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Convention Time is Coming

Information has been extremely sparse concerning this summer's combined Precancel/Perfin Collectors convention. Nothing has as yet appeared in the Precancel Forum (through the March issue). The following bare-bones information is from Bob Szymanski. Hopefully I will have more to report in the June *Bulletin*.

WHEN: August 3-7, 2004

WHERE: Wayfarer Inn

121 S. River Road

Bedford, NH

(outside of Manchester, NH)

HOTEL RATE: \$99.00/night special rate

Not much information – but enough to get y'all started on your plans for being there! More next month – I hope.

Congratulations!

Leleand H. Gregory, Jr. (#2879) won a Silver-Bronze Award and also the Maurice Apfelbaum (novice exhibitor) Award for his "Introduction to Perfins". The awards were given in recognition of his one-frame exhibit at 'Nashville Stamp Show 2004' held March 13-14.

It is great to see members exhibiting perfins for others to see and even better seeing them gaining recognition for that effort. Again, **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Nominations/Voting Appear Stalled

President Bob Szymanski writes: "I've only gotten two votes for the Floyd Walker Award. I hope that you have gotten a few more." Actually, I've gotten two fewer than Bob! And, I don't know what is happening with either the Hallock Card Award or the appeal for nominees to fill the office of Vice President when Rudy retires (per the new Constitution) at the end of the year. The first appeal

for nominees (in the February Bulletin) didn't get much response. Please take time before May 30, 2004 to participate in YOUR CLUB. Send nominations A.S.A.P. to (addresses on last page):

for Vice President -- Doug Turner
for Hallock Card Award – Rudy Roy
for Floyd Walker Award – Paul Mistretta

Possible New Item for European Perfin Catalogs

Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

Earlier this year I received a small group of perfins from a contact in California. I especially like to receive perfins from the East and West Coast states. Many of my better perfins seem to originate from coastal areas. Golfers sometimes notice that a putt on a green guarded by water somehow veers toward the water. Does anyone think that has anything to do with perfins being lighter than ordinary stamps so that they travel toward large bodies of water? Maybe only a golfer thinks this way!

When I receive perfins I normally take a quick look at them and file them by country until I have several dozen and then incorporate them into my collection. When doing this with perfins from Belgium, I looked at the very last stamp in the group (pictured here) and had to rub my eyes because I wasn't

certain what I was seeing. It looked like some wording that wasn't part of the stamp. A magnifying glass clearly revealed "Malmedy".



A check in Scott's catalog showed the overprint in German Occupation Stamps Scott #1N52 (Belgian Occupation of Germany, not German Occupation of

Belgium.) *The Perfin Catalog of Europe* by Bob Schwerdt doesn't list either the stamp or the German Occupation. Note: There is a "Eupen" overprint known that is listed. A call to Bob Schwerdt and a further call to John Randall, our previous and present Foreign Catalog editors, did not provide any definitive answers.

A further e-mail to Dick Scheper, in Belgium, brought the response that Dick had contacted a Belgian perfin expert who happened to have the very same perfin on the very same stamp! However, since it was the only one he had ever seen, he suspected that it might have been forged. But, now that there are two from different sources, could it maybe be a legitimate perfin? Note that in a subsequent call John Randall said that he had compared the overprint to numerous without perfins and with that knowledge and knowledge of the usage of the perfin near Malmedy, he feels that this is a legitimate perfin.



Please look at this perfin and check your collections for the "R" perfin and see if any other information comes to light! Please let me know if you have anything to report. Thank you!

Member Ads

Wanted to Buy: Hardbound copy of the 1998 Edition of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, with or without stamps. Jerry Hejduk, P.O. Box 8282, Shawnee Mission, KS 66208-0282 or e-mail: ksprecans@msn.com.

Wanted: "UFA" = Universum Film Aktiengesellschaft on German stamps ca. 1917 – 1930, wanted on or off cover for exhibit. Christian Rueger, Rotbuchenstr. 4, 90449 Nuernberg, Germany or e-mail: ch.rueger@t-online.de.

Wanted: Perfined Scott #859 Washington Irving, on or off cover, for exhibit. Contact: Gary Denis, P.O. Box 766, Patuxent River, MD 20670.

For Sale: 1979 Balough *U.S. Perfins Catalog* plus several years of follow-up information. Almost like new. Best offer plus \$2.00 postage received by June 30, 2004 receives this catalog. Albert Spencer, 25585 Van Leuven, Apt. 256, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Truck Registration \$15.00

John Lyding (LM-116)

As many of you may know, I retired as Maryland's Director of Driver Licensing and School Vehicle Safety in 1995. When that occurred, I promised my wife that I "would do something about that mess in the garage." Well, I did do something about it, I gathered up all of the boxes, bags, albums, stock sheets, etc. and put them into plastic bins. That was a good deal because I could stack these up neatly against a wall and forget them.

Actually, I didn't forget everything. While I was loading the bins, I separated the perfin material. Then I sorted all the perfin covers alphabetically and I wrote a series of articles for the *Bulletin* (A is for Apple, B is for Ball, etc.) That series and my enthusiasm died somewhere in the first quarter of the alphabet. The plastic bins gathered dust until August of last year, when we moved out of our four-

bedroom home with a large den, garage, and storage room/laundry into a two-bedroom apartment in a retirement community. There was nowhere to fit "that mess in the garage." So, I did what any red-blooded, macho American male would do. I rented a climate-controlled storage locker.

That solution worked for a while, but after two months a bill for the third month arrived. Determined to do something, I moved twenty 20-gallon plastic storage bins into the second bedroom. Since then, I have been sorting, putting items in albums, selling (eBay and three local stamp clubs) and throwing away the things that I didn't think I could do away with. I had completed working on perfins (well through the letter W anyway) when I came upon the Automobile Certificate shown below.

As a former state-licensing official, I found this document interesting for a number of reasons.

- This is the registration for a solid tired truck an 8,500-pound Autocar, .The fee was \$15.00,
- The form for 1919 was personally signed,
- Replacement license tags were available for \$1.00.

And the card was posted on Christmas day 1918 with a 2¢ red Washington head stamp punched SHD, perfin pattern SI42 of the State Highway Department, Harrisburg, PA.

Auction Watch

From **Bill Shields (#2951)**, three eBay items:

Item number: 2992556925 -- #E7 10c Special Delivery used VF+ - USED - CUDAHY perfin. 8 bids – Winning bid: US\$76.00.

Item number: 2995814207 -- Private Perfs-383 Superb Shermack Control Perfin- Est ? [Ed. – Des.90-59.] 4 bids - Winning bid: US \$22.50.

Item number -- 2995814248 Private Perfs-383 Superb Shermack Control Perfin- Est? A little tattered around the corners, and possible slight thin in bottom margin, but still hard to find. [Ed. Des-90-5.] 15 bids -- Winning bid: US \$99.76.

From **Rudy Roy (#1124)** another eBay item:

Item number: 29978108 -- 1913 2c + F1 (10c) REG + RRR + UNUSUAL PERFINS 2 PERFIN. Description: GREAT COVER, 2 stamps with WILD LOOKING PERFINS, 2c + 10c with New York double oval postmark, also purple registered box marking and blue "Registered, Return Receipt Requested." Sent to Belleville IL with red receiver dated 2/20/1913, also postmarked New York (Wall Street Sta.) N.Y. 2/18/1913, from "K.N. & K., Knauth Nachod and Kuhne, Bank Delivery, New York." Has a tear at left side, SEE PHOTOS, NO RESERVE. [Ed. – appears to be K48.] 11 bids - Winning bid: US \$89.88

From **Chistian Rueger (#1834)** from Nutmeg auctions (realizations not yet posted):

Auct. #78 (March 23, 2004) Lot #7582 -- 1912-20 Official selection NH: 3pf (top pair LH), 25pf &: 50pf blk/4; 1920 issue 5, 10, 20pf vert str/5, all w/ 'E' perfin VF (Mi #Dienst6,10,11,13-15, 337DM=\$202)

Baby Auct. #19 (March 30, 2004) Lot 18875 – Tunesia: YT #4-5,7, Postal Tax Stamps w/

Perforated "T" Fine, Pen Cnls, Group of 3 (YT #4-5,7, €126=\$158)

Auct. #79 (April 15, 2004) Lot #1772 -- Reg Use 1c, 10c, 50c, \$2 Fourth Bureaus (#602), each a single, Federal Reserve perfins (2B), tied by blurry mute four-bar cnls to reverse of mailing tag (some wrinkles), addr Bridgeport CT, 1929 receiving cnls obverse and reverse, tag has intriguing return addr "Federal Reserve Bank of NY Federal Reserve PO Station", scarce use of the \$2 fourth bureau.

Auct # 79 Lot #2154 – Perfin Use 1c Postal Card (#UX24), w/ added 1c (se) Washington-Franklin definitive for international service tied by New York NY Jul 26 1912 machine cnl, addr Switzerland w/ St. Gallen receiving mark on face of card, stamp is perfined GES Co (for G. E. Strechet Booksellers - ad on reverse), very unusual to see a perfin on a postal card, especially to a foreign destination, scarce, VF.

From **Dave Cooper (#1773)**

Taken from Robert A Lee Auctions of March 13, 2004 (no address on photocopied materials): Lot 759 (with illustration on the back cover) is a 'S.L./A Co' on a 10c Jubilee stamp, first issued June 19, 1897. Unitrade catalog value in 2000 was \$135.00 in VF condition. Estimated value C\$2,000.00. "Needless to say, I did not bid on this item."

Also, from same auction catalog are lots #1140 to #1193, all of Canadian perfins. Some of the lots appear to be spectacular – as do some of the ECVs. These lots range from single covers to large lots of Canadian perfins.

And , finally, when putting together the note by **Brett Stitt (#3035)** I realized that in the March Bulletin I had not included an address for Jim Mehrer's US Postal History Mail Bid Sales – something I try to do on first mention of an auction house which features perfin lots. It is 2405 30th St., Rock Island, IL 61201.

Bosnia Herzegovina

John J. Nussbickel

The following article is reprinted with minor reformatting and editing from the *Austria Philatelic Society Journal* 4(1):7; 1904. Thanks to Ken Stewart (#3245) for sharing the article and to Ralph Schneider, Editor of that *Journal* for granting permission to reprint.

This article is about the officially demonetized and defaced issue of 1906. These stamps were defaced and appeared on the stamp market in Vienna after the collapse of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy. They were defaced by a series of punched holes or a blue crayon mark.

This issue is the most picturesque set of stamps of Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy. They were designed by Prof. Koloman Moser and engraved by F Schirnbock. The day of issue was 1 Nov. 1906. They remained in use until 3 Dec. 1912 when they were demonetized. There have been many articles written about the disposal of the remainders of this issue. These stamps were printed by the Austrian State Printing

Works in Vienna and then shipped to Bosnia (Sarajevo). However, it is quite evident that not all of them had been shipped prior to the date of demonetization. The remainders no longer being of importance remained forgotten on the shelves of the Printing Works. They were discovered in the early 1920's, well after the collapse of the monarchy. They could no longer be sent to Bosnia so the question was what to do with them. It is difficult to understand why they were not disposed of in the usual manner of demonetized remainders; it was decided that they should be defaced by a series of holes. It was then that a punch was set up which contained a set of 12 pairs of 2-hole punches. This device could perforate one row of a full sheet of stamps horizontally. The individuals performing the work were none too careful and some sheets were perforated vertically. These remainders also were defaced with a Blue crayon marker.

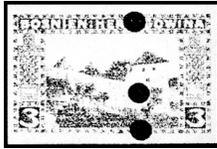
To destroy these stamps and properly clear the records they were counted and properly recorded.

Stamps punched with holes

Perforated stamps				Imperforate stamps			
1 heller	500	30 heller	83,000	2 heller	3,000	25 heller	7,500
2 heller	27,000	35 heller	12,500	3 heller	15,000	30 heller	40,000
3 heller	30,000	40 heller	8,000	5 heller	20,000	35 heller	4,000
5 heller	70,000	45 heller	42,500	6 heller	2,500	40 heller	1,500
6 heller	22,500	50 heller	25,500	10 heller	90,000	45 heller	2,000
10 heller	85,000	1 kroner	17,500	20 heller	3,000	50 heller	2,500
20 heller	10,000	2 kroner	750				
25 heller	22,500	5 kroner	12,500				

Stamps defaced with blue crayon marker

Perforated stamps				Imperforate stamps			
2 heller	3,000	45 heller	12,000	35 heller	100	1 kroner	3,000
6 heller	8,000	1 kroner	5,000	50 heller	150	5 kroner	2,500
20 heller	5,000	2 kroner	6,000				
40 heller	2,000	5 kroner	14,000				



It is plausible to assume that these stamps could have remained forgotten on the shelves in the printing works. But questions remain:

- Why were these stamps, which had been demonetized for so long a time defaced?
- Why were they not disposed of as other stamps of this period?

- How did they come to appear on the stamp market in Vienna in the early 1920's?

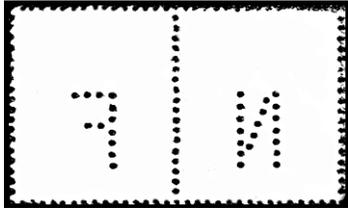
I imagine the answer's to these questions will just remain a mystery.

Ref Donat Post, Dr Viktor Weinert

Whatizzit #9 Revisited

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Many years ago, Jim Harris reported the following "NF" pattern to me. This item has a Zagreb cancel. As for the item shown in Whatizzit #9, the two letters are spaced to fit on adjoining regular issue stamps; these also on the 10f type shown for Whatizzit #9.



Frank Semmler in his *Hungarian Catalog* shows the "NF" pattern as #N4 and also notes that #L8 has the letters "LDB" spaced wide enough apart to fit on three adjoining stamps. The illustration on page 169 of the Nov/Dec 2003 Bulletin may be upside down – using the "N" in this pattern as an example [Ed. Note the spacing of the diagonal with respect to the two intersections of the vertical stroke] it should read "ON". Perhaps these may be part of the same extended pattern such as LDBONF or ONFLDB- or one with even more letters and a different sequence?

More About Perfinned Christmas Seals

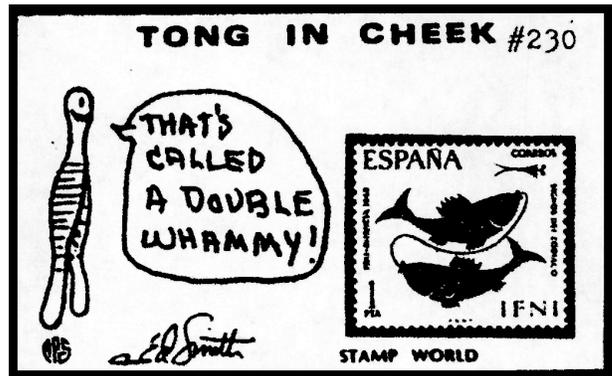
Bob Schwerdt (505L)

Thanks to Jack Brandt, the mystery of the U.S. 1933 "Kodak?" Christmas seal has been solved. The design is a partial 'SPECIMEN COLUMBIA BANK NOTE Co. CHICAGO' with only "MBIA" visible. (see Nov/Dec *Bulletin* p. 173)



Jack also reported a few more Scandinavian Christmas seal personal perfins: Denmark 1979 seal with "GK I" (G17) and Denmark 1982 seal with "PE" (P11) both belonging to Peter Engelbrecht and

a 1992 seal with Swedish collector Magnus Werner's perfin. The perfins mentioned are shown in postage stamps since I lack them in seals.



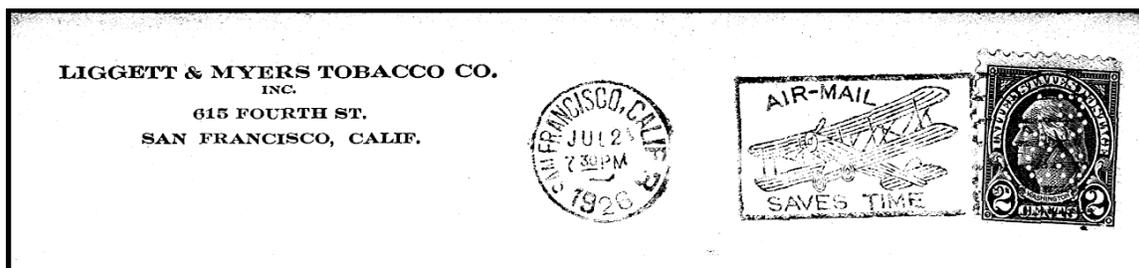
Auction Success Brings New Information

Blair Stitt (#3035)

I was successful on four bids in Jim Mehrer's Postal History Mail Bid Sale #59 (see auction Watch in the March *Bulletin*). I am enclosing photocopies of what I got. [Ed. Note – full cover illustrations received – only graphically cropped cover strips reproduced.]

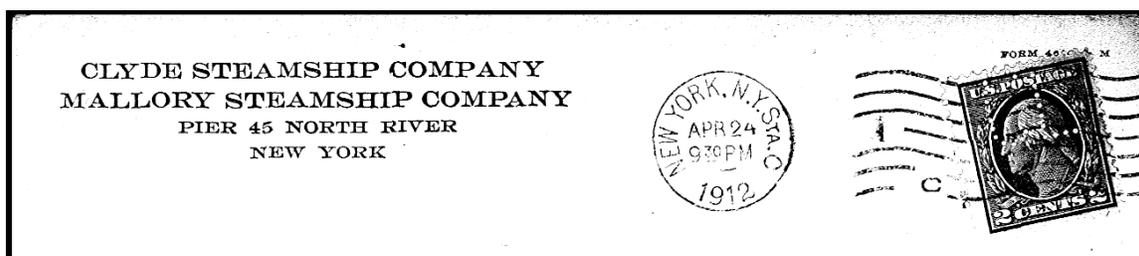
Of main interest is the "JBCo". which is cataloged as John Bollman Co. (pattern J7) but has a corner card

of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. The current catalog lists as supplemental information: "This company [reference to Bollman] was a branch of Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Company." However, it does not clearly list usage on L&M envelopes. Based on this cover should the L&M usage be added to pattern J7's supplemental information?



The Clyde Steamship Company's cover has an inverted perfin (pattern C180) and a corner card which pairs the Clyde Steamship Co. name (primary user listed in the catalog) with the Mallory Steamship Co. (listed as a supplemental user) name. This suggests something not currently reflected clearly in the US Catalog – multiple concurrent

primary users. [Ed. Note – There is an opportunity for some research here – C181 and C182 are listed as used by the Clyde Mallory Lines. The shapes of C180 and C181 are too similar to be coincidental and the user names are also too similar to be pure chance. Someone have time to research the history of a steamship company?]



Nothing unusual about the other two covers [Ed. Note – they are not reproduced here]. The four covers cost me \$41.00.

Also, Jim's current mail bid sale (#60) has 39 perfinned covers listed. Note a "BB". with a Mishawauka, IN address and a Floyd Walker/Perfins Club cover with a Kansas City address..

Errata

In the March *Bulletin* while discussing Club activities I included BAPA (the Bay Area Philatelic Association). I received a note from Alan Sandy which simply put included the following: "My email is correct, but my phone number should end in '60'

rather than in '50'. Here it is: 707-765-6760." Apologies to Alan (not sure if I had misinformation or simply published yet another typo – but please correct the phone number if you intend to call Alan.)

Date Punch Revenues of Rhodesia

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

Brian Dennis's newsletter about Rhodesian perfin in the October 2003 *Bulletin* prompted me to examine my accumulation. Though I can add nothing to his listing of commercial perfins, I decided to review my punch dated items, especially since I had just obtained a fun bunch of these issues to add to my collection.

First, a bit of philatelic-historic perspective. British South Africa stamps, listed under "Rhodesia" in the Scott catalog, were introduced in 1890. Stamps with coat of arms designs were issued until 1909 and then some were overprinted "RHODESIA". A set of six Victoria Falls Bridge commemoratives was issued in 1905, but I have never seen any date punches in these issues. In the 1910 through 1919 portraits of the British monarchs, Mary and George V appear together on large horizontal stamps, and the king alone wearing naval cap appears on small definitives. Both portrait types were inscribed "RHODESIA." When the territory was divided in 1923, the same portrait of George was used, but the small definitives were inscribed "SOUTHERN RHODESIA."

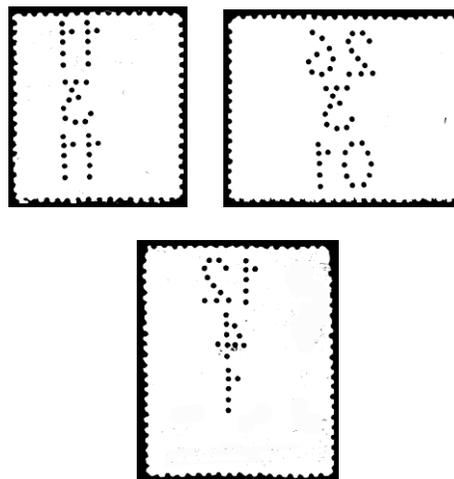


Northern Rhodesia is of no concern because no date punches have been reported in those stamps. The earliest coat of arms stamp I own is punch dated 28/3/98. Based on my material, these unoverprinted arms stamps were punched for the next 23 years until 1921 even while the overprinted arms and the portrait stamps were being used. My overprinted issues were punched from 1911 through 1915, the portrait stamps from 1911 through 1923, and the Southern Rhodesia items from 1924 through 1928, with the last date 2/11/28 in a large George V revenue issue. Other collectors may be able to

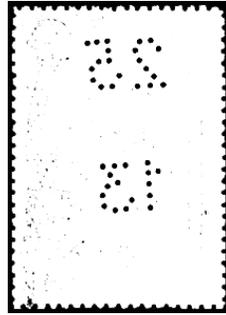
extend the punched usage dates of the various face-different stamp types.

A great variety of stamps were used to meet the required tax fees. I have examples from one penny (postal) to 30 pounds (revenue). Fifty pound revenues have been noted in auction catalogs. In the 1996 Scott catalog there are 140 major face-different varieties listed for Rhodesia. There are many sub-varieties listed for color and perforation differences. The 1983 Gibbons lists 322 possibilities including the color and perforation varieties.

There are enormous possibilities for expanding a date punch collection based on the catalog data. An examination of the punching reveals some interesting things. I suspect that all of the punching took place after the stamps were affixed to the documents. Hence the variance of the date positions with some only partially on the stamp. The year date figures sometimes vary: 1901 may be punched as 01 or just 1. Normal punching is usually a three-tier date: day/month/year, but year/month/day punches are also common.



Occasionally, one finds a two-tier date, either month and year or day and year. When there is a missing figure, the probable cause is that the pin adjustment was improperly set causing faint dumb punches, or no punch at all. The cancel date on the face of the stamp can elaborate the true date.



Perhaps the most interesting aspect of these stamps is the variety of cancellations. Many punched items are found without cancels, though some are still on piece. When present, the typical cancel is a purple, double-ringed oval with the authority at top, the town at the bottom and the date in the center. Large in size they tie the stamps to documents. Because of the color of the cancel and the medley of colors of the stamps, and because most off-document stamps lack a full cancel, determining the source of the cancel is difficult. Some offices probably lacked a canceling device, so a pen was used to date and initial the stamps.

My only document with dated revenues is a deed of transfer for lots, dated Jan. 20, 1921, with "DEEDS REGISTRY OFFICE" in the cancel. The transfer was handled in the Bulawayo office of Coghlan and Welsh (attorneys). Other complete and incomplete cancellations are listed here to show the variety of offices that used punch dated revenue stamps.

- Registry Office
- High Court of Southern Rhodesia

- Magistrates Office
- Mining Commissioner
- Office of the ??
-e Civil Comm....
-ft's Office
- C C (Victoria)

Town cancellations discovered thus far:

- Bulawayo
- Gw....
- Hartley
- Mazoe
- Salisbury
- Victoria

Some town names were changed when Rhodesia became Zimbabwe in 1978, so former names may not be listed on modern maps. I don't know if the distribution of my punch date stamps for Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia is characteristic of other collections. For the record, the chart includes duplicates of some twenty dates or issues.

- 1898--1903 23
- 1904--1909 42
- 1910--1915 76
- 1916--1921 27
- 1922--1928 8

It might be fun some day to check a perpetual calendar to determine which days of the week received the most punching action. However, a much larger sample of items would be necessary to reach some conclusions.

Fishy Observation and Speculation

John Mathews (Kambah, Australia)

I have seen the set of Hong Kong stamps with "Fish" punctures (*Perfins Bulletin* 57:173. 2003). The designs of these stamps also feature fish, and the punctures are the same variety of fish (based on outline shape) that form the respective designs.

It would be interesting to know how such an irregular shaped punch is produced. It would not be such a straightforward engineering feat as a round hole, but I guess laser technology would be one possibility.

Paul Mistretta (LM-111)

Equally interesting as knowing how the irregular fish punches were produced would be to know what the die is made of to allow repetitive use to punch the extremely fine pectoral fins and bubbles which form part of several of the punches? The cuts are so

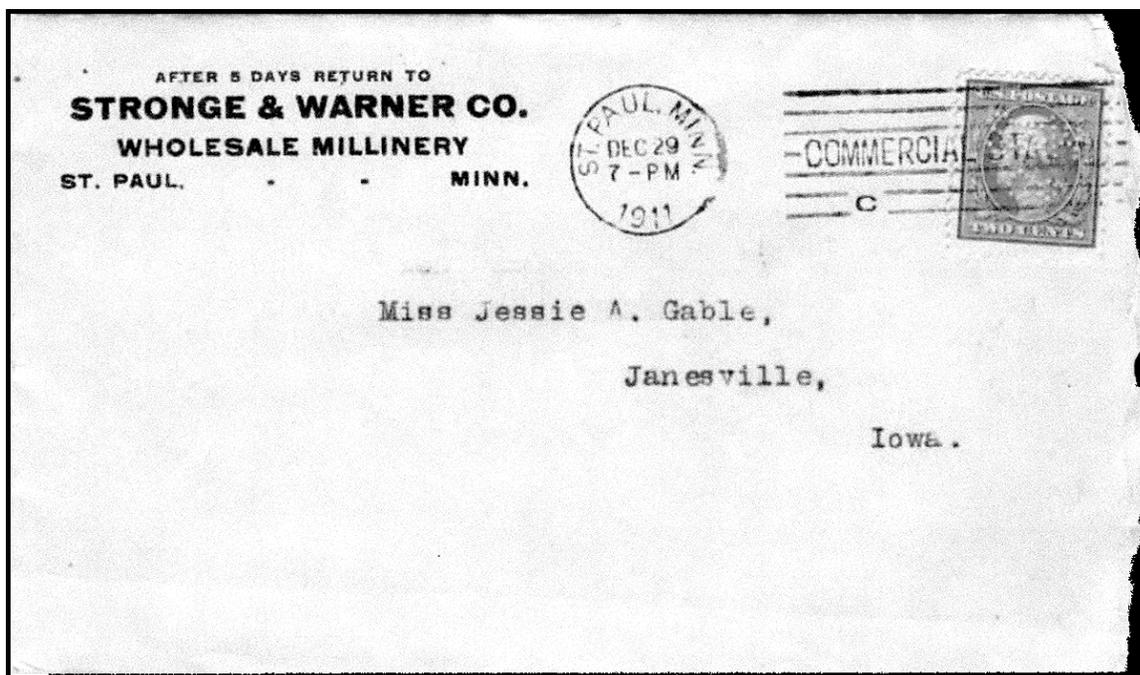
small it seems impossible to imagine a die lasting for any length of time. Is there any chance that this the entire pattern is made by laser or other new technology rather than by the classic die and base-plate punch process?

It Took Almost One-Hundred Years to Identify the User of Perfin Pattern S366

John Lyding (LM-116)

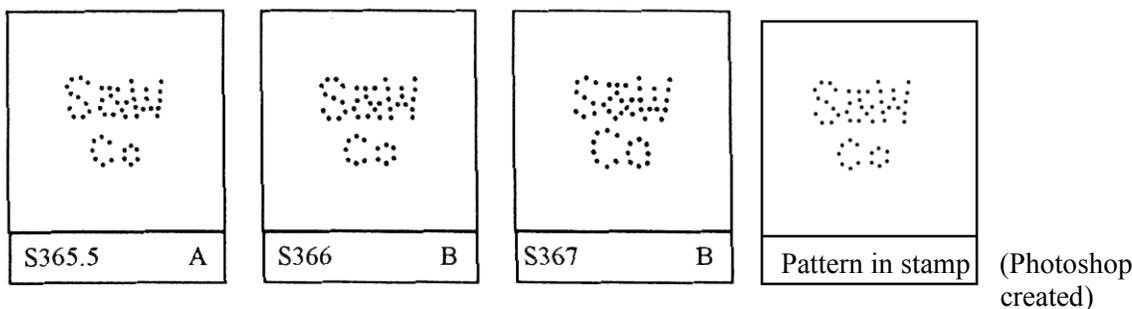
The current *Catalog of United States Perfins* with changes has brought the identification of perfins a long way since the early mimeographed lists

produced by early Club Editors. Unfortunately, there are still gaps in our knowledge. The cover shown below will close one of those gaps.



By reference to pages S-42/43 of the *Catalog* it will be noted that there are three very similar "S&W/Co" patterns. Two of these are rated as B and one is rated A. Pattern S367, the user of which has been identified, has larger letters "C" and "O". While it would be nice to have an A-rated perfin, this is not the one shown here. The other two patterns, S365.5

and S366 have a difference in the letter "O". While they are both the same height, they have different widths. In S365.5 the "O" is almost 3mm wide while in S366 the corresponding letter is slightly larger than 3mm in. This difference is discernable to the eye; well at least when my 73-year-old eyes use a magnifying glass.



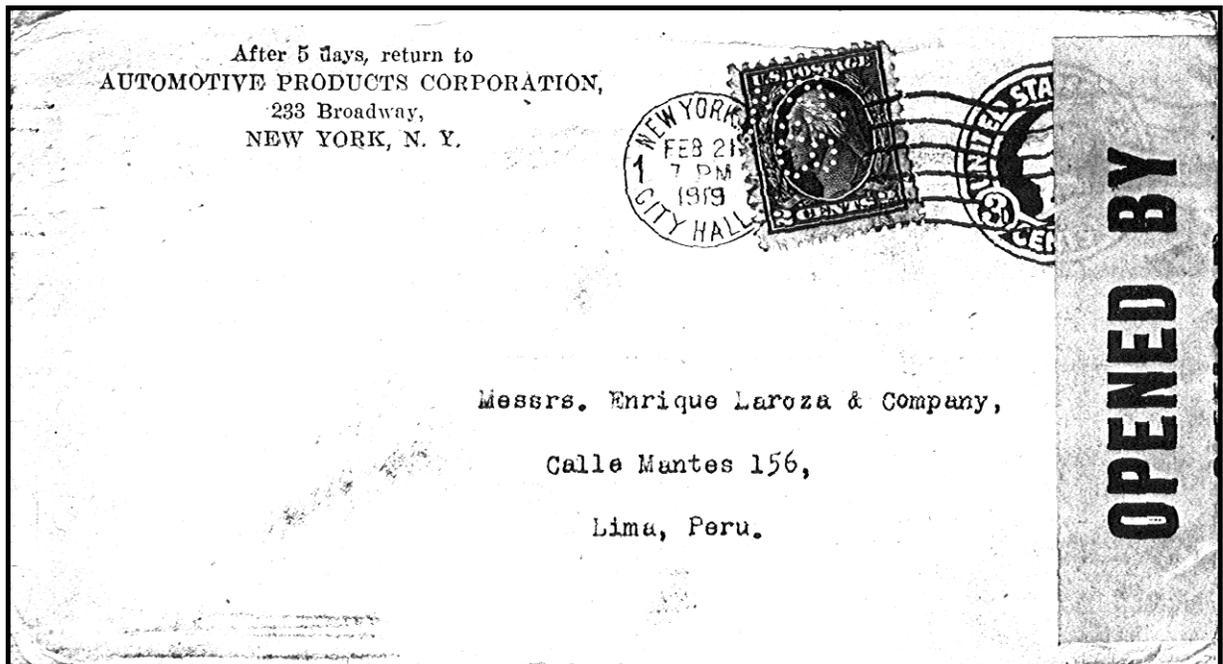
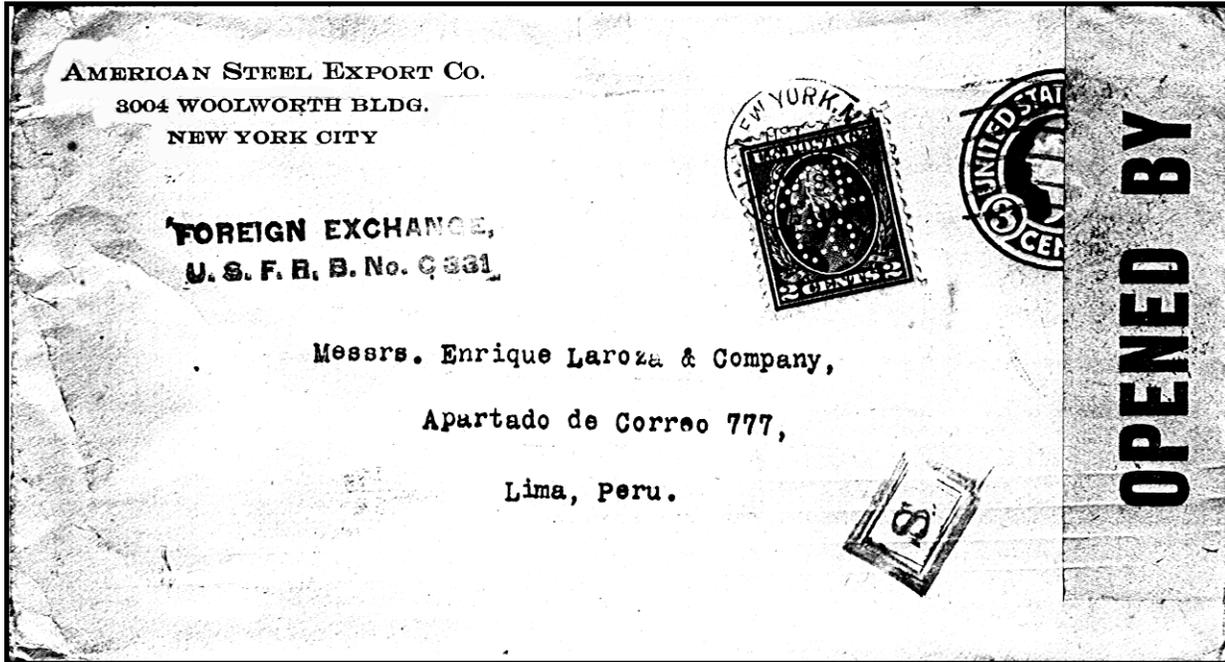
Catalog page S-43 shows the three patterns and the perfin. From the Photoshop image created by the editor (far right image), it is obvious that the stamp

on the cover is pattern S366; the pattern's user is thus identified as Strong and Warner Company of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Covers With New Data for the U.S. Catalog

Michael Padwee (#3636)

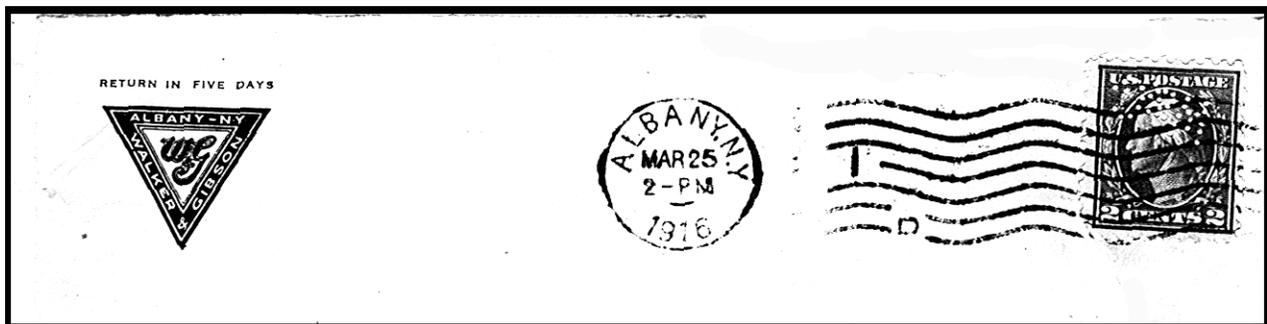
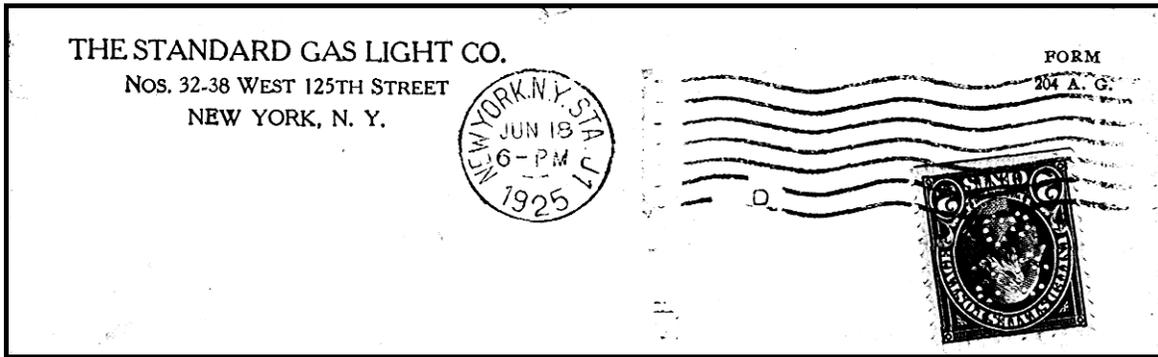
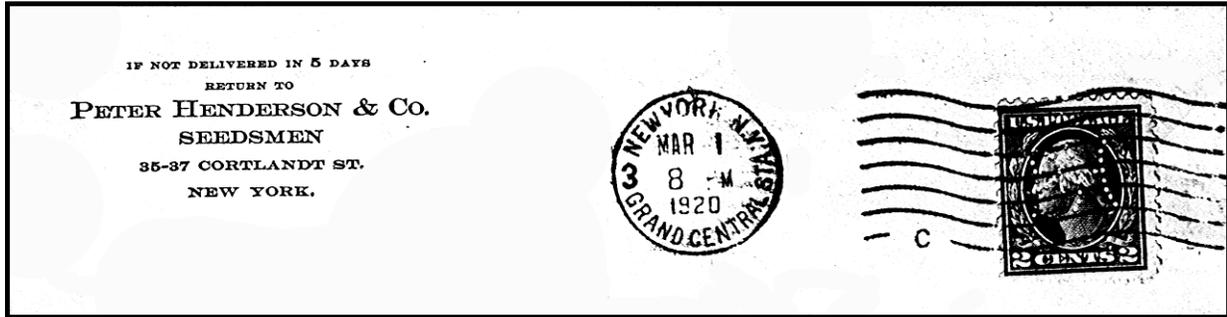
Below are a few covers (most reproduced as cover strips) from my collection which should add data to or modify some data in the U. S. Catalog. The first two covers each have an A253 perfin, even though they have different corner cards.



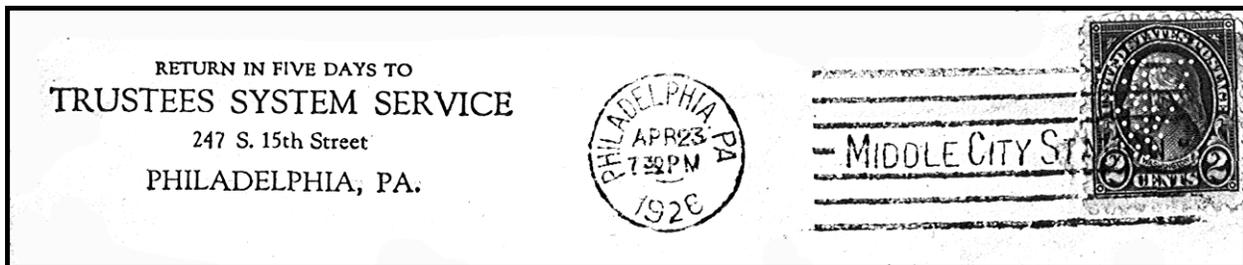
The address for each company, however, is the Woolworth Building in New York City, and both covers are addressed to the same company in Lima, Peru. Why were two companies, located in the same building, using the same perfin? Are they connected in some way? In addition, the latest date-of-use for

A253 is extended to February 1919 based on the lower cover.

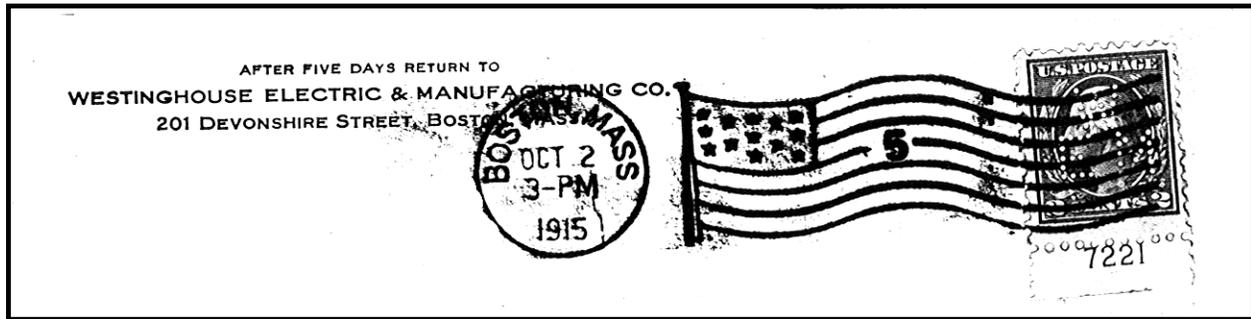
Perfins P102, S129 and W211 are shown with new, later dates of use than is shown in the catalog. The new later dates are March 1920 (P102), June 1925 (S129), and March 1916 (W211).



Perfin T96 is shown with a new city of usage (Philadelphia).

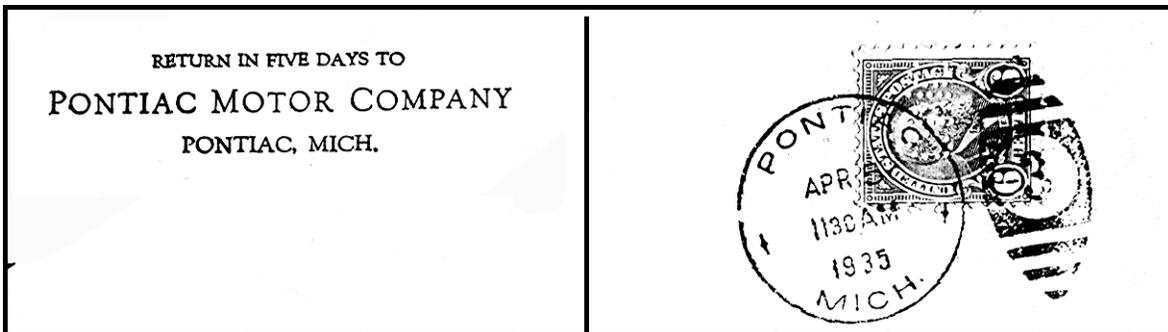


Perfin W80 also showing a new city of use (Boston).



Finally, Perfin O48, used by the Oakland Motor Co. of Pontiac, MI, is shown on a 1935 cover strip (width also reduced) sent by the Pontiac Motor Co.

in Pontiac, MI. Why was the Pontiac Motor Co. using #O48? Was the Oakland Motor Co. a subsidiary of Pontiac?



International Perfiner Meet in the Near Future?

Alan Sandy (LM-2539)

There is a movement afoot to have an international perfin congress, perhaps in Paris or somewhere else in Europe for the first one. At least four members of BAPA are eager to go. There is a possibility that someone in Europe will look into linking such a congress to a major stamp exposition. The hope is to get many of the major catalogue editors and collectors together to discuss/brainstorm such topics

as terminology, catalog formats and standards, differences in perfin collecting from region to region, and many more subjects--certainly including "what is a perfin?!"

For a second or third such get-together, I would think that the annual meeting of the US Perfins Club at the PSS convention would be a natural.

Special Delivery E7 Perfins Revisited

Bob Schwerdt (505L)

E7 perfins are scarcer than I had imagined. To date, only four more perfins have been reported in E7s by three PC members. Here is the total list including

items from the January '04 *Bulletin*. Note: To date, no covers with perfinned E7 stamps have been reported.

Cat. #	Design	User	Location	# of copies
A64	AC/Co	Allis Chalmers	Milwaukee	2
B177	B/O/E	Board of Education	Chicago	2
C360	C(W)	Collier & Son	New York	1
L187	L*N/RR	Louisville & Nashville Railroad	Louisville	1

An Unreported US Pattern

John Lyding (LM-116)

The perfin shown is a mystery to me. As many of the members know, I have slowly been working through my perfins, sorting cataloging, etc. like everyone else, I started with the letter "A" and progressed through the alphabet. As I went along the envelopes marked "Numbers", "Designs" and "GOK" (i.e., God Only Knows) got fatter and fatter.

Well, I finally opened the envelope marked "Numbers" and sorted the accumulation into smaller glassines according to design. Seven perfins were the contents of the first glassine. All had a "1" punched in the stamp.



A perfinned 1997 Stars and Stripes Forever 32¢ commemorative (Scott #3153) is the only one I found without a postmark or partial postmark. The best postmark, "SOUTHERN CT 084 1997 /pm/1 0 MAR/1997" is found on a strip from the 1996 Georgia O'Keeffe 32¢ commemorative (Scott #3069). Two other O'Keeffe stamps have partial postmarks as follows: "...BY P&DC IAIPM/...JUN/...997" and "TRA VER.../PM/05 AUG/1997". A 25¢ 1990 Olympian pair (Scott

#2496 & #2497) has a partial postmark "PHIL. P AIPM/1997". The remaining stamp, a 1996 Monk Seal 32¢ commemoratives (Scott #2105c), also has a partial postmark, "...SON P&.../1997".

Well that is a lot of data, but can we glean any information out of these data? The punches all appear to have been made from the same perforator. Second, despite my penchant for collecting perforators (i.e., check writers, document punches, etc.), these are not mine, but they do appear to have been made by a stamp collector. In addition to only appearing on 1990's issues they are all in commemoratives.

Here is where the Club can help; can anyone complete the partial postmarks? Does anyone else have one of these "1" perfins? If so, please submit your data to our catalog editor who will be able to add it to these data that I have forwarded to him.

[Ed. Note: With apologies to John, I have reformatted this note to reflect the presence of the '1' in the seven reported stamps, rather than using the seven illustrations he provided. From painful experience I knew that attempting to get clean black & white prints of the cancels on these brightly inked stamps would have a low probability of success. For any errors I may have introduced into the text by trying to eliminate reference to the pictures, I apologize; those errors are mine, not John's.

Cover Extends Use of Pattern T77

John Lyding (LM-116)

The Catalog of United States Perfins list perfin pattern T77 user as the Trademens National Bank and Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is verified by a cover submitted to the US Catalog Editor. The Catalog lists the period of usage

as "1926-42". The light cancel on the cover [Ed. Note: too light to tease out for printing] is "PHILADELPHIA, PA/MAR 3/6:30 PM/1948." I have requested that the US Catalog Editor, use this information to update the usage dates to "1926-48".

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PLEASE Send all renewals to the Club SECRETARY. I manage the mailing labels and drop Members for non-payment. Thanks, Ken

E. J. Enschede Dies

John C. Root (#3716) reports that in an e-mail from Joop Neerings-Enschede on behalf of Mr. Enschedes' daughter he was informed that E.J. Enschede (LM-245) died March 23,2004, at the age of 101. Those of you who collect world perfins or those of the Netherlands will recognize

Mr. Enschede is the author of the 1976 *List of the Perfins of the Netherlands, Curacao, the Netherlands Antilles and the Netherlands Indies*, the 186 page catalog which introduced many of us to the perfins of these areas. His collection of stamps is being contributed to a museum of Communication in the Hague.

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