finnish stamps. In Bulletin 340 Magnus Werner added the perfin “W” to the list. It is known used only on high value stamps of the 1930 definitive series. The user is unknown but it was used in Käkisalmi, now a city of Priozersk, located on the western shore of Lake Ladoga, in what is now Russia. Certainly one perfin to look out for.

Whilst talking of high priced perfins a copy of SG129 QV £1 Brown-lilac with Maltese Cross watermark is currently on sale on e-bay for £400. The stamp has perfin C.I.H/&S C3730.02 – but at this price it is finding no bidders.