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Planning for Chattanooga

This year's Annual Convention promises to be full of fun and pleasant memories. First, there will be thousands and thousands of perfins for you to peruse. This will include covers, perfinned precancels, and other special items. Hopefully, many of those will accompany you home to be added to your collection.

Next, is Chattanooga itself. While no special tours are scheduled during the Convention, maybe you would enjoy an exhilarating ride on the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway. Its breathtaking 72.7% grade gives the Incline Railway the distinction of being the steepest passenger railway in the world. If it is a clear day, when you reach the top you may be able to see the Great Smoky Mountains - 100+ miles away.

Another, admittedly less adventurous, option is the Tennessee Aquarium, home to over 12,000 aquatic animals from around the world. Of special interest is the salt water aquarium added since our last Convention in Chattanooga.

Stu Hanlein, PSS Convention Chairman, has arranged to have representatives from the local Tourism Bureau on hand to assist those of you that want to visit these or other places of interest. In addition, you may want to visit www.chattanooga.com for an abundance of information about the local attractions, restaurants, etc., and printable, money saving coupons.



**Convention Sticker
courtesy of Jerry Hejduk**

As far as the Convention schedule, Stu indicates it will be quite similar to last year's, except we will start on Tuesday, August 20.

If you have not made your hotel reservations, please do so now! Call the Choo Choo Hotel Reservations Desk at 1-423-266-5000. Ask for the "Precancel Stamp Society" rate, Group Code "13PCSS," of \$89/night. If you get transferred to the "1-800" number, please ask them to connect you to the Choo Choo's Reservations Desk. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Election of Club Officers Reminder

As previously announced, the terms of three of the Club's officers, Vice President, Secretary, and one Director-at-Large, expire at the end of 2013. So, at this year's Annual Meeting, we will elect a club member to fill these positions for a three year term from 2014 through 2016 inclusive.

The current Secretary, Ken Rehfeld (#3394), and Director-at-Large, Duane Spidle (#3579) have both agreed to serve another term in those positions. The current Vice President, Pat Callis (#2383) will retire.

If you have not already done so, please send your nominations as soon as possible (May 15 at the latest) to one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Dan Baugher (#3825) Chair, 14618 Big Timber Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017-5659 USA or dbaugher@charter.net; Gary Hendren (#2490), 12737 Glenage, Maryland Heights, MO 63043-2811 USA or g2hslm@msn.com; or Doug Turner (LM#2549), P. O. Box 3069, Ventura, CA 93006-3069 USA or dturner@west.net.

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Hallock Card Award and Floyd Walker Award Nominations

If you have not already done so, please forward your nominations for this year's Hallock Card Award and Floyd Walker Award as soon as possible (May 15 at the latest) so all deserving members may be considered.

The Hallock Card Award, which perpetuates the memory of the Club's founder, is presented to a member who has performed outstanding service in the field of perfins or for the Club. This year's nominations for the Hallock Card Award should be sent to Millard (Bill) Driscoll (LM#71) Chair, 301 Driver Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483-2461 USA, or mdriscoll@sc.rr.com; John F. Lyding (LM#116),

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The Floyd Walker Award honors three times *Bulletin* Editor, Floyd Walker. It is presented each year to recognize a significant contribution of a article, series of articles, or group of unrelated articles during the last year to the *Bulletin*. Nominations for the 2012 Floyd Walker Award should be sent to Ken Masters, *Bulletin* Editor, at the contact information given on page 46 or in the previous paragraph.

APS Volunteers Wanted

Jerry Hejduk (LM#3710)

The next American Philatelic Society (APS) stamp show, StampShow 2013, at which the Perfins Club plans to staff an Affiliate Booth, will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8-11, 2013. If your summer travel plans include attending that philatelic

activity, and you have a couple of hours to volunteer staffing the Perfins Club Booth, please contact me at P.O. Box 490450, Leesburg, FL 34749-0450, or by email at flprepers@comcast.net, or by telephone at (352) 326-2117.

A Message and a Request from your Perfins Club Stamp Sales Circuit Department

Bob Combs (LM#24)

Three Questions to buyers:

1. So whatcha buying this year?
2. Started any new collections?
3. Where are you getting your material?

I have noticed a lot of new collectors joining the ranks of the Club this past year. Many of you are "NEW or INTERMEDIATE level" to the perfins collecting game. Have you ever thought of giving the Perfins Club Stamp Circuit Sales Department a try? Why not? All it takes is an email or a snail mail to me at the address on the inside front page of the *Bulletin* (page 46 this time) to find out what you are missing. Please no calls, unless you plan to leave a

message on the answering machine - I can't read your mind as to who you are unless you do!

We have a LOT of US (C,D,E & F rated - also some B rated) material. We have a LOT of foreign perfins (more from popular countries and a little from the not so popular ones). If you aren't buying from the club, you are overpaying (eBay as an example) for your purchases.

It does not take much effort to find out what we have, what the prices are, and if we can help YOU! If you do not increase your collection this year and did not contact me, don't say you tried everywhere!

The Perfins of China Catalog

Have you ever wondered about or considered collecting perfins found in Chinese stamps? If so, *The Perfins of China* catalog by Paul N. Davey, published by The China Stamp Society is a great place to start.

Thanks to a tip from Club member Donald Serafin (#3873), our Publications Sales Manager,

Dave Lightle (#3480) has secured a supply of this catalog for our Publications offerings. The price to Perfins Club members is \$7.50 including postage and shipping. Please drop Dave an email or letter at his contact information shown on page 46 and be one of the first to add this reference document to your library.

Defeating the Self-Stickem'

Larry Patterson (#3050)

Because the heyday of perfins usage occurred prior to advent of self-adhesive postage stamps, most of us do not encounter self-adhesive perfins. However, I, for one, receive a few collector created perfins. Because I prefer to mount stamps without the additional thickness of the original backing or the cover, I have been looking for an acceptable solution to remove the adhesive from modern day stamps.

I tried several of the remedies that have been put forward in the philatelic press but was never satisfied with the results. I especially did not like those that entailed the use of talcum powder as a last step. The back of the stamps was still "gummy." Further, the talcum powder was just adding trash to my album. So until recently, I have been tolerating the extra thickness and not trying to remove a used perfin from the envelope.

Some time ago, I found an article in the October 2010 *American Philatelist*.⁽¹⁾ It is attributed to "Peter Butler, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and its Executive Director at the National Office. Peter also is a frequent instructor and longtime student at the APS Summer Seminar." So I figured that he was not some jack-leg collector with a wild scheme that would eventually cause my collection to deteriorate.

Early in his article, Mr. Butler mentioned that he used a specific solvent to neutralize the adhesive. More about that later. My wife is a former high school chemistry teacher. Among the many things she has taught me is that the most common household solvent is finger nail polish remover. It is readily available, inexpensive, and has done a great job for me in the past.

So before, looking for the solvent suggested in the article, I opted to experiment with finger nail polish remover. I mean, if it is available and works, then why look for something else? Thank goodness I knew to experiment with some junk stamps, such as some "birdies" and a few of the recent discount postage "precancels." At this point in time, I don't remember whether or not the finger nail polish remover defeated the adhesive, but it certainly defeated the colors on the face of the stamps. I ended up with pieces of white paper.

Mr. Butler used an air freshener, Pure Citrus, which he reports is available from Home Depot. To quote from the original article:

"Pure Citrus and ZEP (a Canadian brand) air

fresheners are not the only ones on the present market. However, they are a step up in price from the regular air fresheners and it is important that you find ones with the following contents. They must first of all be *non-aerosol*. That means there are no fluorocarbons used as the propellant, only compressed air. (That's important as an environmental issue.) It must be a *100% natural product* and it must be *citrus based*. The answer lies in the chemical d-limonene. This 'cleaner from nature' has as its major component oil pressed out of citrus fruit rind after the juicing process. The peel is subjected to a steam extractor and then condensed, leaving oil on the surface. The remaining substance is called technical-grade d-limonene. It now replaces a wide variety of products including methyl and ethyl alcohol, acetone and fluorinated solvents, to name a few, and works well as a cleaner and adhesive remover and is a very safe, versatile chemical."

Because my first preference in home improvement stores is Lowes rather than Home Depot, I looked there. I did not find Pure Citrus, but later did see ZEP, which I have not tried. I figured that Home Depot could not have an exclusive sales arrangement and have looked in several grocery store chains. I found it in one of those that has an extremely large inventory of different items.

The following are some pointers that I've learned after successfully removing the self-adhesive.

1. Use a lot of old newspapers or something to protect the surface of the work table.
2. The residual aroma of Pure Citrus can be overwhelming. If you work in the house, you may want to get the newspapers out of the house soon after you have finished. I've also done the removal in my detached garage so that I can avoid the lingering memory of the odor. (It's not bad; it's an air freshener. However, the amount needed to complete the task will make its presence known for longer than you may want to remember it.)
3. Spray the aerosol on the back of the envelope. The stamp will separate within a few seconds. An additional application may be (will probably be) required.
4. Use a scraper, such as an expired credit card to scrape the adhesive off the back of the

DUN Cuban Perfin Cover Discovered

Robert Littrell (#3992)

I recently made an eBay purchase of a **DUN** perfin cover previously unknown, at least to me. DUN was the perfin used by the company R.G. Dun & Co., a predecessor firm to Dun & Bradstreet.

There are two and possibly three Cuba DUN perfin types. These are shown in Figure 1. The difference is the presence or absence of two code holes on the top and bottom of the “u.” The Perfins Club defines a “code hole or control hole” as “an additional hole extra to the normal design.” The one with just one extraneous code hole below the “u” was recently acquired from Cuban collector Alfredo Díaz Gámez by the author. I have not seen another like it.

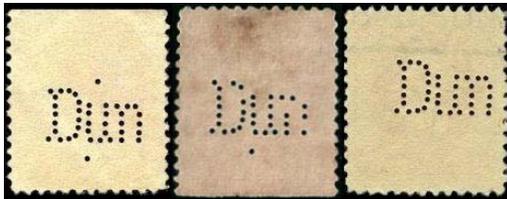


Figure 1
Three DUN perfins shown in mirror reverse.
Two code holes, one code hole (with 4 other punches missing), and no code holes.
The first and last are common.
(Actual size.)

The perfin cover that I found is the one without any extra holes. (Figure 2.) My friend and colleague, Rudy Roy (#1124), speculated that the DUN perfins without the holes may be nothing more than a breakage of the two extra pins on a multiple die perforator. I thought that it might be less likely to be a breakage of the two pins because the two 2-centavos stamps are still joined together. Thus, the perfin in each stamp would not have been created by a single stroke of the perforator’s arm. Rudy assures me that, depending on the manufacture of the perforating machine, it may be possible to punch the rows of stamps in successive order.

I also initially thought that the fact of the 1-centavo

stamp being the same configuration as the 2-centavos stamps would militate in favor of the “two machines” or “two die” theories, but, alas, it proves nothing. The mystery remains.

Rudy Roy is the owner of the other known DUN cover. Both examples are NOT on letterhead stationery of R.G. Dun & Co., so that is disappointing. Many perfin collectors prefer to collect perfins on cover with a corresponding corner card. This new cover was sent by one “Enrique Castellanos,” Vibora, Habana, and is addressed to Dean & Son, Ltd, London, England, a book publishing firm. So there is some chance that it was sent in the course of Dun business. That is not clear, however. It was also sent in 1936 which is past the currently known last usage date of 1933 (based upon the issue date of DUN perfin stamps). If only it came with contents!



Figure 2
Portion of the new cover franked with one 1-centavo and two 2-centavos stamps perforated with the DUN perfin.
(The perfin holes were digitally whitened to be more easily seen. Actual size.)

Defeating Self-Stickem’ (cont.)

stamp. The adhesive will look like a clear or whitish gel. Don’t let it re-contact the stamp or your fingers. It’s not dangerous, just very messy and will re-stick.

5. It may not work well on some of the earlier versions of self-adhesive. Even after several applications of Pure Citrus, I could not separate my test of the “Woody Wagon” post card precancel. I don’t know whether it was the version of self-adhesive or because the

stamp was on much thicker stock.

6. Only work on a few stamps at a time. The adhesive “resets” fairly quickly.

After several months, I am satisfied that my test stamps can be mounted in an album without having to use a final treatment of something like talcum powder.

Reference:

1. Butler, Peter; “It’s Like Magic” *American Philatelist*, Vol. 124, No. 10, October 2010, pp 910-913.

Everyone should have a "Holey" Grail!

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

I wonder how many members reading this have something perfin related for which they are searching? It could be an elusive pattern, a perfin cover postmarked on your date of birth, a company with your surname, or possibly even a cover dated on the day the "Titanic" sank! No matter what it is, I would suggest that you always keep the philatelic spirit enkindled with a "Quest for your 'Holey' Grail."

Ah, what is my "holey" grail? Well for years, I have searched high and low for something that may or may not have existed. It all started when I purchased a perfin cover on eBay. After completing the purchase, I was contacted by the seller asking whether I would like a "perforator"! I had never thought that I would ever see, let alone own one. I inquired as to what the perforator was and found out that it was a Cummins 10-head, manually operated model.

The seller was from Willoughby, OH, and I duly impressed him with my knowledge of the area. I confessed that I had lived in the Cleveland, OH, area for the first 42 years of my life. I asked him what the perforator punch was and he responded that it was "OBT," to which I immediately said "Name on Stationary Company"! He was floored as to how I knew where he had obtained the perforator. I blurted out my stock answer "I know everything!" But, I

thought to pursue the cost of the perforator first. It was \$175.00 delivered. I was told that it weighs a ton! That is an understatement. I bought it. (See Figures 1 and 2 below.)

With the perforator in hand, I asked the seller how he had obtained the perforator. He told me that about 40 years previously he had seen it at the "Name on Stationary" printing shop and inquired from the owner if it might be for sale. The owner deferred as it was the perfect door stop (no better ever made!) but said when he was ready to retire he would call and offer the perforator to this gentleman. He did.

I asked the seller if he knew what company originally owned the perforator. He said he had asked the owner but it had been there as long as he had the business and he did not know.

I suggested that it was my theory that the perforator was originally owned by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. Most telephone companies owned perforators at one time or another, the perforator was used in Cleveland, and "OBT" is the most natural fit. However, why would they use it for only a rather short period of time? I can think of several possible answers. It may not have had enough capacity for their business, several pins were missing, it may have been thought to be a hastily considered purchase, or, as postage meters were just coming out, maybe the company decided to go in another direction for postage security.

Now all this is conjecture. As our excellent U.S. Catalog Chairman would say: "Where's the proof?"



Figure 1
Bob and his Cummins 10-head, manually operated perforator.



Figure 2
A close up of the perforator that produces pattern O14 (OBT).

Szymanski's "Holey" Grail (cont.)

This became my "holey" grail. I have had the perforator for over 10 years, but I have not learned anything else in that period of time to prove or disprove my theory...until now!

The postcard (Figure 3) reads as follows:

"Our new building. Line indicates my office. Rec'd your card yesterday. Fordie"

The obverse side (Figure 4) shows the newly completed Ohio Bell Telephone Co. building in Cleveland, OH. Presumably, Fordie worked there. He used a 2¢ Washington stamp perforated with pattern **O14** (OBT) to mail the card. The use is 1927 - before any recorded "Name on Stationary Company" use.

Ohio Bell Telephone Company was formed in September 1922 - its name being changed from the Cleveland Telephone Company and with mergers of the Ohio based customer systems from both the Central Union Telephone Company and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia.^(1,2) With Cleveland as its base of operations, a new building was needed, and indeed started in 1925 and completed

in 1927.⁽³⁾ You will note the picture of the handsome building as completed on Huron Road which, until the 1929 Terminal Tower complex, was the tallest building in Cleveland.

I think I found my "holey" grail!

Now, on to the next challenge...**R16!** It has to be the Bangor Railway but more proof is needed!

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2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ohio_Bell
3. <http://www.slideshare.net/deanneconley/the-ohio-bell-telephone-building>



Figure 3
Postcard mailed June 21, 1927, franked with a 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern O14. Message indicates it was mailed by an employee of Ohio Bell Telephone Company.
(75% actual size.)



Figure 4
Obverse side of postcard showing the Ohio Bell Telephone Company building and line marked to show "Fordie's" office.
(75% actual size.)

U.S. Catalog Chairman Comments about Pattern O14 User

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Although technically the postcard shown above in Bob's article does not provide positive user confirmation, the information on the card and his research that the pattern **O14** (OBT) originally belonged to the Ohio Bell Telephone Company makes a lot of sense. Later covers with **O14** document subsequent use by the "Name on Stationary Company."

Therefore, in A&C#4 of the *Catalog of United States Perfins*, "Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Cleveland, OH," will be listed as the primary user for **O14** and "Name on Stationary Company" will be noted in the Supplemental Information. Also, the clear postmark on this cover will be added to our growing postmark database.

Schermack Control Perforations Census

Curt McCoy (#3962)

As we approach 2014, marking the 100th year since their usage, I am going to attempt to gather a Census of Schermacks with Control Perforations. However, for this to be a meaningful effort, I need your active participation in this project.

In mid 1909 the Schermack Company began experimenting with the addition of a Control Perfin to their existing affixing machines. (Figure 1.)



Figure 1
Schermack Mailing Machine (circa 1909).
Cost was \$350 FOB Detroit, MI.

Early experiments involved a 12 Hole pattern. The 12 Hole pattern proved to be too fragile for their high speed machines and they opted for a 9 Hole square pattern. See Figure 2 below for an example of each. A patent was applied for this design on October 9, 1909. (Figure 3 on page 53.) By removing various combinations of the nine pins, each of their customers, wanting this security, could have their own unique pattern.

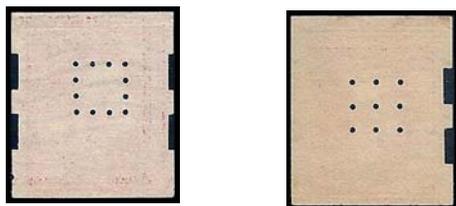


Figure 2
Example of the two Schermack Control Perfins Patterns.
12 Hole pattern is U.S. Perfins Catalog Des. 91-1.
9 Hole pattern is U.S. Perfins Catalog Des. 90-1.
(Actual size.)

By late 1909 many of their New York customers adopted a Control Perfin for their affixing machines.

By 1910, companies in Detroit and Chicago were also using Control Perfins in their equipment. However, by 1911 the New York companies began pulling the dies from their machines and discontinuing the practice. Some of the Chicago and Detroit companies continued using Control Perfins until late 1913, but by 1914 the practice had all but disappeared.

Control Perfins were only used in total for approximately four years, and little if any documentation was left by the time the philatelic community became interested. Much of what is known came about by discovery of Control Perfins on cover and the hard work of fellow collectors.

Over the years, several Census attempts have been taken. It's my belief that the Internet age offers us a unique opportunity to reach a far larger number of collectors than was ever possible before now. More data, hopefully, will give us a better picture of their usage. This is where I need your HELP!

No collection is too small, as all information is important for this project. Any information provided will be Strictly Confidential, and only used for the purpose of the Census.

One of the problems in bringing this data together, is that we collect differently. Some collect by the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) design number. Others collect by the Howard/Belasco front view missing pin numbers system. In addition, I have seen those that use the missing pin number from the back view, and those that use the holes that are actually punched to describe the pattern. So many different ways describing the same thing. My attempt will be to take all of these "languages" and consolidate them into one report.

We have other collecting differences as well. Some of us collect by Scott numbers, and some only by the Perfin design, regardless of the stamp it is in. I will gladly take the information the way you collect and consolidate it to the best of my ability. I am not asking you to do additional work, other than compiling your inventory and sharing it with Stamp Community.

If you would be willing to participate in this Census, I would like your help. You can send your data by regular mail to me: Curt McCoy, 10253 Collard Drive, Lakeview, MI 48850-9143 or by email to cmccoy1@myfrontiermail.com. Again, all information provided will be Strictly Confidential.

Schermack Census (cont.)

Please list all Schermack Control Perfins that you have in your collection and be sure to include all of your duplicates. I would also be interested in any special features that you may have. These would include: on cover, on a partial cover, paste ups, plate numbers, blind holes, commercial perfins in a Schermack, or any other characteristic that makes a particular stamp unique.

Though I will try to get this request out to as many collectors as possible, I could use your help here as well. This Census is not limited to members of The Perfins Club. If you know of a fellow collector that may have Schermack Control Perfins in their collection, please share this request. It makes no difference if they have one or one hundred. We want to record as much data as possible.

I envision this project to take several months collecting data. When the results are complete, everyone that provided information will get a copy of the report.

Thank You in advance. Let's see what we can Discover together !!

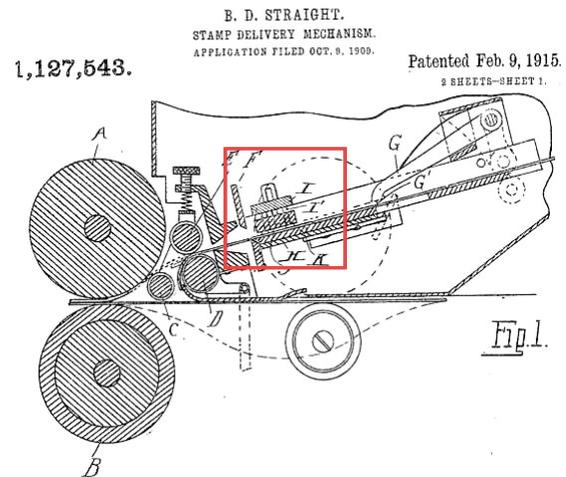


Figure 3
Reproduction of a drawing from U.S. Patent #1,127,543.
The location of die that punched the control perfin is highlighted by the red box.
Notice that Patent was not issued until February 9, 1915, after companies stopped using these control perfins!

What's your "Holey" Grail?

Ken Masters (#3589)

While finalizing Bob Szymanski's (LM#145) article about him finding his "Holey" Grail (pages 50-51), the thought struck me that everyone has their own personal "Holey" Grail. My next thought was that I, for one, would really enjoy knowing our other members' quests. Then, the natural progression of an Editor is a series of *Bulletin* articles where our members share their individual "holey" grails.

I was still rolling this idea around in my head when I received an email from Steve Endicott (LM#2284) after his review of his input to Bob's article. In his email, Steve echoed my thoughts above and further suggested that this might be a great way that we could help each other.

For us to reap the most benefit from this project, we need to be specific. For example:

- Clark Buchi (#4028) is looking for U.S. perfins with the "COLE" pattern, **C248** and/or **C248A**. His wife's maiden name is Cole and he would like to create a page of these perfins for her. (See his ad on page 42 of the March/April 2013 *Bulletin*.)

- Steve's father, Howard Endicott, was a manager in the Traffic Department of Standard Oil of California (Chevron) and worked in their San Francisco, CA, office for most of his career. In the course of his job, he had quite a bit of correspondence with railroads, shipping and trucking companies. Undoubtedly, some of this mail had perfins. So, Steve's quest here is to find a cover with both a perfin and his father's name.
- My birthday is October 2, 1942. One of my quests is to find a cover, preferably with a perfin, postmarked with my complete date of birth or at least the October 2.

Now that you have the idea: "What's your 'Holey' Grail?" Please send them to me (page 46) in as much detail as you desire and we will start including them in future *Bulletins*. If you have more than one, that is OK - just let me know their relative priorities. Let's all have some fun helping and learning more about each other!

R108 & S328 - Users Updates & Some Questions

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

Chattanooga - R108

Since our annual convention, shared with the Precancel Stamp Society, will be in Chattanooga, TN, this year, the first thing that caught my attention about these two cover strips with perfins is the Chattanooga return address and postmark. (See Figures 1 & 2 below.) Secondly, I noticed that the return address information refers to two different companies. But when I check the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog), I see that a third Chattanooga company, "Randolph Rose Mail Order School," is listed as the verified user for this C+ rated pattern **R108** (RMR). It has been listed this way in our Catalogs since the 1950s.

So, off I go to the Internet to do some research. Mr. Randolph Rose advertised his mail order business in numerous magazines in the early 1900s, including *Popular Mechanics*, *Pearson's*, and *Cosmopolitan*.⁽¹⁾ The letters of RMR in pattern **R108** are consistent with this use.

The Mail Order Business Builder was easy to figure out. This was a magazine published by Mr. Rose to promote his mail order business. This secondary use will be included in the U.S. Perfins Catalog as part of A&C#4.

The corner card showing "The Mathewson Manufacturing Company" is a mystery. I have not been able to find any link between the two companies other than that they both were located in Chattanooga. The letter could be return correspondence going back to Randolph Rose Mail Order School. It could be mail order business for Mathewson Manufacturing prepared by Randolph Rose Mail Order School, or it could simply be incidental usage as bulk mail. It is not clear what to do with the information on this cover strip.

I would appreciate hearing from collectors who own other covers and strips with pattern **R108** possibly documenting other mail order correspondence and bulk mailings. My contact information is on page 46.

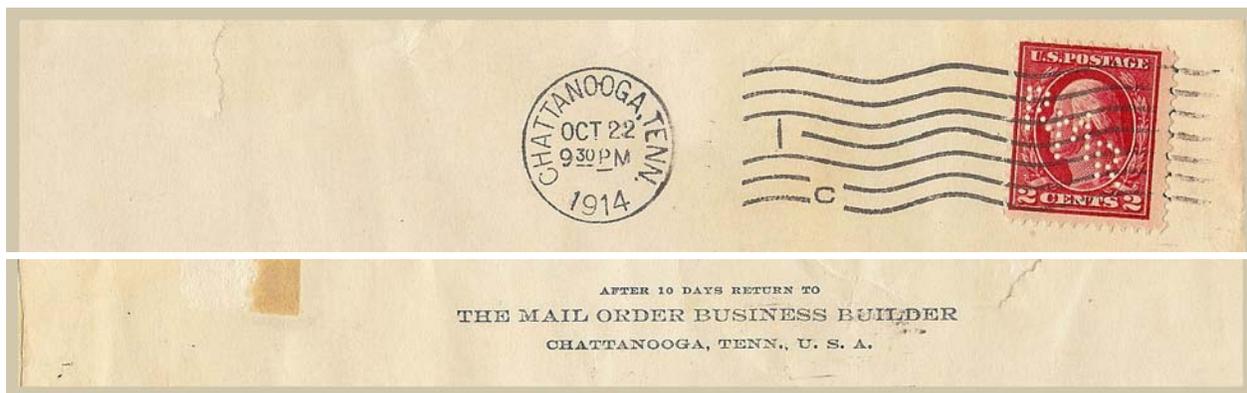


Figure 1

Front and back of *The Mail Order Business Builder* cover strip with October 22, 1914, Chattanooga, TN, postmark franked with 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern R108.

Shows new alternate user of R108.

(Left side and top electronically trimmed for space purposes - stamp, perfin, postmark, and text are actual size.)



Figure 2

The Mathewson Manufacturing Company cover strip with 1915 Chattanooga, TN, postmark franked with 1-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern R108.

What is the relationship of this user to the verified user of R108?

(Middle of strip electronically cropped for space purposes - stamp, perfin, postmark, and text are actual size.)

Strips Provide Users Updates (cont.)

S328 (SYSTEM)

Pattern **S328** composed of the word “SYSTEM” is a common, *E* rated perfin with a verified user of “The System Company, Chicago, IL,” and a known secondary usage by the *System Magazine*. This also has been documented in our Catalogs since the 1950s. But similar to the discussion about pattern **R108** on the previous page, there are questions for the U.S. Catalog Chairman.

Recently, cover strips with **S328** have been seen with other users shown in Figures 3 & 4 below. From research on the Internet, I have learned that A. W. Shaw Company was a publishing company of business textbooks and business magazines. Also A.W. Shaw Company owned The System Company and they used **S328** on correspondence for other magazines, such as *Factory The Magazine of Management*.^(2,3)

I was not able to determine when A.W. Shaw acquired The System Company. It is possible that the perforator for perfin **S328** was built for The System Company and then transferred to A.W. Shaw with its assets upon acquisition. Members can help by sending me copies of covers and strips that they own with perfin **S328** showing other magazines and dates of usage.

Since A.W. Shaw Company used **S328** for its

various magazines, it will become the primary user as listed in A&C#4 of the U.S. Perfins Catalog. The System Company will be moved to an alternate user in the Supplemental Information.

Before concluding this article, I would like to share some of the interesting history I learned about the A.W. Shaw Company. The company was sold to McGraw-Hill in 1928, after which the name of the *System Magazine* was changed to *Business Week*.

In addition, there were several famous employees of the A. W. Shaw Company in the early 1900s.⁽⁴⁾ One was Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of *Tarzan of the Apes* and other well known works. Carl Sandburg worked as an associate editor for *System: The Magazine of Business* while striving to become an accomplished poet. Edward Hopper, a famous American painter, best known for his oil paintings and etchings, was an illustrator for *System: The Magazine of Business*.

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4. http://www.5nwabash.net/5nwabash/page.html?pf=yes&page_id=8



Figure 3

A.W. Shaw Company cover strip with March 14, 1914, Chicago, IL, postmark franked with 1-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern S328.

A. W. Shaw Company owned The System Company and is the primary user of S328.

(Bottom electronically trimmed for space purposes - stamp, perfin, postmark, and text are actual size.)



Figure 4

Manufacturers Information Bureau *Factory Magazine* cover strip with July 6, 1914, Chicago, IL, postmark franked with 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with pattern S328.

Factory The Magazine of Management published by A. W. Shaw.

(Middle of strip electronically cropped for space purposes - stamp, perfin, postmark, and text are actual size.)

Sorry I Put It Off for Such a Long Time!

New Pattern P153.4

John Lyding (LM#116)

In the first place, it is my opinion that the thrill is in the chase. Having captured the elusive quarry our interest level falls. This is a tale of a long hunt with partial successes capped with final achievement and an even longer period of procrastination.

First, some background. In 1985 I was the Editor of *The Perfins Bulletin*, a perfins collector, and the Director of Driver Licensing and School Bus Safety for the state of Maryland. My job required frequent and extensive travel throughout Maryland and adjacent states, with occasional trips to other states.

Some of the long time members may recall my articles concerning my attempts to obtain a personal perforator. The first machine I acquired was a "needle perforator." That device simply made holes in paper without removing any chads. Later, I found a "check writer" in, of all places, Las Vegas, NV. This was the first of several check writers. Next, I acquired a couple of "powered document markers" and "bank cancellers" which I hoped to turn into a personal perforator. These were beyond my limited capability to convert and are now in Jerry Hejduk's (LM#3710) possession.

Eventually, with help from Chris Carr (LM#9), I purchased a perforator from a company in Great Britain. This is listed in the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) as pattern **Des. 61IP** (Anchor), and I use it on most of my personal mail.

Now back to the hunt. While on a State sponsored trip to Pittsburg, PA, I stumbled into a small antique store where I spotted what I originally thought to be a seal. I picked it up, blew off the dust, and low and behold, I had a perforator in my hands. Years of rust has frozen the mechanism in place. I purchased the device and left.

Originally, I intended to disassemble the machine and restore it to working order. It immediately became apparent that this was not going to be easy. I liberally applied penetrating oil to the visible screws, shaft and pivot. When I returned later, I attempted to push the lever. To my surprise, it moved a little. After several more applications of penetrating oil and judicious jiggling, the perforator operated. I made several impressions in a sheet of paper and went to check the Catalog. The hunt is over! But another failure - it is not listed! Oh well, I'll get back to it someday and write it up for the *Bulletin*. That was 1995 or 1996. I apologize for taking so long.

The perforator, shown in the Figure 1 below, looks pretty much the way it did when I first managed to operate it. I have never used it on a postage stamp.

The punch "PNG" with a control mark is shown as the right image in Figure 2 below. The U.S.



Figure 1
Perforator found near Pittsburgh, PA.

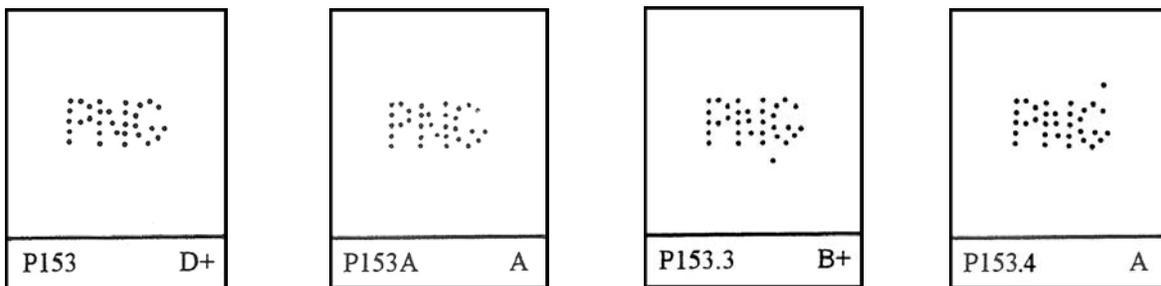


Figure 2

Catalog images of "P153" perfins.

Verified user of pattern P153 is "Peoples Natural Gas, Pittsburg, PA." User(s) of other three is not identified.

Pattern P153.4 (on right) is a new pattern from John Lyding's perforator shown in Figure 1 above.
(Actual size.)

New Pattern P154.4 (cont.)

Catalog Chairman, Steve Endicott (LM#2284), agrees that this is a new pattern - A rated pattern **P153.4** with an unknown user. (See Steve's sidebar below for his reasoning in making this determination.)

Figure 2 also illustrates patterns **P153**, **P153A**, and **P153.3**. The following similarities should be noted about these four patterns.

- The number of holes in each is 9-13-10.
- The height of all of the holes in each measures 5-1/2 mm.
- All four patterns match hole for hole.

The verified user of pattern **P153** is listed in the Catalog as the "Peoples Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh, PA," while the user for the other three has not been identified. Remember that I found my machine near Pittsburgh.

I did not include pattern **P154** (Figure 3) in the above discussion despite its matching most of the characteristics of the other "PNG" pattern (the primary exception being the height of the first two letters is 6 mm). This is because **P154** is identified as being used by the "Hope Natural Gas Company, Pittsburg, PA."

Hope Natural Gas Company, is part of a large group of gas companies associated with John D. Rockefeller that operated in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.⁽¹⁾ After Rockefeller had consolidated his vast empire of oil refineries into the Standard Oil Company in the late 1880's, he started exploring and drilling for crude oil so he could control the supply of raw material to his refineries. Most of this effort was concentrated in

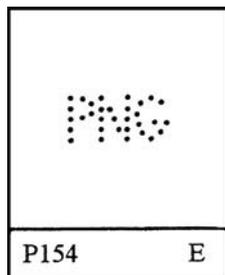


Figure 3
Pattern P154
(Actual size)

the western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, and western Ohio regions. Many times natural gas was also found with the crude oil.

This led to the formation and acquisition of several companies that explored for natural gas and piped it to Pittsburgh, PA, Cleveland and Akron, OH, and other industrial centers in the region as a sideline of his Company. In 1898 one of the companies formed by him and his associates was the Hope Natural Gas Company.

Peoples Natural Gas Company (Peoples) is a different story. It was founded in 1885 to operate in Pittsburgh, PA, by two gentlemen not associated with Rockefeller, Joseph Pew and Edward Emerson.^(1,2) Once Peoples was operating successfully, they sold it to Rockefeller and moved their efforts to western Ohio where they later formed Sun Oil Company.

Standard Oil's growth continued unimpeded until 1911 when The U.S. Supreme Court ordered its dissolution under the Sherman Antitrust Act. Four of Rockefeller's companies were combined to form Consolidated Natural Gas (CNG). The companies were: Peoples Natural Gas, Pittsburgh, PA, founded in 1885; River Gas Company, Marietta, OH, founded in 1894; Hope Natural Gas Company, Clarksburg, WV, founded in 1898; and East Ohio Gas Company, Cleveland, OH, founded in 1898.⁽³⁾ Other companies were later added to CNG, and it was spun off from Standard Oil as an independent company in 1943.

I believe that all five patterns shown in this article are from the Peoples Natural Gas Company and that my pattern should be listed; however, the Catalog Chairman is the proper person to make that decision.

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U.S. Catalog Chairman Comments about New Pattern P153.4

Steve Endicott (LM#2284)

The pattern that John Lyding (LM#116) has found is a unique situation - one that I have never seen or heard about. Here we have the perforator that definitely produces the pattern with a control hole, but we have no stamps! The existence of the perforator proves the theoretical existence of the perfin. I say "theoretical" because we do not know for certain that the perforator was ever used commercially. In any case, this will be included as new pattern **P153.4** in A&C#4 - only the first new

pattern in the last two years.

We have to be very careful in assigning new pattern identifications to existing patterns that have an apparent new control hole. In almost every such case that I have examined, the apparent control hole is one of a group of pinholes (the others being chads or dimples) that resulted from a multiple run through the perforator. For this reason, such stamps need to be carefully examined.

Japanese Postcard Provides U.S. Pattern W188 ID

Rudy Roy (#1124)

The picture postcard shown in Figure 1 on page 59 is an advertising card for Formosa Oolong Tea that was produced in Japan for the W.S. Quinby Co. As shown in Figure 2 (page 59), the card was mailed using the Quinby perfin pattern **W188** (WSQ/Co), a *B* rate, which did not have a confirmed user identification until this card surfaced.

The picture is of a Kabuki actress on the obverse of the card. It is a reproduction of a painting made by the artist Toyokuni, whose name is also included in Japanese characters. The picture on the card is hand colored. Hand coloring of postcards was not uncommon at the time. The Japanese characters on the reverse of the card translate as “postcard.”

Although the card has been mailed from Boston, and the *Catalog of United States Perfins* (U.S. Perfins Catalog) indicates Boston, MA, as the city of origin, printed on the card is an additional location of Chicago, IL.

A scan of this postcard was sent to the U.S. Catalog Chairman for his information and review. He agrees that it provides a positive identification that the “W.S. Quinby Company, Boston, MA,” was the user of **W188**. This information will be included in A&C#4 of the U.S. Perfins Catalog. He also agrees that this card provides information that W.S. Quinby operated in Chicago as well as Boston, but no postal usage in Chicago has been found.

French Pigeon Postcard with Perfin

Ken Masters (#3589)

Pictured below is a very intriguing and unusual postcard that Rudy Roy (#1124) recently spotted on eBay and forwarded to me. Rudy indicated that he had never seen another example of a perfin used on a Pigeon Postcard. He also said that he was not successful with his bid in this auction.

The item was described by the seller as a “**France Postcard pigeon post Cherbourg Paris 1905 Perfin.**” After receiving 15 bids from six different bidders, the final selling price was €156.01 (approximately \$203.47 USD) + shipping.

After some Internet research, I found a similar Pigeon Postcard, without a perfin, listed as item #4133 in the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries December 20, 2002, Auction #854 of “The Oded Eliashar Award-Winning Collection of Worldwide

Pigeon Post Mail.”⁽¹⁾ The notes with this item indicate that the French newspaper “Le Matin” sponsored a pigeon race on July 22, 1905, where “flimsies” were carried by pigeons from the boat *Ariane* to Le Harve, France. These “flimsies” were then removed from the pigeons’ legs, placed inside a small envelope affixed to souvenir postcards, and sent on by regular mail.

If any of you have other examples of a Pigeon Postcard with a perfin, please forward a scan or photocopy to me (page 46) and we will include it in a future *Bulletin*. I am certain our members would enjoy seeing it.

Reference:

1. <http://www.siegelauctions.com/2002/854/854.pdf>



French Pigeon Postcard sold on eBay.

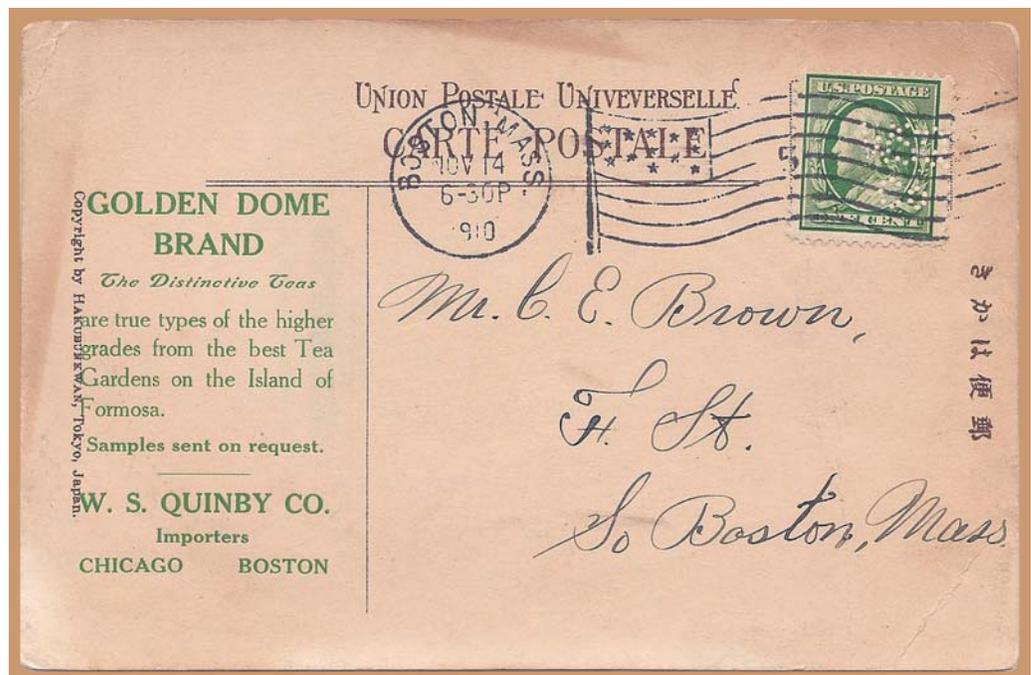
Franked with 15-centimes “Sower” stamp (Scott #139) perforated with French Perfin M13.
(eBay Item #230954974424)

U.S. Pattern W188 User Identified (cont.)



Figure 1
Obverse side of Formosa Oolong Tea Advertising Postcard featuring a Japanese Kabuki actress. The image is a hand colored reproduction from a painting by the artist Toyokuni. (95% of actual size.)

Figure 2
Reverse side of Formosa Oolong Tea Advertising Postcard mailed November 14, 1910, from W.S. Quinby Company's Boston, MA, office. The card is franked with a One cent Washington stamp, Scott #331, that is perforated with B rated U.S. perfin W188. This card provides positive identification of the user of W188, and also shows that Quinby had offices in both Boston and Chicago. (95% of actual size.)



Cover Identifies the User of Mexico Perfin A5

John Welsch (#3832)

The user of Mexico perfin **A5** (G.L./&Cia/SU.cs) in postal issues is now identified as “G. Lohse & Company, Sucesores, Mexico City” on a cover that I recently purchased on eBay and illustrated on page 61. The corner card shows it was mailed by ANTIGUA FERRETERIA Y MERCERIA DE LA PALMA, G. LOHSE Y COMP. SUCS., APARTADO POSTAL 107., MEXICO.

The postmark is “30 Dec, 1904, Mexico D.F.” (Distrito Federal). Based on the markings on the back of the cover, it travelled from Mexico City on December 30, 1904, to Sombrerete, Zacatecas, arriving January 1, 1905. It then went on to its destination, Chalchihuites, Zacatecas, arriving January 4, 1905.

My Internet research reveals that G. Lohse y Cia, Sucesores, located at Calle La Palma 9, 10, and 11, was not only a hardware and notions store, but also an importer and exporter of goods.⁽¹⁾ They sold items such as plows, belting machinery, lamps, and printer's and lithographer's supplies and ink. The company is also listed as a manufacturer of bedsteads and scientific instruments. The Calle La Palma address is located in Mexico City one block west of the historic center of the city.⁽²⁾

The company also produced or had made a 35mm diameter commemorative coin or medal. The obverse of the medal shows a statue of Christopher

Columbus circled by CRISTOBAL COLON, DESCUBRIDOR DE AMERICA, 1492-1892. The reverse has the company name G. LOHSE Y Cia, SUCs., MEXICO, circling a wreath with ANTIGUA FERRETERIA Y MERCERIA LA PALMA in the center.⁽³⁾

Mexico perfin **A5** was listed with an unknown user on page 114 of Bruce Brunell's (#2831) article “The Perfins of Mexico” that was published in the September/October 2009 *Bulletin* [63:114-120]. He also shows the dates of usage for this pattern as 1899/1913, meaning the pattern has been seen in stamps issued in those two years. I now have **A5**'s in my collection that are in postal issues of 1899, 1903, 1910, 1914, and 1915. Therefore, in addition to the user identification, the dates of usage for **A5** should be updated to 1899-1915.

It is rare to find an unidentified Mexican perfin pattern, and I am lucky to have found this one in an eBay auction from a Canadian seller.

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3. www.mcsearch.info/search.html?search=similar%3A374617&view_mode=1#0

Hawaiian Patent Cancel on eBay

Ken Masters (#3589)

Two of the last three *Bulletins* have contained an article(s) dealing with Hawaiian Patent Cancels. The first was Jack Brandt's (LM#14) article “Some Mysteries to Ponder” on page 136 of the November/December 2012 issue [66:136]. Then there was Harvey Tilles's (LM#7) “Patent Cancels of the Hawaiian Islands” on page 6 of the January/February 2013 *Bulletin* [67:6]. This excellent article traces some of the history of the Patent Cancels and shows several examples of them on cover from Harvey's collection. Finally, on page 5 of the same January/February 2013 issue [67:5], Brian Freeman (#3008) provided feedback about Patent Cancels from the *Scott's Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers*.

Now, recently Stephen Tauber (#2949) spotted an auction on eBay featuring one of these intriguing items (see at the right). The seller described it as:

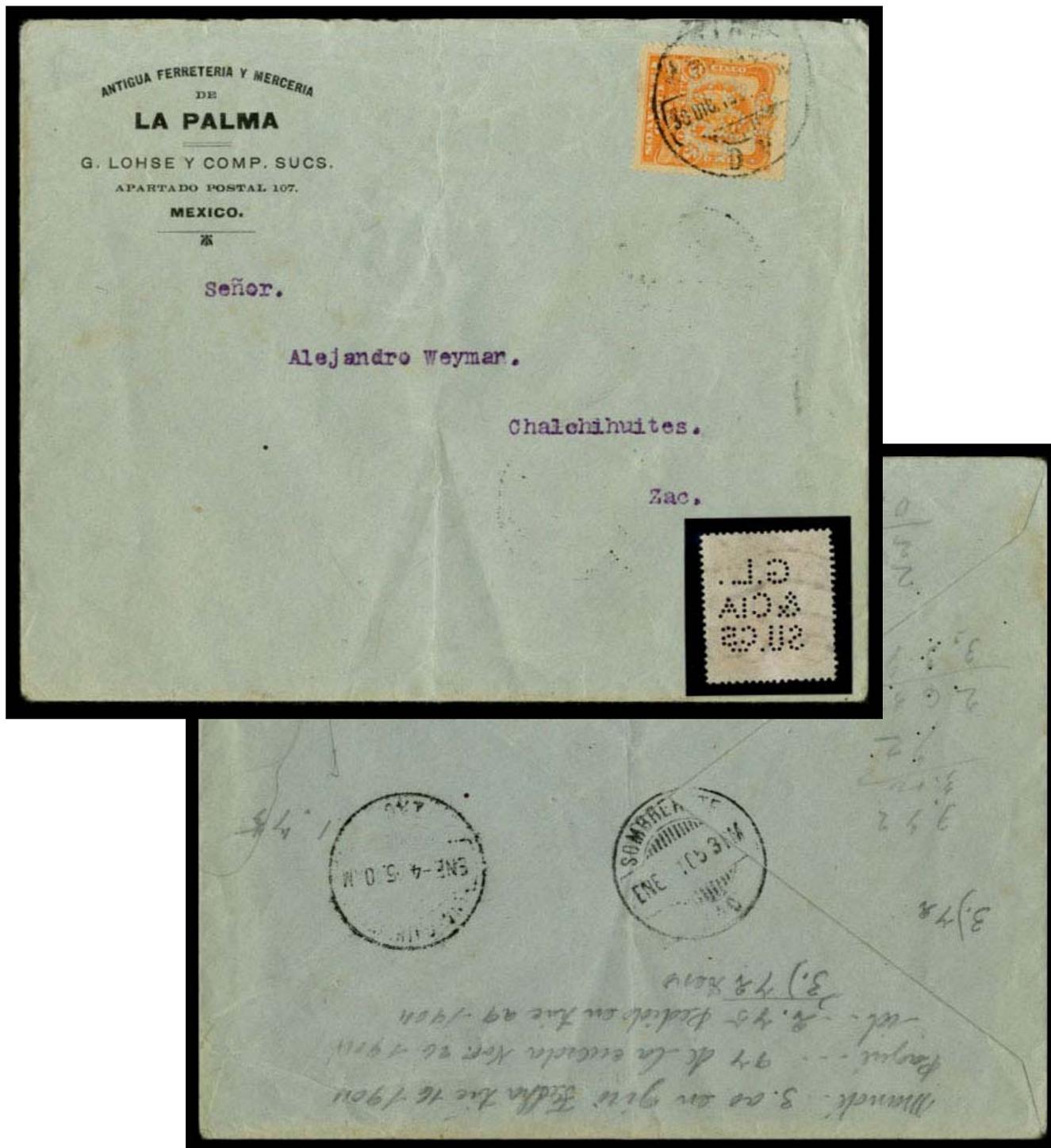
Hawaii Scott #35 showing the Post Office in Paradise #Ring 3-21 (Patent or Scarifying) Cancel with punched out holes used to discourage reuse of the stamps, Rarity Factor of 2, only 31-75 known examples. Usage was Honolulu 1876-1877. The Stamp is sound with a few blunt perfs. A strike with all three holes punched through is rare.

The “Buy it Now” price was \$198.00 plus \$1.50 shipping, but presumably it did not sell. So, if you are interested in adding one of these items to your collection, you might contact the seller and see what you can work out.



Hawaii Scott 35 with 3 hole Patent Cancel. eBay Item 190807960865. Offered at \$198.00 + shipping.

Mexico Perfin A5 User Identified (cont.)



Front and back of cover mailed December 30, 1904, by G. Lohse y Comp, Mexico City, Mexico, franked with 5-centavos Scott #307 stamp perforated with perfin A5. Cover provides previously unknown user identification of A5. Interesting markings on the back of cover show its travels from Mexico City to intermediate stop at Sombrecito, Zacatecas, and on to the addressee in Chalchihuites, Zacatecas. (Image of perfin A5 shown as an inset on the cover's front for clarity.) (Actual size.)

The First Perfins Collector??

Jack Brandt (LM#14)

In a recent auction, I won a small lot of worldwide perfins that also included about half a dozen covers. Five of these are U.S. covers that are all franked with different perfins. (See Figures 1 and 2 below and 3-5 on page 63.) None of the perfins are particularly rare (one C rate and the rest D or E rate) and none have any apparent relationship to the sender or the receiver.

Then I woke up to the fact that all 5 were either received by or sent by J. (W. in one case) Emory Renoll, Hanover, PA. He obviously used perfins on his mail for several years (1914-18). Possibly he used all uncancelled stamps, but the perfins were accumulated by someone. Another intriguing aspect of these covers is that they are all Flag Cancels. Was

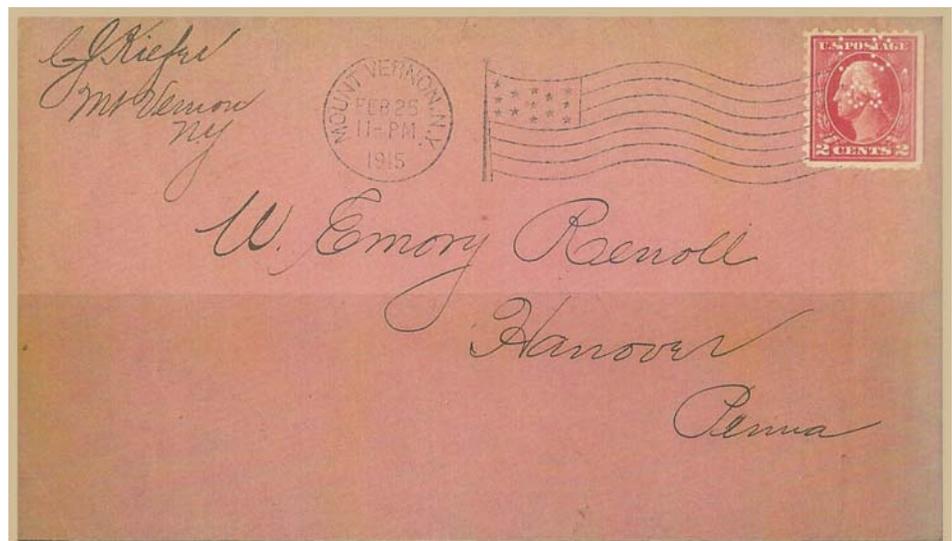
he the first saver (collector) of PERFINS, a Flag Cancel collector, or was he just trying to save money? I wonder if others have similar covers?

[Editor's Note: A quick Internet search reveals that J. Emory Renoll, Hanover, PA, was an active stamp dealer during the time frame when these covers were mailed. For instance, his small classified ads in *Meekel's Weekly Stamp News* and *Boys' Life* offered "Approval Selections at 70% Discount" along with mixtures of 1000 stamps. So, was he including postage, sometimes perfins, in these approval packets (and other sales) to encourage the respondents to make their selection and then return their payment or the unwanted approval stamps on a timely basis?]



Figure 1
Cover mailed back from Ridgewood, NJ, that is franked with a 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with C rated pattern N204 (NYT), verified user is "New York Telephone Company, New York, NY." An interesting way to recycle a cover! (75% of actual size, perfin electronically highlighted for publication.)

Figure 2
Cover mailed from Mount Vernon, NY, that is franked with 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with D rated pattern L55-5 (LC/Co), verified user is "The Liquid Carbonic Company, New York, NY." (75% of actual size, perfin electronically highlighted for publication.)



First Perfins Collector? (cont.)

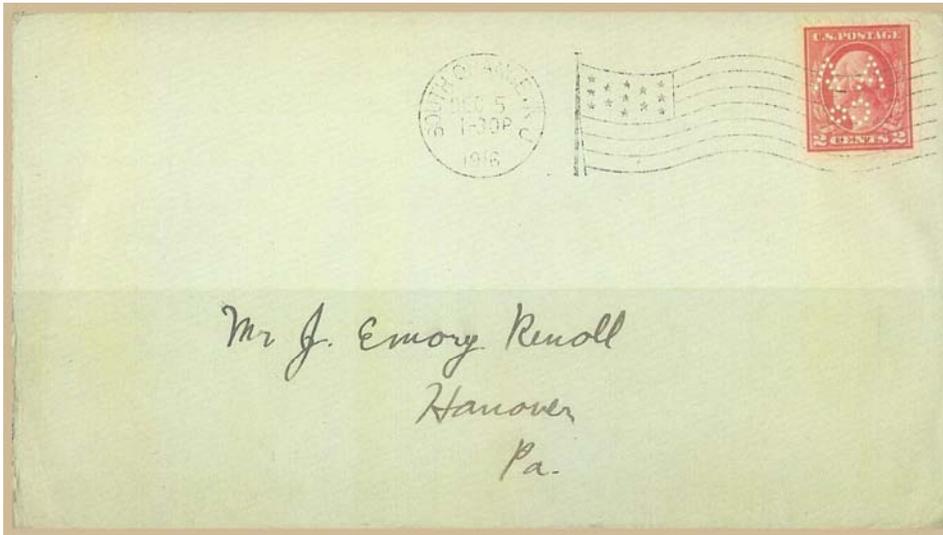


Figure 3
Cover mailed from South Orange, NJ, that is franked with 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with *E* rated pattern A18 (AA/Co), verified user is "The American Appraisal Company, Milwaukee, WI." (75% of actual size, perfins electronically highlighted for publication.)

Figure 4
Cover mailed from Palmyra NY, that is franked with a 1-cent Washington stamp perforated with *E* rated pattern B160 (BM/C), verified user is "The Berger Manufacturing Company, New York, NY," and a 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with *E* rated pattern C258 (CP), verified user is "The Creamery Package Manufacturing Company, Chicago, IL." (75% of actual size, perfins electronically highlighted for publication.)

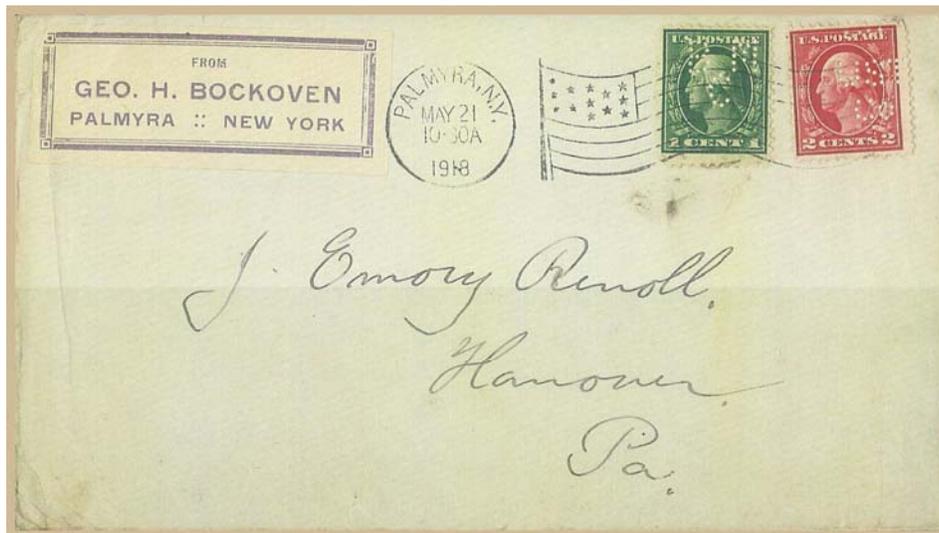
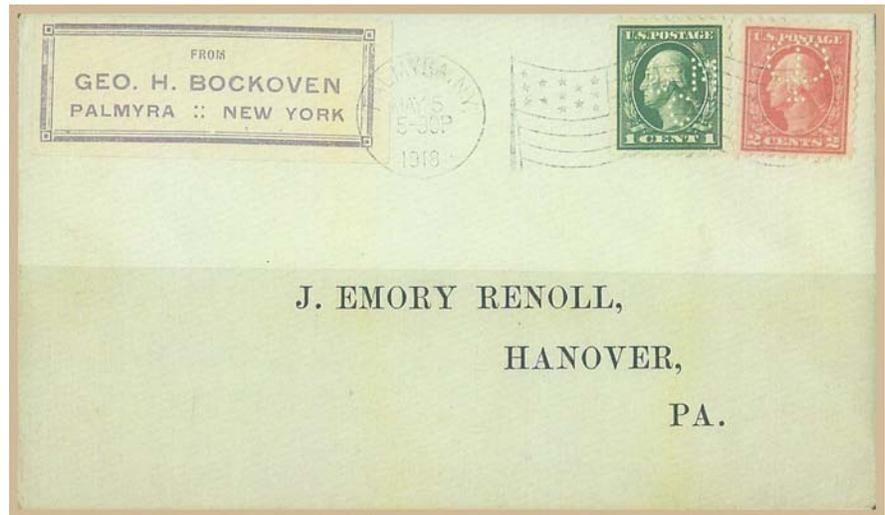


Figure 5
Cover mailed from Palmyra NY, that is franked with a 1-cent Washington stamp perforated with *E* rated pattern B160 (BM/C), verified user is "The Berger Manufacturing Company, New York, NY," and a 2-cent Washington stamp perforated with *D* rated pattern U94 (UST/Co), verified user is "United States Tire Company, New York, NY." (75% of actual size, perfins electronically highlighted for publication.)

"Holey" Grail found again! Postcard dated the day the *Titanic* sunk.

Bob Szymanski (LM#145)

After just finishing the "Holey" Grail article about pattern **O14** (OBT) printed on pages 50-51 of this *Bulletin*, I turned my efforts to helping the U.S. Catalog Chairman with his current project of recording the EKU and LKU (earliest confirmed use and latest confirmed use) of any and all United States perfin patterns. This is fun!

You would never believe what showed up within 24 hours! One of the challenges that I mentioned in the previously alluded to article was finding a perfin cover dated on the day the HMS *Titanic* sunk. Well it took about 20 years to find the "OBT" confirmation, and 24 hours to find a perfin cover postmarked April 15, 1912. Go figure!

I have had this postcard shown below for awhile.

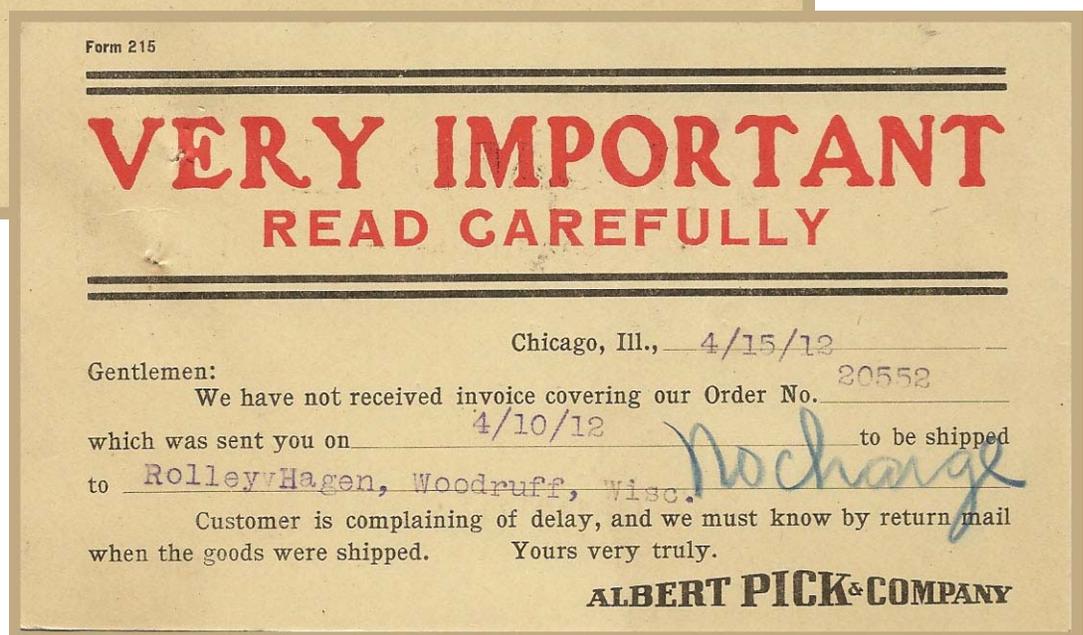
The perfin is C rated pattern **P111** (PICK) used by Albert Pick & Company, Chicago, IL.

In looking at the obverse side of the card it is easy to see April and 1912 and a "5" where the date is but there could be a "1" or "2" in front of the "5." Unfortunately it would be black ink on black ink in the printed "POST CARD." However, in looking at the reverse, which is important in determining exact dating information for the EKU/LKU project, what should my eyes behold but 4/15/12 - the date that the card was written. Therefore, the date can't be the 5th and it would make no sense that the card was held 10 days to make it the 25th.

I am a happy camper! See what fun you can have helping out the U.S. Catalog Chairman!



Albert Pick & Company, Chicago, IL, postcard franked with One cent Franklin stamp perforated with pattern P111. Date on reverse side of card confirms April 15, 1912, postmark - the date the RMS *Titanic* sunk! (Actual size.)



Perfins Club Auction #132 Closes June 30, 2013

Guidelines: Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next higher bidder: \$2-\$5 - a \$0.25 advance; \$5-\$20 - a \$0.50 advance; \$20-100 - a \$1.00 advance; \$101 or higher - a \$5.00 advance. The minimum bid for any lot will be \$2.00 and no "Unlimited" bids will be accepted. In case of tie bids, the earlier postmark or email date will prevail. All single perfins are complete and in good condition, unless noted otherwise. Natural

straight edges are not considered to be defects, just sheet positions. In larger lots, you should expect some faults. All lots are returnable if misdescribed; this does not apply to larger lots or mixes with the exception of gross miscounts. All lots will be prepaid before shipping. **Bid by Lot #.** Please put your mailing address on your bid sheet as this makes it easier for me to notify you after the close of the auction. **Good Luck!!**

Send all bids to: Joe Giampietro, 6478 State Road, G-10, Parma, OH 44134-4166 – USA
Email: mo13jo@aol.com

Abbreviations used:

ADD – All Different Designs
DDF – Design Different Face
MDF - Mostly Different Face

PREPER – Precancelled Perfin
SE – Straight edge(s)
(?h) - Number of missing pins

Scott #s are used. The pattern numbers and ratings are from
the 1998 *Catalog of United States Perfins*, including A&C#1, #2, and #3.

Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate	Lot#	Country	Description	Rate
1	US	A24 (hinge thin)	C+	28	US	G81 (left corner nicked)	C+	54	US	N113A-2 (SE)	C+
2	US	A90 (2h)	C+	29	US	H200	B	55	US	O94 (railroad)	C+
3	US	A190 (2h)	C+	30	US	H208 in 587	C+	56	US	P69	B
4	US	A203 (5h)	C+	31	US	J6 (2h - on edge)	C+	57	US	R32	B
5	US	A221-16 in 567	B	32	US	J45	C+	58	US	R118.5 (on edge)	B
6	US	A221-28	C+	33	US	J47 (SE)	B+	59	US	R142	C+
7	US	A230 in 557 PREPER - Battle Creek	C	34	US	J91 (wrinkle)	C+	60	US	S6 in 367	C+
8	US	A270-7	C+	35	US	J10 (SE - 5h - on edge)	C+	61	US	S21 (SE - 2h)	C+
9	US	A306 (SE)	C+	36	US	J140	C+	62	US	S171	B
10	US	B16 (split)	B	37	US	J168 (SE - tear)	C+	63	US	S195.8	B
11	US	B43	C+	38	US	K7	B	64	US	S195.31 (on edge)	B
12	US	B108	C+	39	US	L23 (upper left corner missing)	C+	65	US	S298	C+
13	US	B127	C+	40	US	L185A	C+	66	US	T99	C+
14	US	B153A	C+	41	US	M66	B	67	US	W57.6	C+
15	US	C120	C+	42	US	M73	C+	68	US	W81	C+
16	US	C199 (5h - on edge)	B	43	US	M77	C+	69	US	W82 (tear)	C+
17	US	C203 (SE)	C+	44	US	M89	C+	70	US	W115	C+
18	US	C281	C+	45	US	M92	C+	71	US	W185 in 558	C+
19	US	C300	C+	46	US	M200 (6h)	C+	72	US	Des. 31 in 512 (1h - on edge)	C+
20	US	C354	C+	47	US	M203 (thin)	C+	73	US	Des. 42 in 719	C+
21	US	C392 (SE)	B	48	US	M210	C+	! Lots 74 through 100 are all C rated - three perfins per lot !			
22	US	D23 in 901 (4h)	B	49	US	M244	B				
23	US	E47A	C+	50	US	M297 (bottom clipped)	C+	74	US	A188, A194, A197	
24	US	F40 in 569	B	51	US	M305	C+	75	US	A180, A182, A218	
25	US	F214	C+	52	US	M307	C+	76	US	A34, A226, A273	
26	US	F83	B	53	US	N95	B	77	US	B106, B122, B154	
27	US	G35	C+					78	US	G28, C31.3, C59	
								79	US	C74 (SE), C102, C137	

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Perfins Club Auction #132 (cont.)

Lot#	Country	Description	Lot#	Country	Description	Lot#	Country	Description
! Lots 80 through 100 are all C rated - three perfins per lot !			89	US	I17, I74, I97 (scuff)	98	US	S19, S118, S151 (on edge)
80	US	C153, C156, C172	90	US	M5, M98, M103 (SE)	99	US	U4, U25 (SE), U80
81	US	C176, C244, C249	91	US	- Withdrawn -	100	US	W53, W72.9 (2 SE), W118.5
82	US	E9, E17, E29	92	US	M246, M256, M263	101	US	Mix - 403 - A lot of duplication and unaccounted waste.
83	US	F51, F220, F226	93	US	M273 (SE), M274, M285	102	Canada	Mix - 183 - A lot of duplication and unaccounted waste.
84	US	G19, G109, G123 (SE)	94	US	N34, N59, N71	103	France	Mix - 273 - 73 DDF
85	US	H35, H54, H75	95	US	N100, N104.5, N113Dd-11 (SE)			
86	US	H78, H149, H194 (SE)	96	US	P125, P129, P144			
87	US	I3, I17, I26	97	US	P204 (SE), P214, P222			
88	US	I58, I73, I97 (SE)						

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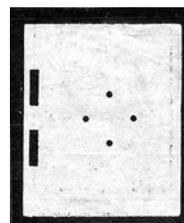
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[Editor's Note: As most of you know, John Drew faithfully served The Perfins Club for several years as Sunshine Chairman until health reasons forced him to resign last year. However, as reported to me by our Immediate Past President, Bob Szymanski (LM#145), most of you do not know that John refused all reimbursement for the costs associated with the purchase of cards or their mailing to our members. He made many members chuckle at the warmth and humor of those cards with his individualized musings in each one that he sent.]

Membership

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Dues are payable by June 30 of each year to the Secretary

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<u>Lot</u>	<u>Price</u>										
1	2.25	20	2.25	39	11.00	58	2.75	77	26.00	95	5.00
2	3.00	21	2.00	40	WD	59	NB	78	2.50	96	5.00
3	NB	22	5.50	41	8.75	60	NB	79	60.00	97	5.00
4	NB	23	4.75	42	7.25	61	32.00	80	21.00	98	5.50
5	18.25	24	26.00	43	3.00	62	2.50	81	NB	99	7.00
6	2.50	25	58.75	44	NB	63	3.00	82	2.75	100	7.00
7	2.25	26	18.75	45	3.00	64	30.00	83	74.75	101	5.00
8	3.00	27	2.75	46	5.00	65	2.00	84	44.25	102	NB
9	2.75	28	NB	47	3.00	66	NB	85	63.00	103	NB
10	NB	29	2.75	48	30.00	67	3.00	86	5.00	104	14.50
11	23.00	30	2.25	49	5.50	68	33.00	87	NB	105	7.00
12	5.50	31	3.00	50	NB	69	2.25	88	32.00	106	5.50
13	18.25	32	2.25	51	3.00	70	NB	89	3.00	107	NB
14	NB	33	2.25	52	2.25	71	WD	90	9.75	108	2.50
15	3.00	34	2.75	53	2.25	72	26.00	91	37.25	109	2.25
16	NB	35	2.25	54	2.75	73	2.75	92	2.75	110	4.50
17	NB	36	5.00	55	2.75	74	2.25	93	2.75	111	3.00
18	NB	37	NB	56	30.00	75	74.75	94	7.00	112	2.25
19	3.00	38	NB	57	NB	76	2.75				

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