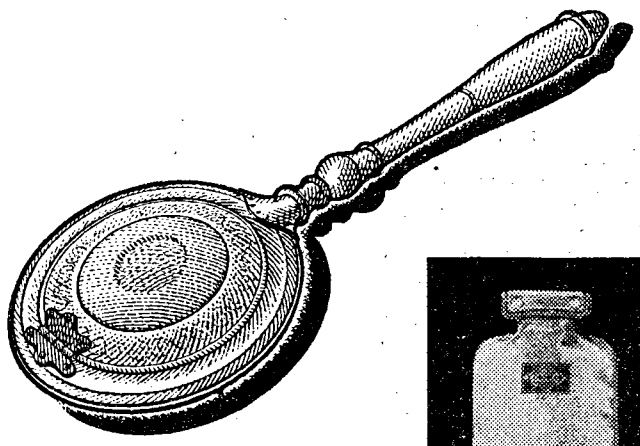
© 2007 Look and Learn Magazine Ltd / www.lookandlearn.com. All rights reserved.



HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Brrrhh! Bed was a cold place two hundred years ago, for even though hot bricks wrapped in flannels and copper pans filled with glowing embers were liberally applied between the sheets, these were cumbersome methods and rarely satisfactory.

Today, of course, with the introduction of watertight rubber, Dunlop has been able to make bedtime a welcome end to the day. No longer do we creep up the stairs, shivering at the thought of cold, dank sheets—but, with a Dunlop hot water bottle already tucked in we gladly accept its warm invitation to a blissful night's sleep.

DUNLOP

SYMBOL OF PROGRESS

CFH/PR6/26

WORLD OF STAMPS

Black-lined issues belong to Alf

Some readers have been puzzled lately when buying booklets of stamps from their local post office. They have noticed that some of the stamps have black lines printed on the back, and have wondered if these are due to mistakes by the printer, and might therefore be valuable.

The answer is No! These stamps were intended for sale in the Southampton area. At the G.P.O. in Southampton is an Automatic Letter Facing machine nicknamed "Alf." Now, Alf takes a pile of letters of different shapes and sizes, arranges them so that they all face the same way, with the stamps in the same corner of the pile, and then postmarks each one.

Alf is able to do all this because "he" works electronically, using the black graphite lines on the backs of the stamps to complete the electric circuit necessary for the machine to operate.

Recently the stamps with black lines have also had almost invisible greenish phosphor lines printed on their faces. The Postmaster-General has now announced that the black lines will no longer be necessary and that Alf will work with stamps having only the phosphor lines.

Owing to the printing strike last year, there has been a temporary shortage of booklets of ordinary stamps. This is why the graphite-lined stamps have been sold in other parts of the country.

Another question arises out of this. Why is it that stamps with printing errors are sometimes very valuable?

The answer is simply that every collector likes to have in his album stamps which few other people possess. When a stamp with a rare printing error is discovered, wealthy collectors are willing to offer high prices for it; there must be satisfaction in being able to say: "Nobody else has that stamp in his collection!"

Shown here is an example of a valuable printing error on a British stamp of 1841, the one penny red-brown. It has a blank space in the bottom right-hand corner, where there ought to be a letter A, part of an old coding system to make forgery more difficult. The ordinary stamp costs about a shilling, but the value of a specimen with the printing error is about £500.

Another valuable old error is the 9-kreutzer stamp of the German State of Baden, printed by mistake on green paper instead of on red.

Errors are not always rare, however; in 1937 the Greek Post Office overprinted the 50-lepta stamp with a red cross and a surcharge in aid of Red Cross funds, as pictured here. By accident the surcharge was printed upside down on one or two sheets of stamps, and these would certainly have become very valuable.

To prevent this, the authorities deliberately printed a large supply of the stamps with the surcharge upside down. These were placed on sale at the main post offices so that every collector who wanted a specimen could obtain one at the ordinary price.

C. W. Hill

Extra prefab for the Eskimos

Some time ago the Canadian authorities sent the parts for five prefabricated houses to Eskimos in the Far North, and later sent an inspector to see how the work was progressing.

"Did you follow the printed instructions?" was his first question.

"Impossible," replied the Eskimo spokesman. "No one around here can read. But that did not matter as you shall see."

And proudly he took the inspector along to see not five, but *six* well-built houses.

One leg-power scooter

To cover the long distances inside the great new Copenhagen airport building, BEA have supplied their staff with scooters. Having no engines they are silent but have to be driven by leg-power.

THE HOUSE OF BLUE DRAGONS

Continued from page 9

other buildings. The key hung on a nail below the window-sill. After a cautious glance round the desolate cliffs, they slipped inside.

The papers on the table looked innocent enough. There really were some books of poetry. Sarah pulled open a drawer, and let out a little exclamation.

She held up a scrap of paper, the bottom corner torn from a letter. It bore only the last five words, *"a better run next week."*

There was no signature. But there was a seal, stamped with the figure of a dragon—in blue.

To be continued

Matchbox village

A booklet enabling you to make a model village of matchboxes has been published by the Church Assembly Children's Council. Containing little pictures of a church, cottages, and various other buildings, it gives directions for colouring and assembling the whole village.

It is called *Village Buildings*, and can be obtained by sending 1s. 8d. to the Church Information Office, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

500 FREE STAMPS

Sent immediately only to those wishing to become NEW MEMBERS of our Stamp Club and receive our wonderful bargain Approvals and

MONTHLY FREE GIFTS

WRITE NOW *with 9d. for postage. Please tell your parents.*

Adventures Ltd.

(C.N.39) 4 The Drive, Hove, Sussex

31 ANIMAL STAMPS FREE!

Simply give us your name and address and enclose **3d.** for postage and we will send this **WONDERFUL PACKET OF STAMPS ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE**

In addition marvellous Approvals will accompany each gift. No obligation to buy anything.

Please tell your parents you are writing.

BRIDGNORTH STAMP CO. LTD., (Dept. E.53), Bridgnorth, Shropshire

525 STAMPS FREE!

Also many other Gifts available. Send 3d. stamp. REQUEST APPROVALS with details how to obtain these Gifts FREE!

MYERS (CN44), 42 Castleview Gdns., Ilford

JUNIOR STAMP COLLECTORS' OUTFIT

Illustrated Stamp Album; 50 World stamps; Mounts plus Magnifier. Just send 2/9 P.O. & we will send this outfit post FREE by return.

Please tell your parents.

MYERS & CO. (Dept. CN45) 42 CASTLEVIEW GDNS., ILFORD, ESSEX

FREE

SET OF THE NEW REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR STAMPS

sent with each request for our low priced and varied Approvals.

Send 3d. postage and tell your parents.

SEAFORTH STAMPS (Dept. C.N.) 134 Station Rd., Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

STAMP PACKETS OF QUALITY

(All Different)

100 China	1/6	25 Russia	1/6
100 Hungary	2/-	100 Australia	5/-
100 Italy	2/-	25 Egypt	1/3
12 Herm Island Triangulars	3/-	25 Malaya	1/6
25 Jamaica	3/6	100 S. Africa	10/-
25 Malta	3/-	10 Zanzibar	2/6
10 Siam	1/-	25 Ceylon	1/9
25 Finland	1/-	10 Iceland	1/6
25 Sweden	1/-	10 Kenya	1/-
25 Philippines	1/6	10 Cyprus	1/3
100 Great Britain (All Obsolete)	8/6	10 Ascension	3/-
50 —do—	2/-	10 Fiji	2/6
		20 Liberia	6/-
		250 World	4/6

Orders under 5/- postage 3d. extra.

Lists of USED G.B., CANADA, S. AFRICA, AUSTRALIA or INDIA sent on request.

GIBBONS' 1960 SIMPLIFIED WHOLE WORLD CATALOGUE **22/6 plus 2/- postage**

J. A. L. FRANKS, LTD. (Dept. C.N.) 140 Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4

100 Different Stamps FREE!

Plus Super Perforation Gauge to all applicants asking to see my famous ½d. upwards Approvals. British Colonial or Foreign. Don't delay, write today enclosing 4½d. in stamps for postage.

Please tell your parents.

C. T. BUSH (CN42), 53 Newlyn Way, Parkstone, Poole, DORSET

★ **ONCE AGAIN I AM OFFERING THIS MARVELLOUS FREE GIFT A 2/6 STAMP FREE!!!** ★

This used King George VI stamp of Great Britain, together with a Royal Visit, 2 Silver Jubilee and 2 Coronation stamps are offered FREE to applicants for my Bargain Approvals and enclosing 3d. for postage.

Please tell your Parents before replying.

S.W. SALMON (CS0) 119 Beechcroft Rd., Ipswich

101 STAMPS OF THE WORLD—FREE

This fine packet of stamps (all different) is offered Free to readers who send 4½d. postage and ask to see our Discount Approvals. (Price *without* Approvals — 1/- post free.)

Please tell your parents.

SUMMIT STAMPS, SEATON, WORKINGTON, ENGLAND

Those in the

KNOW KNOW NO

quicker, cheaper, better way to build the stamp collection which is the envy of all their friends than by writing to SELECT STAMP APPROVALS 246 CANLEY ROAD, COVENTRY. A FREE sample packet of British Commonwealth stamps, AND a packet of hinges, goes to all who write to us.

Tell your parents and WRITE NOW.

IF YOU—YOUR DAD—YOUR FRIENDS ARE FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS . . . AS SEEN ON I.T.V. THE INDOOR REPLICA OF REAL SOCCER

Complete with goals, balls, etc., and teams available in all League Club colours. Here is a game where victory or defeat depends upon the skill of the player, 22 miniature figures dribble, tackle, crack in goals, dive and save them . . . and are always at your command to produce all the thrills of real league, cup and international football . . .

BY FINGER-TIP CONTROL

Prices: 9/11, 19/7, 47/3 post free.

Or write for full details and order form to:

SUBBUTEO (Dept. 17), Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent