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Hallock Card Award Committee Named

Bob Szymanski (LM 145)

Each year a Hallock Card Award Committee is appointed to consider nominations from the membership for the Hallock Card Award. This award, named for our founder, is given periodically to a member for his or her outstanding contributions to perfin collecting in general and the Perfins Club in particular.

This year President Ed Linn has appointed Bob Szymanski, our immediate past President (10 Clarridge Circle, Milford, MA 01757-1371 – email perfinman@comcast.net - Ph. (508) 478-7303), to chair the committee. Also, serving on this committee are Kurt Ottenheimer, past President (426 W. Walnut, Long Beach, NY 11561-3133), and Bob Schwerdt, for many years the Club's Foreign Perfin Catalog Editor (9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-5231). All three men are past recipients of this award.

Please contact any of these men to put any person's name in nomination for this very important and prestigious award.

An Opportunity for the Club

Ken Rehfeld (#3394)

If any member of the Perfins Club who is also an ATA member would send (e-mail, postcard or mail) me their name and ATA membership # we can become an ATA chapter at no cost. Nice to have The Perfins Club listed in there.

German Catalog Supplement Available

Dave Lightle (#3480)

I now have for sale the new German ARGE Catalog Supplement # 5 at $6.00.

(Ed. -- Next month a full list of all material available from Dave.)

The Bulletin is Hungry – Yet Again

I am about out of material for use in the Bulletin – yet again. I have, in reserve, only about 10 more pages of covers showing new catalog information from Doug Turner and some, still unused, ideas from Floyd Walker's files. In addition I can always expect a page or two of Club business (or I can rerun the Club Services article), but that is not a very exciting issue – and it is only one, not 10 a year... So, as I have often asked in the past, if you have a manuscript, or an idea for one, please contact me so that we can get it into print. Thanks!

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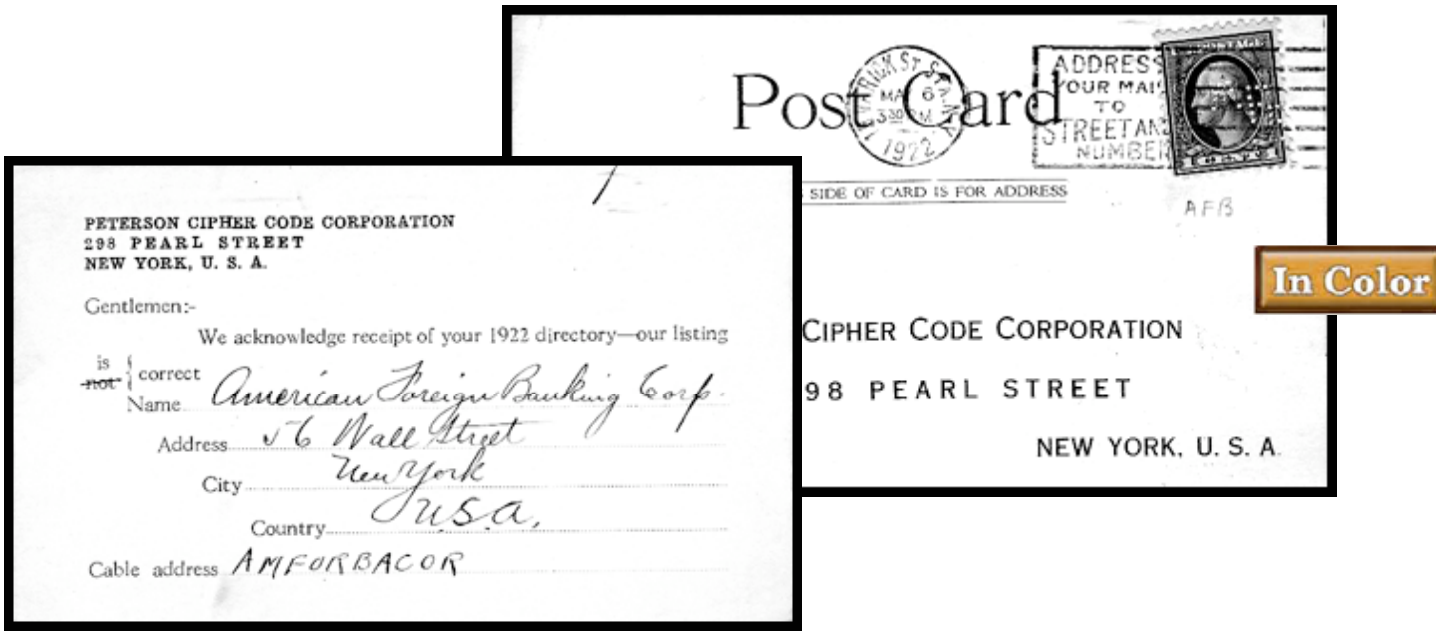
New Information From a Cover Lot (A-D Patterns)

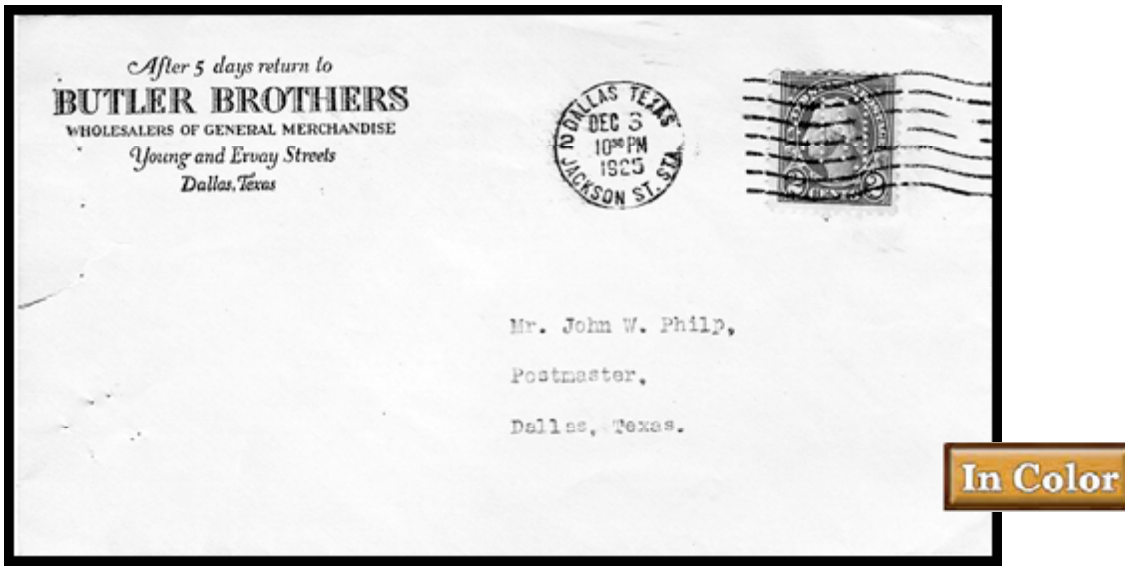
Doug Turner (#2549)

Thanks to my wife Diane Eastman who scanned all of the covers, which are included on this note.

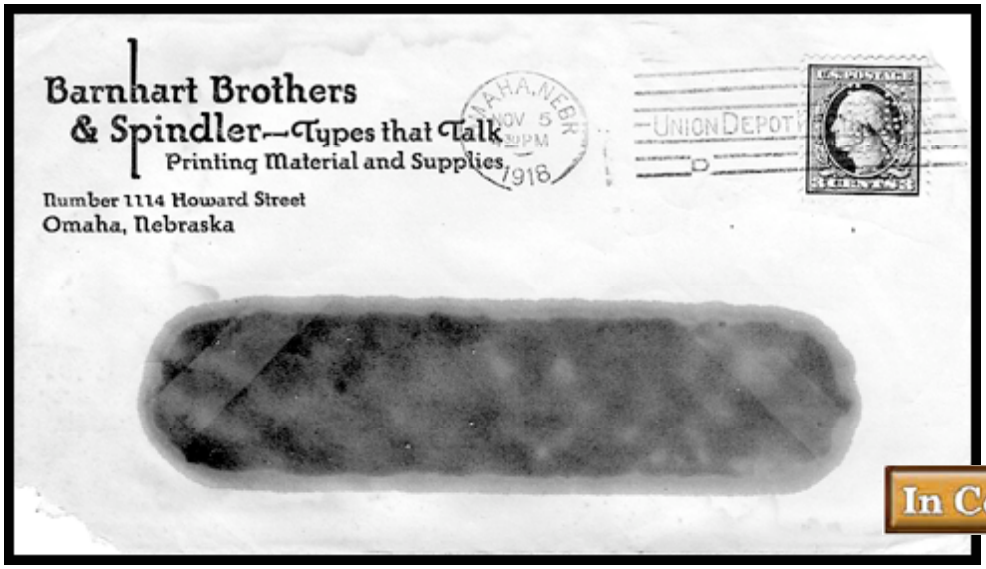
A-112 I bought a group of post cards on e-Bay that somehow ended up in The Netherlands. They had all been sent to various companies by the "Peterson Cipher Code Corporation asking that they verify that the information in the 1922 directory was correct. The American Foreign Banking Corporation using the A-112 perfin returned one of the cards. This is a new identification.



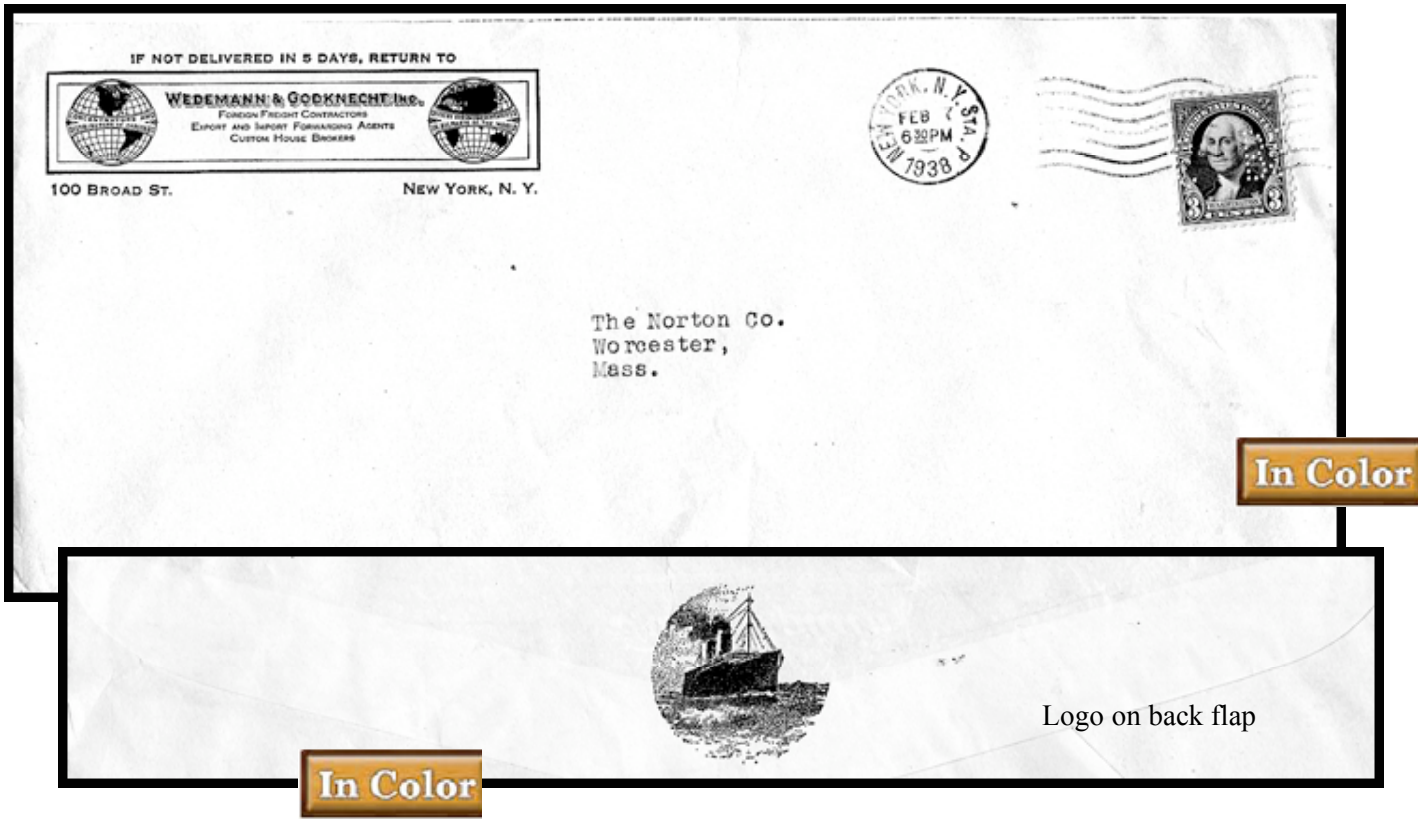
B-43 - The catalog does not show this listing as verified (*). This verifies the information in the catalog.



B-66 - The catalog does not show this listing as verified (*). This verifies the information in the catalog. It also shows use in Omaha, Nebraska.



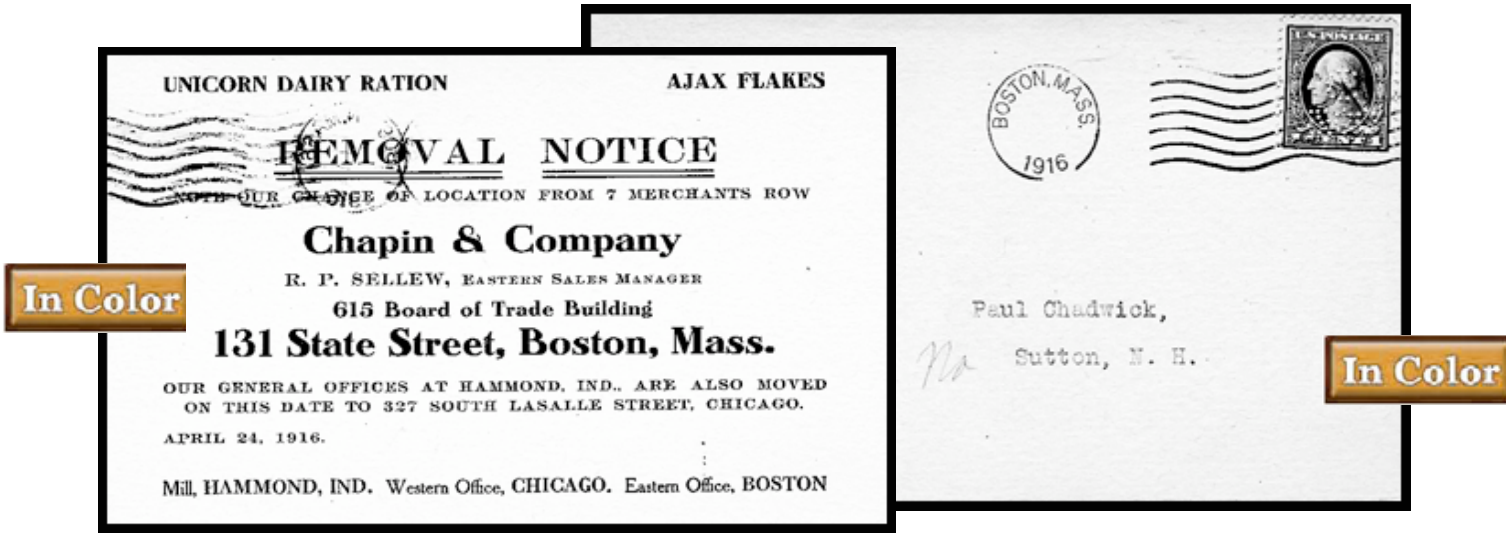
B-218 - The most recent A & C pages verified the user of this pattern as: Bush Service Corporation, New York. The catalog listed the user as Wedermann & Godknecht, New York. This cover verifies a user as Wedemann & Godknecht, Inc.; Foreign Freight Contractors; Export and Import Forwarding Agents; Custom House Brokers; 100 Broad St.; New York. This cover also shows a different spelling than in the catalog: Wedemann instead of Wedermann.



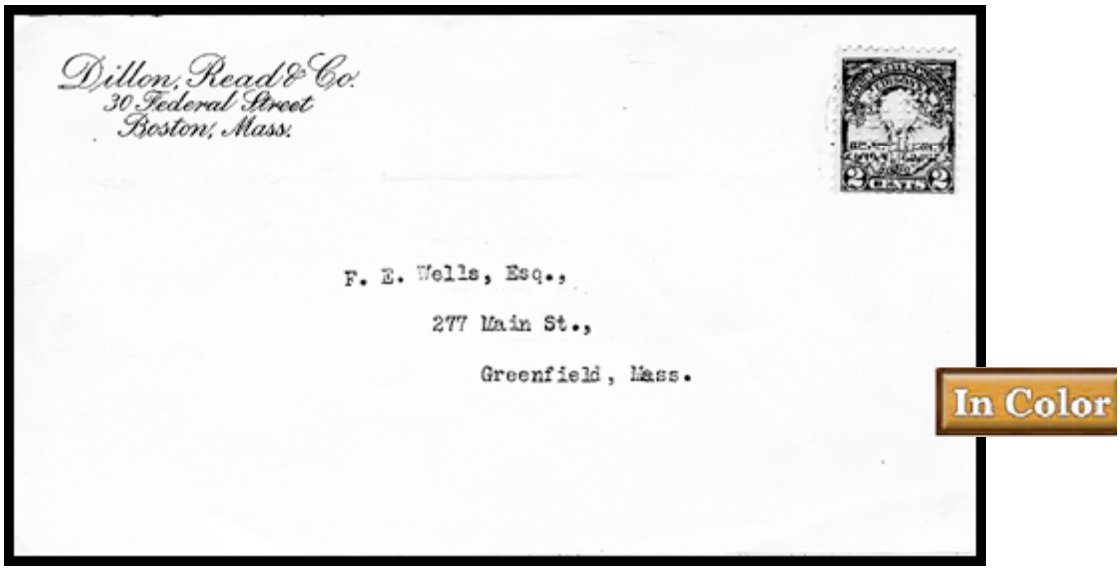
B-275 - The "Conway Electric Street Railway; North Station, Boston Mass. is an additional user of this perfin.

C-356. - This is a new city of use for this pattern and also a possible new product.

C-392 - The catalog lists the city of use as Chicago. This interesting card shows that the Mill was in Hammond, Indiana and the Western Office was in Chicago, Ill and the Eastern Office was in Boston, MA, which is where this card was sent.



D-102 - This identifies the user as "Dillon, Read & Co.; 30 Federal Street; Boston, Mass.



D-130 - This is just another user of this perfin "Hotel Du Pont; Wilmington 99, Del.; Executive Office"

Greetings from the West Coast

Ed Linn (LM 57)

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a happy holiday season.

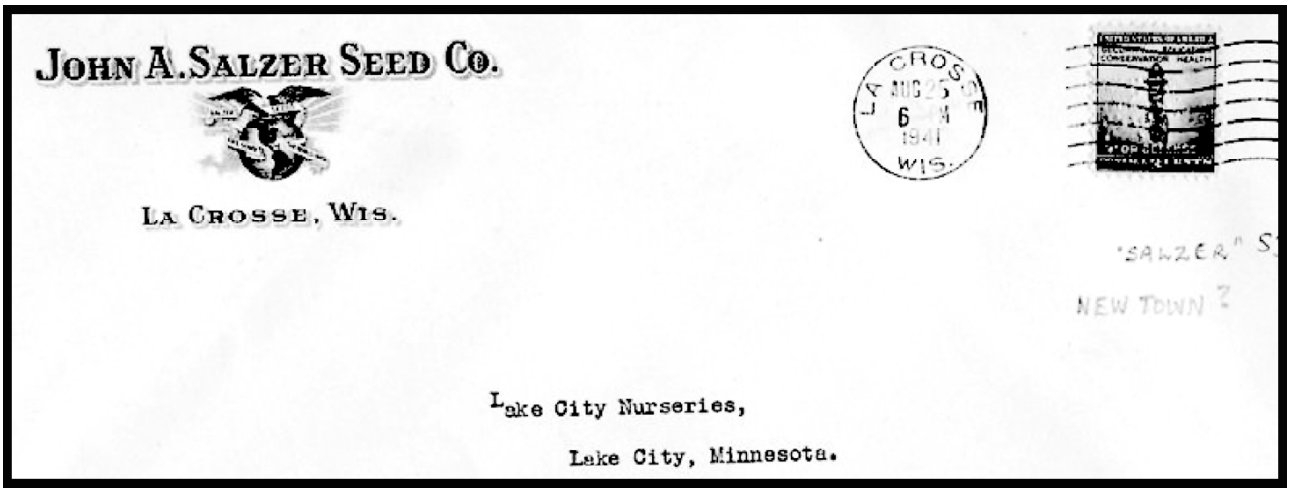
I would like to announce that Alan Sandy has agreed to be a Perfin's Counselor at Large. He will be replacing Doug Turner, who is our new Vice President.

I was able to attend the combined Golden Gate Precancel Society and Bay Area Perfins Meeting in December in El Cerrito, California. There were about a dozen in attendance, not counting the wives that had come along to the meeting. There were a lot a sales going on and I believe everyone found something that they wanted for their collection. We had stamps, food and companionship what more can anyone want. We talked of coming stamp shows like Westpex and even of a possible International Perfin show in the next year or two in the Netherlands.

On a personal note, I was able to pick up some perfins to peruse later. One of the stamps I found was an American Steel and Wire Company generally listed as W.7 with a total of 12 patterns. In looking at the catalog pattern the stamp I picked out was W 7.8. There is only one pattern and therefore not a problem to find the right location. I did note that W7 and W7.1 looked the same. I also noted that W7.7 and W 7.12 looked the same depending on which way you placed your stamp. I checked out my W 7 and W7.1 and found that I had mixed them up and put the new stamp first instead of last. I have been collecting perfins for at least 30 years and I found that I can make mistakes. (My wife says 'what's new?'). I quickly corrected my error. In checking out my W 7.7 I had it in the right space as it only fit the one pattern. My other stamp in the W7.12 pattern fit both. I then went back to the catalog and found that my 1902 copy was for W 7.12 only. I t is great to have a good catalog to keep you honest. There is a wealth of information in our U. S. Perfin Catalog.

Non-precancelled Use of S34 in La Crosse, WI

I have just received this S34 cover from J.L. Amiet to sell. While the perfin is not completely punched out it is very visible under light. The cover is complete. The scan is cropped. Note that the catalog lists La Crosse, WI as an alternate location of use for this perfin - but it lists it as precancelled ("(PC)".)



Note: This cover – and many others are available in the Club's Cover Sales Department run by Bill – see last page for address information.

Pev-Perf Newsletter # 9 -- January 2006

Art Mongan (LM 3443)

Question: Would the pattern images be easier to use if the holes are the exact size of the example scanned (which may vary within the same pattern), slightly small with exact hole-center spacing, or slightly larger but near perfect circles? The differences would be on the order on one or two pixels.

Catalog Direction

Current thoughts on the catalogue and the sequence of when I might have the first versions of the first drafts of some of the various sections ready for review are getting a little clearer. The section on undated, circular hole perforated initials, designs and numbers is in the first review cycle. The section on dated cancellations on transaction type revenues (stock transfer, future delivery, etc.) should be ready for review shortly. The section on cut-out initials (and numbers) might be ready by Spring 2006 The sections on wines (fermented fruit) and other taxed products (narcotics, oleomargarine, playing cards, etc.) hopefully will be ready for first review in late Summer or early Fall 2006. The possible timing of the other sections is not as clear.

Current philosophy is "Good-soon is better than Better-in-the-far-future", I want to get "good" versions of many sections in computer printable format ready by the end of 2006. As I go along, and as new information and reviews come in, I am constantly updating the printable files.

Catalog Status

The catalogue Section A (undated, circular-hole perforated initials, designs and numbers) is in the first review cycle. The size of Section A is about 100 pages.

Work is almost finished on Section B – dated cancellation perforated initials on transaction type revenues. I hope to have copies of the first version of the first draft of the two sections ready for inspection at Washington 2006. There will be many entries where there is NO image, only a partial, or poor quality image available.

Pattern order will be closer to the US Catalog in the second draft (sometime in the future) as will pattern groupings such as "H&Co/d" (by the firm name and then by period of use.)

Catalog Review

A number of review copies of Section A have been sent out.

New Findings

- SBC D (5 1/2 11-12-8) in New York $10 and $20 stock transfer stamps used in 1967
- HEV/CO (H66) in a 1¢ documentary of the issue of 1917
- PR/CO (P192) in a 2¢ documentary of the issue of 1917 with a parcel post cancel, and
- B.C.B.U704/d (1950), a beer pattern not in Chuck's work sheets (probably Buff City Brewery, Chicago, IL)

Exhibit

The exhibit may be at the Spring 2006 NY Postage Stamp Mega-Event, Madison Square Garden, March 16-19.

The exhibit will be at the annual Perfins Club meeting assuming I can make it.

Technical

The draft catalogue uses Times font and various type sizes. Patterns are scanned at 300 dots per inch. The base computer is a Power Mac G4 running OS 9.2 and OS 10.4. Portable computer is a Mac laptop running OS 10.3. Current scanner is a Micotec ScanMaker 4800 running ScanWizard 5 scanning software. Listings are compiled using FileMaker Pro 6, which is also used to produce the catalog listings pages. MS Word is used to produce

text portions of the catalog. Pattern images for sections A and B come from three sources. Many were obtained from Chuck Spaulding's work sheets (some of those were from Joe Miller's notes and may vary by 5% or so.) Where I have a clearer copy or it is a new item I used a document or example from my accumulation. A few new items were taken from the US Catalog. All images were processed through PhotoShop 6 to edit and produce a standard size to enter into FileMaker. Two-sided printing is done on an HP LasarJet 1320 on 20 pound paper.

Watch the holes, Art (Mongan, 12432 Pretoria Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20904-1845 cind_revs@comcast.net.)

PS: I may send out a survey soon on interests, size and scope of collections, and computers (if any) and software used.

Clubmember Ads

For sale: I have about 500 C rated perfins for sale at $1.50 per perfin. Send your want list and I will send fwhat I can. You keep what you want and return any not satisfactory and remit the cost of those kept. Larry Owen, 1808 Lakecrest Ct., Carrollton, TX 75006. Email Nowen@Verizon.Net

Wanted on approval: Precancelled perfins and perfins in Scotts #899, 900 and 901. Your postage and costs for any stamps I keep. Francis Stunzi, 37 Smith St., Rouses Point, New York 12979-1602.

Reminder - Private Perfin Auctions

Bob Szymanski (LM-145)

Currently, Bob Szymanski is running three private auctions – one each in January, February and March - for the Estates of Rev. John Griswold, Al Spencer and the sale of the collection of long time member George Baker, which was donated to the Club. There are many lots of B, B+ and A rated U. S. material, country lots for most large perfin using countries, several large perfin lots for the beginner or issue collector, covers, specialty collections, and beginner collections among others.

Although the bidding is brisk, the one disappointment has been the response to the offer of pulling C+ through F rated patterns off member's want lists from the collections. Many collectors have submitted lists but most for only a few perfins. Only a couple of members submitted substantial lists. The consequence is that there is still much to be found in these two large collections. If you are sitting and reading this and have always wondered where you could find perfins, here is your big chance to add to your collection without picking up any duplication! E-mail or mail your want list NOW TO Bob at perfinman@comcast.net or 10 Clarridge Circle Milford, MA 01757. You won't be disappointed!!!

While serving as President the past six years, I was amazed to find how many members said that they were not renewing their membership because they found it too hard to find perfins for their collections. I understood every other reason given to drop membership but that one.

The Perfins Club has a wonderful Sales Manager in Bob Combs who is ever ready to send perfins for any member on approval, a great Auction Manager in Bruce Brunell, who takes duplicate or unwanted perfin material from members and fashions multiple opportunities through Club auctions each year to add to your collections and, when requested, Private Auctions of estate material.

Whether buying or disposing of material, the Club provides many ways to assist members. Please avail yourself of them. They are one of the real benefits of your membership!

Perfin Gone Wild?

Bob Combs (LM#24)

I recently came across a 2003 Canadian issue, SC#2003, in an APS Circuit. Is this an example of a Perforators' machine gone wild? Is it an example of what a Perfin could look like without dimensional guidelines? Yep, one or the other. (Ed. Note: See *The Perfins Bulletin* 57: 171 (Nov-Dec 2003.)

Whereas the actual stamp is not part of the "Perfinned" pattern, the complete Souvenir Sheet (Maxi sheet?) is! I think this is a nice addition to ones Perfin collection, even if it only falls in this category as a "Cinderella".

The souvenir sheet measures 6 ¼ by 3 ¾ inches. There are 462 holes +/- (not counting the actual stamp perforations) making up the image of the bird. The subject is a painting by artist Jean-Paul Riopelle.

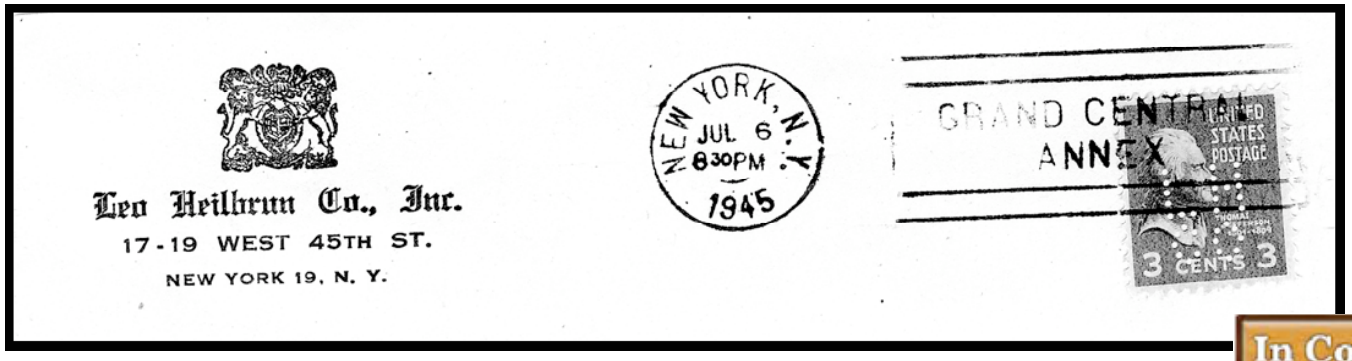
I find this to be a very interesting usage of a "perfinned-pattern" and shows what could be if the size of the stamp wasn't the limiting factor! The stamp is no longer available through the National Philatelic Centre in Canada, but does show up on EBAY and I am sure at your local stamp dealer as well.

Shameless Sales Plug: While this particular stamp is not available through the Clubs' sales circuit (at this time), we do have other nice items that may strike your fancy. E-mail me for details at STAMPMGR@ABQ.COM to find out. (Ed. Note: Bob's snail mail address and other info is on the back page.)

U.S. Perfin Catalog Correction

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

The following strip proves why strips should not be discarded as ruined examples of what should still be full covers. While no full cover may ever come to light, it is fortunate that we have this strip to be able to correct the spelling of this company's name. Perfin L92 (C+), while a difficult to read type, still shows that the user's name is spelled correctly – Leo Heilbrun Co., Inc.



In Color

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Auction Watch

Bill Shields (#2951) spotted the following several items on e-Bay:

In Color Item 5640803497 -- Old Mimeograph Perfin Catalog with Updates - Free S/H.
This is a vintage perfin catalog issued (probably in the early 1960's, including updates up to about 1973. The catalog begins with descriptive information regarding the classification of perfins (sample scans). 7 bids -- Winning bid: US $31.99.

In Color Item 5630788706 -- #1286 JACKSON: MISPERF. IOWA PERFIN, ERROR/FREAK, MNH. [Note: Appears to be a misdescribed I2.5 – which is probably a state of Illinois pattern.] 0 bids -- Starting bid: US $7.99.

In Color Item 5644400119 -- AUSTRIA LEVANT TURKEY 10 PARA . PERFIN 'C.L.J' RRRRR. 23 bids - Winning bid: US $183.50

In Color Item 5646138421 -- Lot 4A Rare Railroad Perfin Precancel US Stamps 1908-19. Description: These stamp are from a old collection of perfin stamps my father had put together in 1930's. Five pages of perfin's are from the Southern RR.. Most of the stamps are perforated 11. Three pages have inverted perfins. The stamps are used and most are in VF or F/VF condition. The perfin is outline for the R.R on the page. It may be hard to see in the photo. 2 bids - Winning bid: US $25.25.

In Color Item 5646629783 -- Great Britain QV Perfin Lot (1). Description: Nice perfin lot ADF, no duplication with lot #2. 9 bids Winning bid: US $15.28

In Color Item 5646629936Great Britain QV Perfin Lot (2). Description: Nice perfin lot ADF, no duplication with lot #1. 7 bids Winning bid: US $15.28

In Color Item 5647278768 -- PPC Train RPO Perfin Great Northern RR cancel 1910. Description: TRAIN ADVERT PERFIN RPO CANCEL ALL IN ONE CARD., USED 1910,GOOD CONDITION. 6 bids - Winning bid: US $21.50.

In Color Item 5647244913 -- NY EAGLE PENCIL CO. ADVERTISING PERFIN 1933 EAGLE LOGO. 2 bids Winning bid: US $4.26

In Color Item 5647876772 -- 24 x VICTORIAN stamps PERFINS fine used. Description. A few perf faults, please see scan. 14 bids Winning bid: GBP 19.00.

Rudy Roy (#1124) spotted the following items on e-Bay:

In Color Item 5647706331 -- NETHERLANDS INDIES 1921 ILLUSTR. COVER PERFIN. 17 bids Winning bid: US $202. Item

In Color Item 5653378037 -- 900+ Old WW Perfins With Catalogues B687 -- Old album with over 900 WW Perfins. There are two scarce catalogues including Col, Lebrand French Perfins with 145 Fr. Perfins inside (in French) and a US Perfins Collectors Club Canada Catalogue with 120 Canada Perfins inside. There are also another 660 WW Perfins on various album pages along with lots of other informative pages on WW Perfins. Take a good look at the photos and you decide the value. There is one very interesting page with some rare Figural Perfins such as Praying Hands, Fish, Anchors, etc. 13 bids - Winning bid: US $227.52 .

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