

THE PERFIN BULLETIN

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CATALOG TERMINOLOGY: The catalog conventions published in the January Bulletin seem to have passed the tests of time and usage. So, for the benefit of both new and old members, we reprint these rules below.

CATALOG RULES: 1. Definitions. The word "type" is used to describe a perfin which is unique in the arrangement and dimensions of its symbols. The word "issue" refers to the printed face of the stamp itself.

2. A catalog listing shall consist of four parts: (a)The symbols making up the type. (b)A coded designation giving the arrangement of the type's symbols. (c)The dimensions of the symbols in millimeters as measured from the centers of the top and bottommost holes. (d)The type's user.

3. Types are listed first alphabetically, then by simplest arrangement (see below), and then by smallest first letters.

4. The catalog "alphabet" consists of the symbols: A,B,..Y,Z,&,1,2,..9,0

5. Reversible types, which are formed from symmetrical arrangements of the letters: A,H,I,M,O,T,U,V,W,X,Y, are cross indexed and identified at the correct place.

6. Main offices are given in identifications.

CATALOG CODE LETTERS: These are listed below in order of simplicity.

1. H, 2H, and 3H indicate one, two and three horizontal rows.

2H:



2. D and Du indicate the normal diagonal row and the diagonal row reading up.

D:



Du:



3. The letter A designates that the letters are on an arc.

A:



4. HD is a combination of H and D and is best described by the illustration.

HD:



5. M means monogram, C means condensed.

M:



C:



6. Parentheses, (), indicate enclosure either in the immediately preceding letter or the geometric design named immediately following.

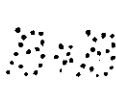
7. An underlined letter designates a fancy, seriphed or reversed letter.



C(CO)



(M)circle



B&B



B



PP

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Members who wish to exchange may have their names listed in the Bulletin free of charge..... Congratulations to H.A.Warrell his frame of R.R. perfins won Honorable Mention at the A.B.S.C. NYC show

AD: Half pound of mixed U.S. perfins (about 5500 stamps) No damaged or splits. \$3.00 postpaid. William Corliss, 1015 Pleasant, Boulder, Colo.