

PERFINS ON 1884 & 1888 QV £1 BROWN-LILAC

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The £1 Brown-Lilac watermark three Imperial Crowns SG185 was issued on 1st April 1884, during its period of use 4,502 sheets of 80 were issued amounting to 360,160 stamps issued.

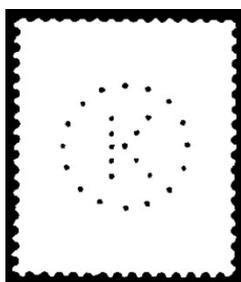
In February 1888 the £1 Brown-Lilac was erroneously issued on fiscal paper bearing the watermark Three Orbs SG186. Before it was withdrawn 1,010 sheets were issued amounting to 80,800 stamps, of which some 10,000 were overprinted "I.R. Official" for official use.

The Telegraph £1 Brown-Lilac SGT17 watermark three Shamrocks which was issued on 1st March 1877 preceded the postal issues.

Each of these three high value stamps can be found with a perfin. Given their philatelic value, one imagines a fairly high percentage of those issued have survived, but how many exist bearing a perfin?

I am interested in trying to answer that question. I have combed through the past Society bulletins and auctions and trawled various web sites on the internet, and arrived at a total of 75 examples. I have pictures of all but five of them.

There are still new discoveries to be made. Recently I acquired an example of K0020.02a, provisionally identified as being used by Archibald Kenrick & Sons Ltd, Ironfounders, West Bromwich.



K0012.02a



Archibald Kenrick & Sons Ltd

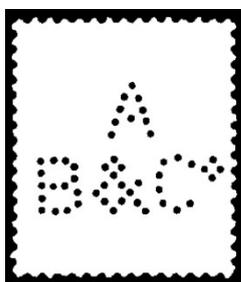
A listing of those I have been able to record is provided on the next pages. I would be glad to receive updates to this listing, particularly new patterns not yet recorded, or confirmation of the corner letters, or better still, pictures, of those I haven't yet seen (*marked in red*).

List of GB Perfins on £1m Brown-Lilac SG185, SG186 & SGT17

| Perfin Die | Gault Cat. No. | User | SG No. | Wmk | Corner Letters |
|------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| A/B&Co | 0630.01M | A Bierdermann & Co | 185 | Crowns | BK KB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DM MD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DN ND |
| A/B&Co | 0630.01M | A Bierdermann & Co | 186 | Orbs | AC CA |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | DI ID |
| C.I.H/&S | 3730.02 | Chas J Hambro & Son | 185 | Crowns | AA AA |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BB BB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BE EB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BK KB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BN NB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CD DC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CG GC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DE ED |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DH HD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DK KD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DS SD |
| C.I.H/&S | 3730.02 | Chas J Hambro & Son | 186 | Orbs | AM MA |
| | | | 186a | Orbs | AT TA |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | BA AB* |
| | | | *PS bulletin 283, p10 | | |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | DQ QD |
| CL | 4210.06M | Credit Lyonnais | 186 | Orbs | BR RB |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | CI IC |
| HSB | 6420.01 | Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation | 185 | Crowns | AM MA |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | AQ QA |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BA AB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BC CB x2 |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BM MB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BN NB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CE EC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CO OC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CR RC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DE ED |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DG GD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DI ID |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DM MD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DN ND |

| Perfin Die | Gault Cat. No. | User | SG No. | Wmk | Corner Letters |
|-------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| HSB | 6420.01 | Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation | 186 | Orbs | AT TA |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | BL LB |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | CC CC |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | CD DC |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | CE EC |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | CM MC |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | DF FD |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | DP PD |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | DR RD |
| | | | 186 | Orbs | ?? ?? * |
| | | | *PS auction 1 1997, lot 225 | | |
| HUTH | 7490.02 | Frederick Huth & Co | 186 | Orbs | BQ QB |
| K in circle | 0020.02a | Archibald Kenrick & Sons Ltd | 185 | Crowns | BL LB |
| L/C&S | 1320.01M | Louis Cohen & Sons | 185 | Crowns | AC CA x2 |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | AE EA |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | AF FA x2 |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | AH HA |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BA AB x2 |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BC CB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BJ JB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BO OB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | BT TB |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CJ JC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CK KC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CQ QC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | CR RC |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DA AD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DB BD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DD DD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DK KD |
| | | | 185 | Crowns | DT TD |
| L/C&S | 1320.01M | Louis Cohen & Sons | 186 | Orbs | BG GB |
| RALLI | 0135.01 | Ralli Brothers | T17 | Shamrocks | AT |
| | | | T17 | Shamrocks | BG |
| W.B/SCo | 0790.02 | Wm Brandt's Sons & Co | 185 | Crowns | ?? ?? * |
| | | | | *PS bulletin 340, p6 | |

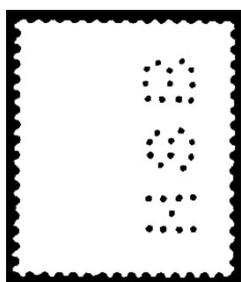
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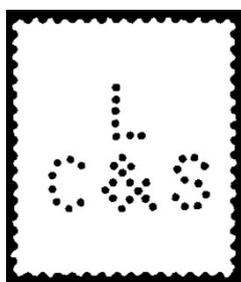
A. Biedermann & Co,
4 Angel Court, Bank, London EC



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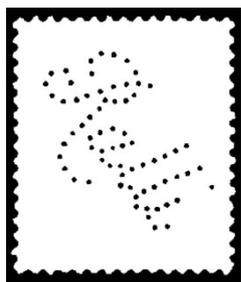
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
31 Lombard St, London EC



L1320.01M



Louis Cohen & Sons,
59 Threadneedle St, London EC



R0135.01



Ralli Brothers, Merchants,
Peter Street, Manchester