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It's St. Louis Time!!



Over the past several months we have been running notes on the upcoming Precancel Stamp Society's [national] Convention in St. Louis, MO – in which the Perfins Club is participating. Well, the time is here! The Convention starts at the end of July.

WHERE?

The Sheraton Westport **Lakeside** Hotel
314-878-1500

(special rate of \$89 plus tax per night -
mention your participation in the PSS Convention)

Registration materials – including a form to order the group photo, and to pre-register for the Convention, the banquet, and for either of the

sponsored tours - was included in the June Bulletin. Use of this form will help the Convention committee to plan appropriately.

For those of you whose spouses are not collectors, these tours are a good way to pass time while you go about, well, collecting. A fuller description of the tours is to be found in last month's Bulletin.

Also found in last month's Bulletin are directions from I-270 (coming north or south) and a projected schedule of events.

For those of you arriving by air, most of you will arrive at the main terminal. Once you get your baggage from the carousel go to the shuttle bus pick-up area MT18 and wait for the Sheraton Westport Shuttle Bus which leaves on the hour and half hour. No call is necessary. Those of you arriving at the East Terminal (Southwest Airlines) will look for the Sheraton Westport Shuttle Bus at the ET15 pick-up location.

For those preferring to take the cab, the fee will range from \$15 - \$20 for the first person + \$1.50 for each additional person.

By the time you read this it may be too late to get reservations at the hotel (314-878-1500). If you have any problems call Gary Hendren (314-576-5261) or email him (g2hslm@msn.com) and he will go to work getting you squared away.

So, y'all get yourselves to St. Louis for a fun time with collectors who understand our holey avocation.

Auction 85 is closed – Bid in Auction 86

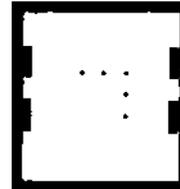
By the time this Bulletin arrives Auction 85 will have closed – but Auction 86 (announced in the June Bulletin) should be running strong. This will be the only reminder since this is the July/August issue. So... Bid on interesting lots in Auction 86 -- before the closing date of August 31,2002



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Lot 226

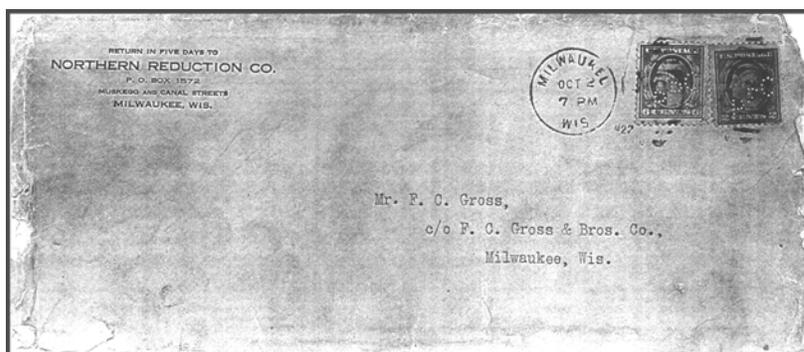


Lot 322

A P181 Cover Poses a Question

By Vince McDermott (#1787)

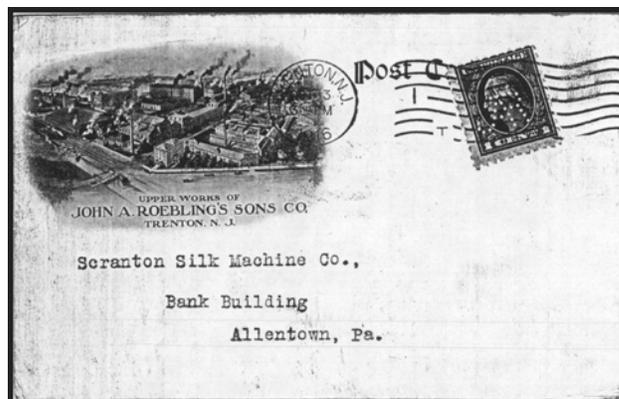
The illustrated cover has two PPC perfined stamps (P181). Of the Plankinton Co. in Milwaukee, WI. However, the corner card indicates the cover was sent by the Northern Reduction Co. also of Milwaukee. Does anyone know if they were a subsidiary company of Plankinton's?



JAR Cover And Corrections

by Vince McDermott (#1787)

The JAR perfin of John A. Roebling's Sons Co. was illustrated and discussed in the February 2001 Bulletin. In the March Bulletin it was discussed again, but a couple of inaccuracies crept in in that second note. Here is a cover similar to that illustrated in the February '01 Bulletin; primary differences are that this is an envelope and is addressed to Allentown, PA. This and the original cover confirm the proper identification of the user as "John A. Roebling's Sons..." and the pattern "JAR" – both incorrectly reported in the March '01 discussion.



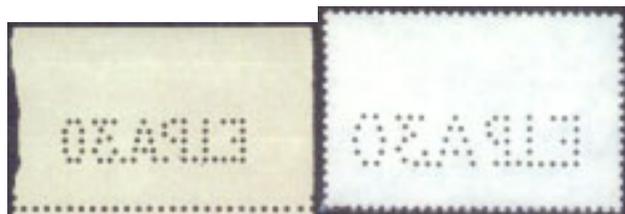
I have a direct connection to Roebling's. I was born in Trenton, NJ. Both my paternal grandfather and an uncle worked at Roebling's for many years. And, my father worked for them for a few years, before beginning a military career shortly after World War II. My grandfather worked somewhere in the corporate offices, I believe in Purchasing, so it is not out of the question that he dealt with correspondence and possibly with the perfin. If anyone runs across a perfined cover which includes my grandfather's name, I would be very interested. His name is Michael C. McDermott, and the time period of interest runs about 1920 to 1945.

Perforated France (Scott #) C6b

By Dick Mewhinney (LM-60)

Many perfins collectors have felt that perfin collecting was not only an inexpensive collecting field, but also was a field free of counterfeiting. Unfortunately, any time monetary values of items make it worthwhile, counterfeiting takes place.

Perhaps the best known high value perfin is the French pattern EIPA30. Stamps with this perfin, (only France Scott #C6) were sold exclusively at the International Air Post Exhibition (*Exposition Internationale Philatelique Arienne*) in Paris, November 6 – 20, 1930. They were sold at face plus 5 francs, which included entrance fee. Later, more of the stamps were printed and sold to the general public, but without the perforated initials.

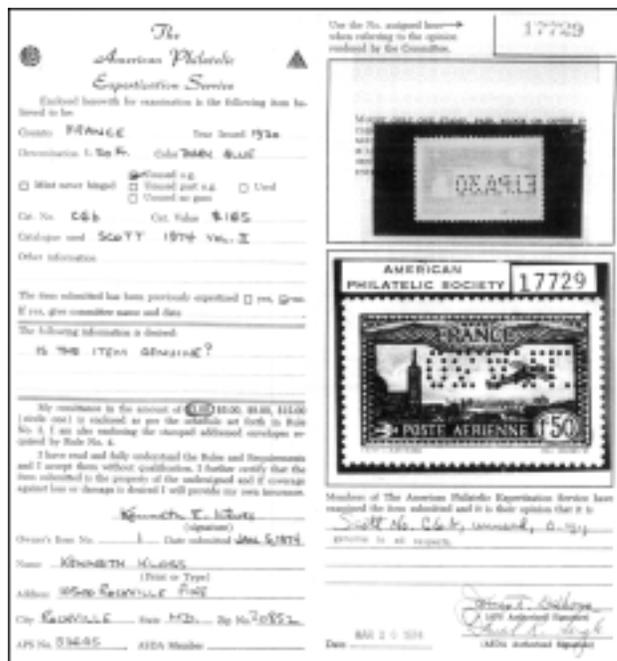


Genuine

Counterfeit

This is one of the very few Scott listed perfins – presently valued at \$450.00 mint and \$300.00 used. I have an expertised copy, plus an unexpertised copy on the selvedge that matches

the expertised copy exactly. Also, I have a counterfeit in which the letters forming the pattern are larger. I know of two other collectors who also have counterfeits – with punching different from mine. Evidently there is more than one source of the counterfeits of this pattern; there are at least three different counterfeit dies.



Western Philatelic Library – An Invitation

We have received an open invitation from the Western Philatelic Library to collectors of railway perfins to use their resources. I quote from a recent letter from David W. Ribble:

“Recently the Western Philatelic Library was donated a large collection of railroad books and journals..

“Enclosed is a list of the donation of Oliver Atchison, editor of *The Dispatcher*, a publication of the Casey Jones Rail Road Unit of the American Topical Association.... Perfins

collectors of railway stamps are welcome to visit the library and examine the new railway books.”

The library is located at 1500 Partridge Ave., Building 6/Room 6, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-2219.

Also enclosed with the letter was a complete listing of the donated material (15 pages) which I can either reproduce for individuals (5c per page + 7% for the governor) or, if demand is great enough, publish in a couple of installments in the *Bulletin*. Collectors railroad perfins please let me know your preference.

Some Auction Results

Note from Lee Bastien (#3165)

Listed below are auction results for perfins sold in the Ron Leith Philatelic Auction which closed on February 9, 2002.

Lot 145 – Canada #175 with 5 hole OHMS and Canada #176 with M4 perfin for the McClary Manufacturing Company, both used. Value \$100.00 Canadian.-- Sold for \$15.00 Canadian.

Lot 1506 – Cover of the Spokesman Review, illustrated newspaper advertising showing the office and printing building; dated Spokane, Wash., June 13, 1925. Paid by 2¢ stamp with a Spokesman Review ‘SR’ perfin. Value \$100.00 Canadian -- Sold for \$55.00 Canadian.

Lot 1614 – Great Britain #43b (plate 14) and #61a (plate 15) with S, M, & Co. perfins for the Samuel Montegue Company on ruled letter dated Jan. 4, 1875, 70 Lyon, France.
Cover value \$150.00 Canadian -- Did not sell.

So, clearly there are still some potential deals out there.

(For those of you unfamiliar with this auction - Ron Leith Philatelic Auctions address is P.O. Box 1507, Sumas, Washington 98295-1507 – or – Box 430, Abbotsford, British Columbia V2S 5Z5.

Long Overdue Congratulations

Congratulations to Jerry D. Moore. His exhibit “The Perfins of Sweden” won a large silver at NORDIA/ARIPEX in January of 2001. Jerry’s response “I was shocked and thrilled, as this was the first time I had ever exhibited.”

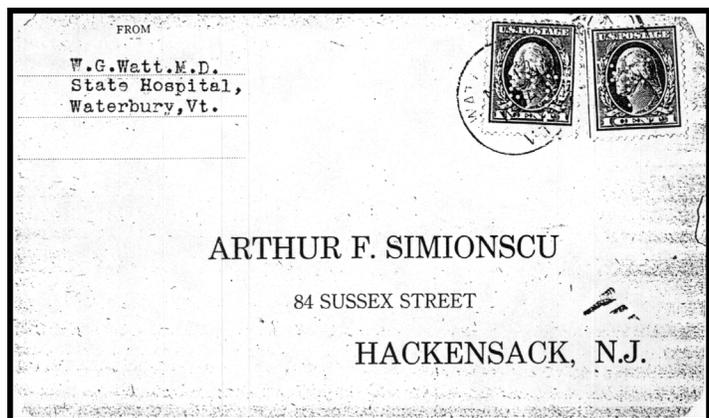
Again, CONGRATULATIONS JERRY!

Editor’s Note: Apologies to Jerry – this one almost got away in the editor transition – it took three months to catch me, and another two issues to get printed.

An Interesting Simionscu Cover

by Vince McDermott (#1787)

Here’s an interesting cover to add to the S&F discussion. Note that the perfin on the cover is NOT S&F. The two stamps are perfined PF (P81 of Dr. Peter Fahrney & Sons, Co., Chicago). The cover is pre-printed, the procedure of Arthur Simionscu. Were the perfined stamps applied by the sender returning material or payment to Mr. S.? Note that this is the first Simionscu pre-printed cover pictured in the Bulletin since the subject came up and it shows the correct spelling of his last name.



Down Memory Lane

By Dick Mewhinney (LM-60)

February 2002 marked (for me) the end of forty years as a member of the Perfins Club. Back in 1962, when it all began, I never realized what an important part of my life perfins would become. I was member number 524 at the time of joining, with a total Club membership of less than 200. I have not made a definite check, but believe that fewer than a half-dozen of those members still remain in the Club.

The changes that have taken place are amazing! Then, our catalogs were mimeographed pages distributed to the members via the Bulletin. At the time, the fourth US catalog was being distributed. Each issue contained work sheets for the catalog and new pages as they came out. Fortunately, I have all of the catalog pages for all four catalogs.

One might say that the Club came of age in 1966 with the printing of the first (printed) U.S. catalog, largely the work of Jim Harris who later became Club President. Jim also published the first printed railroad catalog. Around this time we were catalog happy - we had pages of listings of various organizations involved with special fields such as shipping, banking, insurance, meat packing, automobiles, etc.

Next the Club issued a catalog of Norway's perfins. Gradually we developed catalogs for Palestine and the first Catalog for Denmark (prepared by Peter Anderson). About this time, member Harvey Tilles (with Bob McKee) produced the first catalog of Great Britain's perfins, a huge undertaking. He then produced a small catalog of the perfins of the Middle and Far East.

From that time on, catalog development became a major part of our organization, we had [and still have] both a U.S. and a foreign catalog editor. Along with catalogs published by foreign clubs and societies, we now have virtually the entire world covered by catalogs. The British, French, Danes, Germans, Italians, Canadians, Belgians, Japanese, Dutch, Swiss, and others have produced, and are continuing to produce, catalogs of perfins. And, one of the greatest accomplishments is the four section

"World Perfins Catalog" prepared by Bob Schwerdt and published by our Club.

Our Club and other perfin study groups continue to produce new (and better) editions of many of these catalogs. In our case we have had two revisions of the Harris U.S. catalog, the first produced by Joseph and Dorothy Balough, the most recent produced by John Randall. The actual listing of available catalogs and related works is too long to be entered here. Be advised, however, to expect in the not too distant future, a completely new U.S. catalog; that of U.S. perfinned revenue stamps.

Editor's note: This note from Dick has been sitting in my files since February just waiting for space in a Bulletin. (Boy did I have space this month!) I had not read the full article, but chuckled at the last paragraph since I had already set the three pages of "The actual listing of..." current catalogs and both Dick's memories of the monumental cataloging efforts and the 'list' comment form a perfect lead to that listing later in this Bulletin.

Another Werner Cartoon



Please Help! -I've a lot of space and not much st to use. This issue will barely make 16 pages - and now I am again, looking for articles. *PLEASE HELP!*

A CHALLENGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!!!

By Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

For several years I have been casually working on a calendar collection of "socked-on-the-nose" or "bulls eye" cancels. You might wonder how I ever got involved with this collection. The answer is easy when you have a son, who is an expert in the computer field, who wants to know, "Hey, dad! What do you want for Christmas?"

Two years ago I was waiting for this question and had an immediate answer. "Well, um, how about a calendar! "That's all you want?" he said. "Well, yes. BUT, I need one with each date of the month in as large a box as possible on a separate 8 1/2 by 11 sheet from the years 1880 through 1980 inclusive!" "Oh, and print it on archival paper!"

The last I heard was, "That's all!" "No, each sheet needs to be three hole punched so that I can put the calendars in 20 year increments into 4" binders! "No problem!," he said.

The 1212 sheets of paper were rather obvious in weight and size under the Christmas tree. "Great job, son! It's just what I was hoping for!!!"

I started mounting any SON cancels but soon found that I seemed to have put aside quite a few perfins, mostly from Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, France, Belgium with SON cancels, and so, whenever possible, I make certain the mounted stamp is one with a perfin. I can truthfully say that every perfin member, to whom I have spoken about this calendar collection, says that they don't know of anyone else who collects in this manner. So, I never claimed sanity. How could I? I'm the President of a club that collects stamps with holes?

HERE'S THE CHALLENGE: This is open to all members and you may work alone or in a group. For a period of time extending two years from the last day of the month which appears on this copy of the Bulletin (August 2004), I will offer a personally funded prize of \$100.00 for anyone presenting me with ONLY ONE calendar month from any year with a SON cancel for each date of that month/year (city does not have to be readable). Stamps may be from any country, any issue, or any pattern. They may be postage, revenue, semi-postal, special delivery, postal stationary or any recognized postal use. Please e-mail, call or write me for any clarification.

Hints: February has fewer days than other months! The countries listed earlier seem to have the most readable SON cancels!

Lastly, because the President doesn't have a large salary (ha,ha!) that comes with the job, there can only be one winner - the first correct month of perfins received by me - mailing date determines the date of completion and reception. This allows for overseas members to compete fairly! For all the other collectors who care to submit their best try to me, I will make an offer to buy, so that I can add to my collection or I will trade with them so as to help them complete a month of perfins that should be suitable to hang on the wall of their den!

At least this way I have a chance to obtain one full month of perfins! And, yes, if you have many SON stamps with perfins in them and don't care to take up this challenge, I am interested in trading or purchasing for your items,

GOOD LUCK!

New Patterns A New e-mail Address

John Randall has a new e-mail address – jv.randall@attbi.com – so change your bookmarks! This change of e-mail address is particularly

important to those of you who are computer literate and wish to communicate with our current Catalog Chairman – for both the US and world catalogs.

And since the subject has come up... John is always ready to consider your 'finds' for inclusion in the appropriate catalog A&C (additions and corrections) pages. If you have an item that you can't find listed

in any catalog, contact John. He'll let you know how to proceed from there. Use his NEW e-mail or the postal address on the last page to contact John.

State of Illinois New Pattern

By Bob Combs (LM24)

After a few telephone calls and waiting for the mail to come in, I am pleased to announce that there is indeed a new verified perfin machine being used by the State of Illinois.

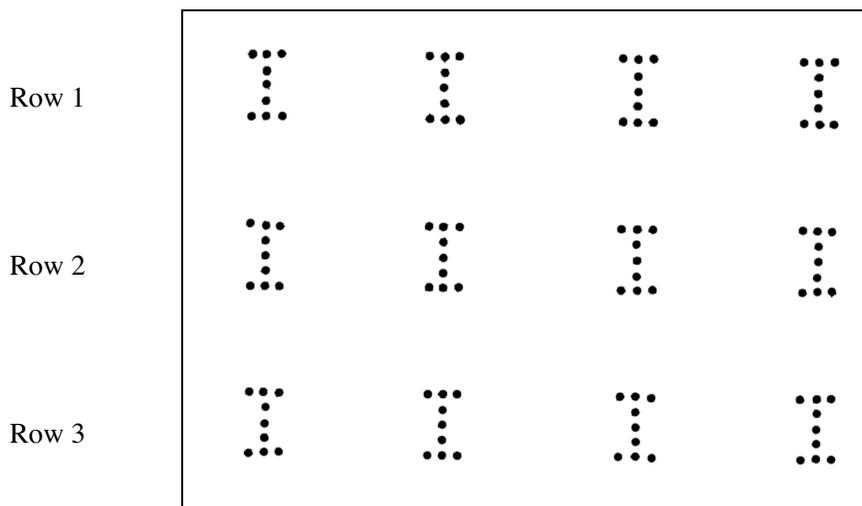
As reported earlier, the new "I" pattern is smaller, 8 mm by 4.5 mm (3 hole top), as compared to the Old pattern (I 12.5) which measures 8.8 mm by 7 mm (4 hole top). Note that all measurements are from the outside of a hole to the outside of a hole.

From correspondence with the CMS Bureau Manager and the helpful ladies of the CMS Mail and Messenger Services, the following information was obtained. "The State of Illinois has been using a perfin machine since 1957 on its outgoing state business mails. Every postage stamp purchased by the State of Illinois, Central Management Services (for all state agencies, bureaus, boards, commissions, the General Assembly and universities) must bear

the initial (I) , and must be used for state business only. The State of Illinois purchased the current (*new*) machine in May 2001 from American Perforator Company, Bridgeview, Illinois. They also maintain a back up machine (I 12.5) made by Cummins Allison".

The new machine produces a 12 pattern punch (3 rows of 4 patterns in each row). Studying the patterns, it does look like row 3 pattern 1 has a slight tilt to the bottom line of dots, lowest side to the beginning of the row (8.14 mm degrading to 8.00 mm). The rest of the patterns seem fairly close to each other and do not (*from my humble eye*) appear to have any variances.

So, it looks like we do have another Perfin pattern to go out and find for our collections. Good luck in obtaining one for yours.



Editor's note: First notice of this pattern was given by Bob in the January/February 2002 Bulletin. Unfortunately the illustration led to some confusion. Unlike the illustration above, all three stamps on the cover shown in that article had four pin tops and bottoms on the character 'I' – they appear to be pattern I2.5. The letter printed in Stan Grabowski's article in the April Bulletin included information from a November 2000 letter which predated the May 2001 purchase of this new perforator.

More on a User Verification File

by Ron Whyte (#2586)

I wish to add further information to Albert Spenser's suggestion of setting up and maintaining a verification file of perfined material for posterity.

A few year ago while visiting the U.S., I was extremely impressed when I visited the new (at the time) National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. I strongly recommend that all stamp collectors, whether they are perfin collectors or otherwise, see this museum. Being a perfin collector I naturally made an inquiry about perfins, and the answer was 'Yes! They have a collection, but one would have to make an appointment to see the material' (I think they said two weeks in advance). Here we are looking for a home for material that verifies the users of perfin patterns, and there could be a ready made one in the Smithsonian. I do not know what there is in the collection, but I am sure there are a number of members who can bring us up to speed on what is available. As The Perfins Club Inc. is mainly devoted to the study of US perfins, I believe that a US verification file should be retained at the National Postal Museum.

As to worldwide collections, I would say that each country with a major pattern collection should, and in many cases have begun to maintain their own central control files. In Canada, Jonathan (Jon) C. Johnson provided the country with his collection, donating it to the National Archives in Ottawa, Ontario. It consisted of 6,639 perfined items plus 348 covers from the period between 1900 and 1950. Jon is the co-editor of the 1985 "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials", and I know he is keeping additions for an update of the catalogue (one of these days).

Members of the BNA Perfin Study Group are presently in the process of surveying the 357

known Canadian perfin types (about 14,478 issues with about 26,551 potential different positions). A member, Conrad M. Tremblay, has spent a number of years preparing an extensive, 42 page position listing. The list does not include covers, but I am sure will report a lot of new material. Actually, I would say many Canadian patterns do not have any verification covers reported to date, and most likely will never have one for a variety of reasons. It would be interesting to know how many verification covers are housed in Ottawa.

One good example of an undiscovered (and possibly non-existent) cover is the US pattern B-161 (a music pattern that Albert Spenser has chased for years). This pattern also appears on Canadian Revenue stamps, as B10, and there are only 4 or 5 of them reported to date, I would bet my B10 "FCD-2" Van Dam 1912 Custom Duty revenue that there will never be a verification cover to confirm the B10 pattern. I know that Albert would be elated to find one for the B-161 pattern. Now that the computer age is here, we can with ease, scan or photocopy our "one-of-kind" perfin items. In lieu of the original cover it would be easy to maintain a photocopy or .tif image file of all known verification items, no matter the country of origin.

The National Archives of Canada internet website is: <http://www.archives.ca>. If you have a verifying cover you might think should be added to the Canadian permanent files, you could ask Cimon Morin (e-mail: reference@archives.ca or fax: (613) 995-6274) if he would like to add it to the collection in Ottawa.

Maybe someone would be good enough to look into the US National Postal Museum to get this important project underway.

Treasurer is Open for Business

Steve Endicott

I just wanted to let everyone know that I have received and reviewed two boxes of financial records for the Club. I have established temporary

accounts at a local financial institution -- so I'm "open for business" to accept deposits and make payments

Current Perfins Literature

-- A Second Cut --

By Paul Mistretta

Knowing that articles for the Bulletin are sparse (very sparse at this time) I figured a modification of the survey of world perfins would take up a few pages. The modification I came up with was a simple(?); count the patterns listed in the most current catalogs of the perfins of the world. Since I can count to 10 and get the same answer 3 out of 4 times, it seemed to be an interesting way to get an indication of the potential for collecting *different perfin patterns* on the stamps of the world.

So I started. And I got well into the project (using past surveys as an indication of potential countries) before I realized I had a problem. I was counting patterns from what I felt was the most current catalogs, but were they?

From Floyd Walker's October 2001 listing of catalogs of the perfins of the world, I got the sense that I was mostly on the right track. I have most of the catalogs Floyd listed (I lack mostly the very new ones – post 1998), and so I went on counting, and counting, and counting... The total, at present, exceeds 56,000 patterns, almost all illustrated.

But, I still have a problem. Am I working with the best and most current information available?

On the next couple of pages are printed my attempt at a listing of the formal citations for the current literature relating to the perfins of the world. Unlike Floyd's list it is formal and boring, except to a bibliophile or someone trying to get the best information available.

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Anderson, D. W.1985. Perfins of Tasmania. ?City,
Country: Publisher. [10 p.]

I have used a modified "Author, Date" style which telegraphs information about the publications. All known information is simply presented in the following order: Author(s). Year(s) of publication. Title. City, State, Country (as needed) of publication: Publisher. Total pages or pagination of an article. Information within square brackets ("[...]") is relevant information not actually printed in the publication, while information hi-lighted in gray is information which I am missing and can not fill in from the publication itself or my knowledge of it.

PLEASE HELP!!

Please, *anyone* out there who sees an error in this list – or has some of the pieces of information which I have not been able to confirm (the gray stuff), please write me, e-mail me, phone me, or use any other form of communication (smoke signals and drum talk probably won't work real well) to let me know missing or incorrect information in this list. (The single exception to this plea for help is that I know of the new catalog of Great Britain perfins being produced [I am working to get my own copy of this catalog] and don't need to be pointed in that direction.)

My plan is to begin publishing the results of my count in the November/December Bulletin – giving me about four months to hear of corrections, and review the counts affected by this information

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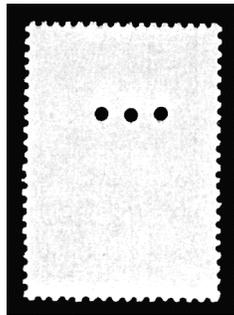
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The Largest Control Hole?

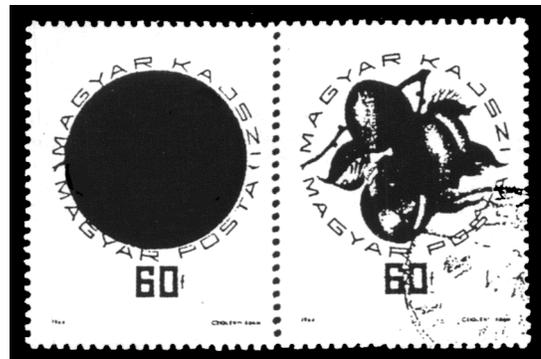
by Robert Schwerdt (#505L)

Most perfin collectors are familiar with the Hungarian three-hole triangle punch (below left) which was used as a means to limit the purchase of unpunched sheets of stamps to certain post offices. A straight three-hole punch (below right) was also used as a control to convert certain invalidated air mail stamps to postal use.



Now from a Hungarian perfin collector comes word that in 1964 a printer discovered an error in the design of a peach stamp. Rather than destroying the entire printing, it was decided to obliterate the offending pattern which occurred on the 60f value [Ed note: Scott #1608] by excising a 24 mm hole which eliminated the mistake. I don't know if the error was on a single stamp per sheet or on a full column.

I am uncertain if punched stamps were invalid for postage or were sold at regular price to customers. The illustrations show a used single and a cancelled pair, one with and one without hole.



No doubt this is a practical, economical way to handle a design error. For us, the result is another collectable punch for holey crusaders!

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My Perfin from Bushire

By Dick Mewhinney (LM#60)

In Bulletin #159 of the SEPS (now the British Perfins Society) I first learned of a perfin from Bushire. Over the years one of them came my way along with a certificate of authenticity from the Expert Committee of the British Philatelic Association Ltd.

Little did I know what a rarity I had until I learned that it was the only one reported in the Perfins Club survey of foreign perfins. I then requested that anyone in the British Society who had one please contact me. No answers to this. I almost might consider this a unique item – but without strong proof.

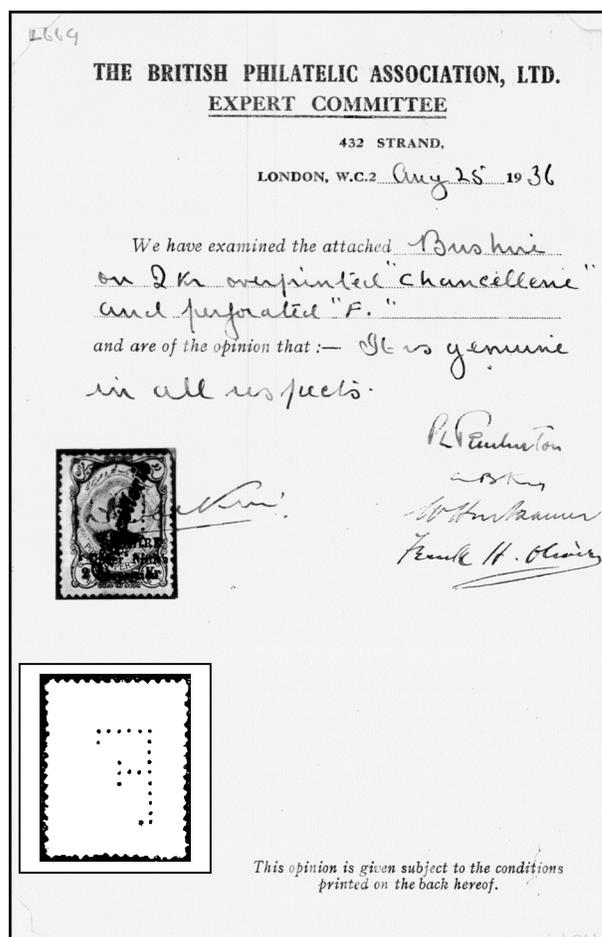
In the 1975 article in the SEPS Bulletin (#159) Michael Burrows wrote:

“The Persian seaport of Bushire was occupied by the British on 8 August 1915. In the autumn, the viceroy of India addressed the Indian Legislative Council and announced that the occupation would continue until the Persian Government took over the control of Bushire on 16 October 1915, thereby bringing the British occupation to a close.

“During the occupation, various Persian stamps that were on hand were overprinted, probably by native labour, on a small hand press obtained from the British Residency. However, the so-called officials have never been, to my knowledge, given catalog status.”

There is some more to this article including an illustration of a strip of 3 of the official stamps perfined with the ‘F’ which was part of the War

stamp collection of the Marquis of Bute, auctioned by Robinson Lowe in late May 1959.



These stamps were authorized for use for a period of just over one month. The same perfin can be found on the stamps of Persia listed in the World Perfins Catalog as CO.5, user unknown. I would still like to learn of any other copies of this perfin.

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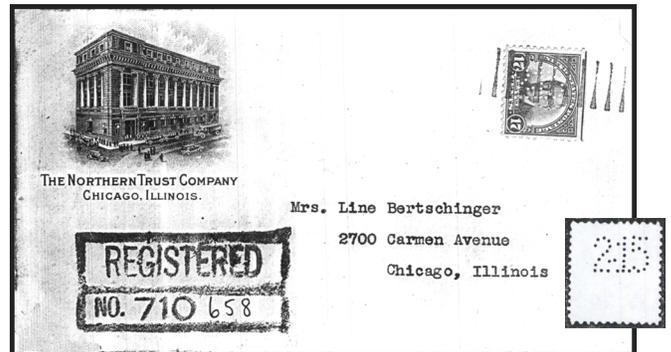
U.S. Num-15 on Cover

By Joe Laura (#1238)

An unusual design for a bank perfin was chosen by The Northern Trust Company. Was the bank located at the corner of Second Avenue and Fifteenth Street?

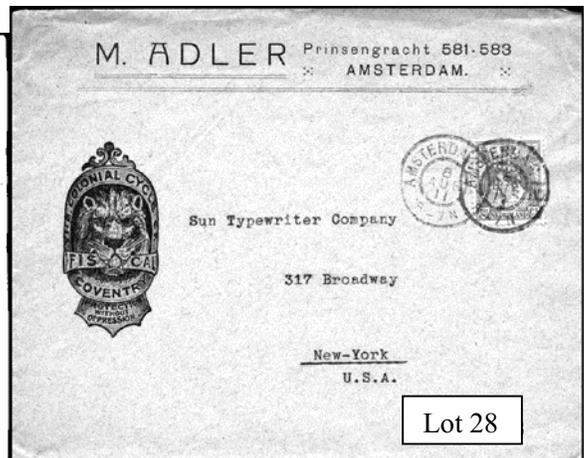
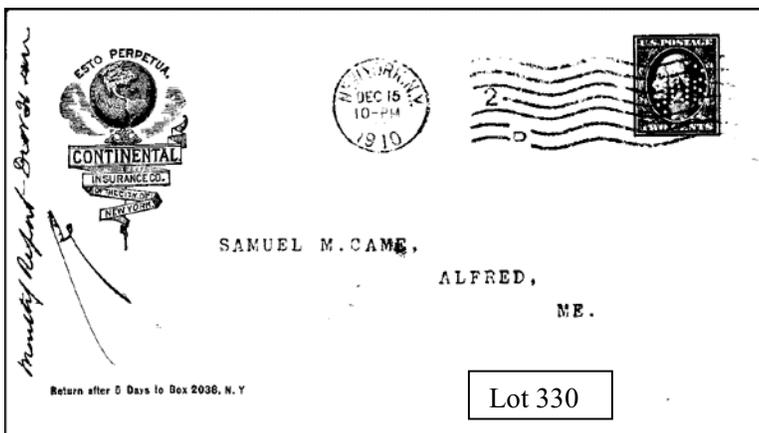
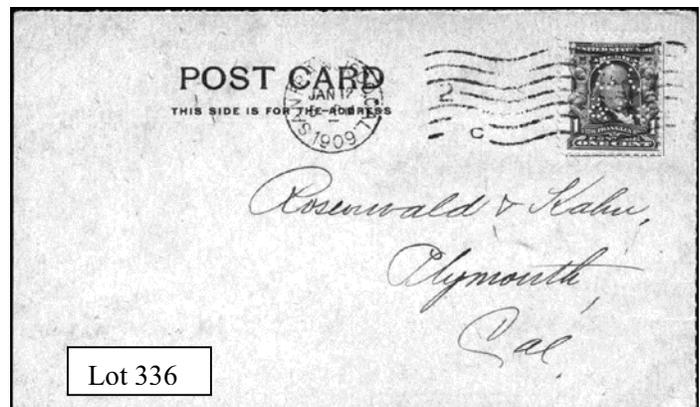
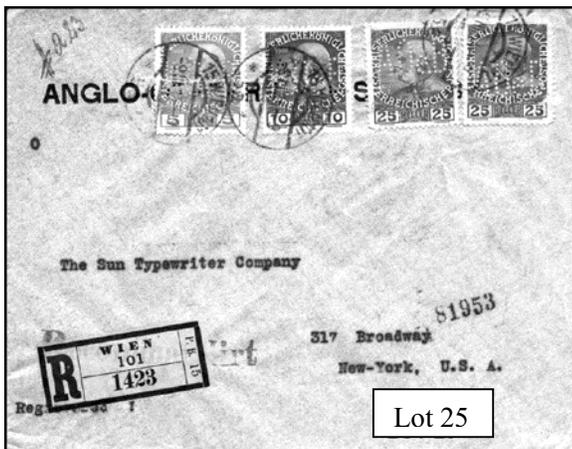
Note the imposing edifice. Only large limousines (three windows to a side) are in the vicinity.

The mailing date (back-cancel) is April 16, 1931, early in the Great Depression. The 17¢ fee paid the 2¢ postage and the 15¢ fee for registration.



And a Few More Lots from Auction 86

(all reduced in size)



Hallock Card Award Nominating Committee Announced

The Hallock Card Award is an annual award made by the Club (normally at the start of the new calendar year. Named for the founder of the Club, it recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the Perfins Club.

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John Randall, immediate past recipient of the Award, has been appointed Chairman of the Hallock Card Award Committee. Any nominations for this award are welcome. John, however, requests that any nominations for the award be sent to Alan Sandy, PO Box 2159, Petaluma, CA

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By Ken Rehfeld

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