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PayPal Now Available for Payments to the Club

Steve Endicott (#2284)

We are introducing a new way to make payments to The Perfins Club. Of course, the conventional way of mailing a check will always work and as philatelists, we all enjoy receiving stamps on envelopes. But in today's new world of electronic communications, we also have the ability to use the Internet, which can be quite beneficial to some of our members, especially those living overseas.

Beginning immediately, the Club can accept payment via PayPal! You will need a PayPal account to use this service. (Visit www.paypal.com to set up a personal account.) Simply log on to your account and follow the prompts to send money to The Perfins Club account at perfin@comcast.net. I ask that you indicate the purpose of your payment (membership dues, auction payment, etc.) in the comments section of your PayPal transaction. The Club's treasury will receive the funds and I, as Treasurer, will receive your message.

Since the Club is a non-profit organization, if you are using a personal PayPal account (as differentiated from a business account) there is NO fee to either of us. An important note to our foreign members: it is best that you conduct the transaction all in U.S. dollars, otherwise you will incur a currency conversion fee.

Our members living overseas now have several ways to send funds to the Club to pay for their perfins transactions: a personal check drawn on a U.S. bank or U.S. correspondent bank, an international money order, a PayPal transaction, a debit from a previously established escrow account held with the Club's treasury, or cash (which is not recommended).

I hope our members find this new tool helpful. Please send me your comments and suggestions via e-mail.

Some Corrections to Picture ID's (Oct Bulletin)

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Here are a few corrections/additions to the identifications of members seen in the Convention pictures. In the first picture "Cocktails and Dinner" the identifications of Ed & Jackie Linn and Fred & Jean Sawyer are reversed.

In the picture of the attendees of the Business meeting the unidentified are as follows: Row 2 - 1st Art Mongan, 4th Nancy McGuiness; Row 3 - 1st Steven Tauber, Jerry Hejduk; Row 4 1st Loren Neuharth. One last member in the meeting picture is unidentifiable (Sorry).

Needed - New Sunshine Chairperson

Sylvia Maniscalco has resigned from the post of Club Sunshine Chairperson. If you are willing to

take on this job for the Club, please contact Bob Szymanski (address/phone etc on back page).

Prices Realized – Auction #95

1.	\$2.50	32.	5.00	63.	8.00	94.	20.00	125.	1.00	156.	15.00
2.	6.00	33.	5.00	64.	8.00	95.	1.00	126.	NB	157.	4.00
3.	5.00	34.	40.00	65.	16.00	96.	1.00	127.	NB	158.	4.00
4.	10.00	35.	18.00	66.	8.00	97.	1.00	128.	NB	159.	4.00
5.	5.50	36.	11.00	67.	8.00	98.	10.00	129.	NB	160.	4.00
6.	10.00	37.	18.00	68.	3.00	99.	2.00	130.	1.00	161.	32.00
7.	5.00	38.	10.00	69.	1.00	100.	1.00	131.	15.00	162.	1.00
8.	5.00	39.	4.50	70.	18.00	101.	1.00	132.	10.00	163.	12.00
9.	13.00	40.	4.00	71.	18.00	102.	1.00	133.	10.00	164.	16.00
10.	17.50	41.	5.00	72.	10.00	103.	10.00	134.	10.00	165.	11.00
11.	9.00	42.	28.00	73.	11.00	104.	5.00	135.	1.00	166.	180.00
12.	4.00	43.	10.00	74.	1.00	105.	1.00	136.	1.00	167.	22.00
13.	4.50	44.	4.00	75.	8.00	106.	1.00	137.	1.00	168.	22.00
14.	4.50	45.	18.00	76.	8.00	107.	10.00	138.	1.00	169.	1.00
15.	8.00	46.	7.50	77.	13.00	108.	5.00	139.	1.00	170.	12.00
16.	4.50	47.	4.00	78.	8.00	109.	2.50	140.	1.00	171.	2.00
17.	12.50	48.	5.50	79.	10.00	110.	3.50	141.	1.00	172.	1.00
18.	5.00	49.	4.50	80.	2.50	111.	1.00	142.	10.00	173.	4.00
19.	10.00	50.	4.50	81.	2.00	112.	1.00	143.	10.00	174.	10.00
20.	1.00	51.	1.00	82.	2.50	113.	1.00	144.	1.00	175.	5.00
21.	18.00	52.	4.00	83.	3.50	114.	5.00	145.	2.50	176.	34.00
22.	18.00	53.	3.00	84.	5.00	115.	1.00	146.	1.00	177.	2.00
23.	3.00	54.	18.00	85.	3.50	116.	1.00	147.	10.00	178.	15.00
24.	10.00	55.	13.00	86.	3.50	117.	10.00	148.	1.00	179.	24.00
25.	24.00	56.	1.00	87.	5.00	118.	10.00	149.	1.00	180.	NB
26.	1.00	57.	4.00	88.	40.00	119.	1.00	150.	1.00	181.	115.00
27.	4.50	58.	1.00	89.	10.00	120.	1.00	151.	1.00	182.	46.00
28.	32.00	59.	21.00	90.	12.00	121.	1.00	152.	1.00	183.	78.00
29.	1.00	60.	5.00	91.	3.00	122.	1.00	153.	1.00	184.	WD
30.	12.50	61.	26.00	92.	40.00	123.	1.00	154.	1.50	185.	140.00
31.	10.00	62.	3.50	93.	32.00	124.	1.00	155.	5.00		

A Few Uncommon Perfined Stamps

Charles Adrion (#2873)

Illustrated below are a few uncommon stamps with perfins that I acquired recently.



Scott 540
11x10 rotary
perfin I-101

Scott 540
11x10 rotary
perfin S-8

Scott 546
11x11 rotary
perfin I-101

Scott 519
11x11 flat
perfin N-43

Question for the members... have any other 519's been reported?

Third Annual Perfin Identification Contest

Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

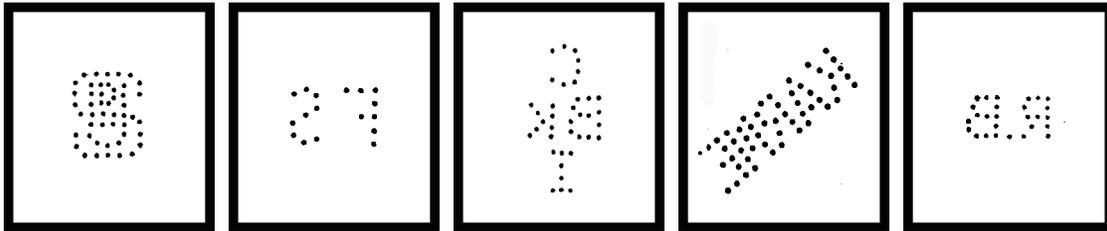
This contest may really challenge your knowledge of perfin "geography." The size and shape of each stamp has been obscured. You must work with only the perfin pattern. Hopefully, illustrations are true sizes.

Ten points for each country identification and five points for number 11--extra credit.

Earliest entry with the most number of points wins a packet of perfins, and the winner's name is inscribed on an official document.

The contest ends January 31, 2005. Good luck.

Mail entries to: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603



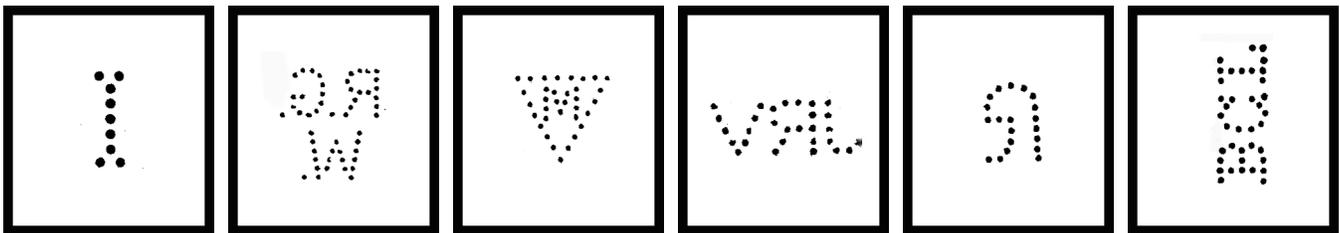
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Collecting Australian Perfins

David Coath (#)3722

As with any collecting interest there are always different ways to "cut the cake". Australian perfins are no different.

The two main options are:

- Commercial Patterns
- Government Patterns.

Commercial Patterns

If you choose Commercial patterns you have about 2500 different patterns in total to collect, but in this you still have a range of options of which some are :

- Pre Federation Australia 1890's-1913 (State issues continued passed Federation in 1901

till 1913). There are six States, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, all with varying numbers of patterns, and many used across States.

- Post Federation Australia 1901 – today (as noted above Australian issues were not made until 1913). This gives coverage of the heyday of Australian perfins in the 1920-30s. This would also include many patterns found on Pre Federation issues.
- All patterns on any Pre/Post Federation issue. This is popular as it focuses on the patterns and their usage time rather than what politics period they were issued in.

- All patterns on All Issues. This is more for the specialist. Collecting all patterns of all periods but on all the various stamp issues they appeared on.

The reference you will need is “Handbook of Australian Private Perfins” (2003) edited by John Mathews. This is an excellent reference that gives background on perfin use in Australia and provides detailed pattern information including user details (where available), usage span, number of types, rarity, and States in which each pattern was used. What is more the document as edited by John is a “living” one under constant review and John is available to help with information at John.Mathews@canberra.edu.au. The catalogue was initially issued in 1992 by John and John Grant and updated was by them in 1998, but the range of known patterns has grown significantly during the 1990’s. This growth of knowledge necessitated the completely revised 2003 issue.

Information on stamp issues known with the various patterns is outside the scope of “Handbook of Australian Private Perfins”. But the date ranges noted and the States they were used in should give a broad guide for most of the common patterns should on wish to develop an issues collection. It is also notable the catalogue includes many patterns from semi-Government bodies such as Local Councils, Universities and Government Transport bodies that may be considered to be official patterns. The coverage of the catalogue is Commercial rather than Private perfins. It does not include patterns from Federal or State Governments.

Government and Semi Government Patterns

For these perfins there are about 45 different patterns.

These could include Federal and State Government as well as the Semi Government bodies such as Universities etc. that are also covered in “Handbook of Australian Private Perfins”. The scope of strictly Government patterns is as follows :

- Federal Government.
 - OS (2 types) Official

- C of A (2 types) Australian High Commission in London
- New South Wales
 - OS (3 types) Official
 - OSNSW (3 types) Official New South Wales
 - GNSW (4 types) Government New South Wales
 - GR) Government Railways
 - OSGR) of NSW
- Victoria
 - OS Official
 - VG (5 types) Victorian Government
 - TB Melbourne Metropolitan Tramways Board
 - TO Titles Office
- South Australia
 - OS - Official
 - SA – South Australian Government
- Western Australia
 - WA (2 types) – Western Australian Government
 - PWD Public Works Department
- Queensland
 - OS Official
- Tasmania
 - OS - Official
 - T – Tasmanian Government

This gives a total of 25 truly Government patterns.

Because of the limited number of individual patterns, most collectors of these patterns choose to collect all the issues found with the various patterns. In fact most go so far as to collect the various positions that are possible on all issues, as well as the various dies in multi-heads perforators.

The reference you will need is “Australian Official Perfins” as compiled by David Anderson. The publication is in a loose leaf A4 format that was initially published in 1987 but was supplemented in 1988, and 1991. This publication is out of print but David is currently working on a new edition. In respect to the VG patterns David refers collectors to the publication entitled “Victorian Government Punctures VG” which is compiled by Neale Scott and Brian Toop. The most recent issue of this reference was published in 1995.

A Novel Approach to Perfin Cover Collecting

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

Many times I have been asked, "How do you collect perfins?" Naturally, there is no, one correct answer. The number of answers probably equals the number of times the question has been asked.

Over the years I have amassed several thousand perfin covers. I wouldn't call them a collection but rather an accumulation. I have been asked to search for special items from time to time and keep a lookout by several collectors who will purchase anything I find in their collecting areas.

That being said the remainder is still large and impressive and quite organized by US Catalog number and kept in protective sleeves.

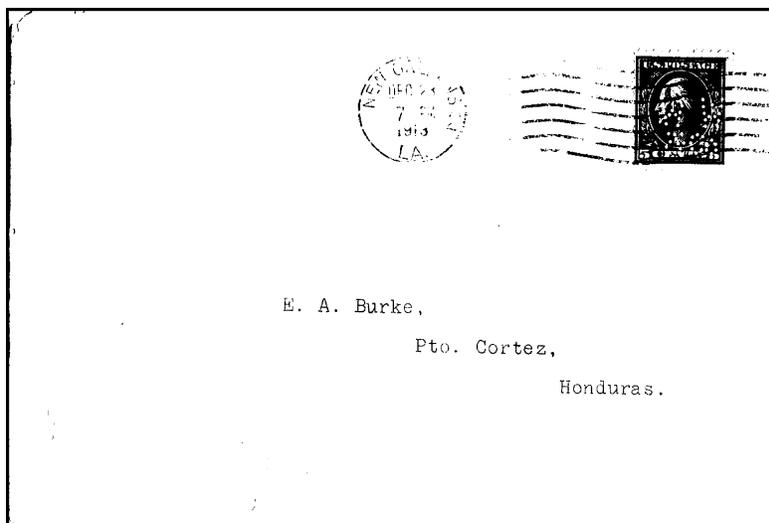
Out of all this I do have some favorite collections. I am searching for Worcester, MA and Cleveland, OH cancelled perfin covers, as I am trying to obtain enough material to make an exhibit of each of these cities in which I have lived and worked. I have a series of covers with my "1909 Lincoln", "Alaska-Seward", "Hudson-Fulton" and "Black Harding" commemoratives as well as several lesser commemoratives issues.

But my most interesting cover collection is that of US perfin covers mailed to foreign destinations. Why you ask? Initially, I thought to collect foreign perfin covers mailed to US destinations because they should be easier to find because the covers ended up coming to the United States.

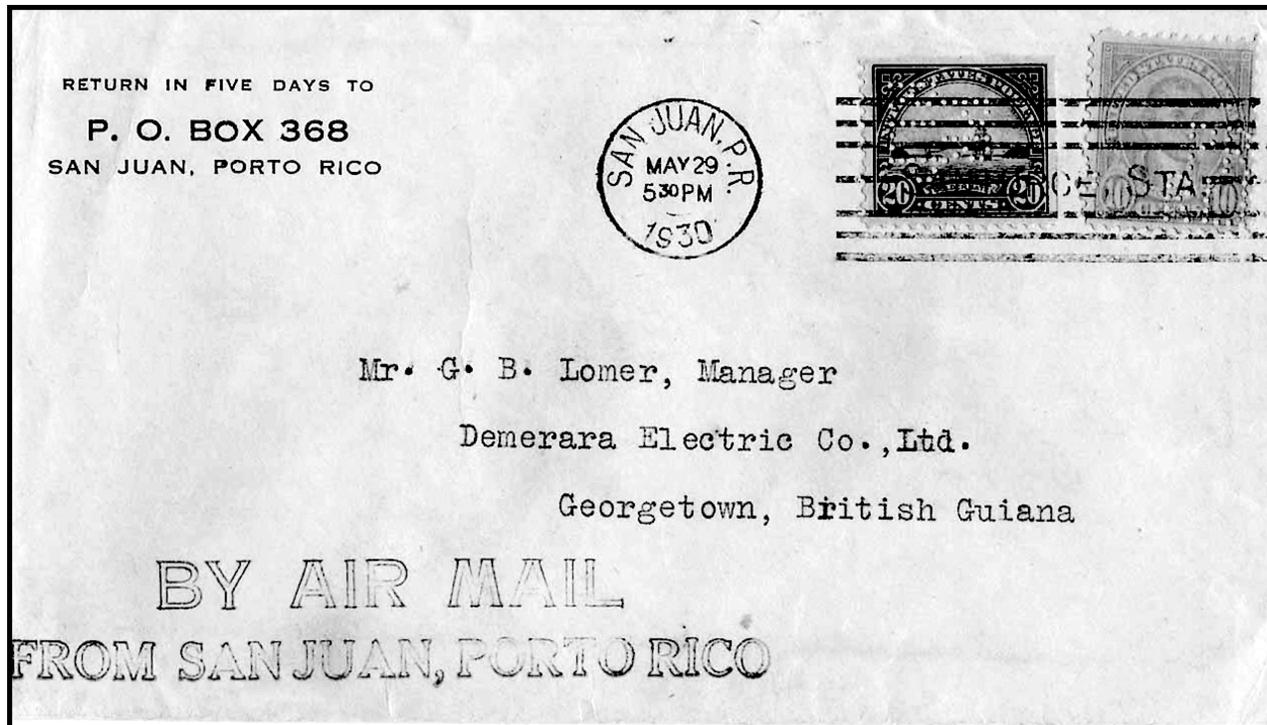
Ah! Why do the easy thing? Well, maybe I'll try that later! I chose the difficult approach of finding something that someone sent overseas! I must say, however, that I have been extremely pleased with the results.

My parameters are as follows. The collection consists of the earliest perfined cover that I can find mailed to any destination that has ever issued a stamp. Although I have found covers to most of the major countries, there are some notable countries missing - Russia, China and Japan to name a few! I hope you enjoy the seven illustrated covers as they represent some exotic destinations.

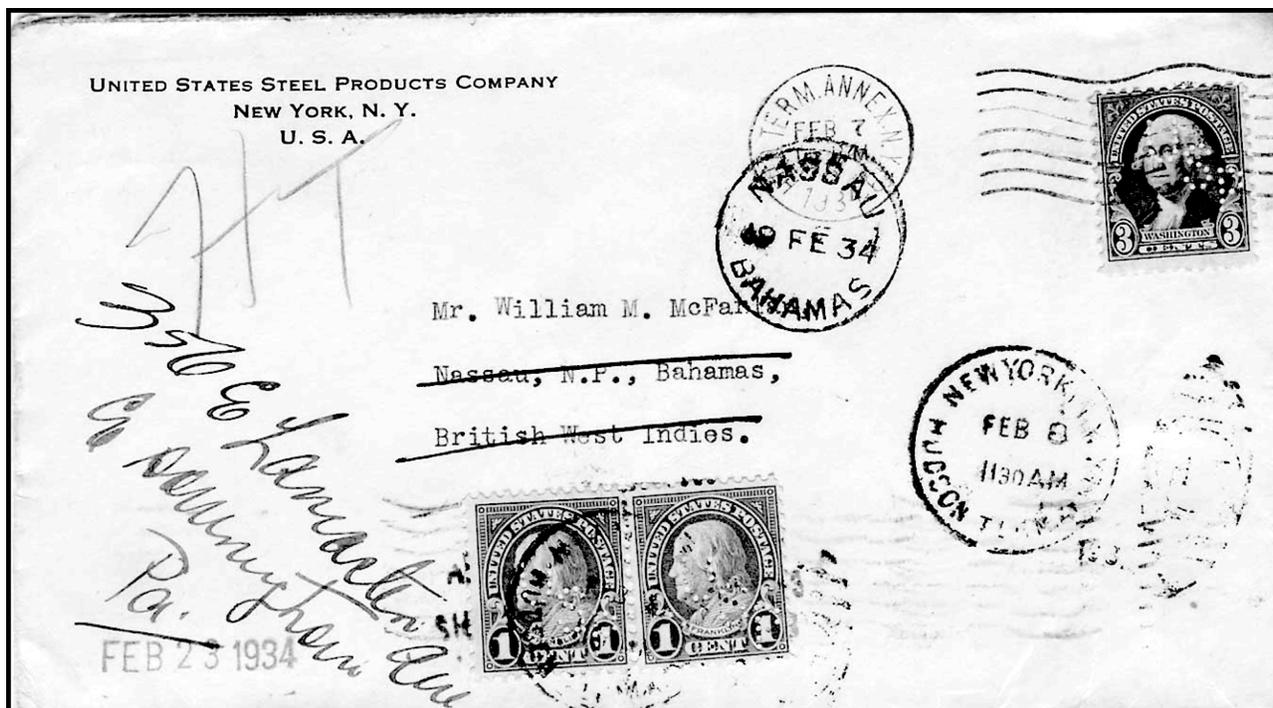
Please feel free to contact me should you have any covers sent to interesting destinations. I am interested to know what other uncommon destinations exist!



New Orleans, LA to Ft. Cortez, Honduras – W209 (WW/&Co)



San Juan, Puerto Rico to Georgetown British Guiana – P201 (PR/RLP)



New York, NY to Nassau, Bahamas & back to PA – U88 (USP)

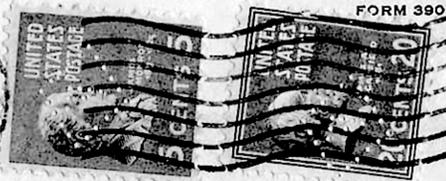
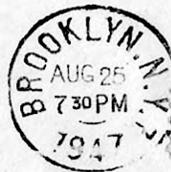
After 5 days, return to
THE MECHANICS & METALS NATIONAL BANK
NEW YORK, N. Y.



Imperial Ottoman Bank,
Aleppo,
Syria.

New York, NY to Aleppo, Syria – M296 (M&M)

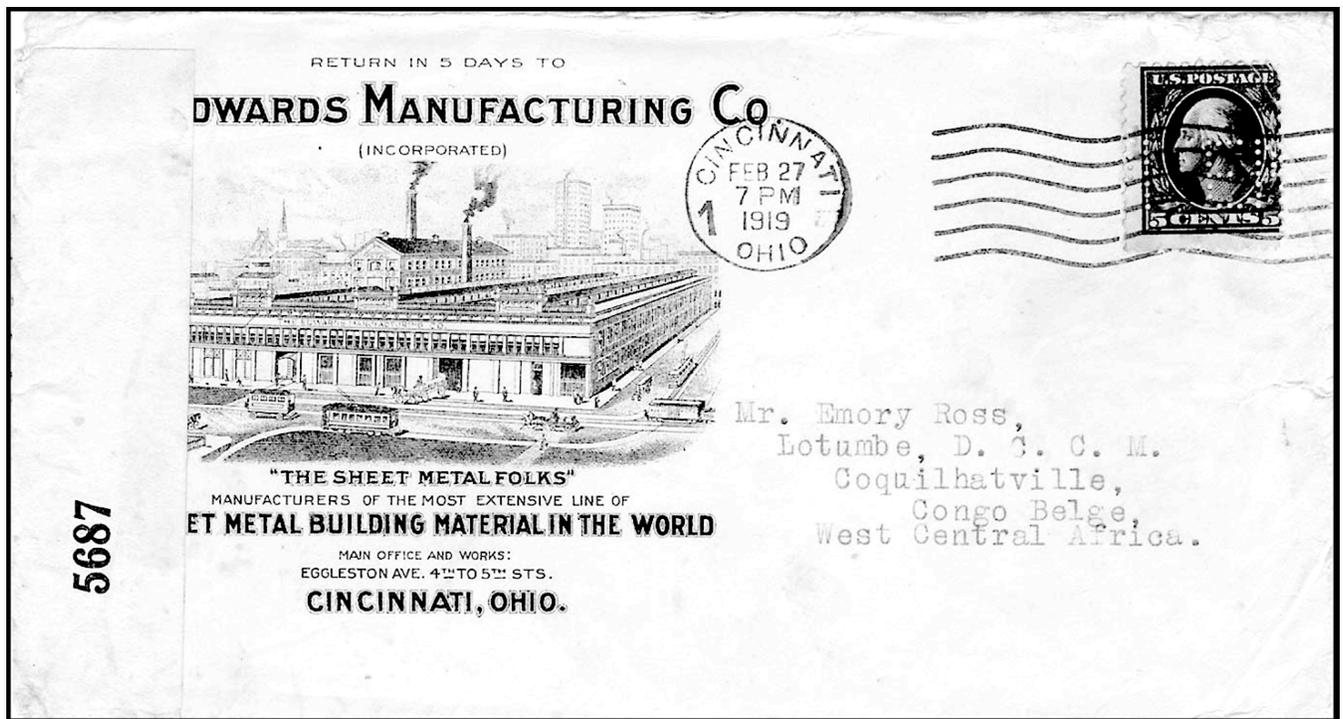
EBERHARD FABER PENCIL CO.
37 GREENPOINT AVENUE
BROOKLYN 22, N. Y.



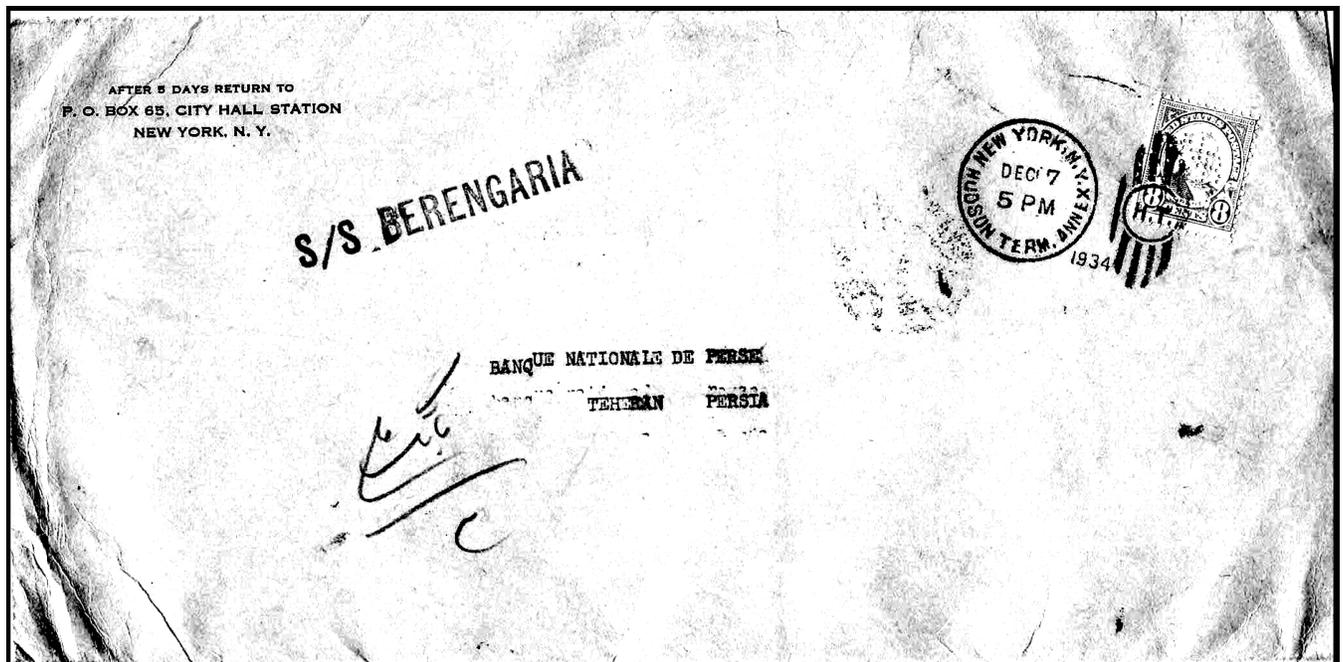
VIA AIR MAIL

Abreu & Abrantes Ltd.
P. O. Box 1148
Lourenco Marques
P. E. Africa

Brooklyn, NY to Lourenco Marques, Portugese East Africa – F8 (Diamond (F))



Cincinnati, OH to Coquilhatville, Belgian Congo – E73 (EM)



New York, NY to Teheran , Persia – C219 (CNB)

Perfins in the Parcel Post Issues

Pat Callis (#2383)

Developed to prepay the 4th class rate for parcels, the Parcel Post stamps issued in 1913 became (on January 1, 1913) the only stamps legally usable to frank parcel posted packages. Within 6 months of this ruling the Postmaster General, with the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, permitted the use of these stamps on commercial mail and the use of regular postage stamps on parcels mailed parcel post.

Twelve Parcel Post stamps were issued and available on January 1, 1913 (many possibly earlier). All are known perfinned. These beautifully engraved carmine rose stamps form an attractive specialty collection of perfinned stamps.

Below you will find a the results of an ongoing survey of the twelve Parcel Post issues with a listing of the perfin patterns known to be in them. For the purposes of totaling (using EXCEL), a '1' represents that the pattern (left of the column) is known in the denomination (at the top of the column). If the cell at the intersection of a value column and a pattern row is empty, no copy of that value/pattern combination has been seen. The matrix includes 12 columns for the 12 parcel post issues plus a total column which represents the total issues in which a given pattern occurs.

Due to cataloging changes over time, some patterns are known under different numbers depending on which version of the US catalog you are using. Numbers presented in the table without parentheses are taken from the Randall (current) version while those in parentheses below the Randall number are from the previous (Balough & Balough) version of the catalog.

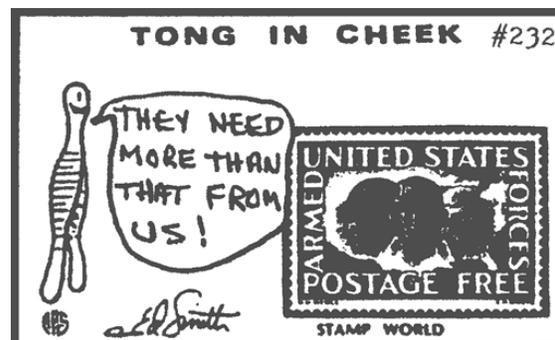
While the basis for this listing is previously published versions of this list, several minor confusions have crept in due to misclassified patterns being reported. The following patterns reported in previous parcel post lists have been deleted and are listed with their correct pattern number (in parentheses the 'was' means 'the accurate identification was'): A171 (pattern was A171A), F69 (was F68.5), G72-29 (was G72-29A),

G110 (was G110A), H194 (was H194A), H218 (was H218.3), M101 (was M101A), N113Dd-6 (was N113Dd-6A), O74 (was O74.5), R121 (was R121A), T101 (was T101A; note: T101A has varieties that match T101A better than T101), and W146 (was W146.3).

Totaling the number of known patterns (1345) by issue (12) gives a grand total of 3551 issue x pattern known collectable varieties. Should you prefer to collect only a single issue, the patterns known by issue break out as follows: Q1 - 420; Q2 - 672; Q3 - 210; Q4 - 472; Q5 - 482; Q6 - 491; Q7 - 198; Q8 - 179; Q9 - 259; Q10 - 99; Q11 - 28; and, Q12 - 41. Only 2 patterns are known on all 12 issues: G72-1 and G72.29A. Three are known on 11 issues: W72.1, W72.4 and W80. And only 7 issues are known on 10 denominations: B215, H172, I91.1, M132, N54A, T42 and YY11.

Editor's Note: With the exception of the data have cobbled together this introductory note. However, except for the formatting to make it fit, Pat is to be thanked for all of the data presented below. Pat has also offered an electronic copy of the Excel spreadsheet, which includes a second sheet which is a checklist sheet able to be transferred (we believe) to your PDA for ease of transport to stamp shows. The full listing (as will be noted at the center bottom of each sheet) runs sixteen , two-column sheets. I will work through them on a space available basis over the next few months.

One final note from Pat: a big thanks to all members past and present who contributed to this updated listing.



US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
A-10	1	1		1				1					4
A-37				1									1
A-45		1			1	1	1						4
A-47		1				1							2
A-47.5 (A46.5)		1		1	1	1							4
A-56.5 (C12)		1				1							2
A-60	1			1								1	3
A-61					1								1
A-62					1								1
A-63										1			1
A-64					1	1	1		1	1			5
A-68					1								1
A-72		1											1
A-75		1	1										2
A-76						1							1
A-78						1	1						2
A-87						1							1
A-87.2 (C24)	1	1		1	1	1		1			1		7
A-87.4 (C248)								1					1
A-88		1		1	1	1							4
A-94				1	1				1				3
A-95	1					1							2
A-96						1							1
A-102.1 (A102A)		1					1						2
A-115	1	1		1									3
A-116.5 (A116A)		1		1									2
A-117	1	1			1	1							4
A-138	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
A-141								1					1
A-143		1	1	1	1				1				5
A-158				1	1								2
A-167	1												1
A-168				1									1
A-171A		1		1	1		1						4
A-182	1			1	1				1				4
A-184			1				1			1			3
A-197								1					1
A-207A							1						1
A-218		1			1		1						3
A-221-1A	1	1	1	1	1		1	1					7
A-221-3							1						1
A-221-21							1						1

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
A-221-23										1			1
A-221-26		1		1		1							3
A-221-33				1									1
A-221-41		1		1									2
A-221-44										1			1
A-224	1												1
A-234	1												1
A-236									1				1
A-244		1		1	1			1	1				5
A-248	1	1			1	1				1			5
A-257		1											1
A-258		1											1
A-259							1			1			2
A-261							1						1
A-262	1	1	1	1	1	1							5
A-264	1	1	1		1	1				1			6
A-266							1						1
A-267A								1		1			2
A-268								1	1			1	3
A-269	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			8
A-270-2	1			1	1								3
A-270-3	1			1		1							3
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A-270-16.5		1								1			2
A-270-19		1				1	1						3
A-271	1												1
A-276	1	1		1	1					1			5
A-278		1											1
A-280						1							1
A-284										1	1		2
A-284.5 (284A)												1	1
A-291	1	1											2
A-306		1								1			2
B-2	1	1		1	1	1	1						6
B-11				1									1
B-12.5		1	1		1								3
B-12.6				1									1
B-12.7		1											1

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.	
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12		
B-15	1	1		1	1									4
B-15A (B15.5)		1			1									2
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B-26.5I					1									1
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B-30	1						1							2
B-35			1											1
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B-42												1		1
B-45				1		1	1							3
B-46		1	1											2
B-48					1									1
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B-60	1	1	1	1										4
B-63		1												1
B-63.5	1	1			1									3
B-66	1													1
B-74					1	1	1	1						4
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B-117									1					1
B-119	1							1						2
B-120	1				1			1	1					4

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US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.	
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12		
B-124					1		1		1					3
B-125											1			1
B-126					1		1							2
B-127	1				1									2
B-131	1				1				1	1	1			5
B-136	1		1		1									3
B-139								1						1
B-145	1				1		1						1	4
B-150		1				1								2
B-156		1												1
B-160		1												1
B-160A		1	1											2
B-165	1	1							1					3
B-165.5				1						1				2
B-166	1	1												2
B-170	1	1												2
B-212	1	1					1	1						4
B-215	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			10
B-219	1									1				2
B-224					1	1	1	1	1		1	1		6
B-241	1	1			1	1	1							5
B-242								1						1
B-244												1		1
B-246								1						1
B-249											1			1
B-250								1						1
B-256		1						1						2
B-257		1												1
B-261		1						1						2
B-263						1	1							2
B-270								1		1	1			3
B-272		1												1
B-276		1							1					2
B-277									1					1
B-284		1												1
B-290	1	1						1	1					4
B-293.5		1							1	1				3
C-4	1													1
C-6	1	1				1		1						4
C-8	1		1					1						3
C-9	1	1						1						3
C-18		1												1
C-22		1												1
C-26	1													1
C-27		1						1						2
C-28		1							1		1	1		5
C-30		1	1	1	1	1	1							5

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
C-32	1	1		1	1	1		1	1		1		8
C-35	1	1	1	1	1	1							6
C-37		1											1
C-43	1				1	1							3
C-45	1												1
C-46	1	1			1								3
C-52		1	1		1	1							4
C-63		1	1										2
C-65		1	1	1	1		1						5
C-71		1			1								2
C-81						1			1				2
C-82				1	1								2
C-83		1											1
C-84	1	1	1	1									4
C-86								1					1
C-86.3 (See G62)													
C-93.5						1							1
C-94								1					1
C-98			1		1					1			3
C-98.5		1											1
C-100					1								1
C-101				1									1
C-102		1	1		1	1	1						5
C-105					1								1
C-105.5						1							1
C-117		1											1
C-133				1									1
C-134		1			1								2
C-135					1			1					2
C-144					1								1
C-145						1							1
C-150		1		1	1	1		1	1				6
C-158		1		1									2
C-163		1				1							2
C-165.5						1							1
C-168		1		1									2
C-177.8 (C364)	1	1				1							3
C-178			1	1	1	1							4
C-179		1		1		1							3
C-182									1				1
C-186								1			1		2
C-197	1				1		1	1					4
C-198			1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	8
C-203					1	1							2
C-204.3		1											1
C-207	1	1		1	1		1	1					6

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US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
C-218					1								1
C-220		1		1									2
C-228					1					1			2
C-231	1			1									2
C-238				1						1		1	3
C-239						1							1
C-246						1							1
C-252	1									1			2
C-252A										1			1
C-254		1		1		1							3
C-258		1											1
C-263	1	1											2
C-264				1	1	1				1		1	5
C-266									1				1
C-267	1	1	1					1	1				5
C-268					1								1
C-270										1			1
C-272		1			1					1			3
C-278										1			1
C-284	1	1	1	1						1			5
C-290	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			9
C-294	1	1			1								3
C-300					1								1
C-316		1											1
C-317		1											1
C-318					1								1
C-324	1	1	1	1	1	1							6
C-327					1								1
C-328						1							1
C-329		1	1	1		1	1	1	1				7
C-347		1											1
C-350		1											1
C-355		1											1
C-356.1		1											1
C-356.7					1								1
C-356.10 (C356H)	1							1		1			3
C-360	1	1	1	1		1				1	1		7
C-361.5								1					1
C-362						1				1			2
C-378	1				1								2
C-381	1												1
C-382		1		1									2
C-385	1	1			1								3
C-386					1								1
C-394	1	1			1	1		1					5
C-401						1							1

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
C-407			1	1	1		1			1		1	6
C-409						1							1
C-416						1	1						2
C-418		1	1	1									3
C-419	1	1				1		1					4
C-421		1											1
C-422	1	1											2
C-425						1							1
C-426					1								1
D-3	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1				8
D-4	1	1			1	1	1		1				6
D-5					1								1
D-9	1			1	1				1				4
D-13		1											1
D-16		1											1
D-17				1		1							2
D-26			1	1									2
D-35		1											1
D-42			1	1	1				1	1			5
D-50				1									1
D-53						1							1
D-54			1										1
D-55				1		1							2
D-58		1											1
D-62		1		1	1								3
D-63		1		1									2
D-68			1	1		1	1						5
D-81					1				1				2
D-88A (D87.5)	1	1			1								3
D-92						1		1					2
D-94	1	1		1					1				4
D-97							1						1
D-118									1				1
D-119									1				1
D-129	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9
D-130		1				1							2
D-136	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						7
D-137				1									1
D-141		1		1									2
D-142				1		1							2
D-143					1								1
D-152	1												1
D-154	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
D-155	1	1			1	1							4
E-4		1				1							2
E-9	1				1								2
E-12		1			1								2

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US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
E-17		1		1		1							3
E-18	1	1											2
E-23		1	1	1		1							4
E-24	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
E-42		1	1	1	1	1							5
E-47		1			1								2
E-47A		1	1	1	1					1	1		6
E-48	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			8
E-50	1	1		1		1	1		1				6
E-54											1		1
E-56		1											1
E-57	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1		9
E-58	1	1					1	1	1		1		6
E-59					1	1	1	1	1		1		6
E-61	1									1			2
E-67	1												1
E-71	1	1		1	1	1	1						6
E-73				1			1						2
E-75					1								1
E-77	1								1				2
E-79	1	1								1			3
E-82		1											1
E-83	1												1
E-96	1	1			1	1				1			5
E-96A		1				1							2
E-98		1											1
E-101A (E101.5)									1				1
E-111	1	1				1							3
E-113	1	1		1		1				1			5
E-117		1		1	1								3
E-122		1							1	1	1		4
E-131					1								1
E-134					1								1
E-136		1		1	1								3
E-140						1	1						2
F-1										1			1
F-2	1							1	1	1			4
F-4	1	1	1	1		1				1			6
F-7					1	1							2
F-8	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	9
F-10		1				1							2
F-11						1							1
F-12					1		1				1		3
F-19		1											1
F-23	1												1
F-25		1										1	2
F-30	1	1								1	1		4

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
F-32.5	1	1				1			1				4
F-41		1											1
F-42		1			1								2
F42.5		1											1
F-43		1											1
F-45	1	1			1	1	1		1				6
F-56						1							1
F-60		1											1
F-61		1											1
F-68.5				1					1				2
F-70	1	1				1							3
F-71	1	1	1	1	1	1			1				7
F-72	1	1											2
F-73						1							1
F-82			1										1
F-90		1		1		1			1				4
F-96						1							1
F-99	1	1		1	1								4
F-102		1											1
F-103	1	1		1	1			1	1				6
F-106		1			1								2
F-106.5		1		1									2
F-108	1												1
F-112		1											1
F-114.5						1							1
F-127		1							1				2
F-136							1	1					2
F-138	1	1		1	1	1			1	1			7
F-142	1		1				1						3
F-145	1	1		1	1	1			1	1			7
F-147	1												1
F-150	1	1			1	1							4
F-166	1												1
F-167	1										1		2
F-186		1		1	1	1	1			1			6
F-188	1								1				2
F-193					1								1
F-197										1			1
F-199	1												1
F-206					1				1				2
F-207	1	1		1		1	1						5
F-212	1		1	1	1				1				5
F-220		1				1							2
F-221		1				1							2
F-223			1										1
F-227			1	1	1								3

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US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t.	
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12		
G-8		1	1			1	1						1	5
G-9	1								1		1			3
G-19	1	1			1	1			1					5
G-32		1			1	1	1	1						5
G-35		1	1			1	1							4
G-36	1	1							1					3
G-37.5		1		1										2
G-40				1										1
G-49	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1			8
G-49A		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			9
G-54						1								1
G-57		1												1
G-61	1	1		1	1	1			1					6
G-62 (C86.3)	1	1	1	1	1	1								6
G-65										1				1
G-67	1	1		1	1	1	1							6
G-72-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
G-72-2				1	1						1	1		4
G-72-2B (G72-1.5)	1			1	1	1					1			5
G-72-2C (G72-1.5A)				1	1						1			3
G-72-5							1				1			2
G-72-7		1		1		1		1		1				5
G-72-8							1							1
G-72-9					1	1	1	1				1		5
G-72-10	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	8
G-72-14		1			1	1								3
G-72-15				1							1			2
G-72-16										1				1
G-72-17												1		1
G-72-18		1				1	1							3
G-72-20											1			1
G-72-21	1	1		1		1					1			5
G-72-23							1							1
G-72-26	1							1					1	3
G-72-29A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
G-72-32	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1				8
G-72-34					1									1
G-72-36	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1				8
G-72-39				1	1	1								3
G-72-44					1	1								2
G-72-48						1								1
G-73		1												1
G-76	1	1	1			1	1							5
G-81										1				1
G-91				1	1	1			1	1				5
G-101	1	1												2

US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
G-103	1	1	1	1								1	5
G-110A				1	1								2
G-111					1								1
G-113			1										1
G-141		1											1
G-150			1	1	1								3
G-151	1	1											2
G-158	1												1
G-160		1		1	1	1							4
G-172A (G171.5)	1		1	1	1				1	1	1		7
G-179		1		1									2
G-182	1		1	1		1							4
G-188		1		1									2
G-190				1	1								2
G-191	1				1								2
G-194		1		1									2
G-195					1			1					2
G-197	1												1
G-202		1		1									2
G-211		1	1		1	1		1					5
G-212		1			1	1							3
H-8	1			1	1	1	1		1				6
H-10	1	1	1	1	1	1							6
H-11				1									1
H-18				1									1
H-20		1						1					2
H-21		1			1	1		1					4
H-22					1								1
H-27			1		1								2
H-28		1	1	1	1								4
H-30	1		1	1	1	1		1					6
H-31		1											1
H-32	1	1	1	1		1							5
H-33						1							1
H-35	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1				8
H-36									1				1
H-42		1			1	1							3
H-52								1					1
H-54	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			9
H-55						1							1
H-65		1	1										2
H-69		1											1
H-73				1		1							2
H-73.5					1								1
H-75	1	1		1	1	1							5
H-77	1												1
H-78	1				1	1		1					4

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US Perfin Cat. #	Scott Cat. #												T o t
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10	Q 11	Q 12	
H-83	1	1		1	1	1	1						6
H-91		1	1	1	1	1			1				6
H-92		1											1
H-93				1									1
H-96.5				1									1
H-97		1		1		1							3
H-105		1											1
H-115		1		1	1								3
H-121					1								1
H-127				1	1	1				1			4
H-128					1								1
H-138			1										1
H-142	1				1								2
H-145						1							1
H-149		1											1
H-153	1			1		1			1				4
H-161		1											1
H-164	1												1
H-1711		1						1					2
H-172	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		10
H-174	1	1	1	1	1	1				1			6
H-178				1									1
H-182		1											1
H-183				1	1	1							3
H-184					1								1
H-194A		1		1	1	1			1				5
H-205		1											1
H-207	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1		8
H-209			1										1
H-211	1	1											2
H-212	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						7
H-213						1							1
H-216						1							1
H-217		1											1
H-218.3		1											1
H-222	1	1											2
H-229		1			1			1	1				4
I-6	1												1
I-9		1				1			1				3
I-18								1					1
I-21						1							1
I-29			1										1
I-29.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	9
I-31		1											1
I-33		1		1									2
I-41	1	1	1		1	1			1				6
I-43.7-2 (C152.2)					1								1

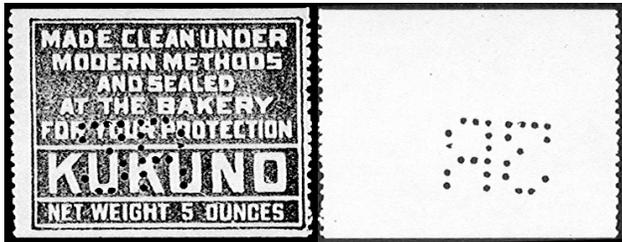
NON-POSTAL, NON-REVENUE PERFINs

Jacj Brandt ((LM#14)

We have had a couple notes on yeast label perfin. This got me thinking about other types of labels with perfin. A recent acquisition prompted me to check through my collection, and present some of what I found.

Chuck Spaulding had intended to list the yeast labels in the US Revenue-Perfin catalog, and was still thinking about a few others. Hopefully the new Revenue Catalog Chairman will list them, since they should be listed somewhere

Here are a few items in no specific order.



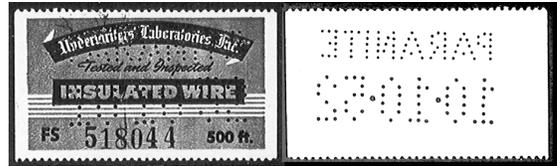
Pattern '3R' - gray, KUKUNO, some kind of bakery label, too light for a loaf of bread.



Pattern 'DV/CO.' - black with value in red, Chain Deliveries Express Inc label (fairly common without the perfin). Note that this is postal perfin DI35



Pattern 'JS/BCo' - black and brown National Association of Commerce and Labor seal. This is postal perfin J140



Pattern 'PARANITE/10•10•52' - red and black Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. seal of inspection (this one for insulated wire).



Pattern "97" - red and black (have punched from front and back) Koppers Coke seal.



Pattern '10BTA' and '12BHN' black, The Quaker Oats Company premium coupons (save enough and get a prize) dated 1933 and 1934. I picked these up at an Antique Collectors Mall -they are very fragile, but I am not waiting for a perfect copy to come along. As with many things Canadian they are English on one side and French on the other.

I also have a few oddballs from other countries. In some cases I am not sure if the foreign ones are revenues or not. Who knows more about these

Argentina - Revenue Stamped Paper Perfin?

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

For some years I have had in my collection a couple of Revenue Stamped Paper cut squares from Argentina with a straight line of perforations in a diagonal direction. I didn't really call these perfins, but being a 'hole' fanatic, I kept them.



Recently I was reading through a booklet called "The Presentation of Revenue Stamps: Taxes and Duties in South America" by Clive Akerman. This was originally a talk given at The Royal Philatelic Society of London, in 2001, and was published in 2002.

Anyway, what I found was an illustration of a cut square similar to mine. I quickly checked the text, and found that the diagonal line of perforations was used to prevent fraud.

Revenue stamped paper was rarely cancelled on the stamp since it was obviously used when there was writing on the paper. Apparently some people were cutting the stamps from used stamped paper, and, after perforating them around the edges, reusing them as regular revenue stamps. (The patterns were the same.)

So, the line of perforations is an officially issued revenue perfin. It was used to prevent fraud, which is slightly different from what we normally think of as perfin use; but still clearly to prevent an illegal act.

These cut squares now have a higher position in my collection, and I am now looking for an entire

Clubmember Ads

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

Wanted: Italian perfins on or off paper to buy or to swap. (I have "all the world" to exchange.) Marco Patierno, via Bondi 11, 40138 Bologna Italy; or, e-mail mpatierno@libero.it

Wanted: Cover with GB perfin *G.D/ & Co* (G135) of Gray Dunn & Co. (Biscuit manufacturer's) for an exhibit on this perfin. Offers or even photocopies of covers/cards would be welcome. John Powell (#3032), 5828 - 143 St. NW, Edmonton, AB Canada T6H 4E8 Email: johnpowell@shaw.ca.

Wanted: I am an exhibitor of Canal Zone material and I'm looking to purchase a Panama Rail Road

"RPR" stamp, and a CZ cover with the use of the official perfin "P" predating the issuance of CZ official stamps. Ed Powell at Starmoo72@aol.com

Wanted: US perfin collections and accumulations, duplication OK, especially prexies. P.S. No covers. Doug Walker, PO Box 1477, Duvan, WA 98019.

For Sale: Block collectors – I have about 7 ounces of perfined US pairs, strips and blocks for sale. The first offer of \$15.00 plus postage will take the lot! Dick Mewhinney, 395 Buttermilk Road, Easton, PA 18042, or contact me by e-mail at neverin@rcn.net.

For Sale: 280 Railroad Covers, Mostly # 10 envelopes, Representing over 35 railroads with 40 RPO cancels. \$325.00. Ken Rehfeld, contact info on back of bulletin (Secretary).

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The Oddball Collector

Bob Schwerdt (505L)

Years ago I decided to establish a reference collection. This was to consist of all varieties of stamps with perfin and punches. I included one example of each of everything that I could find. There is a miscellany of odd material in circulation, so my packrat instinct determined my actions.

It is a collection that can never be completed. Just the other day I added a U.S. postage due issue with a state of Michigan perfin. This leads me to believe of the possibility of finding a postage due preper (a stamp containing both a precancel and a perfin).

Complications can arise with this type of collection. Housing is difficult because of the odd sizes of the stamps. Organizing or arranging the material also presents some problems. For example: I have a KANS. overprinted item with both precancel and perfin. Should I place it with the overprinted issues, the precancel types, the commemoratives, or the regular issues? Such a minor problem, however, does not detract from the fun of collecting oddball material. But sometimes one is hard pressed to remember where he put the darn (good) thing!

To illustrate all the possibilities of just U.S. items that fit in this collection would take up too much room in the *Bulletin*. There should certainly be enough for an exhibition frame. I merely list below an overview of my collection contents to date, along with a wish list of possible missing items. I should be happy to learn if the missing types really do exist. Undoubtedly, other members who collect similarly could probably double the size of the list by suggesting types or areas that have escaped me.

U.S. Oddball Perfin Reference Collection

I. Postal issues

A. Categorized by size & format

1. definitive stamp (mix and match 1 each from a, b & c below)
 - a) perforated, imperforate, coil, booklet pair, Schermack
 - b) normal, overprinted, precancel, overprint + precancel
 - c) commercial or personal perfin, punch

- hole, punch hole + commercial, with 2 different perfin types
 2. commemorative stamp (mix and match 1 each from a, b & c below)
 - a) perforated, imperforate, planned invert design
 - b) commercial, personal, punch letters, punch hole, punch hole + commercial, with 2 different perfin types, PAID + date, VOID, Kodak type (code number for film retrieval)
 - c) normal, overprinted, precancel, overprint + precancel
 3. postal stationery
 - a) envelope - initials, initials + date, personal;
 - b) postal card - PAID + date, personal, SPECIMEN
- B. By function
1. Regular mails - all varieties in A above, plus SPECIMEN
 2. Airpost: definitive, commemorative
 3. Airpost Special Delivery:
 4. Parcel Post: definitive, precancel
 5. Special Delivery: definitive, precancel
 6. Special Handling: definitive, precancel
 7. Certified:
 8. Registration:
 9. Postage Due: definitive, numeral cut outs, letter cut outs, code letters?
- II. Federal revenue issues
- A. documentary--with and without date, cash figure, punch hole, overprint, overprint + cut out letters
 - B. proprietary--with and without date, punch hole
 - C. future delivery--with and without dates
 - D. oleomargarine
 - E. beer, fermented fruit juice, wine--with and without dates
 - F. narcotics,
 - G. tobacco, cigar
 - H. lock seal
- III. State Revenue issues
- A. Revenue
 1. District of Columbia - numeral
 2. Indiana - punch hole
 3. Minnesota - name + date
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4. Ohio – name + date, initials + date
 5. Wisconsin – name + date
- B. Documentary
1. Florida – date punch
- C. Stock transfer
1. Massachusetts – +/- date, punch hole
 2. New York - +/- date, punch hole, punch letters, surcharged
 3. Pennsylvania - +/- date, cut out letters
 4. Texas
- D. Department of Agriculture
1. Michigan – SPECIMEN
- E. Beer tax
1. Illinois – Initials + date
- F. Cigarette tax
1. Utah – numeral, UTAH, SPECIMEN
- G. Lard tax
1. S. Dakota – SPECIMEN
 2. Bellingham, Wash. – “Canceled”
- H. Liquor Tax
1. Maryland – letter + number
 2. Minnesota – arrowhead + letter
 3. Washington – name + date
- IV. Cinderella issues
- A. Christmas seals
1. As issued, SPECIMEN

The Scott Specialized catalog does not list all of the

possible revenue types. In addition a host of variously shaped punch holes can appear in state and U.S. fiscal issues alone or with perfins. My collection of state revenues is certainly limited. The publication of the Rev-Perf catalog will list many more, to be sure.

It seems to me that packrat and oddball are almost synonymous. I don't mind being labeled with either term, especially while I am having so much fun. What you have just read is a quick overview of this packrat's fifty year accumulation. There is probably enough material out there to satisfy the novice collector as well as the advanced collector. Now you may want to start collecting "things" that you hadn't thought of previously.

P.S. - My wish list: I have seen only one perfin in a playing card tax stamp and I am not certain if any of the following perfins really exist, but would like one of each if they do:

- airpost coil and airpost coil precancel
- airpost special delivery precancel, airpost booklet
- certified mail precancel, registration precancel, postage due precancel
- postal stationery envelope and postal card precancels

Auction Watch

Bill Shields (#2951) sent along a few interesting **e-Bay items** as follows.

Item number: 5528388421 -- British Palestine Perfins - Exhibit Collection x22 Stamps. :: Description: Palestine..3 exhibit pages with 22 perfin stamps..VF!!! 1 bid - Winning bid: US\$75.00

Item number: 5528622881 - 1930 SCADTA US 2c PERFIN + 50c COLOMBIA + TIED LABEL !! :: GREAT COVER, U.S. 2c stamp with PERFINs postmarked Hud. Term. Annex NY 9/12/1930, also Colombia 50c postmarked New York NY with double oval, TIED SCADTA AIR LABEL, sent to Bogota backstamped 9/20/1930, SEE PHOTOS, NO RESERVE. 2 bids - Winning bid: US\$53.00

Item number: 5528918759 -- bb40/ Cuba Revenue 1889 w/Perfin JFB&Co (RARE). 1 bid - Winning

bid: US\$25.00

Item number: 5528995084 -- U.S. Scott #404, Used, G, Perfin, Sound. CV\$65.00. 1 bid - Winning bid: US\$8.00

Item number: 5529258693 -- #110 VF Used Victoria £1 Brown Violet Perfin SCV \$2100 :: 1884 Queen Victoria £1 Brown Violet Perfin'ed C. I. H.& S. Inverted Watermark Imperial Crown - Very Fine Used, Heavy Cancel. 11 bids - Winning bid: US\$244.50

Item number: 5529387984 - GB 1889 perfin to Canada TOO LATE marking. Description (revised) GB 1889 perfin to Canada TOO LATE marking. Perfin "V. S / & Co." on stationery of Vyse Sons & Company. Too Late handstamp. Slightly trimmed left and a small bit missing from the right back edge.

3 bids - Winning bid: US\$41.00

Steve Tauber (#2949) really got into it this month, finding several interesting e-Bay lots – and a couple accurately described by him as ‘delusions of grandeur’ --- let the buyer beware! Of the two lots Steve (appropriately) categorized here is one which is relatively cheap (\$25 MB) while the other (MB \~\$400) is definitely not.

Four closely related lots auctioned on eBay recently: all were Cost Rican “specimen” perfins; two were the “T.D.L.R.//SPECIMEN” perfins of Thomas de la Rue (stamp printers) on blocks, the other two lots were “OF NO VALUE//SPECIMEN” perfins in blocks or (with one line or the other) in strips. Three of the lots were won at the price of £10.50 each. The fourth lot sold at the minimum bid of £4.98.

MEXICO Fiscales Revenues Rare Old Customs Perfins. A super fresh group, ex/Hartley. All from Veracruz port of entry. 1.00 p&h to USA; 1.25 to Canada & Mexico; 2.25 to rest of world. 1 bid - Winning bid: US\$9.95 (Steve notes: This lot consisted of 12 "Especial de Duanas" stamps, in square format, perforated, with a man's portrait (I do not know who), and dated 1889 and 1890 in the upper corners. Included were 1, 5, 10, and 25 centavos green and 1 (3x), 5, 10, 25 (2x), and 100 pesos red. The stamps are cancelled - with varying degrees of neatness - with the name of the port of entry. *Contrary to the lot description*, three of the stamps are clearly cancelled 'Laredo'. Oddly, this is the name of the Texas border town. Two of these stamps have the perfin positioned such that it is clearly *not* 'Nuevo Laredo', the name of the Tamaulipas border town.)

MEXICO Fiscales Revenues Rare Customs Perfins. A super fresh group, ex/Hartley. All from Veracruz port of entry. The 10 peso value has a tiny pin hole in the center, but it is a great rarity--no cancellation and no perfins, and no district overprint. 2 bids - Winning bid: US\$10.45 (Steve notes: This lot consisted of 9 "Especial de Duanas" stamps, in square format, perforated, with a picture of miscellaneous goods on a dock, dated 1891 and 1892 in the lower corners. Included were 1, 5, 10, and 25 centavos blue and 1, 5, 10, 25, and 100 pesos brown. Seven of the stamps have discernible handstamps - from clear to badly smudged - interpretable as 'Vera Cruz'; the 25 centavo as well

as the 10 peso seem to have no such handstamp. Five of the stamps have reasonably neat perfin cancellations (all partials) compatible with 'Vera Cruz'. Three have too few holes punched to make out any pattern.)

Faroe Islands. 5 perfins. Rarely "V.L."-perfin from Faroe Islands in 5 different issues. This "V.L."-perfin is the only one used by a company in Faroe Islands. The name of the company is "Valdemar Lützen". NOTICE, that the stamp with value 350 has a vertical fold (sorry!). Starting bid: US\$9.99 - 0 bids

A792 FAROE ISLAND - COV. w. 15 on 40 öre – 1941. Canc. THORSHAVN with perfins V.L. UNUSUAL. 10 bids – Winning bid: US\$76.00. (Steve writes about this lot: The stamp seems to be Denmark Scott # 270 (1 column of squares between sail and margin), but it might be # 269 (2 columns). It is not clear enough on my computer screen to tell. The perfin is 'V.L.', attributed to Valdemar Lützen, but the printed return address is Det Danske Petroleum Aktieselskabs, Salgsagentur i Thorshavn. The postmark is dated 7 August 1941, i.e., during the British occupation. It was a domestic letter, addressed to a Herr Kølmand D. P. Niclasen in Midvaag. Street addresses were obviously unnecessary. Indeed, Midvaag (also known as Midhvágur, with dh standing for the Old Norse letter edh) is too small to appear in the Times Atlas index.)

COGH/TRANSVAAL perfin quartet, P188 COGH/TRANSVAAL perfin quartet, one stamp with bad fault. 4 bids - Winning bid: US\$4.00

Austria - Levant perfins - six different perfined stamps from the Austrian Occupation of the Levant. 9 bids - Winning bid: US\$13.00

Big lot of 242 European perfins from (p104) France, Great Britain, Germany, Netherlands, etc ... 13 bids - Winning bid: US \$48.00 .

Under the heading of ‘delusions of grandeur’ Steve submitted the following lots.

BAYERN PERFIN Starting bid: US \$24.99. 0 bids. (According to Steve: an overpriced perfin lot on eBay. There were 10 Bavarian stamps, clearly depicted, front and back, in good scans. There was

no text in the description.)

NEWFOUNDLAND PERFIN HOARD OF 214 SEE SCANS!! Newfoundland perfin hoard of 214 as purchased by us from an estate. We put these in Scott order by company: Ayre 184 stamps; unknown 1; PS 1; AND 13; GK. 17 for a total of 214 Newfoundland private perfins. We have removed none and have not checked for varieties. Starting bid: US\$399.99 - 0 bids. (Steve noted the following about this lot: This lot had an eye-seizing minimum bid. What the offeror thought made the lot worth such an amount it did not say. There were 48 different stamps with the 'AYRE' perfin (up to 31 copies), 13 stamps (12 different) of 'AND', and 6 different (up to six copies) of 'GK'. The "unidentified" perfin is a group of four holes which might possibly be a fragmentary fiscal cancellation of the 1-cent gray fish postage stamp.)

Chris Rueger (#1834) reported several items of interest on the block last month. the three most interesting are at the end.

Nutmeg Sale #88

336 SP() -- 37-9vars, "Specimen" Perfins VF, unused, no gum, Cplt Set for UPU Distribution w/ Additional "Specimen" h/s in red, applied lightly over the edge of the stamps by the receiving authority (SG #35-7s) (Photo) 140

1064 SP -- 25/45, Diagonally perfed SPECIMEN VF, Excellent Fresh Colors, Cplt Set, *Sismondo Photo Cert* (SG #25s/45s, £300=\$540) (Photo) 500

1068 SP -- J1-4vars, Specimen Perfins Fine-VF, J1-2,4 NH, Cplt Set of Four (SG #D1-4s, £95=\$171) (Photo) 75

Nutmeg Baby Sale #23

8225 -- OA2,2d,3,5,6,8,10 Fine-VF, few small flts, a nice introduction to the punched large OS officials (Brusden-White #2ba//30b, A\$204=\$155) Cat \$92.70 (Photo) 21

8226 -- OB1-2,2d,2h,3,5-10 VF, sm flts, the first wmk Kangaroos punched small OS (Brusden-White #1bd//30ba, A\$341=\$259) Cat \$173 (Photo) 38

8227 -- OB19-21,21e,22-4,24a,25-31,34,36,60,62-3,63a,66-7,67a,68,68c,71,72a,b,73,75 Fine-VF, couple tiny flts, A nice set of the George V sideface issues punched small OS (30 diff) (Brusden-White #63ba//126b, A\$310=\$236) Cat \$118.40 (Photo) 48

Nutmeg Sale #90

4285 -- 206, ReUse Prevention/Douglas Patent-Perf 12 w/8 Hole Punch-Gray Blue VF, OG, Nice item Cat \$190 (Photo) 200

And, from the recent Weiss Sale #152:

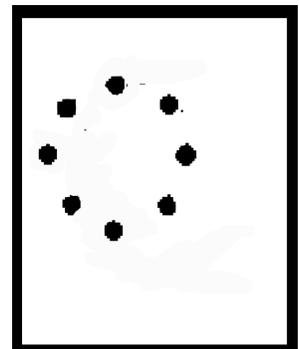
Lot 1232 -- Schermack III/344 w/rare 21-hole Experimental Control; no holes missing...(\$200-300.) start \$100.-

Lot 1233 -- SCH III w/Private Controls; 14 diff (list on request) great specialist group... (\$700.) start 200.-

Nutmeg #90 Lot 4285 Raises a Question

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

While the appeal of the last two items is obvious – the explanation of the third-last is not. “ReUse Prevention/Douglas Patent-Perf 12 w/8 Hole Punch-Gray Blue VF, OG” is a description of an item with which I am unfamiliar. Below is a picture of the item with a (photoshop derived) illustration of the pattern described.



So, what is this pattern in Scott #US 206 with which I am unfamiliar? I have checked the US catalog and (unless I am more tired than I realize) don't find any reference to this item, which should (I think) appear

as an illegal 'O' pattern. What are the "...Reuse prevention..." and the "...Douglass Patent..." referred to in the lot description?

Any speculation or a genuine answer will be greatly appreciated!

The Beginner's Corner – General Catalogs

Paul Mistretta (LM#111)

In this installment I will begin on one of the most basic tools and simultaneously among the most useful accomplishments of stamp collectors. Catalogs are more or less complete listings of some specialized materials. They can attempt to completely document a particular subject or they can reflect another specific purpose, such as documenting materials offered for sale or documenting the holdings of a particular collector or library. For this month's column I will limit discussion to stamp catalogs whose scope is worldwide, regional, or national in scope. It will be neither an exhaustive nor particularly in-depth treatment of this extremely broad subject, but rather is designed to give an overview of the subject to help the beginner understand some of the routine jargon and equally routine abbreviation use in the *Bulletin*.

First mention in this discussion will go to worldwide catalogs which appear commonly in the *Bulletin*. And, since this is the *Bulletin* of the US perfins Club, I will begin with the American collectors' standard reference the

Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalog

This catalog purports to list all issues of the world – from countries/governments it deems to be legally constituted and, if a current nation, recognized by the US Department of State as a legal trading partner of citizens of the US (that is – the country is not under a trade embargo imposed by our government). This catalog in 8 1/4 x 10 7/8 inch format is published with countries listed essentially alphabetically (there are a few exceptions). My 2001 version is published in six volumes and takes up a mere 8 5/8 inches of bookshelf space.

Scott lists issues for the most part chronologically within a self-imposed 'type' structure which attempts to recognize the various forms of service

which the stamps were designed to prepay. Thus in the *Scott* catalog stamps are listed as regular issues, semi-postal issues, airmail issues, etc. with the catalog number of each type (excluding the regulars) being preceded by a letter (B# = semi-postals, C# = airmails, etc.)

Scott's world catalog is what I consider a general or overview catalog. It does an adequate job of delimiting face-different stamps, but should not be depended on for information concerning specialized varieties such as imperforates issued in conjunction with perforated ones, specimen issues, essays and proof issues, etc. And it does not delve into local posts or seals at all.

Whenever a catalog number from *Scott* is used it will be abbreviated as 'SC#...'

Three other current catalogs of worldwide stamps are generally recognized by collectors as meriting that title. Each has its own strengths and each its weaknesses.

Michel Catalogs

For sheer completeness both of countries and issues by each, the German language *Michel* series of catalogs ranks as possibly the premier worldwide catalog. Issued by geographic unit with stamps in chronological order (without separation by types of service) these catalogs are printed in a 5 5/8 by 7 1/2 inch format and my set (not the current set but the previous version issued between 1995 and 1998) takes up 19 1/2 inches of shelf space.

More detailed information concerning specialty items is to be found in this catalog than in *Scott*. As a specific example, both perforated and imperforated versions of the same issue are documented and, for me a major plus, sizes of souvenir sheets are included for each issue. The 'country' listing is

larger than that is *Scott* and this also is an advantage in my mind at least. The German can detract for some American collectors – but it is relatively simple to interpret for the basic listings. For the specialist, their longer discussions may involve some serious transliteration.

When used in the *Bulletin* look for the abbreviation ‘Mi#...’ to be used.

Stanley Gibbons and Yvert & Telier

Two other current world catalogs must be mentioned although I have never seen a citation from one of them in the *Bulletin*. They are the *Stanley Gibbons Stamps of the World* catalog from Great Britain and the *Yvert & Telier Catalog of the world* from France. I am less familiar with these two catalogs having only pieces of each. However, from the pieces I have, both appear to be split geographically with individual countries presented alphabetically within the geographic unit.

While I have seen Stan Gibbons numbers referenced in the *Bulletin* (as ‘SG#...’) I have not seen the use of *Yvert* numbers (as ‘Y&T#...’).

I am unaware of any other currently published worldwide catalogs.

While many of the current catalogs of perfins (and certainly non-catalog literature about perfins) are based on numbering from one of the above noted four world catalogs, many other country catalogs are referenced in the literature about perfins.

I will not try for even a comprehensive listing of the single country catalogs which could be referenced, however it must be noted at the outset that each of the four catalogs above has a companion specialized catalog for the country of origin (*Scott* for the US, *Michel* for Germany [now a 2 volume set on its own], *Stan Gibbons* for Great Britain, and *Yvert* for France). Reference to catalog numbers from each of these specialized catalogs is common in the literature about perfins.

Other catalogs found in this literature include:

- the *Bolaffi* catalog for Italy
- The *Zumstein* catalog for Switzerland and Liechtenstein

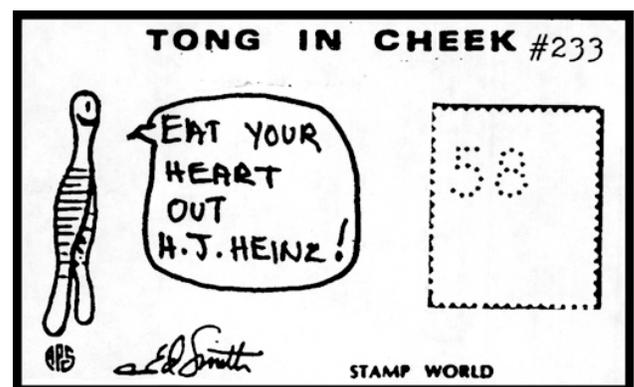
- the *Unitrade Catalog* for Canada

Reference to any of these catalogs – or one of the many others available – will be specified in any article published in the *Bulletin* generally without abbreviation. Further reducing the potential for confusion, most perfins catalogs (notable exception is the ANCOPER catalog of France which includes Y&T numbers) dates of use and not catalog numbers of stamps on which the pattern has been found are published for reference.

One other form of general catalog must be mentioned. This is the group of catalogs (often monographs) for specialists documenting a limited topic or theme, such as the British Machin issues or the Czechoslovakian Hradcany castle issue. No attempt whatsoever will be made here to list these! Often these specialized studies have a ‘numericlature’ all their own, one which often bears no relationship to any ‘standard’ numbering system. Should one of these specialized catalogs be used it will normally be clearly cited (for further reference if desired) either in the body of or at the end of the article in which it is used.

And that (using a very small nutshell to cover a very big nut) is an overview of the catalogs available to the collector. To quickly recap the abbreviations introduced above, which may commonly appear in the *Bulletin* without explanation are (alphabetically):

- Mi. or Mi# = refers to any of the *Michel* catalogs
- Sc# - Number from any of the *Scott* catalogs
- SG# - Number from any of the *Stanley Gibbons* catalogs
- Y&T# - Number from any of the *Yvert & Telier* catalog



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Abbreviations:

ADD -All Different Designs (Patterns)
 DDF- Design Different Face
 EST- Estimated Value

MB -Minimum bid
 MDD -Mostly Different Designs
 PREPER- precancelled perfin

() indicates approximate % of stamps in a lot that are damaged.

Scott #s are used to describe stamps

Perfin pattern #s are from the most recent country catalogue available.

United States			United States		
Lot#	Description	Rate	Lot#	Description	Rate
1	A90 on #529	C+	27	I66 on #581	B
2	A130 on #548	B	28	I102 on #698	C+
3	B48 on #332	C+	29	J48 on #332	C+
4	B86 on #470	C+	30	J79 on #628	C+
5	B110 on #332	C+	31	J98 on #463	B
6	B127 on #465	C+	32	M11.3 on #628	B+
7	B139A on #705	B	33	M49 on #463	C+
8	B253 on #406	C+	34	M92 on #508	C+
9	B293 on #332	C+	35	M121 on #332	C+
10	C47 on #331	B	36	M242 on #1065	B
11	C89 on #642	B	37	M2821 on #331	C+
12	C102A on #332	B	38	N18 on #583	C+
13	C144 on #463	C+	39	N36 on #332	C+
14	CI77.8A on #332	C+	40	N37 on #657	B
15	C281 on #336	C+	41	N73 on #463	B
16	C354 on #463 (1h)	C+	42	N76.5 on #332	B
17	C356.1 on #367	E	43	N107 on #332	C+
18	D142 on #332	C+	44	N113AB-11 on #773	B
19	E45 on #632	B	45	N119 on #334	B
20	E48 on #332	C+	46	O19 on #406 (clipped)	B
21	F25.5 on #406	C+	47	O51 on #499	B
22	F170 on #480	F	48	O57 on #405	B
23	G81 on #336 (lh)	C+	49	O65 on #463	C+
24	G141 on #332	C+	50	P30 on #499	B
25	G141 on #332	C+	51	P46 on #332	B
26	G213 on #398	B	52	P46.5 on #499	B

United States		
Lot#	Description	Rate
53	P50 on #332	B
54	P157 on #462	B
55	P241 on #498	B
56	P247 on #498	B
57	P260 on #591 (2h)	B+
58	P260 on #567	B+
59	R12 on #406	B
60	R17 on #405	C+
61	R18 on #525	B
62	R20 on #332	B
63	R23.5 on #332	B
64	R37 on #332 (clipped)	B
65	R49 on #405	B
66	R65 on #499	B
67	R66.5 on #463	B
68	R70 on #463 (clipped)	B
69	R73 on #463	B
70	R101 on #463	B
71	R116 on #332	B
72	S49 on #463	C+
73	S52 on #498	B
74	S53 on #332	B
75	S65 on #335	B
76	S69 on #332	C+
77	S92A on #632	B
78	S114B on #529	B
79	S126 on #530	B
80	S133 on #332	B
81	S150 on #506	B
82	S171 on #406	B
83	S193 on #499	B
84	S195-8 on #498	B
85	S195-19B on #810	B
86	S206 on #332	B
87	S208 on #499	B
88	S218 on #509	B
89	S231 on #498	B
90	S242 on #332	B
91	S255 on #414	C+
92	S286 on #331	B
93	S334 on #332	B
94	S338-6A on #811	B
95	S346 on #463	B
96	S356 on #332	B
97	S364 on #338	B
98	S367 on #416	B
99	T50 on #332	B
100	T73 on #332	B
101	T99 on #464	C+

United States		
Lot#	Description	Rate
102	U31 on #405	B
103	U71 on #463	B
104	U82-10 on #332	B
105	U93 on #333	B
106	W45 on #406	B
107	V9 on #506	B
108	W45 on #406	B
109	W72.64 on #636	C+
110	W87 on #332	B
111	W89 on #337	B
112	W118 on #406	B
113	W134 on #332	B
114	W177A on #527	B
115	W185 on #463	C+
116	W199.5 on #498	B
117	W220 on #332	B
118	W223 on #332	B
119	Y10 on #332	C+
120	#2 on #336	C+
121	#3 on #319	D
122	#8 on #406	B
123	Des. 40.5 on #634	B
124	P52 on #CEI	E
125	S155 -5 DDF	C+
126	S309 -3 DDF	C
127	156 ADD patterns -all	C
128	70 pattern mix	
129	55 pattern Railroad mix	
130	29 ADD patterns -all	D+
131	38 ADD patterns -all	D
132	59 ADD patterns -all	C
133	5 cacheted perfin covers	
134	52 DDF National Parks perfins	
135	11 different perfin covers	
136	11 different prepers (2 'w's and 3 'x's noted)	
137	63 revenue perfins	
138	1200 DDF perfins	
139	Cover with pattern B265 w/overseas destination	
140	Cover with pattern W199.25 to Poland	
141	Cover with pattern D 119 to Europe (Censored)	
142	20 different Commercial perfin covers	
143	31 different personal perfin covers	
Worldwide		
Lot#	Description	
144	Foreign Mix -68 perfins	
145	Foreign Mix -125 perfins- good variety	

Worldwide	
Lot#	Description
146	100 Argentina perfins -Estate
147	270 Austrian perfins
148	43 DDF Austria 'poko's
149	480 Austrian perfins -Estate
150	Austria- 3 different ill'd covers
151	30 Bavaria perfins (no 'E's)
152	85 Belgian perfins
153	500 Belgian perfins -Estate
154	Bulgaria perfins -3ADD, 9DDF
155	Canal Zone, 'P' perfin inverted on # 60.
156	Ceylon perfins - 43ADD.114DDF
157	Chile perfins - 6ADD, 12DF
158	Cuba perfins - 6ADD. 16DDF
159	Curacao perfins - 6DDF
160	Czechoslovakia perfins - 29ADD, 40DDF
161	110 Denmark perfins
162	Denmark perfins - 37 ADD
163	1165 Denmark perfins - Estate
164	Denmark - 8 ill' d perfin covers
165	Denmark -13 commercial perfin covers
166	France (Liberty & Peace) - 86 ADD, 160DDF
167	France (Liberty & Peace) - 60 ADD, 109DDF
168	France (Liberty & Peace) - 84 ADD, 176DDF
169	1000 French perfins -Estate
170	France - 6 ill'd perfin covers
171	Funchal perfins - 3 DDF
172	1100 German perfins - Estate

Worldwide	
Lot#	Description
173	Germany - 8 ill'd perfin covers
174	Great Britain - pattern #M0360.01 on # 289
175	Great Britain - 700 ADD perfins all pre 1952
176	Great Britain - 28 ill'd perfin covers (nice variety)
177	Great Britain - Wildings - (letters U & W) 28 ADD, 98 DDF
178	170 Hungary perfins - Estate - (No 3 hole)
179	India perfins - 30 ADD
180	120 India perfins - Estate
181	215 Ireland perfins - Estate
182	300 Italy perfins - Estate
183	500 Italy perfins - Estate
184	Jamaica perfins -18 DDF
185	155 Japanese perfins - Estate
186	Levant perfins - 2 ADD
187	315 Netherlands perfins - Estate
188	17 Norway perfins - Estate
189	150 Portugese perfins - Estate
190	Portugal- 2 ill'd covers
191	80 Romanian perfins - Estate
192	250 Spanish perfins - Estate
193	23 Sudan perfins - Estate
194	55 Swedish perfins - Estate
195	80 Swiss perfins - Estate
196	Switzerland- ill'd covers
197	34 U.S. perfin covers

Note: The "Estate" lots are a collector's accumulation over the years, and seem to not have heavy duplication or to be picked over .

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