

THE PERFIN BULLETIN

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SE-TENANT PERFIN VARIETIES: Keith Misegades has reported several interesting se-tenant perfin pairs in his collection. In the first pair, one stamp is punched with an L and its partner with an I; both letters are $8\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high. The second pair shows the GE design; one stamp has the extra hole close and in the $3\frac{1}{2}$ position, while the other has the extra hole distant in the 16 position. The pair is cancelled: Phoenix, Ariz. As neither stamp shows indications of broken pins, the problem becomes very mysterious indeed. The first pair, however, can be explained. The National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, now defunct, used a unique perforating machine. It was constructed so as to place a different letter on each of the 10 stamps in a sheet's horizontal row. These letters were: NBREPUBLIC. The NBR are 12mm. high, while the rest are but $8\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Keith's first variety probably came from this machine, but it is hoped that everyone will report to the Catalog Chairman if he can throw more light on either of these items.

OTHER ODDITIES: Occasionally a stamp is found that has been punched by two companies. Two examples known are: WU and DGE on one stamp, and AFF and JS/C on another. Such oddities are quite fascinating and little seems to be known about them. "Mirror Images" frequently occur on perfins when the sheets must be folded for the perforating process. In these cases, pairs may be found showing the normal design on one stamp and a reversed design on the adjoining stamp. However, if the pair is folded along the perforations, the holes of both designs will usually register showing the true nature of the variety. These items have little significance but make an interesting page in the collection.

CATALOGS: Hallock Card, Otseltic, New York, has informed us that he still has a supply of the printed catalog from A-M with the exception of C1 and C2. They may be obtained from him direct for 5 cents a page plus 3 cents postage, or 80 cents postpaid for the entire set.

The Secretary would also like to announce that he will mail extra pages of the serial catalog with each Bulletin for 50 cents a year.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT: There are now 33 paid-up members, though renewals are still arriving. 100 free Bulletins and information sheets have been distributed to interested persons in the past month. Notices of the Club's activities were in Linn's and the Western Stamp Collector. A quarterly financial statement is being made this month, and a partial membership list is being distributed to paid-up members.

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Balance from former activities:	\$60.85	Catalog reserve fund:	\$46.85
1952 dues collected:	53.50	Bulletin expenses including postage:	27.01
Donations:	7.00	Publicity inc. postage:	4.80
Total:	\$121.35	Misc. postage (Pres. & Sec.):	5.20
		Cash on hand:	37.49
		Total:	\$121.35

Thanks this month to Mrs. Anton Schuck for her donation. This month the catalog for "Q" is completed, and two more pages of "R" are added. It is hoped to devote the May issue to New York Life varieties.