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Our Members Write...

Louis E. Repeta (# 1481) wrote to Bob Szymanski the observation that the post-cancellation of the preper which Bob reported as redundant in his article on his Mystery Box materials (RPB Feb. 2003; p.20) may not have been redundant. Lou states "There were two postally valid reasons why precancels were post-canceled." Supporting this comment he sent Bob a copy of an article that he had published in U.S. Stamp News in July 2002. Editor's note: Rather than simply tell y'all the short answer, I am requesting permission from US Stamp news to reprint Lou's article.

Bob Schwerdt (#505L) writes to that there are (at least) two mistakes in the first installment of the Catalog counts I began publishing last month. The Cocos count in the Asia catalog is 1 not 15 + 1 and the count for AMG Austria is missing. And should be 3 according to Nussbickel. Thanks Bob!

In a second note Bob adds Thailand and India to the listing of countries with pre-perfin control markings begun by Vince McDermott in the March Bulletin..

Editors Note: I am starting a list of these corrections To be published at the end of the publication of the full listing. Some like the Cocos note will require some serious checking (where did I get the 15 + 1 in Cocos; did I delete a 'country' by accident or was I simply nodding off when I entered this data?) Others like the Nussbickel note should be easy to check and correct. I have a list of previously reported stamp issuing agencies for which I was unable to find catalog information about perfins (it may be there but I missed it, or catalogs may not exist for these units). I will publish this list this month and try to

get input for these units before they come up alphabetically. Any help in keeping this list honest – before or after I publish my counts is truly appreciated!

Chris Carr (LM-9) writes: "As I have my own perforator (admittedly 'on loan') I put my perfined stamps on 98% of my (and my wife's) mail. Inside the envelope I enclose a slip which reads: 'The stamp on this envelope bears my own perfin (a stamp with PERForated INitials), if you do not collect perfins please pass it on to someone who does or place it in one of the many charity collecting boxes so that someone else may have the pleasure of collecting them as I have done since 1948.'

The perfin is catalogue number C0020.01 in the Gault Catalogue of British Perfins and is used by Chris Carr, President / Founder/Member no. 2 of The Perfin Society. Information on The Perfin Society may be obtained from Dave Hill, Secretary, The Perfin Society, Wheal Florence, Helston Road, Rosudgeon TR20 9PA (e-mail: perfindave@lineone.net)"

I believe that The Perfin Society may have gained members that way, certainly it is spreading the word to the general public, including stamp collectors, philatelists and those who just 'save stamps', about perfins and it also encourages people to donate unwanted stamps from their mail to charity.

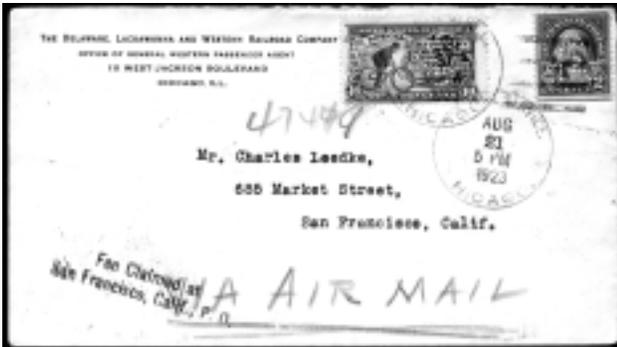
Steve Endicott, Club Treasurer, writes: I have opened up a P. O. Box to receive our mail. Please change your records and send future correspondence and checks to The Perfins Club or to Steve Endicott at PO Box 2434, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2434.

Perfins As Postal History

Rudy Roy (#1124)

Our passion for stamps with holes in them has tended, I believe, toward our interest in perfins on cover being mainly directed toward having a correct corner card that identifies the user of the perfins pattern. Since the majority of perfins covers are commercial, probably best described as "mundane", any additional features about the cover have tended to be overlooked.

Through a series of articles I will try to demonstrate that perfins on cover have postal history features that add to the story more than just the basic fact that the stamps used were perfins. I hope, too, that you will go back and look at any covers you have and see if there is more there than just a perfin on cover.



This first illustrated item has a very common perfin pattern - D61A (DL/&W), rated F, and with corresponding ID of The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company. It does have a special delivery stamp - Scott E11 - along with Scott 554 - paying the special delivery fee and first class letter rate. But what does the penciled marking "Via Air Mail" mean? Air mail

service, until recently, required a higher amount of postage, yet this cover is not marked "postage due" or anything else to indicate it was not flown. The Chicago, IL cancel date and time - 21AUG1923, 5PM, and San Francisco special delivery backstamp - 6:30PM, 22AUG - indicates delivery in a little over 24 hours - in 1923!



From July 18, 1918, until June 30 - July 1, 1924, there was no specific air mail rate in the U.S. Mail could be carried by air on a space available basis but air mail service was not guaranteed. Airmail collectors often refer to this period as "the 2 cent rate period", and determination of whether a cover was flown can only be made if appropriate backstamps indicate delivery could only have been made by air.

Thus we have a very common perfin pattern on cover with a not so common usage. Though there are no envelope contents to indicate what would have been an extraordinary effort (even at additional cost) to get this cover to San Francisco, you can speculate that it was probably one or more passenger tickets.

ADS

Wanted: Used German perfin catalog at a reasonable price. C. Holden Bachner, 18 Baker St., Gloversville, NY 12078

Wanted: Commemorative perfins on stamps, postcard and cover of stamp exhibitions worldwide. Stellan Swenson,

Odonbarsvagen 32, SE-293 41 OLOFSTROM, Sweden

Wanted: Perfins of the Dresdner Bank of Germany in countries other than Germany. Also looking for Dresdner Bank Perfin covers. Would like to purchase these to be used in an exhibit. Contact Eugene G. Will, 14410 261st Ave No., Zimmerman, MN 55398 or willeugene5503@netscape.net.

The Mystery Box

Part IV -- Conclusion

Bob Szymanski (LM145)

As I beheld cover after cover and strip after strip, one thought never left me. How did these covers and strips manage to arrive together at one place? These were not just any covers or strips. They were a good assortment probably not researched, at least to present the information, by whoever had them. There were many new identifications for the US Perfins Catalog both in the covers and in the strips.

The first name that I came across was on a piece of an envelope showing the return name and address of Harry Rickard, 2547 - 218th Place, Long Beach 6, Calif. As there was nothing more to the piece, I can only surmise that Harry Rickard, a one time US Catalog Editor, had crossed paths with this material, or that whoever had this material knew Harry. I very much doubt that Harry ever owned this material as there was too much information that he, as catalog editor, would have gleaned from it had it been in his possession. The address predates the use of the zip code, so the envelope probably predates the 1963 beginning of Zip code use.

The second name that struck me was that of Capt. Forrest Swisher (Article #3 in March, 2003 Perfins Bulletin). The Captain had certainly had his hand in this material in some manner as the amount of information in that previous article indicates. Nonetheless, both Harry Rickard and Capt. Swisher were West Coast based! Most all of this material was centered in the middle of the US. Minnesota and Wisconsin perfins were extremely plentiful. I kept thinking of Doug Turner, hoping that a cover or even a strip identifying the HD (H60) from Milwaukee with a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company would be exciting. Alas, to no avail!!! What is the connection with these two States and why is there not a greater amount of material from Illinois and especially Chicago given its the close geographic location?

The first clue I had dismissed. Look at the cover pictured (Fig. 1). I would propose this as the smallest known US perfin cover. Stamp magazines in the recent past have had a love affair with small

covers. This is small but remember we are talking "perfin" covers! Note a Milwaukee cancel of December 20, 1909 on a 2¢ red with an STP (S287) perfin of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. The cover is addressed to a Dr. S. Keller, 496 Mitchell St., City (= Milwaukee).



Figure 1. A 3.7" x 2.4" cover franked with a perfined 2¢ red stamp (pattern S287). Is this the smallest perfin cover known?

Another perfin cover of interest is also addressed to Dr. Keller (Fig. #2). This cover has a W2 perfin. While not of great note, the reverse has a return address of Box 25 Milwaukee, Wis. and a penciled notation of American Steel & Wire Company. Could that be their Box number? What really caught my eye about this cover was the nice 2¢ Pilgrim Tercentenary issue of 1920.

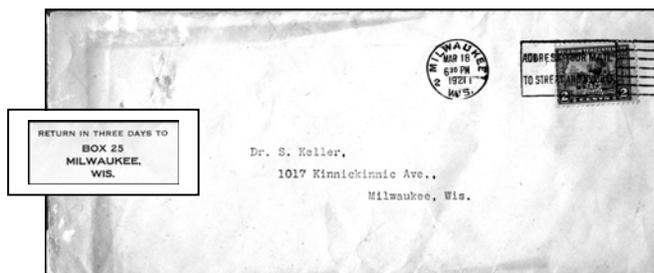


Figure 2. Cover franked with a perfined stamp (pattern W2). Return address (inset) is reproduced from the back of the cover.

Well, I had been through all of the perfin material but there yet remained a non-perfin cover from the APS to none other than Dr. S. G. Keller (Fig. 3). What initially caught my eye about this cover was the imperforate (Scott #577) copy of a 2¢ definitive, the then current Washington issue. I thought that

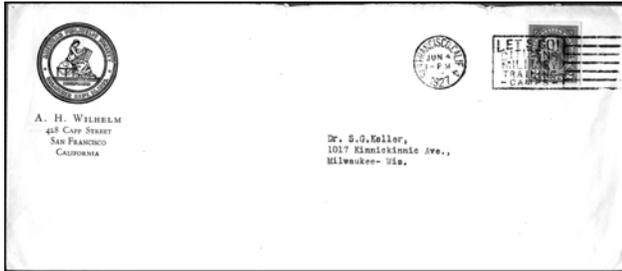


Figure 3. Cover envelope that contained the material shown as figure 4. This cover is franked with an imperforate 2¢ red that is not perfinned – but the contents proved it to be a perfins collector’s treasure chest!

was nice but, wait a minute, there was something inside the cover! What came out was mind-boggling! It was a blank cover with the return address of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and more precisely with that of Dr. S.G. Keller, Sec'y-Treas., 395 46th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. And, in the fold of the reverse envelope flap, (Fig. 4) a card signed by our founder, Hallock Card, indicating that

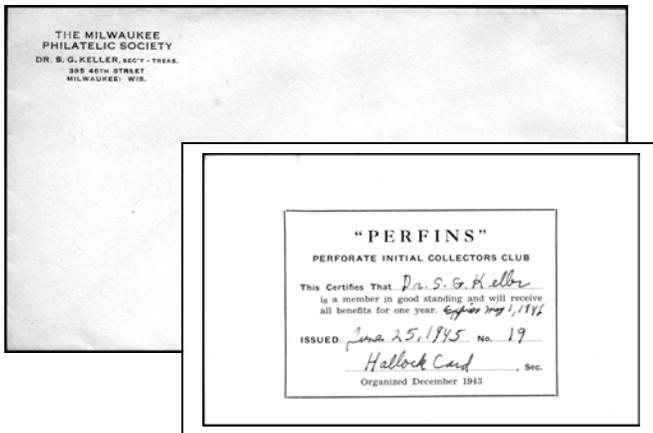


Figure 4. Unfranked envelope with a printed Milwaukee Philatelic Society return address and a 1945 “PERFINS” / Perforate Initials Collector Club” membership card in the name of D. S. G. Keller and signed by Hallock Card.

Dr. S.G. Keller - Member #19 - was a member in good standing paid through May 1st, 1946!

With the help of our Librarian Doug Turner, I was able to read some of the old Perfin Bulletins and determine both that Dr. Keller was mentioned in May 1946 with a change of address to 435 E. Lincoln Ave. in Milwaukee and, in the April, 1947 issue. Forrest M. Swisher, M.D. was mentioned with a change of address to 3802 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA.

How all this material ended up in one place, I do not think will ever be known for certain. As material of both of these collectors is present and Dr. Swisher must be some forty or fifty years younger than Dr. Keller, the material could have passed from one to the other. Or maybe not! I do welcome information on either of these two former members. Maybe one of our members holds the key to the answer of the questions concerning this material.

I hope that you have enjoyed this information as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. Please share any interesting stories that you might have with the membership through the Perfins Bulletin. I know you will enjoy writing it and I know that our members will enjoy reading it!

Whizzit #5

Bob Schwerdt sends another stamp with an unidentified perfin for your consideration – and, hopefully, identification. From the Netherlands the design could be C V v or G V v or something else?

“This item has been in my collection for a long while, but my eyes aren't sharp enough to locate this perfin in any Dutch catalog. Who knows?”



Write to Bob at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

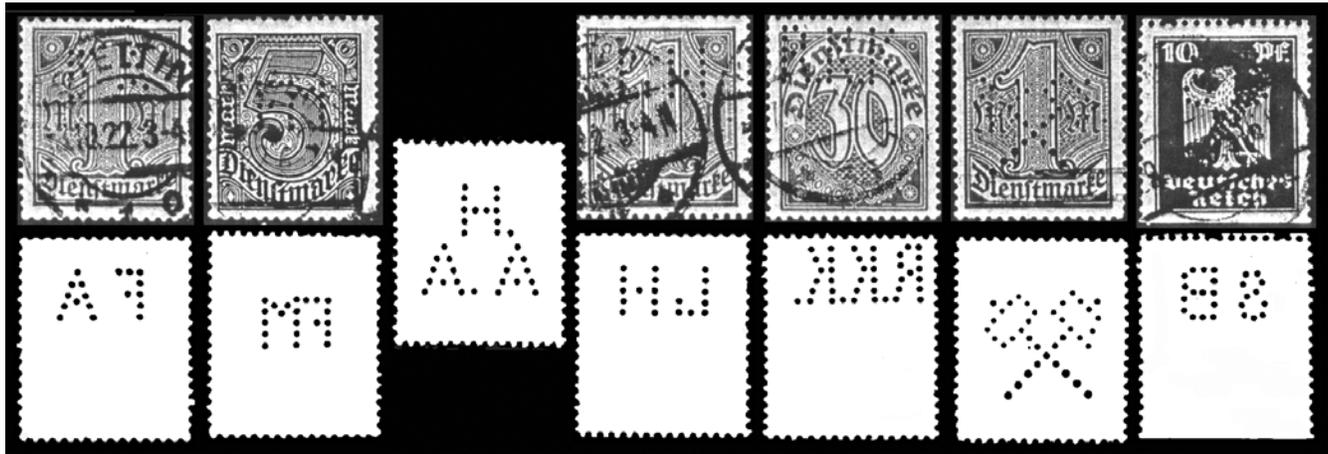
Those Very Few German Official Perfin Types

Bob Schwerdt (LM505)

In contrast to the number of German postal perfin types (12,000+), those types found in official German stamps are meager indeed. The chart below shows known varieties of these official perfins. My

issue totals (including duplicates) are listed to show the relative scarcity of some patterns. I have not seen any examples of 'POL' perfins punched in German official stamp.

ARGE Catalog Number	Pattern	Postmark	User	Count	Remarks
1.FA,1	FA	Stettin	---	2	9 other postmarks and 5 other users listed
Unlisted	FAA	---	---	0	Needham reported on 5mk official (possible Double punch)
1.FM,2	FM	Darmstadt	Finance Minister	26	
2.HAA,1	H./A.A	---	---	0	Shown in catalog supplement (Have only a photocopy)
1.LH,2	LH	Darmstadt	Landversicherungsanstalt	2	
1.RKK,1	R.K.K.	Berlin	Coal Distribution Commission	18	Also found in Russian local officials (have 2)
4.38,4	Crossed Mallets	Munchen	Bureau of Mining	12	Also found in Bavarian officials (have 35)
1.SB,2	SB	Darmstadt	State Board of Health Insurance	1	



German perfin patterns found in official stamps

There may be other types of official perfins hidden in the vast German catalog, but I hadn't encountered any until recently. The new "SB" type that crossed my desk is in Scott #O55. As shown in the table, five other users and nine different town postmarks are listed for this pattern. Found in postal issues, therefore, the perfin is not uncommon. But, from my

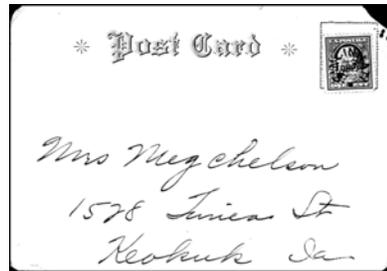
experience, it is rather rare in official stamps and provides us with another example from this limited area of collecting.

Hopefully, collectors of German official perfins can add to this list.

Hot Cross Buns and Other Useful Information

Phillip Jones (#1033)

The Fleischmann Brothers started making yeast and vinegar, a by-product, in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1862. They added a laboratory in Peekskill, NY in 1900. A subsidiary, Fleischmann Transportation Co., owned railroad cars with wooden tanks for transporting the vinegar until the 1970s. The Fleischmann Company grew into Standard Brands, Inc., and is now a division of Burns Philip Food, Inc.





HOT CROSS BUNS

1 cake FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST.	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter.
1 cup milk, scalded and cooled.	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup raisins or currants.
1 tablespoonful sugar.	$3\frac{1}{4}$ cups sifted flour.
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar.	1 egg.
	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful salt.

Dissolve yeast and one tablespoonful sugar in luke-warm milk. Add one and one-half cups flour, to make sponge. Beat until smooth, cover and let rise until light, in warm place, free from draft—about one hour. Add butter and sugar creamed, egg well beaten, raisins or currants, which have been floured, rest of flour, or enough to make a soft dough, and salt. Turn on board, knead lightly, place in greased bowl. Cover and set aside in warm place, until double in bulk, which should be in about two hours. Shape with hand into medium-sized round buns, place in well-greased pans about two inches apart. Cover and let rise again—about one hour, or until light. Glaze with egg diluted with water. With sharp knife cut a cross on top of each. Bake twenty minutes. Just before removing from oven, brush with sugar moistened with water. While hot, fill cross with plain frosting.

WHITE BREAD
(QUICK METHOD)

1 cake FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST.	2 tablespoonsful lard or butter, melted.
1 quart lukewarm water.	3 quarts sifted flour.
2 tablespoonsful sugar.	1 tablespoonful salt.

Dissolve yeast and sugar in luke-warm water, add lard or butter, and half the flour. Beat until smooth, then add balance of flour, or enough to make dough that can be handled, and lastly the salt. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, cover and set aside in a moderately warm place, free from draft, until light—about two hours. Mould into loaves. Place in well greased bread pans, filling them half full. Cover and let rise one hour, or until double in bulk. Bake forty to fifty minutes.

NOTE—Two cakes of yeast may be used in this recipe with advantage to the bread and a saving of time.

Easter Greetings
The Fleischmann Co.
FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST

The card illustrated here was mailed with a 1¢ green Franklin precancelled Cincinnati, Ohio and perfined with pattern C133. The Catalog of US Perfins lists C133 as well as C134, a similar pattern with a single control hole added as being used by the Fleischmann Transportation Co. from 1908-1917.



In addition, after Fleischmann's became Standard Brands perfin S56 is reported to have been used by both Fleischmann Laboratories and Fleischmann Transportation Co., in addition to its use by Standard Brands. Based on the evidence of this card I suggest that The Fleischmann Co. be added to '(PC) Cincinnati, OH' in the supplemental information of the C section of the US catalog.

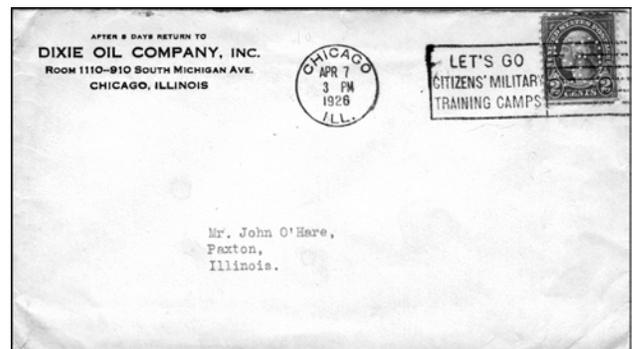
Way Up North in the Land of the Dixie Oil Co., Inc.

John Lyding (LM 116)

I can understand why a company located south of the Mason-Dixon Line (i.e., the northern and eastern boundary of my home state of Maryland) would use the trade name "Dixie". But, why an oil company in the windy city, Chicago?

The cover illustrated at the right shows a number 6 cover with a perfin. The perfin is the familiar SO of the Standard Oil Company with control hole 3 (S195-19A). There are no supplementary data provided in the Catalog. Based on this evidence, I suggest that the next catalog update include the Dixie Oil Company, Inc. in the supplementary data

section for this pattern.



Interesting Cover with Railroad Connections

Stephan W. Grabowski (#3409)

The cover pictured below in itself is rather common, boring and adds nothing to the study of perfins. The interesting part of this cover is that the return address is the Colorado & Southern Railroad imprinted at the left corner of an embossed envelope (U436). It was sent to someone at Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. in New York City. It was then forwarded to another person in Basel, Switzerland and postage was added with perfin B54 (BBH&Co) on Scot # 900. There is no cancel on this stamp. The letter is hand stamped in purple 'RETURN TO SENDER / NO SERVICE AVAILABLE'. The cover was postmarked Oct. 20, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois despite having a Union Station, Denver, Colorado return address.



The reverse of the cover is backstamped as arriving in NYC (from Chicago) on Oct. 21, 1942 and has another backstamp showing return arrival from Basel on July 8, 1943. The cover was opened (by censors?) and resealed 3 times as evidenced by

the number of seals. Its journey from Chicago to NYC to Basel and return to NYC took about 8 months with apparently nothing having been accomplished by the letter.



BBH & Co. was originally Brown Bros. Co. In 1931, Harriman joined the company by merging two Harriman family firms to form BBH & Co. The railroad connection is the Harrimans: E. H. Harriman was one of the big railroad tycoons owning the Union Pacific Railroad; his son W. A. Harriman succeeded him and was responsible for the merger of BB & Co. with the Harriman firms. The Colorado & Southern Railway was a subsidiary of the Union Pacific and operated independently until it was absorbed into the UP family: at that point it lost its separate identity.

This simple cover provided me with many hours of research and a nice addition to my RR perfin collection.

West Volusia Stamp Club Cover And An Apology

In December, Robert Schweitzer (#2974) wrote to announce the West Volusia Stamp Club's (Deland, Florida) annual stamp show (February 22, 2003). I misread Bob's cover letter, and saw only the 37¢ cat & dog stamp information – completely missing the perfin information. The 2002 spay/neuter stamps are being used and the show cancel features a paw print. Chuck Spaulding's CS pattern (unnumbered at present) is perfined in stamps to be used on thirty covers. Covers "Honoring the Humane Societies of Volusia

County" are \$2 each for either a "cat" or a "dog" cover.

Those of you who collect show covers made with perfined stamps should contact Bob to see if any of the thirty covers made using perfined stamps are still available. Write him at 52 Cambridge Trace, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2470.

Sorry Bob! I'll try to do better next year.

A Fantasy Perfin

Rudy Roy (#1124)

For those of you unfamiliar with SNA, it is a parody group from usenet rec.collecting.stamps.discuss. They now have 'created' a perfin pattern that I thought might be of some interest.

At the website <http://www.values.ch/sna-site/competition/euro-penguins.htm> I found the following:

Great news for all perfins collectors! The biggest SNA company, the Fennec Tea Corporation, that employs at times over 100,000 workers, has got the approval of the SNAPO for its first perfins.

In addition to this announcement of the perfin for this fantasy country two stamps perfinned with the FTC (presumably Fennec Tea Corp.) pattern were shown. They and the perfin are illustrated using the illustrations from the website (low resolution for faster download).



Editor's note: After I composed this note for publication I got cold feet – the website indicates a 'catalog number' of 5376a in the Catalogue of SNA Stamps for one of these items. Really?? So I e-mailed Rudy. Indeed, *this is a fantasy fantasy* – a bit of very funny humor. *Don't look for these stamps*, they aren't real. Also, he explained Fennec Tea (also a fantasy) as: "a beverage the SNA folks allege some may have been drinking when they go off on wild tangents!" Thanks, Rudy, for this humorous tangent.

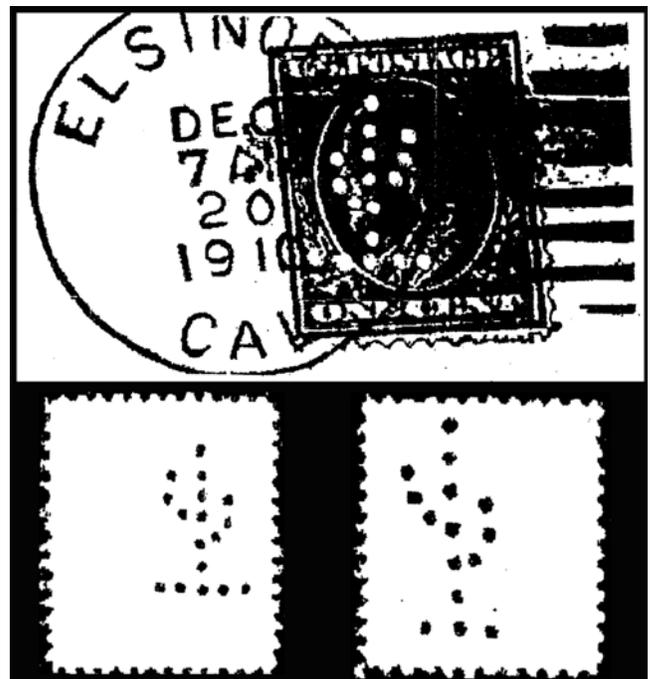
A US Cactus Perfin?

Paul Mistretta (LM-111)

In the January PB (p.12) Steve Nadler ran an ad attempting to purchase a copy of a cactus perfin. At about the same time he faxed Bob Szymanski a copy of what looks like a cactus perfin - actually two similar ones. One of these was canceled 1910 in California. The holes shown are not clean circles but are rather irregular in appearance (Bob's description was "rough"). The two examples are distinctly different in pin number, location, and apparent size.

Neither of these patterns is listed in any US Catalog to the present, nor have I been able to locate them in any worksheet. Obviously these circumstances raise quite a few questions. raises.

Steve is pursuing these items with the owner. But the question at this time really is -- does anyone out there know of or have copies of this previously unreported design in a US stamp?

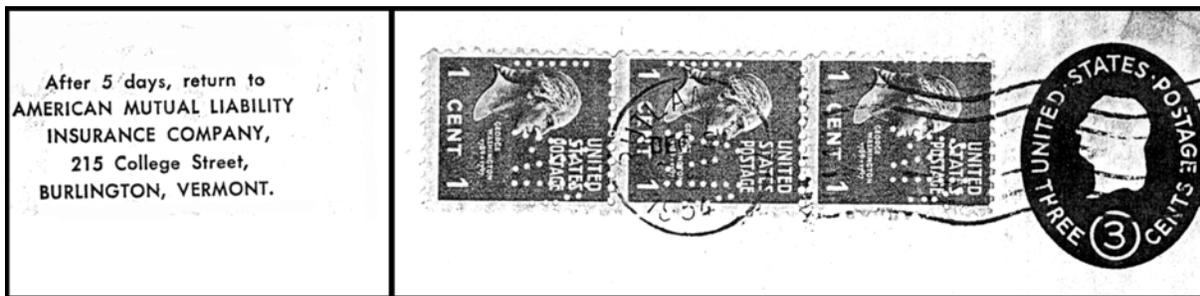


A176 – A New Location

Vince McDermott (#1787)

Bob Szymanski recently sent me a cover that documents a new location for use of pattern A176. The printed return address on the #10 window envelope is American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, 215 College Street, Burlington, Vermont and of equal interest is that the letter was postmarked in Rutland, Vermont. Six cents postage on the envelope indicates a relatively heavy item being mailed, possibly an insurance policy. Whether

the use was by the Burlington office or by one in Rutland, or even represents prepayment of a return to the AML Insurance Company (window precludes knowing to whom this envelope was directed), this use clearly fits the statement in the US Catalog: “This pattern was probably used from company offices in many cities.” Below is shown a reduced composite picture of this cover.



Iowa Oleo Rev-Perf Question

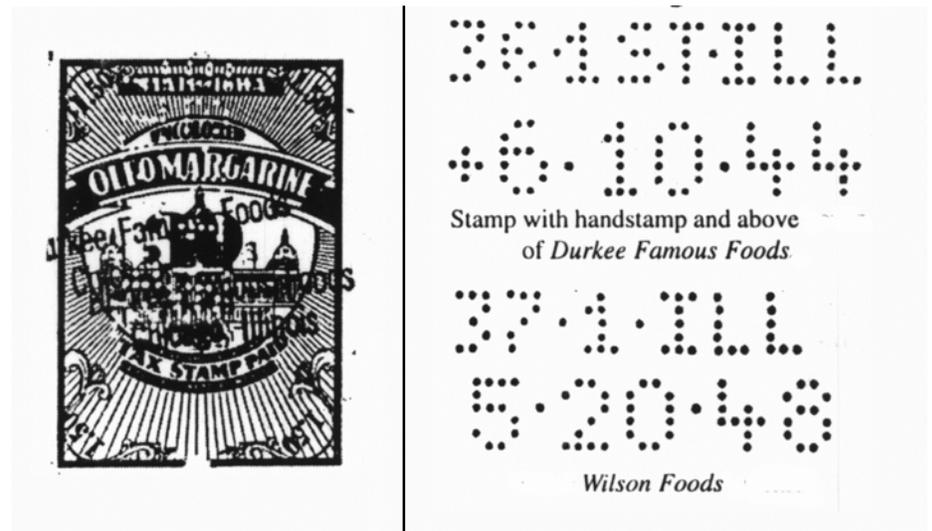
By Chuck Spaulding (#2355)

Editor's Note: The following question first appeared on page 9 of the 4th Quarter 2002 issue of the State Revenue News.

Our research for the Rev-Perfs project has discovered two perfs in the Iowa Oleomargarine stamps. Thanks to the rubber stamp used on the stamp to the right we have identified one of them as being used by Durkee Famous Foods of Chicago, Illinois.

The second rev-perf we believe to have been used by Wilson & Company also of Chicago, but we need confirmation for this.

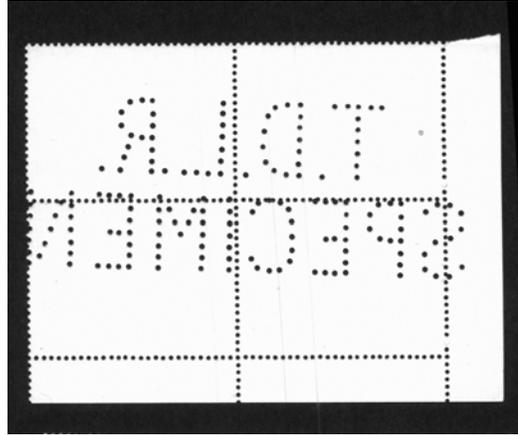
Please check your copies of this stamp to see if it has a second rev-perf and a handstamp. If you can confirm the identity of the user, please let me know (see back page for address).



Ethiopian Specimen Punch

Paul Mistretta (LM 111)

I recently purchased three copies of an Ethiopian specimen punch. The punches are slightly larger than the blocks of 4 (almost) commemorative sized stamps in which they are punched. My punches are found on Ethiopia SC#1238-1240: 50¢, 65¢ and 80¢ stamps issued in 1988 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the UN's World Health Organization. The specimen perforation reads "T.D.L.R. / SPECIMEN". I believe that "T.D.L.R." is "Thomas de la Rue" the printers who produced the stamps (hint for this assumption: 'DE LA RUE' at the lower left each stamp).



Leith Auction Watcher Report

Lee Bastien (#3165)

Ron Leath Philatelic Auctions had another auction on February 8, 2003 which included several lots of perfins. Prices realized are in Canadian dollars, but do not include the 15% commission.

Lot 229 – Canada used official collection includes 60 'OHMS' perfin stamps, 21 'OHMS' overprint stamps and 42 'G' overprint stamps.

Estimated at \$100 Sold for \$100.00

Lot 295 – 185 Canada perfins 1925 – 1960's includes 65 CPR-CNR precancels 1925 – 1960's, 119 unchecked private company perfins 1925 – 1950's, a few Newfoundland and 2 USA

Estimated at \$100 Sold for \$110.00

Lot 368 – 200 USA used stamps 1903-1920's includes Louisiana purchase, Lexington-Concord, Pilgrims, most Pan-Pacific Expo set, Jamestown, Parcel Post, some revenues and perfins.

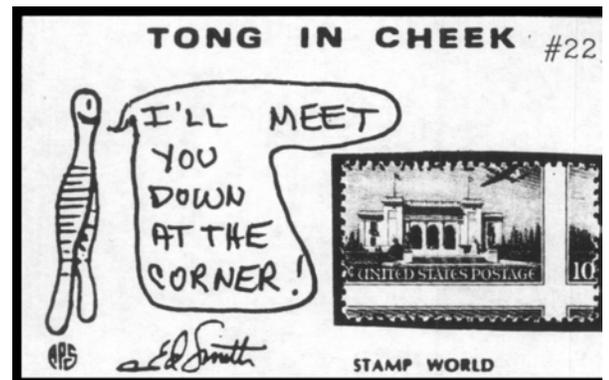
Estimated at \$75

Sold for \$95.00

Lot 829 – 850 Worldwide stamps and miscellaneous 1900- - 1940's, includes 200 Chile revenue stamps, 138 Uruguay revenue stamps, 200 USA revenue stamps, Canal Zone blocks, stockbook with 20 worldwide souvenir sheets, 11 Indonesia banknotes, 150 USA perfins.

Estimated at \$75

Sold for \$130.00



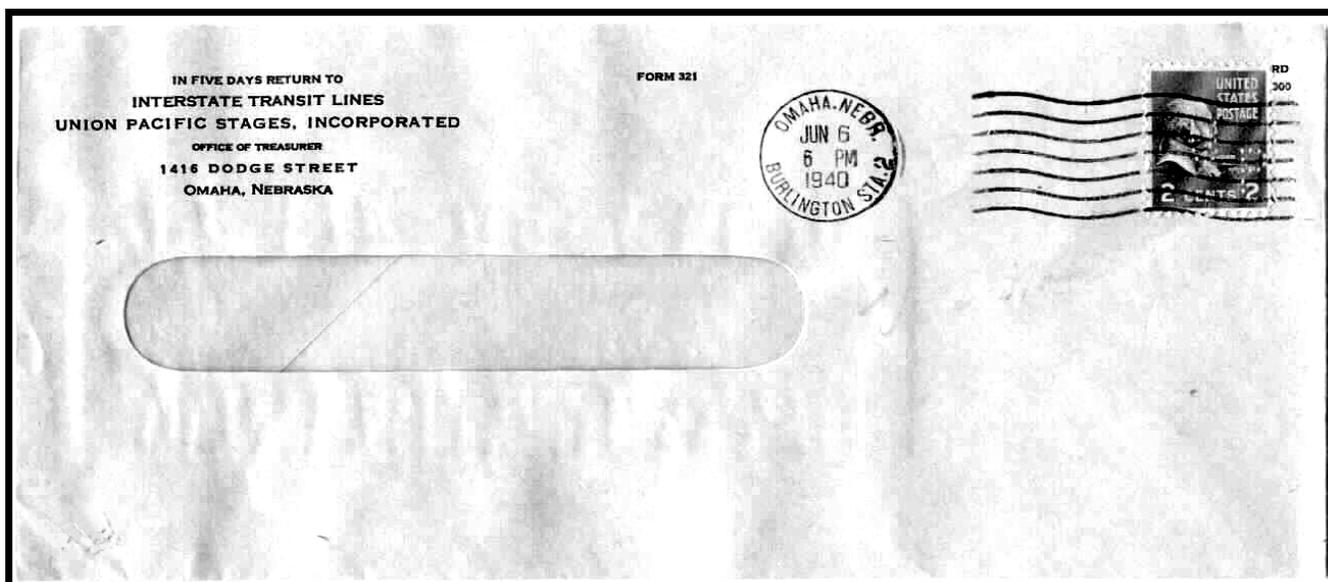
U59 - POSSIBLE EXPLANATION

John Lyding (LM 116)

Perfin pattern U59, like many other perfins listed in *The Catalog of United States Perfins* has an “x” in the column indicating that there is supplemental information about the perfin in section VII of the chapter. Unlike most of the entries in the Supplementary Information section, U59 has a raft of entries. The perfin is known precancelled from Webster City, IA despite the Omaha NE origin of the Union Pacific Railroad Company’s general offices.

According to the Catalog the perfin was used by

nine other corporate entities including “Union Pacific Stages, Incorporated” and “Interstate Transit Lines, Incorporated.” The latter entry has the note “sometimes the corner cards omit Incorporated”. Figure 1 may provide the root cause for this notation, which as far as I can determine is not used elsewhere in the Catalog. Please observe the corner card on Figure 1, which notes the corporate user as “INTERSTATE TRANSIT LINES // UNION PACIFIC STAGES, INCORPORATED”. The 2¢ Presidential series Adams stamp is punched UP (U59).



Notes on Counting the Catalog

Paul Mistretta (LM111)

During the process of counting the catalogs I took some limited notes relating to patterns which either caused problems, or were complicated and needed further explanation. I had them as footnotes to the EXCEL spreadsheet that I used to track the information. However, Bob Schwerdt’s note about AMG Austria made me reevaluate the importance of this information in the context of this ongoing series of counts. Below are these footnotes.

Notes I – IV explain counts presented in the table (wherever they appear.) Notes V and VI relate countries or political units for which I was unable to locate a catalog source to count. This does not mean that cataloging has not been done for these political units, only that I did not locate the appropriate catalog to count these items as discrete units. As is apparent from Bob’s note (P.33) there is a good chance that I simply missed information in catalogs that I have counted. Any help in determining

appropriate cataloging for the units in notes lists V & VI will be greatly appreciated.

I. Australia

Total is 1729 + 169 rev + 32 reported, but is not achieved unless New South Wales, Queensland, S. Australia, Tanzania, Victoria, and W. Australia are all totaled as separate patterns. Patterns without considering source = 1493 +34. Patterns are assigned in this count per Grant and others 1990 and it appears that this catalog reflects issues prior to 1913 as seen in the states stamps (N Q S T V and W) plus Federation stamps after 1913 (A). It appears that the origin of the issue is considered in Grant's assignment to states vs Federation issues.

II. British "SPECIMEN" perfins

6 types are reported for British Africa - 21 countries, 60 issues. Listed on p 48 of Schwerdt Africa 1995; 8 types are reported for British Colonials in Asia in Schwerdt Asia 1996 p.56; and, 9 types are reported for British colonials in Schwerdt Americas 1992 p.85-86 for the in 87 issues from 21 countries in the Americas.

III. "SPECIMEN" perfins from various countries other than British Colonials

Seven types are reported for the Americas in Schwerdt Amer 1992 p. 87-88. These seven types are variously found in many issues of the stamps of 9 countries and (to date) on the issues of 13 Argentinian Provinces.

IV. Punches (as opposed to perfins)

Schwerdt Africa 1995 p.50 lists 30 punches not listed in the commercial patterns section of the catalog, and Schwerdt Asia 1996 p.58 lists 31 more punches.

V. Countries or political units for which perfins have been reported but for which I have been unable to locate a catalog listing

A.M.G., ~~A.M.G. (Austria)~~, A.M.G. (Germany) , A.M.G. (Italy), Alsace & Lorraine (to 1910; Fr.), Australian Antarctic Territory, Barcelona local (Spain), Belgium/Luxembourg (joint), Berlin (1948+; U.S., British, French Occ.), Berlin (1948-1949; Russ. Occ.), Beyrout (GB used abroad), Bohemia & Moravia (Czech.), Breslau Local (Germ. Priv Post), Cadiz local (Spain), Canna (GB Local), Chavsey (Local; Fr.), Finland - Russian Emp. (to 1917), Frankfurt Local (Germ. Priv Post), German Democratic Republic, Germany - Federal Republic (1949+), Germany - Nurnburg Local (Germ. Priv Post), Germany - U.S. & British zones (1948-1949), Guernsey (GB regional), Guernsey (Independent), Isle of Man (GB regional), Java & Madura (Regional; Neth.), Jersey (GB regional), Jersey (Germ. Occ.), Jersey (Independent), Les Ecrenou (GB Local), Les Minquiers (GB Local)j Libya - Soc. Peop. Arab Kingdom, Lundy (GB Local), Magdeburg Local (Germ. Priv Post), Mainz Local (Germ. Priv Post), Northern Ireland (GB regional), Off. In Eirtrea (GB), Orange Free State (GB Occ. 1900-1901), Puffin Peculiar Post (GB Local), Rhodesia (1965-1968), Scotland (GB regional), Slovakia (Czech.), Steep Holm (GB Local), Used abroad in Austria (Germ.), Used abroad in Cambodia (Indochina), Used in China (Japan), Used in Constantinople (Fr.), Valencia Local (Spain), and West Hungary

VI. Countries or Territories listed in previous surveys for which no stamps were reported

German private local posts: Berlin, Bromberg, Dresden, Hamburg, Hannover, Koln, Leipzig, M. Gladbach, Mulhausen, Strassburg, & Wuppertal.

Portugese related: Cape Verde, Inhambane, Kionga, Macao, Mozambique Co., Nyassa Co., Portugese Congo, Quelimane, Tete, & Zambezia.

Other: Bussahir (India), Tehran Regional (Iran), Israel, Malmedy (German Occ.), & Switzerland locals.

Current (2002) Catalog Counts

Country or Territory	CATALOG	POST	REV	SPEC	OTH	TOT	Comments
Corrientes (Arg. local)	Schwerdt Amer 1992				1	1	
Costa Rica	Schwerdt Amer 1992				1	1	oth = officials
Crete (Fr.)	Dedecker & 1990	1				1	
Crete	Hammink 1997b	4	1		1	6	
Croatia	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1			2	3	
Croatia/Slovenia (Jugos. forerunner)	Schwerdt Europe 1994	3				3	
Cuba	Schwerdt Amer 1992	22	6		2	30	oth = officials
Curacao	Verhoeven 1991	2	1			3	
Cyprus	Schwerdt Asia 1996		9	2		11	
Czechoslovakia	Maxa+ 1987+	1050				1050	
Danzig	Schwerdt Europe 1994	23			1	24	oth = Fraudulent?
Denmark		1056	6		115	1177	plus 6 with unident user (27 on postal stat.; 75 railway; 3 ferry; 5 cinderellas; 5 others)
Denmark - locals		5				5	
Denmark used in German Reich, N. Schleswig, pre-1920	Koster-Kofod, Hansen & Mathiesen 2001	2				2	
Denmark used in Great Britain		3				3	
Denmark used in Norway		1				1	
Denmark used in Schleswig		4				4	
Denmark used in Sweden		4				4	
Dhrangadhra (India)	Werner 1990		1			1	
Dominica	Schwerdt Amer 1992			4		4	
Dominican Republic	Schwerdt Amer 1992		6			6	
Dutch East Indies	Schwerdt Asia 1996	23				23	
East Africa & Uganda Protectorate	Schwerdt Africa 1995	1				1	
East India	Werner 1990, 94,98	40				40	
Eastern Silesia	Schwerdt Europe 1994	5				5	
Ecuador	Schwerdt Amer 1992	2	4	1	1	8	oth = officials
Egypt	Schwerdt Africa 1995	32	1			33	
Eritrea (Ital.)	Schwerdt Africa 1995	2				2	
Estonia	Schwerdt Europe 1994				1	1	"non-perfin"
Eupen (Germ. Occ.)	Hammink & van der Hoorn 1997a	1				1	

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Falkland Iss.	Schwerdt Amer 1992	1		4		5	
Falkland Iss Depend.	Schwerdt Amer 1992			3		3	
Faridkot (India)	Werner 1990	1				1	
Faroe Iss.	Koster-Kofod, Hansen & Mathiesen 2001	1				1	
Federated Malay States (1900-1935)	Schwerdt Asia 1996	9		2		11	
Fiji	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1		4		5	
Finland	Schwerdt Europe 1994	11	1		1	13	
Fiume	Schwerdt Europe 1994	4	1		1	6	
Foochow	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1				1	
Formosa (Japanese Occ.)	Schwerdt Asia 1996		1			1	
France	Dedecker & 1990	2322	402		27	2751	27= list w/o illustr
French East Africa	Schwerdt Africa 1995	1				1	
French India	Schwerdt Asia 1996	1				1	
French West Africa	Schwerdt Africa 1995	2				2	
Funchal (Port.)	Schwerdt Africa 1995	2				2	
Gambia	Schwerdt Africa 1995			3		3	
German African Lines	Schwerdt Africa 1995		2			2	
German Hapag Lines	Schwerdt Africa 1995		1			1	
German Woermann Lines	Schwerdt Africa 1995		1			1	
Germany	ARGE 1985+	13626				13626	
Germany General Iss. (1945-1946; French Occ.)	Schwerdt Europe 1994	5				5	
Ghana	Schwerdt Africa 1995			1		1	
Gilbert & Ellis Iss	Schwerdt Asia 1996			4		4	
Gibraltar	Schwerdt Europe 1994	1		3		4	
Gold Coast	Schwerdt Africa 1995	2		3		5	
Gondal (India)	Werner 1990		1			1	
Great Britain	Edwards & 1986+	19665				19665	
Greece	Hammink 1997b	33	2			35	Schw - 1 SPEC
Greece used in Turkey	Schwerdt Europe 1993	2				2	
Grenada	Schwerdt Amer 1992		1	4		5	
Gondal (India)	Werner 1990		1			1	

Korean Underprint

Vince McDermott (#1787)

The item below right is a light blue circular imprint "Errington & Martin" reproduced from the underside of a Korean stamp (Scott #18).



The stamp



The imprint

Some time ago I discussed this item with members of both the Perfins Club and the Korea Stamp Society. At that time the consensus was that the marking on the back of the stamp was probably applied by a stamp dealer. But, giving it more thought (and gaining some more knowledge of underprinting) I have come up with some possibilities:

1. I feel that it is a security marking, even if it was applied after the stamp was used.
2. If it was a true underprint it would normally be considered to be a forerunner to perfin use— but there are no known Korean perfins.

(So is this then simply an underprint with no 'forerunner' context?)

So far, I have not been able to determine in what business Errington & Martin were engaged. Many foreign businesses had operations in Korea during the period that this stamp was in general use (early 1900).

So, what is this imprint? Was it an underprint applied before gum was applied to the stamp or was the imprint applied after use. If after, what was the purpose (this is a relatively low value stamp). And, who were Errington & Martin and what did they do? And, finally, if this imprint does not precede a program of perfined security patterns, is it a 'forerunner' or simply an abandoned experiment in stamp security?

Any help interpreting or explaining this item will be greatly appreciated.

Editor's Note: The illustration of the imprint has been enhanced (yes, Photoshop). The photocopy of the imprint did not reproduce at all well. It appears that the imprint was made using the equivalent of a rubber stamp, rather than being printed on the stamp.

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