

The Perfins Bulletin
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The Secretary is in Florida paying as little attention as possible to the duties of his office.

Carl E. Rhoads sends a copy of Corn Belt Philatelic Society's CHATTER containing an interesting article promoting Perfins. Other members belonging to Clubs with local publications are urged to make use of any opportunity to offer similar promotional help. Ernest E. Schuster won a cup for his showing of Perfins at the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mr. Schuster has only been a member of Perfins Club for a year, showing what can be accomplished in a short period of collecting.

Literature: an article on perforated officials by V. Swan in February Wallace Journal. One of the earliest complete treatments of Perfins is a series by Yoshimura Aijiro in Kitte Shumi (Japan) 1933 to 1935; Vol. VIII:6:162-3; IX:1:10,13 :2:43 :3:80 :4:113 :5:152 :6:193; X:1:10 :2:40 :5:9; XI:6:28. These articles have been long out of print so it will be difficult to obtain access to them. However, an American collector in Japan plans to attempt to make their contents available, in English, later this year. Mr. R.J. Woolley, secretary of the BNAPS Perfins Study Group is furnishing a monthly page in BNA Topics on Perfins. The pages seen, for Jan., Feb. & March, while not contributing much that is new to a Perfin collector should provide much that is new and interest-attracting to the general collector likely to read this series.

With this issue of the Bulletin is a tabulation of the frequency distribution of various letters as they occur in several foreign countries in the collection of Victor VanLint. It is believed that this data will be interesting in showing the relative perfin activity in these countries as well as the letters used most frequently.

The delayed illustration sheet of the designs is also distributed this month. Since the preparation of the index sheet previously distributed a cover has been reported for #7 from Cook's Linoleum, Trenton, N.J. Although these designs are the most charming of Perfins, most of them were used mainly during the early period and soon abandoned. They are therefore not frequently seen and, as will be observed, the editor was not able to obtain a copy of the star and crescent for illustrative purposes. The last item on the bottom line is not a design but an elaborately fancy S. It is used by the Am. Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. whose magazine advertisements show the characteristic S in the company name.

The cachet on the cover bearing the Bulletin is provided by the Twin Cities Philatelic Club, local chapter of the A.P.S.