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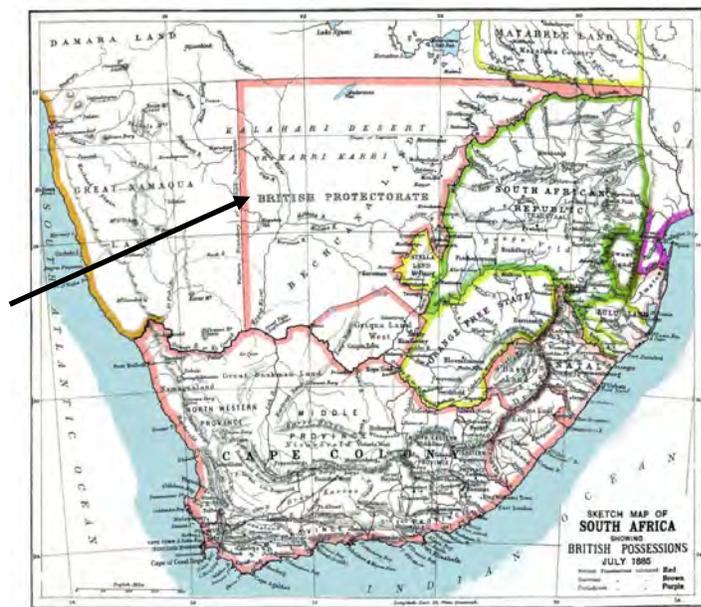
Some of you got an unpleasant surprise last issue when you turned to the second page, which was repeated when you reached the second last page; *unintended blank pages*. Somehow, during the printing phase of production this minor glitch occurred. (Now, if it were a stamp, you'd have your very own error!) Thanks to the several members who emailed notifying me of the problem (didn't affect the copies I had seen, so I know it didn't affect all copies). Luckily, this is an easy problem to fix.

Between pages 90 and 91 you will find pages 61-62 and 79-80 reprinted and available to swap out for the partially blank pages. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Bechuanaland Protectorate A Rare Country – Maybe Not

Joe Coulbourne (#2574)

I saw this perfin on eBay and focused in immediately. Bechuanaland Protectorate has been the center of controversy in the perfin world for some time. The driving question is, "...are they real or not?"



Unfortunately, the eBay scans are never really clear, so I bought it knowing that it was a questionable item. The one good thing about it was that the seller is a high-volume seller and is not known for unscrupulous behavior. I will admit though, I was pretty sure this would be a fake or forgery.

Let me walk through the steps I took to figure out the status of this stamp and perfin.

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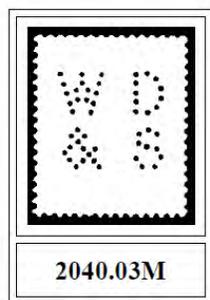
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Bechuanaland Protectorate is located in central South Africa just north of the Republic of South Africa, east of South West Africa and bounded on the North by the Caprivi Strip of South West Africa and on the east by Southern Rhodesia. It was established on 31 March 1895 as a British Protectorate and had a total population just over a half million people. The first stamps appeared (overprinted British Bechuanaland) in 1888 and the country continued to issue stamps through 1966. In 1966, Bechuanaland Protectorate became the independent country of Botswana. The map shows the country of Bechuanaland Protectorate outlined by the pink border. This stamp, if real, would be Scott No. 69 issued in October of 1897. So, the stamp could be real as there is a ½d vermilion Queen Victoria issued by the country.

Let's tackle the perfin next. The perfin is WD/&S of William Dawson & Sons of London who were well known booksellers, news vendors, stationers and advertising agents. There are several dies and the perfin in our stamp is W2040.03M. The "W" and the alignment of the D over the S are the main differentiating signs. As can be seen in the text of the



In use: 1890-1941.
 Dates: 9 Jan 1894 - 3 Aug 1940.
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)
 E ½d (both), 1½d-6d, 9d, 1/- (both)
 F ½d (both), 1d-3d, 4d (both)
 F 5d-7d, 9d, 10d, 1/-
 H ½d, 1d
 I(RC/BC) ½d-7d, 9d (both), 10d, 1/-
 J 2/6d (Types 'A' & 'B')
 J 5/- (Type 'B')
 L ½d-1½d, 2½d
 M ½d-4d, 10d, 1/-
 N 1d, 1½d, 2½d
 O ½d-1½d, 2½d
 Q ½d-7d, 10d

Note: Sloper multiheaded die with six patterns, probably 6x1, presumed destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in May 1941. There was no 'Sloper wartime Provisional', a new regular die was made soon after the "Blitz" - see "WD/&S" (W2040.02B).

Ident: Wm Dawson & Sons Ltd, Booksellers, Newsvendors, Stationers, and Advertising Agents, Cannon House, Pilgrim St, London EC.

Also

- Low's Export Dept, Roll's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London EC4.
- Cannon House, Pilgrim St, London EC4.
- St Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London EC4.

Pmks: 'NPB', 'FB', and 'FS' London. Also plymou(th).

Note: A vertical strip of three shows the same missing pins, and a horizontal strip of three has a pin missing in one of the patterns. This is proof that the mhd is in the horizontal only.

catalogue illustration of the pattern and accompanying information, postmarks with FB are known. The period of usage is correct. This is the first indication that our stamp is a fake as the user is known only in London. However, it does not rule out that the company could have sent someone abroad – just that this would have been an unusual situation if true. In my opinion the perfin is real and proper for the period.

Next, look at the cancellation. "FB" stands for "Foreign Branch". A bit of research tells us this and I quote:

"The rapid growth in the amount of printed matter handled led to a corresponding growth in the importance of the Foreign Branch at the London Chief Office. By 1859 it had begun to use its own postmark, of the then usual type which incorporated a diamond, and which also featured the letters FB. Soon afterwards, a similar postmark was used which had the number 12. The passing of the Newspaper Act, governing the delivery of newspapers and, magazines necessitated the introduction of more postmarks which are usually, though not exclusively, found on printed matter."

From the internet found:

"The Foreign Branch cancelled newspaper wrappers and other non-standard things like "large flats" which were undated like most printed matter / book post materials at the time. This reduction in charges (in 1870) led to a great increase in the number of newspapers and circulars the Post Office handled. The increase in demand coupled with the tradition in the Post Office that there was no dispatch date stamp on these items, led to a proliferation of single obliterated. They were made of a soft material, wood, cork or felt, which facilitated the cancelling of rolled newspapers. They frequently wore out and the replacements were often of a different design."

With this information, I was able to conclude that the ½d vermilion Queen Victoria stamp paid the newspaper/circular rate within Great Britain and that the cancellation was used solely in London by the Foreign Branch in the London Chief Office. It too, is genuine but it is also the second indicator that the Bechuanaland Protectorate overprint is a fake.

Finally, let's dive into the "Bechuanaland Protectorate" overprint.



It is blotchy and the letters are not uniform as in the real stamp. At high magnification you can easily see that the letters are not crisp, indicative of someone using a printer of some sort from a scanned image. The overprint is much higher on the stamp almost into the perforations and it is not straight as well. The proof that this is a fake is that the overprint is **ON TOP OF** the cancellation as can be seen in the image on the previous page. If the overprint was real the FB cancel would be on top of the overprint. So, to conclude, the stamp is a genuine 1/2d vermillion Queen Victoria of the period from Great Britain, the perfin is genuine, the

cancellation is genuine, but the Bechuanaland Protectorate overprint has been faked to try to make a common stamp a bit more intriguing.

It is a fake as the definition in the philatelic world is that the word "Fake" is used to indicate the alteration of a genuine stamp to make it appear as something else. As a caution the other articles on these stamps, be wary of any perfins from Bechuanaland Protectorate.

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Another Polarine Motor Oil Cover

Vincent Centonze (#4117)



I've been following the discussions in the Sept./Oct. 2020 and the May/June 2021 issues of the *Bulletin* regarding Polarine Motor Oil and Gasoline covers. In response to Rudy Roy's and Steve Endicott's call to report additional Polarine covers, I'm glad to add one more to the census from my collection. It is a window envelope almost identical to the one reported by Rudy and Steve in the Sept./Oct. issue, and over which there was apparently a tremendous bidding war on eBay; therefore, I'll refer to that one as the "bidding war" cover. This one has a corner card similar to the "bidding war" cover with the exception of a return address in South Bend, Indiana. Shown above is my cover-(strip), franked with a 2¢ Washington head definitive,

flat plate printed, perf 10 (Scott 425). However, unlike the "bidding war" cover, this one has a S195-64A perfin. The stamp is cancelled by a South Bend machine cancel dated August 31, 1916. The catalogue lists the user as being from South Bend, Indiana, although this is apparently the first cover to document that. In addition, the catalogue estimates the period of use as 1908-1912; this cover shows an earliest known postmark, dated four years *after* the estimated time period. I might have forgotten about this cover had I not read Rudy and Steve's article along with the follow-up; showing that it's a great idea to periodically send out queries in the *Bulletin*... it provides an impetus for us to collectively update our body of knowledge.

Sudan Perfins - Update

Gary Tomasson LM 59

In 1965, the Perfins Club published *The World Perfins Catalog, African Section*, edited by Robert J. Schwerdt. It identified nine perforating machines and one canceling device. Two of the nine users of the perforating machines were not identified and two of the Sudan perfins are actually Egyptian perfin with fake Sudan overprints.

Currently 11 Sudan perfins have been recorded. Seven are considered good perfins, four are fakes, plus two cancels and one Kodak (the cancels and Kodak are not included in this article). The 11 Sudan perfins are defined as follows:

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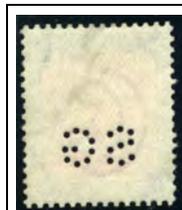
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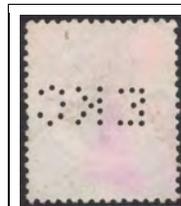
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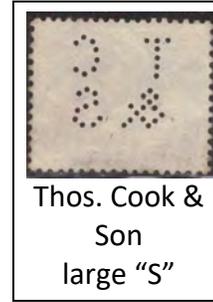


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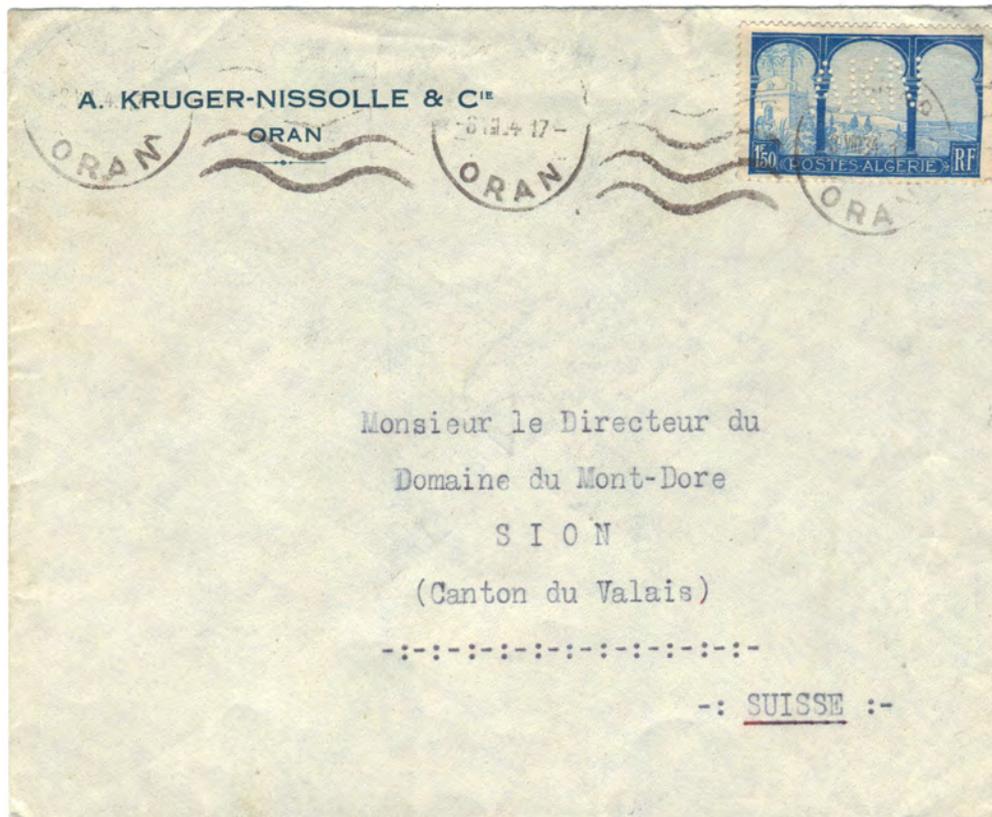
ALL ARE EGYPTIAN PERFINS WITH FAKE SUDAN OVERPRINTS



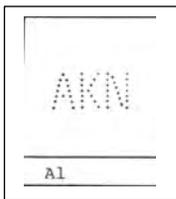
Over the past 120 years, a great deal of study has been devoted to understanding the history and origins of the Sudan Official perfins. Recent information has been gathered on the two Semi-Official perfins but we still need more details on the actual stamps used or perforated on the two semi-officials. Likewise for the private perfins. Questions we are trying to answer include: Are there actual

Sudan private perfins or are they all Egyptian perfins with fake Sudan Overprints? What stamps were perforated and used? The major difference in the two Thos. Cook perfins is the size of the "S" or small and large. We still have not found a copy of the small "S" Thos. Cook & Son perfin.

Perfin User Identified
A. Kruger-Nissolle & Co.
 Joe Coulbourne (#2574)



I was working on my Algerian perfins and found that the user of perfin pattern A1 was not in the *World Perfins Catalog – African Section*, published by the Perfins Club in 1995. Some time ago I must have picked up this Algerian perfin cover and it documents the user as A. Kruger-Nissolle & Co. from Oran. I set off on a search of the internet to



find out what I could about this company and what they did. It turns out that they were a wine maker. I found a great article about Algerian wine making on Wikipedia. I quote:

“The roots of Algerian winemaking can be traced to the settlement of the Phoenicians and the influences of nearby Carthage. Under Roman rule, winemaking continued until the Muslim conquests of North Africa in the 7th and 8th centuries. During this time the wine industry was severely limited due to the prohibition of alcohol under Islamic dietary laws. When Algeria came under French rule in 1830 vineyards were replanted in order to serve the needs of the local *pieds-noir* (blackfeet). When the *Phylloxera* [Ed. an insect] epidemic destroyed the French vineyards in the mid-19th century, Algerian wine exports into France filled the void. An influx of winemakers from the German wine region of Baden brought with them more modern winemaking techniques and helped to increase the overall quality of Algeria wine. Even after the French resumed normal levels of wine production, Algerian wine was still widely used in regions like the Languedoc as a blending component that added color and strength to the wines.

“The high point of the Algerian wine industry came in the late 1930s when over 4,000 square kilometres (1,500 sq mi) was producing more 2,100 megalitres (550,000,000 US gal) of wine. By the 1950s, together with Tunisia and Morocco, Algerian wine accounted for nearly two thirds of the wine that was internationally

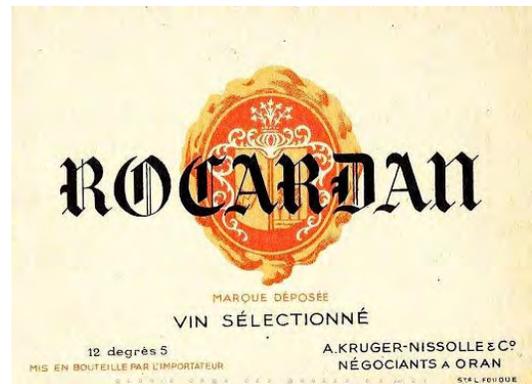
traded. To a large extent, Algerian red wine was used for blending with red wine from the south of France, since Algerian wine was deeper in color and higher in alcohol than the French wines produced from Aramon grapes. The dominant grape variety in Algeria at this time was Carignan, which only overtook Aramon in southern France in the 1960s.

“By the time of Algerian independence in 1962, over a dozen areas were granted *Vin Délimité de Qualité Supérieure* (VDQS) status by the French. Following independence, the wine industry was hard hit by the loss of the French settlers and the French army who provided a sizable domestic market for the wine. France also greatly reduced the amount of exports it was accepting, forcing Algerian wineries to look elsewhere for a market. In 1969, the Soviet Union agreed to buy 500 megalitres (130,000,000 US gal) a year till 1975 at prices far below market value for the wines. Many Algerian government officials thought it was inappropriate for an Islamic country to be so economically dependent on alcohol production and encouraged vineyard owners to convert their land into other agricultural crops such as cereal or table grapes. Urban expansion in areas such as the fertile Mitidja plain behind Algiers further reduced the number of vineyards in Algeria. At the turn of the 21st century, efforts were underway to revive the Algerian wine industry but so far very little Algerian wine is on the inter- national market.”

The cover is dated 6 August 1934, so it places this company and its product near the height of the wine making period in Algeria. I could not find any references to the company of today and believe it must have fallen victim to the land conversion mentioned above. The above two items speak to a wine making and distribution house that was founded in 1837.



Left: Advertising blotting paper (“buvard”) for A. Kruger-Nissolle & Co wines, Oran, Algeria.



Right: Bottle label for trademarked (“Marque Déposée”) Rocardan selected wine (“Vin Sélectionnée”)

Editor’s Note: Curiosity drove me to the web for information about the “VDQS” classification of the wines. There I found two pieces of information which explain what it was.

“... French wines that were entitled to use the designation Vin Délimité de Qualité Supérieure (VDQS) on their label, which was the second highest category out of four.

“The VDQS category was abolished by December 31, 2011, when the number of categories for French wine were reduced from four to three as part of a general overhaul of the European Union-wide classification of wine. Then-existing VDQS wines were either promoted to AOC/AOP status or demoted to Vin de pays/IGP status.” (Accessed at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_VDQS_wines)

And, “VDQS ... on a bottle of French wine, indicates that it contains high-quality wine from an approved regional vineyard; the second highest French wine classification. (Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014).” Accessed at: <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/abbreviation>.

And for those of you who might wonder – the wording over the illustration of grapes on the blotter is a sales pitch:

“To be well served, Pay the fair price, The quality always, Will easily triumph, Like wine every day. Insist: A. K. N.”

Clubmember’s ad

Wanted to buy: Perfins accumulations/collections from the Lands of Czechoslovakia. Jerry Hejduk, P.O. Box 459, Altoona FL 32702-0459



An Italian Cinderella with a Perfin

Paul Mistretta (LM# 111)

Pictured is an Italian Cinderella item recently spotted for sale. The item is a medical certification (“Certificati Medici”) of some sort. Does anyone have more information as to what exactly these seals were used for? I say “...these...” since I have seen a second variety with a double line cross in place of the caudexes, with, in addition, a value in Lira added. Help please. What specifically, is this?

TUMS

Steve Endicott (LM# 2284)

In 1928, Jim Howe, a pharmacist in St. Louis, developed an antacid product, later named TUMS, while helping his wife with her indigestion. The product became popular when Mrs. Howe gave the home-made remedy to seasick passengers during a cruise. Commercial production began in 1930 by the Lewis-Howe Company in St. Louis. The Lewis-Howe Company was a pharmaceutical manufacturer

and distributor, established by Jim Howe and his uncle, A.H. Lewis, who also was a pharmacist.

Tums have now been made in St. Louis for 91 years, in a five-story building next to the Lewis-Howe building. In 1978, Revlon bought the Lewis-Howe Company. It was later sold it to GlaxoSmithKline. Tums is, by far, the dominant antacid product in the market.



The cover nearby shows the Lewis-Howe building with the Tums building right next to it. The reverse side of the cover has illustrations of Tums packaging. The abbreviation NR seen on the back is the abbreviation for Nicotinamide riboside, essentially a form of vitamin B3.

A 1c and 2c 1938 Prexy stamps are affixed to this cover. A perfin is in the 2c stamp, which brings this story to collectors of perfins. The perfin is the Standard Oil Company perfin, S195-14. This perfin is known to exist with PSS Style 61 precancels (therefore as Prepers) in 1926 stamps being used in Washington, D.C. and in Baltimore, MD.

What is the Standard Oil S195-14 perfin doing on a 1938 Prexy stamp being used by a pharmaceutical company in St. Louis? We may never know. (Trying to solve this mystery – user, location, date – results in my need for a Tums tablet!) The Lewis-Howe / Tums use of S195-14 will be included as a supplemental note in a future A&C addendum to the *U.S. Perfins Catalog*. The June 4, 1941 postmark, which is a new Last Known Usage – LKU), will also be included in a future A&C addendum.

Thank you to Rudy Roy for alerting me to this unusual usage, spotted on eBay.

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User of D005 Identified

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The corner card on the cover pictured at the left identifies Distillers Securities Corporation of New York, N.Y. as the user of the Circle (D) perfin, catalog # D005. The B rated pattern in Scott #331; the ONE CENT, 1908-09 issue in which the pattern is punched was added to a 1¢ embossed envelope. (Note, the stamp is identified as Sc#331 because of the postmarks on the cover; earliest date of use for #331 is Dec. 8, 1908, the EDU of similar #374 ONE CENT, with which it might be confused, is Dec. 31, 1910 [later than the cancels].) The postmark of origin is a mute cancel "WALL STREET STA.N.Y. / 1910".



The item was sent from New York to Amsterdam. A back cancel (above), AMSTERDAM 11.x10 10.IIV (= 11 Oct 1910 10-11 a. m. [where the "X" = October and the "V" = V(oormiddag) or morning]) documents the date of receipt in Amsterdam. Allowing for an average transport time of 5 days by steamship in 1910 (Rodrigue n.d.) we can loosely bracket the date of use as between Jan 1 and early Oct. 1910.

Distillers Securities Corporation, dealt in Stocks and Bonds, initially those of alcohol distilling companies. The Corporation was incorporated Sept. 18, 1902, in the State of New Jersey. Among other provisions in its charter is the following authority:

"Subscribe or cause to be subscribed for and to purchase and other-wise acquire, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, distribute and otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the shares of the capital stock of any and every kind or any part thereof of any other corporation or corporations, association or associations,

now or hereafter existing. and whether created by the laws of the State of New Jersey or any other State, Territory or country. * * * " (Moody's... 1904)

The Moody's entry continues:

"Pursuant to the authority guaranteed in the said provision of its charter, and to a plan of the Stockholders' Committee of the Distilling Co. of America, dated June 23, 1902. for the conversion of the securities of that company, it has purchased 88.4% of the outstanding preferred stock and 87% of the outstanding common stock of The Distilling Co. of America....

"... The companies controlled by The Distilling Co. of America are engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sale of spirits, alcohol, Kentucky or Bourbon whisky, rye whisky, and their compounding and blending. The spirits and alcohol business is conducted by The American Spirits Manufacturing Co. and The Standard Distilling & Distributing Co. The Bourbon whisky business is conducted by The Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Co., and the rye whisky business by The Hannis Distilling Co." (op. cit.)

Poor's Manual (Poor's 1918) gives a fuller picture of the Corporation with the following:

"These companies and their branches comprise in all more than 100 distinct plants, including distilleries, bonded and free warehouses, distribution houses, stores, etc., located in nearly every important city of the United States."

Poor's also notes that in June of 1915, the Corporation had sold all of its stock in the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.

At that time in addition to the companies noted previously, Distilleries Security Corp. through the Distilling Co. of America owned capital stock in Henry H. Shufeldt & Co. (a rectifying, compounding and sweet goods business), and Peoria Malting Co.

On Nov.26,1916 a certificate of dissolution was filed in Trenton, NJ. But the proposed dissolution was halted by litigation. (Poor's 1918)



A 25 yr. 5% Trust Mortgage Convertible Gold Bond issued for Distilleries Securities Corp.; specimen copy (#00000). (Anon. 2021)

On March 19, 1919, Distillers Securities changed its name to U. S. Food Products Corporation. In addition to this name change Hovey (1923) notes:

"Lately the company has acquired the American Lloyd Transport Co.; British Molasses Co.; Pure-Cane Molasses Co. of United States; Pure Cane Molasses Co. of Canada; Sugar Products Co.; Trans-Oceanic Commercial Corporation; and Tres Co., Ltd. Company owns over 100 plants, the distilleries located throughout the United States, and the distributing plants in Boston, Mass.; New York City; Philadelphia, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Cincinnati, O.; and Omaha, Neb.

At the time of the name change the company charter was amended which enabled the corporation to "...manufacture food and feed products." in addition to continuing its role of owning, leasing and operating denaturing plants to produce denatured alcohol products.

In January of 1922 the Sugar Products Co. went into receivership. On February 8, 1922, Federal Judge Learned Hand appointed George Rublee receiver of the U. S. Food Products Co.

Following the filing of an involuntary petition in bankruptcy, a protective committee was formed in the interests of holders of the First Mortgage Convertible 25 year Gold Bonds of the Distillers Securities Corporation, the holders being requested to deposit the bonds with Bankers Trust Co., depository. (Hovey 1923; Blakemore 1924).

In April 1922 receivers were appointed for the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Co.

The Bondholders Protective Committee on April 28, 1922, issued a report stating that the assets of the U. S. Food Products Corp. were of "negligible value". If I am reading the financial information correctly Distillers Security Corp. only asset was the Distilling Company of America. Its most important asset was its stock of the Kentucky Distilleries & Warehouse Co. which as was mentioned above was in receivership. (Anon. 1922)

In what was apparently a legally questionable move The Kentucky Distilleries... guaranteed a \$5,000,000 loan made to U. S. Food Products (while in receivership???) (Anon. 1922).

However, the assets of the Sugar Products Co. having been liquidated, the Kentucky complex was discharged from receivership, and in 1924 "the bankruptcy proceedings against the U. S. Food Products Corporation are practically completed." (Blakemore 1924)

In the reorganization plan developed to pull the corporation out of bankruptcy (dated Jan. 31, 1924) a new company was organized. In May 1924 it was reported that the new company would be named National Distillers Products Corp. and all stock from the former Distillers Security and U.S. National

Food Products Corporations would be converted at par to stock in the new corporation.

P. S. - "STRANGE RATE (2¢)" was noted on the cover sleeve at the time of purchase. The 2¢ rate from New York to Amsterdam *could be* international unsealed letter circular rate, as the envelope was not sealed. However, further (rate)research is needed.

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Auction #168

Closes: November 25, 2021

Guidelines: A minimum bid is specified for each lot. Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances over the next highest bidder:

Up to \$5 - a \$0.25 advance;
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\$25.01-\$50 - a \$2.50 advance;
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Scott #s are used; pattern #s are from most recent catalogues when available.

Abbreviations used:

acc = accumulation
add = all different designs
Bur - Bureau precancel #
cc(s) = creased corner(s)
cr(s) = crease(s)
den = denominations
dup = duplication
EKU = earliest known use
LKU = Latest known usage
mix = mixture

mp = many different patterns
nse* = natural straight edge @ (*)
prt = partial
pm = postmarked:
pf* = unspecified perforation faults
pre = preper
RA: = return address
sc = scrape on vignette
th(s)* =thin(s)*
tr =tear

TT = Town & Type Precancel #

Several abbreviations are sometimes modified by a position indicator ("*") as follows: t=top, r=right, b=bottom, l=left
"-c" when used indicates that the condition noted affects a corner of the stamp

Scott #s are used; pattern #s are from most recent catalogues when available.

United States Perfins					United States Perfins				
Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB	Lot #	Catalog #	Rate	Description	MB
1	A221-28	C+	Sc. 905	\$5.00	24	N113Dd-02A	C	Sc. E12 pfs	\$1.50
2	B81	C	Sc. 891	\$3.00	25	N140	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00
3	B116-36	C+	Sc. 887	\$5.00	26	P28R	C	Sc. E21	\$3.00
4	B116-46	B	Sc. 905 prt; "G" in perfs	\$5.00	27	P117	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00
5	B146	C	Sc. E16	\$3.00	28	R62	B	Sc. 554 nsel	\$10.00
6	C93	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00	29	R110	E	Sc. 834	\$1.00
7	C356-11	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00	30	R133	B	Sc. 504	\$10.00
8	D1	C	Sc. E14. nsel	\$3.00	31	R171	B	Sc. 554 th-c	\$5.00
9	E28	C	Sc. 882	\$3.00	32	S283	C	Sc. 901	\$3.00
10	E39	C	Sc. E15 tr, cr	\$1.50	33	S349	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00
11	E113	C	Sc. E13 cc	\$1.50	34	T10	B	Sc. 879.	\$10.00
12	H206	C	Sc. 872pf	\$1.50	35	T22	B	Sc. 710	\$10.00
13	H206	C	Sc. E19	\$3.00	36	T96	C	Sc. 861	\$3.00
14	I43.7G-16	C	Sc. 866	\$3.00	37	U3	B	Sc. 530	\$10.00
15	I104	C	Sc. E12 nser, pfs	\$1.50	38	U24	C	Sc. E20	\$3.00
16	J171	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00	39	W5	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00
17	No lot	----	----	----	40	W22	C	Sc. 901	\$3.00
18	M256	C	Sc. E15	\$3.00	41	W72-07	C	Sc. E15 pfs	\$1.50
19	N87	B	Sc. 344 pf	\$5.00	42	W72-50A	C	Sc. E15 pfs	\$1.50
20	N98	C+	Sc. 862	\$5.00	43	W101	C+	Sc. 899	\$5.00
21	N113Aa-05	C	Sc. E12 nser, pfs	\$3.00	44	W156	C	Sc. E12	\$3.00
22	N113Aa-13	C	Sc. E12 pfs, tr	\$1.50	45	W182	B	Sc. 591 pfs, th	\$5.00
23	N113ABb-02	C	Sc. E19 pfs	\$1.50	46	W215	C	Sc. 887	\$3.00

Precanceled Perfins; All perfin patterns complete; All precancels sound (few touch perforations). MB based on rarity of perfin pattern or by the new Precancelled Perfin Catalog (typically 1/2 catalog)								
Lot #	City	State	Cat #	Rate	PC Ty	Sc#	Notes	MB
47	Fort Wayne	IN	W133	C	TT L-1	Sc#331	th, "Tombstone"	\$5.00
48	Des Moines	IA	C195	C	Bur 61	Sc#640		\$3.00
49	Des Moines	IA	S195-28	C	Bur 61	Sc#636		\$3.00
50	Wichita	KS	W73	B	TT 204	Sc#498	Bottom of "E" in perfs	\$7.50
51	New Orleans	LA	U32	C	Bur 32	Sc#462		\$8.00
52	Baltimore	MD	J39	C+	TT L-4	Sc#466	pf, sc	\$3.00
53	Boston	MA	B2	D	TT 203	Sc#335		\$3.00
54	Boston	MA	B116-42	C	TT 61	Sc#639	"G" in perfs	\$5.00
55	Boston	MA	D154	E	TT L-6	Sc#331	nsel	\$2.50
56	Boston	MA	J117	C+	Bur 61	Sc#693		\$5.00
57	Framingham	MA	D67	E	TT 247	Sc#811		\$4.00

Lot #	Country	Cnt	Notes	MB	Lot #	Country	Cnt	Notes	MB
58	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00	63	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00
59	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00	64	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00
60	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00	65	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00
61	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00	66	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00
62	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00	67	USA Mix	500(125)	mp, dup	\$15.00

Collections, Mixtures, Groupings				
Lot #	Cat	Descr	Notes	Min Bid
68	USA Mix	Many 100's	Acc/mix; several hundred perfins. Some pre, dens to \$5. Unchecked. Damage est at 25%. Some heavy dup.	\$10.00
69	E & F Rated	477	426 E & 51 F rated; A10 => L27. Very clean; full pats & sound stamps	\$45.00
70	E & F Rated	405	338 E & 67 F rated; L34 => Des. Very clean; full pats & sound stamps	\$40.00

Non-USA Perfins				
Lot #	Country	Descr	Notes	Min Bid
71	Great Britain	A2870.01M D2920.01M	Sc#223 (5/- Seahorses). Pats A&H/LTD and DLR. Note: stamps cat \$60 each!	\$5.00
72	Iraq	Specimen	Scott # O86 and O87 (MNH) arc shaped "SPECIMEN". Very pretty stamps and unusual. Cat val as stamps \$10 (more as specimens).	\$10.00

Non-USA Mixtures				
Lot #	Country	Descr	Notes	Min Bid
73	Canada	3(1)	2c KGV War Tax and two 2c Excise Tax revperfs. Pat B/LL/D on the war tax and CPR/. and G/LD on the Excise Tax stamps.	\$5.00
74	Egypt	17(3)	17 add. Nice mixture.	\$4.00
75	World	170(35)	Mix of 17 countries. Heavy in Portugal (dup). Some nice countries.	\$10.00

USA Perfin Covers				
Lot #	Cat #	Rate	Notes	Min Bid
76	E107	D+	Long Env. PM: 8 JAN 1924. New York (Sta. A) N.Y. Registered letter. ID: East River National Bank, New York. Sc#564. Bit ratty but does not show "Bowery" in the return address.	\$3.00
77	M12	F	Acknowl. Cd. PM: 30 JAN 1924. Helena Mont. ID: Mrs. Adeline Carke - Ass't Librarian, Montana State Law Library Office. Sc#498. EKV.	\$7.50
78	M153	D+	Small Env. PM: 8 MAY 1911. Columbus Ohio. ID: M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, Manufacturers of Secret Society Supplies, Uniforms and Military Equipments. Back side has an all-over advertisement on what they make and can supply. Front corner card shows the plant. Sc#375. Clean; pretty cover.	\$20.00
79	M192	E	Small Wind. Env. PM: 26 FEB 1909. Chicago ILL (Stock Yards Station Flag Cancel). ID: Morris & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Illinois. Flap missing. Morris & Company logo on reverse (packaged ham). Sc#319. EKV. Early perfin cover.	\$15.00
80	M204	D	Small Env. PM: 19 May 1909. ST. Louis, MO. ID: Missouri Moline Plow Co., St. Louis, MO. Moline Plow cover shows the stamp in the Logo in Red on the right. Sc#332. Pretty cover.	\$15.00

USA Perfin Covers				
Lot #	Cat #	Rate	Notes	Min Bid
81	M205	D+	Small Env. PM: 9 May 1916. Salt Lake City, Utah. ID: Western Moline Plow Co., Salt Lake City Utah., Agricultural Implements, Wagons, Spreaders, Vehicles, Grain Drills and Farm Scales. Logo in red on left. Sc. #425. This cover established the EKU date. Unlisted office.	\$20.00
82	M207.5	B	Small Env. PM: 5 JUL 1913. Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ID: Adriance - Platt, Branch of Moline Plow Co., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. This ID corrects supplemental information. Pair of Sc#405. Cover opened roughly at right. Poorly perfined; still a very scarce perfin.	\$25.00
83	M238	D+	Small Env. PM: 8 OCT 1910. Detroit, Mich. ID: Detroit Engine Works, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Advertising on left: "the world's best kerosene-gasoline stationary engine" / "It has no rival!" Sc#332. Nice cover.	\$15.00
84	M239	C	Jefferson Union Co pink reply card. PM: 2 JAN 1913. Sparrows Point, MD. ID: William B. Ryan, Marine Dept, Maryland Steel Co, Sparrows Point, MD. User was requesting a catalog from the Jefferson Union Company. Illustrated advertising on the front of a style A union and a style B flange. Pretty.	\$25.00
85	M276	C+	Small Env. PM: 11 May 1917. Milwaukee, WIS. ID: Milwaukee-Western Fuel Co, Milwaukee, Wis. Red and black TM serves as the return address. Sc#463. Clean.	\$15.00
86	M279	D	Small Env. PM: 2 NOV 1918. Ashland, Ohio (flag cancel). ID: F. E. Myers & Bro., Ashland Ohio. Notice it says Bro and not Bros. Think only one. Sc#494 (coil). This is fairly rare with a perfin, first I have seen on cover. Mailed to Canada.	\$20.00
87	N41	E	European Env. PM: 20 AUG 1912. Wall Street Sta, N.Y. ID: The National City Bank of New York, New York, N.Y. Sc#376 and 406. Carried on the RMS Mauretania to Greece. Note that the Mauretania was scrapped in 1935. She held the fastest transatlantic crossing records for 20 years.	\$10.00
88	N43	F	European Env. PM: 23 NOV 1917. New York Wall Street. ID: The National City Bank of New York, New York, N.Y. Sc. # 501. Censored cover that was sent to Mexico and censored there as well (purple handstamp on reverse). Marked as carried on the S.S. Overland but I believe this to be a marking that denoted it was sent overland to Mexico.	\$10.00
89	N68	B	Illustrated Advert. Post Card. PM: 26 JAN 1909. Madison WIS. ID; Northern Electrical Mfg. Co., Madison, Wisconsin. Lovely red and black illustrated postcard showing the Northern Adjustable Speed Motor on the front and back (type B form R). Sc#300. Establishes EKU. Very nice card.	\$45.00
90	N101	C	Small env. PM: 25 JUL 1911. Chicago, ILL. ID: N. K. Fairbank Company, Tribune BLDG, 143 Dearborn St., Chicago. Multicolor advertising on front. Sc# 375. TM on back flap. Nice cover.	\$20.00
91	N112	C+	Small env. PM: 29 OCT 1918. Chicago ILL Stock Yards Sta. ID of the National Live Stock Commission Co., Chicago, ILL. Multicolor trademark on front with an eagle. Sc. #530. Toning.	\$15.00
92	N113Aa-01	D	Picture Postcard. PM: 29 AUG 1914. West LaFayette, IND. Appears to be an unauthorized use of this perfin. Can see no connection to New York Life. Photo side is of the Swimming Pool at Columbian Park; everyone looks fully clothed. Sc#406.	\$1.00
93	W167	B	Long Env. PM: 26 APR 1917. Chicago, ILL. ID: Williams Piano and Organ Co., 14 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Sc#463. Cover has staple holes and has been folded but still a scarce perfin. This cover established the LKU.	\$20.00
94	Design 6	E	Long Env. PM: 15 JUL 1931. Cleveland Ohio 10. ID: Cleveland Trust Company, Main Office, Euclid and East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Sc#637. EKU.	\$5.00

Non-USA Perfin Covers				
Lot #	Country	Cat #	Notes	Min Bid
95	Belgium	C43	European Cvr. PM: 12 AUG 1922. Antwerpen Anvers. ID: Compagnie Commerciale Du Nord, G.A. Steffens, 21 Rue Kipdorp, 21 --- Anvers. Sc#112. Printed Paper Rate (Imprime). Pat: "CC/N". Mailed to Norway.	\$5.00
96	Canada	C36	Small Cvr. PM: 17 OCT 1955. Victoria B.C. ID: Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co. Sc#341. Rarity "H". Pattern is "CPR" (reading up diagonally).	\$4.00
97	Germany	CDB-1-03-01	European Cvr. PM: 12 AUG 1922. Antwerpen Anvers. ID: Commerz- und Diskonto-Bank, Filiale Duisburg. Purple handstamp over the RA of: Commerz- und Privat-Bank, Filiale Duisburg. Appears to be an EKU. Sc#83 and 2 x Sc#100. Pat.: "CDB"	\$8.00
98	Germany	Symbole 011-4-06 (Anker)	Parcel Card. PM: 25 MAR 1914. Berlin S.W. 68. ID: Anker Phonogramm, Gesellschaft m.b.H., Berlin SW68. Anchor Design. 4 copies of Sc#73 (all perfinned) and a pair of Sc#74 (not perfinned). Nice card.	\$10.00
99	Italy	B41C74:C75	Small window env. PM: 29 DEC 1930. Firenze Ferrovia (Train). ID: Banca Commerciale Italiana, Sede di Firenze. Inside of envelope with many instances of the BCI Logo. Pattern is "B.C.I.". Sc#218. Pretty Cover.	\$5.00
100	Romania	M13	European Window Env. PM: 30 NOV 1922. Bucharesti. ID: Banca Marmorosch Blank & Co., Societate Anonima / Bucuresti. Pat: "M/B&Co" and spreads across a pair of Sc#277. Opened roughly at bottom.	\$6.00

Reply to Questions from Perfins of the World – Ottoman Empire – Constantinople French Offices in Turkey (Levant)

Vincent Centonze (#4117)

I enjoyed Joe Coulbourne's article, "Perfins of the World -- Ottoman Empire -- Constantinople French Offices in Turkey (Levant)" in the May/June 2021 edition of *The Perfins Bulletin*. At the end of the article, Joe poses the question whether Credit Lyonnais used the stamps of other countries' offices abroad, specifically those of Austrian and German Offices in Turkey, because the identical A11 perfin pattern can be found in those stamps as well.

If its operations elsewhere in the Ottoman Empire and Middle East are any indication, then Credit Lyonnais did indeed use the stamps of other countries' Offices Abroad. A Credit Lyonnais cover franked with Italian Offices in Constantinople, Ipi on 25c blue Michetti series Victor Emmanuel III stamp (Italy Offices Abroad – Constantinople Scott #4), bearing Credit Lyonnais perfin pattern A13 can be seen in Carlo Arlenghi's excellent Italian perfins exhibit. The exhibit can be viewed online at the website http://www.perfin.it/Italia_Perfins.pdf. Figure 1 shows a cover from Credit Lyonnais in Alexandria, Egypt, franked with an Italian Offices Abroad Matraire designed 30c brown Victor

Emmanuel II stamp (Italy Offices Abroad - General Issue Scott #8), although it is not perfinned.



Figure 1. Credit Lyonnais cover franked with a stamp of the Italian Offices Abroad.

However, the cover is cancelled 1/14/77, and Italy had not yet authorized the use of perfins, and France had only authorized them two months earlier; so it's no surprise if Credit Lyonnais had not yet started using perfins at the time this cover was sent. Nevertheless, it's not a stretch to think that after

perfin became commonplace, Credit Lyonnais purchased an advance supply of stamps from any of the foreign offices and then applied its perfin to discourage theft.

It is well-known that Credit Lyonnais had offices globally and especially throughout Europe. By 1900, Credit Lyonnaise was the largest bank in the world. These days, we are accustomed to large corporations with an international presence; however, in the late 19th and early 20th Century, it was a new phenomenon. Credit Lyonnais was groundbreaking in that it was everywhere. It is therefore not uncommon to come across Credit Lyonnais covers from various countries in Europe franked with the stamps of those countries, punched with the "CL" perfin. For example, Figure 2 shows a cover from Credit Lyonnais offices in Brussels, Belgium, franked with a 25c King Leopold definitive (Belgium Scott 68) to Zweibrücken, Germany.

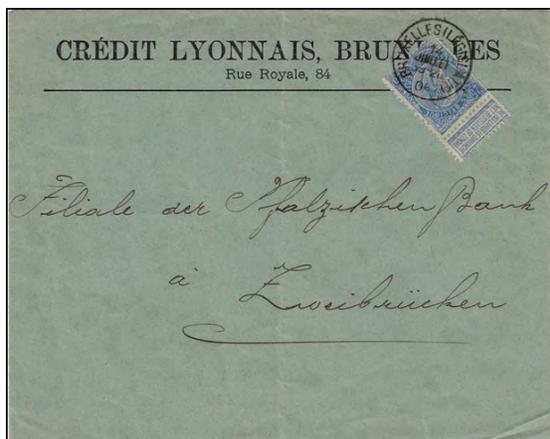


Figure 2. Cover from Credit Lyonnais offices in Brussels, Belgium franked with the bank's perfin (pattern "CL").

The stamp is punched with a Credit Lyonnais perfin similar to pattern C91 in Rudd Hammink and Jac van der Hoorn's catalogue *Perfins van Belgie: Timbres*



Figure 3. CL perfin in stamp on cover shown in Figure 2 highlighted to show pattern.

Perforés de Belgique (The Perfins of Belgium), but with an extra misplaced hole not listed in the catalogue. Figure 3 highlights this pattern so it can better be seen in the stamp.

Credit Lyonnais perfins are not especially difficult to find in stamps. However, much less common is the interesting item shown in Figure 4. It is a Belgium Postal Card (H&G #31) also sent from the Credit Lyonnais offices in Brussels.

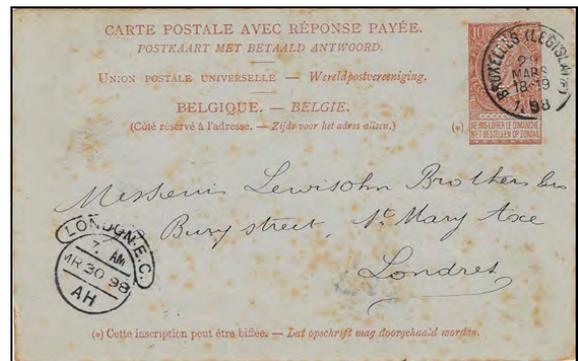
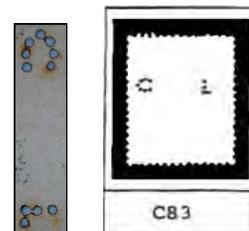


Figure 4. Belgian reply post card with the Credit Lyonnais perfin (small CL) punched in the indicia.

The postal card indicia is punched with a small type vertical "C L" perfin (pattern C83 in *The Perfins of Belgium*). The perfin is enlarged in Figure 5. Figure 6 shows an illustration of the pattern from the catalogue.



Figures 5 and 6. One of several CL perfins used by Credit Lyonnais.

It is unusual to find Credit Lyonnais perfined postal stationery or any perfined postal stationery for that matter.

Thanks again to Joe for an interesting and thought-provoking article.

Secretary's Report

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None

Changed Info:

#4247 - Joseph Sullivan (address change to:
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#2194 Anthony Pagliuca - Bulletin returned twice; no email; no phone #

#4236 John Pichione -
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Converted to Life Membership

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Lot	Sol for	Lot	Sold for	Lot	Sold for						
1	\$3.75	25	\$5.00	49	\$3.00	73	\$18.00	97	\$5.00	100	\$2.00
2	\$0.50	26	\$1.50	50	\$1.00	74	\$5.00	98	\$1.00	101	\$3.00
3	\$1.00	27	\$3.00	51	\$0.50	75	\$5.00	99	\$2.00	Total	\$1,006.25
4	\$0.50	28	\$1.00	52	\$1.00	76	\$5.00				
5	\$1.00	29	\$1.00	53	\$1.50	77	\$8.00				
6	\$42.50	30	\$3.00	54	\$1.00	78	\$10.00				
7	\$0.50	31	\$1.00	55	\$1.50	79	\$6.00				
8	\$1.00	32	\$3.00	56	\$3.00	80	\$20.00				
9	\$0.50	33	\$1.00	57	\$23.00	81	\$15.00				
10	\$21.00	34	\$2.75	58	\$23.00	82	\$20.00				
11	\$37.50	35	\$1.00	59	\$23.00	83	\$10.00				
12	\$1.00	36	\$1.00	60	\$23.00	84	\$10.00				
13	\$1.00	37	\$0.50	61	\$20.00	85	\$20.00				
14	\$60.00	38	\$1.50	62	\$20.00	86	\$35.00				
15	\$19.00	39	\$0.50	63	\$20.00	87	\$30.00				
16	\$1.00	40	\$0.50	64	\$20.00	88	\$15.00				
17	\$0.50	41	\$0.50	65	\$20.00	89	\$20.00				
18	\$1.50	42	\$2.75	66	\$20.00	90	\$50.00				
19	\$3.00	43	\$2.25	67	\$12.00	91	\$20.00				
20	\$2.75	44	\$1.00	68	\$20.00	92	\$15.00				
21	\$1.00	45	\$1.00	69	\$17.00	93	\$30.00				
22	\$0.50	46	\$1.00	70	\$1.00	94	\$15.00				
23	\$7.00	47	\$3.00	71	\$4.00	95	\$25.00				
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Upcoming Events of Interest

September 24-25 - Texas Precancel Club annual meeting - Grapevine, TX. Still a go but firmly planned at present.

September, 24-25, 2021 - Richmond, IN Show - Hours may be modified and masks may be required. Check for details before going by calling show office (765-962-6546) or Howard Tumler (513-874-4321).

November 5-6, 2021- New England Precancel Club Meeting - Marriott Courtyard, 3 Eagle Road, Danbury, CT, Exit 8 off I-84, Friday 9AM to 9PM, Saturday 9AM to 3 PM

January 26-29, 2022 - Florida Precancel Club Precancel Bourse and Perfins Exchange - The Florida Precancel Club is happy to announce the resumption of our annual Winter Meet. to be held at the Country Inn and Suites by Radison, RJ Stadium Tampa Hotel, 4750 Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL 33614-6509. Hotel telephone (813) 517-8580. Ask for the Florida Precancel rate (\$109) before January 1, 2022.

Annual Dues WERE DUE June 30, 2021

Purging of unpaid members begins Jan. 1, 2022

Your dues for the 2021-22 fiscal year are payable to the Secretary:
John Hart, 14888 Oceanview Dr., Brookings, OR 97415-9326

Fees	U.S. addresses	Other addresses
First-time new members	\$0	\$0
Annual Dues	US\$15	US\$15
First Class Mail	add US\$7	Canada : add US\$15 Other Countries: add US\$20

Life memberships are available as shown below. Please contact John Hart if interested.

54 or less	U.S.\$375	Life membership includes <i>The Perfins Bulletin</i> delivered via U.S. Standard Rate to United States addresses and via electronic delivery to addresses outside the United States.
55 through 69	U.S.\$300	
70 or older	U.S.\$225	

Payment accepted by check US\$ or Paypal at: perfin@charter.net