

# The Perfins Bulletin

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## NEW DISCOVERIES

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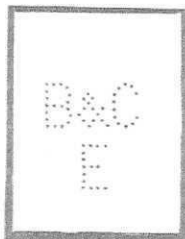
### LIECHTENSTEIN PERFIN FOUND

It is difficult to add to the list of countries which are known to have had Perfins on their stamps, but I am fortunate to be able to announce my second such discovery.

My first such discovery was the Ile Rouad, the French mandated territory in the eastern Mediterranean.

Now I can announce a Perfin for Liechtenstein.

The pattern is B&C/E (see drawing below) and it is found on the 5h Prince Johann II stamp of 1912 (Scott #1). The stamp is postmarked in the town of Schaan.



The pattern corresponds to #B53 of Switzerland as listed on page 6 of the catalog of Perfins of Switzerland published by the Perfins Club in 1972.

The Swiss pattern is identified as being used by Brothers Benziger & Company of Einsiedel, Switzerland. It would be interesting to know if the firm had a branch in Liechtenstein and how it is possible that Liechtenstein stamps were Perfined in Switzerland. Bear in mind that prior to World War I (and shortly afterward) Liechtenstein's postal affairs were handled by Austria and not, as today, by Switzerland.

Nevertheless, we have a new Perfin country. Perhaps some Bulletin readers can help answer some of the questions which arise.

### NEW CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TYPE

It is always a joy to discover a new Perfin design. And when the new Perfin has an unusually beautiful well-balanced design, the discovery has double charm. This was true recently when I was shown this very fine Czechoslovak Perfin.

The pattern was struck on the Hradcany Castle stamps issued two months after In-  
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## CINDERELLA ITEM AVAILABLE

Jacob Kisner, whose KIS/NER Perfin was noted in the May 1978 Bulletin has issued another stamp in his "Park Avenue Local Post" series and is making it available with the KIS/NER Perfin.

Members who are interested in the item may secure a tete-beche pair of the stamps with Perfin by sending three 15¢ mint U. S. commemoratives plus a SASE to Kisner at 750 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

The new issue is a bright red \$5 stamp featuring Manhattan buildings. The Park Avenue Local Post is a purely philatelic enterprise with all funds derived going to the New York City and New York State World Poetry Day Committees.

Kisner also notes that he has available a limited number of Finnish parcel cards from about 1930 with FORD Perfins on them. These cards normally sell for \$3 to \$5 each with regular stamps on them, but Kisner says he will send Perfin Club members one of the cards for \$2.00 postpaid. However, he emphasizes that he has only about a dozen of the cards, so speedy action is advisable. Use the address given above.

PATRONIZE THE CLUB SALES DEPARTMENT

DISCOVER A "NEW WORLD" (CONTINUED)  
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**WHITEHOUSE & CO.**  
 ONE WALL STREET  
 NEW YORK

and Regulations made in accordance therewith. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

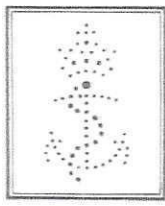
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The above photo shows Irvin Holloway, our eastern representative, at the Perfin Club table at SEPAD in Philadelphia last year. The photo was not available earlier, but the editor figures it is "better late than never" to give Irvin credit for the attractive table and banner he set up, and for the many hours he spent manning the table.

3. As a Perfin: The WHITEHOUSE & CO. "C-O-S" reproduced in part above shows three stamps - 50¢ in Documentaries and a \$2.00 in NYSE. All three have W-55 W/Co Perfins (incidentally, C-rated) and in addition are cancelled with a rubber date stamp reading W&C/SEP/16/1936. These then seem to fit the definition of being used strictly as a Perfin.  
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 dependence in 1918. The date cancel is not legible and the Perfin user is so far unidentified.



It may be safely assumed that the perforator was manufactured before World War I since no such fine machines could be produced during those first hard years after the war. Therefore, this Perfin must exist also on the pre-1918 Austrian stamps. And since the Perfin appears to be designed for the large Austrian stamps which appeared for the first time in 1908, we have the time limit in which to look for this beautiful design.

It is supposed that the design does not belong to a shipping company (there were none in landlocked Czechoslovakia at that time). It probably was a trademark. Any help from readers in identifying the user will be appreciated.

**FOREIGN DATA NEEDED**

- 1) I should appreciate learning if any members with whom I have not been in correspondence during 1978 are working on any catalogs or worksheets for the Perfins Club Library.
- 2) Would the worldwide Perfin collectors please check their collections and report by Xerox copy and Scott Catalog number if they have Perfins on stamps of any of the following countries (in the last census, no one reported Perfins from these places. Please exclude SPECIMEN punches and other cancelling devices):

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| BASUTOLAND      | CORFU                 |
| BR. SOLOMONS    | FR. EAST AFRICA       |
| FIJI            | FR. SUDAN             |
| IRAQ            | ICELAND               |
| MALAYSIA        | INDONESIA             |
| MONTSERRAT      | IVORY COAST           |
| NO. RHODESIA    | MACAO                 |
| ST. KITTS-NEVIS | MALMEDY               |
| SWAZILAND       | MOROCCO (INDEPENDENT) |
| ZULULAND        | SERBIA (POSTAGE)      |
| CHINA (TAIWAN)  | TURKEY IN ASIA        |

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