Mail-OM-Eter Company was the first spelling of the company after the Schermack Mailing Machine Company was reorganized and changed its name and that of its affixing machine. The company had the same offices and some of the same officers for a short period of time. This occurred sometime before July 1909 when Joseph Schermack was bought out and then he continued in the business of making stamp vending machines. The machine ad read, “The Mail-om-eter, Combined Sealing and Stamping Machine; Seals, Stamps and Registers, 250 Envelopes Per Minute”. In later years, around 1922, they changed the name again to Mail-O-Meter Company when they introduced their postage meter machine.

Most of their perforation efforts were attempts to convince the Post Office Department (USPO) to adopt a Mail-OM-Eter perforation type as a standard for the country so that their affixing machines would be the main mass mailer device. Mail-OM-Eter Company was selling about 3,000,000 stamps per month compared to thousands per month by the other perforating companies. The USPO acceptance would allow companies doing mass mailing to buy their needed supply of stamps directly from the Post Office. Mail-O-Meter Company hoped to sell more of their mailing machines because of the ease of getting stamps as well as accompanying lower cost.

The company produced four main types of perforations along with two variations. They also continued making the Schermack Type III perforation for their earlier Schermack customers. The last issue produced with the Schermack Type III perforation was the 1 1/2e Harding imperforate issue of 1925.

Some of their different perforation types had a limited use because of the USPO decisions. The fourth type had the longest existence and was produced in the St Louis, Missouri plant. Many existing Mail-O-Meter type perforation stamp issues were produced by “request” for dealers and collectors. George Sheldrick, Supt. of manufacturing of Mail-O-Meter Company answered an inquiry from The Philatelic Journal of America (C.H.Mekel) in June of 1913, that only the machines in St Louis were producing the Type IV perforation and the machines in New York, Chicago and Detroit were producing the Schermack Type III perforation stamps

Type I and its variation Type Ia had an originally limited experimental usage in 1909 in Detroit. This was due to the Post Office rejecting its design characteristics. The rejection was based on the Post Office Departments’ belief that the perforations should extend to the stamp edges and the high cost factors of converting the Bureau of Printing’s equipment and labor production expenses. This Type I was again produced in 1910 when the St Louis plant was opened because of demand for their machines in that immediate area.
U.S. Private Perforations
Mail-O-Meter Company  (circa 1909-1924)

The Company returned to the USPO with a version having the perforations edge to edge, this was Type II. There is also a variation to this type, which could be listed as Type V or formerly Type IIa. Scott’s catalog has not acknowledged it yet as a new listing. The USPO also rejected this because there would be production problems for this type. The Department also felt that if they accepted this or any Mail-O-Meter design it would be unfair for other mailing machine companies, each of whom wanted their own type of perforation to be accepted as the government standard.

A third type of perforation was produced but was short lived because by this time the Post Office Department came up with a 8.5 gauge perforation of their own in November 1910 as their standard.

After the St Louis plant opened with the Type I perforation in or around early 1911, they started to produce a five-hole perforation version, Type IV, instead of the 6-hole type. This Type IV was used until 1918.

The sales booklet above was from around 1917. It listed 492 companies using their machine in 25 states.

In 1922 the company also produced a postal meter machine. In 1924 Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company purchased the company. They continued producing the required needs of their customers until sometime in 1928 because the government ceased providing imperforated sheets.
U.S. Private Perforations
Mail-O-Meter Company (circa 1909-1924)

Type I

Perforation length 17.7 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.2 mm

Type Ia

Perforation length 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.15 mm

Type II

6 Perforation length 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.15 mm

Type III

7 Perforation length 19.5 mm
Perforation size 1.5 mm
Perforation spacing 1.5 mm

Type IV

Perforation length 15.5 mm
Perforation size 2.1-2.2 mm
Perforation spacing 1.1 mm

Type V (formerly Type IIa)

6 Perforation length varying 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.8 mm
Perforation spacing varying 1.35 mm
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U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Test Dummy
Type Ia

Test Dummy
Type II

Test Dummy
Type III

Test Dummy
Type V

12 Gauge Perforation
9 Holes

Test Dummy
Later Issues

10.5 Gauge Perforation
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Test Dummy

Not Perforated

Test Dummy
Type I

Pasteup Strip

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Strip

Single with 1¢ issue of 1908-1909
St Louis, MO    June 18, 1910
The printing of the 1908-1909 and the 1910-1911 U.S. stamp issues had different spacing on the vertical rows of stamps. This was done because the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was having a problem with paper waste due to unequal shrinking of the sheets because of the wet printing process. They spaced part of the sheet with 3mm spacing and the rest at 2mm spacing. Therefore there are pairs, strips and blocks of these issues with varying spacing between 2mm and 3mm because of the continual shrinking of the paper. This is the reason why there are multiple listings of the same issue shown here in various units; pairs, strips and blocks.

Precancels are postage stamps that have been canceled before being used on letters or packages. Typically they are stamps cancelled with two lines, and the city and state where they are to be mailed. Some can be by the Bureau of Printing or locally produced.

Sheets of imperforated stamps had the precancel applied by the Post Office. Then Mail-O-Meter would perforate the sheet. This strip is an example before the perforation was produced.

Examples of production problems are shown below.

Precancel Strip with extra rows of Perforations
3 mm

Strip with extra rows of perforations

Mia-Align and Double Punched
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Various Mis-perforations

Strip with shifting perforations
3 mm

Vertical Pair

Vertical Pair

Vertical Strip

2.2-2.7 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-2.4 mm
e

Vertical Line Block
2.1 mm
ex-Belasco
Guidelines were placed on sheets of stamps to assist in the cutting of the sheets into smaller panes. During the period of private perforations most sheets were printed of 400 subjects, vertical and horizontal, then cut along those lines into four panes of 100.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1906
Lake Die II

Margin Pair
Extra Perforation at end

Type Ia
Issue of 1906
Lake Die II

Guideline Strip

ex-Agris
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

Precancel
3 mm

2.2 mm

2.2 mm

3 mm

Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

2.2-3 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-3 mm

e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909

2.2 mm

3 mm

2 mm

3 mm

Margin Pair w Part Imprint
2.7 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-2.3 mm
Precancel w Pasteup
Plate Number 5169 under tab
St Louis, MO

Precancels are postage stamps that have been canceled before being used on letters or packages. Typically they are stamps canceled with two lines, and the city and state where they are to be mailed. Some can be by the Bureau of Printing or locally produced.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

POSTMASTER:—If not delivered in 30 days, return postage will be sent upon notification.

618-638 Elm Street
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mr. O. L. Watkins,
#2415 N. Penn St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.,

SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT.

St Louis, MO to Indianapolis, IN
1910

RETURN IN 3 DAYS TO
CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Market Exchange Banking Co.;
columbus, O.

St Louis, MO to Columbus, OH
1910
ex-Belasco
W.A. Sisson, a stamp dealer, covers are also found with United States Automatic Vending Co, Schermack Mailing Machine Co, Brinkerhoff Stamp Vending Co private perforated stamps.

Pair with 10¢ Louisiana Purchase issue
St Louis, MO to Fostoria, OH
September, 1910

2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee
Pair
St Louis, MO to New York, NY
September 25, 1911

Wm. A Sisson to John Luff
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909

Combinations of issues and private perforations

Two Pairs-3mm with 2¢ Strip of 4 of issue of 1908-1909 with Schermack Type III Perforations
St Louis, MO to New York, NY October 16, 1910
2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee
ex-Belasco
Combinations of issues and private perforations

Pair with 2¢ Carmine issue of 1906 Pair with Schermack Type III Peforations
and 8¢ issue of 1894 on 4¢ issue of 1903 entire
St Louis, MO to Saginaw, MI November 14, 1910
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

2.4 mm

3 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909

3 mm

2.3 mm

3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

Guideline at left
2.3-2.4 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-2.4 mm

Guideline Strip
2-2.4 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909
Washington, DC to Philadelphia, PA
August 13, 1909

(ex-Agris)
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

Perfins or control perforations were punched holes in stamps used to control theft by companies. The perforated initials or perfins were allowed by the Post Office Department in early 1908.

A Mail-O-Meter employee, Bennett Straight, designed the device which was added to their mailing machine for companies who were trying to better control the stamp inventory.

Several different design patterns were tried and the final one selected was a nine hole one, 3 rows of 3 holes.

Each company who purchased the device with their mailing machine was given a specific pattern.

The nine hole design was given a number by reading the un-punched hole or holes, when viewed with the stamp face-up.

Therefore a perfin seen like this one would have a number of 48.

Perfin 79
Only Known Cover

St Louis, MO to Canton, OH
July 8, 1910
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
MARSHALL FIELD & COMPANY
CHICAGO

Chicago, IL to Crawfordsville, IN
August 26, 1909
ex-Belasco

RETURN IN 5 DAYS, TO
MAIL-OM-METER
COMPANY
DETROIT, MICH.

Commercial Travelers Mutual
Accident Ass'n.,
Utica, N.Y.

Single with Guideline at right
Detroit, MI to Utica, NY
September 2, 1909
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type 1
Issue of 1908-1909

Single with Guideline at bottom
St. Louis, MO to St. Louis, MO
November 7, 1910

Pair
3 mm
Philadelphia, PA to Hanover, PA
October 28, 1910
St Louis, MO to Austria
June 4, 1911
(lifted & replaced)
Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

2.3 mm

2.1-2.4 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909

2.5 mm

2.5 mm

Guideline Strip
2.3-2.4 mm

ex-Howard
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1908-1909

2.4 mm

3 mm

2.5-3 mm e

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909

2.7 mm e

Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

Guideline Strip
2.3-2.5 mm e
Combination of issues with private perforations

Pair 2.3mm with 2¢ Pair 2.7mm issue of 1908-1909 both with Mail-O-Meter Type Ia Perforations

Irvington, NY to Chattanooga, TN
November 17, 1919

2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee

ex-Belasco
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1909

Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

ex-Sheldon, Grunin

Guideline Strip
2-2.3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type Ia
Issue of 1909

2.3 mm
e

Imprint Pair
3 mm

Margin Strip
3 mm

Guideline Strip
2.1-2.2 mm
Guideline also at bottom from centerline
e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type Ia
Issue of 1909

Combination of issues and private perforations

with Brinkerhoff Type II Perforations on a 5¢ U350 entire issue of 1893
St Louis, MO to Cleveland, OH
October 28, 1910

Single 2¢ per oz Domestic letter rate and
10¢ Registration fee and no fee for Return Receipt
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1909

Guideline Strip

e

Type Ia
Issue of 1909

e

Guideline Pair
Shifted perforations
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1909

Pasteup Strip
Plate Number 5394 under tab

Type Ia
Issue of 1909

Plate Number Pair

Guideline Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1909

PERSONAL

CHARLES HAVILAND MEKEEL
KESWICK,
ALBEMARLE COUNTY.
VIRGINIA

Single (not mailed)
Mekeel Return Envelope
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1910-1911

Precancel Pair
3 mm

Precancel Strip
2-2.9 mm

2.1 mm
e

Margin Plate 5491 Pair
3 mm

Guideline Pair
2.1 mm

2.1-3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type 1a
Issue of 1910-1911

Guideline at right
2.3 mm

3 mm

Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

3 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-2.3 mm
At your convenience tomorrow or within ten days, kindly call. We have a little present for you that you will like very much.

GRAND-LEADER

MILLER

Sewing Machine Department

P.S. Present this card.

Precancel
St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1910-1911

Precancel Pair
3 mm

Margin Pair
Part Arrow
2.9 mm

Pasteup Pair
Shifted Perforations

2.4-3 mm

Guideline Strip
2.2-2.6 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1910-1911

Pasteup Strip
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1910-1911

Earliest Known Use

THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
IN ST. LOUIS.

MERCHANTS & PLANTERS, NATL. BANK,
SHERMAN, TEXAS.

St Louis, MO to Sherman, TX
November 26, 1910
(lifted & replaced)

e
St Louis, MO to Fresno, CA
January 24, 1911

St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
March 1, 1911
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1910-1911

Strip of 4 of both the 1¢ and 2¢ issue of 1910-1911 with Mail-O-Meter Type I Perforations
St Louis, MO to Cleveland, OH
September 25, 1911
Domestic letter rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Registration Fee with free Return Receipt service

Pair 3mm with 10¢ regular issue of 1910-1911
St Louis, MO to Gamelin, Quebec, Canada
November 8, 1911
Double Domestic Letter Rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Registration Fee
ex-Belasco
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type I
Issue of 1912

Type Ia
Issue of 1912

Plate Number Pair

Guideline Pair

Pasteup at right
Covel Mfg Co covers are also found with John V. Farwell Co, United States Automatic Vending Co, Schermack Mailing Machine Co, Brinkerhoff Vending Machine Co and their own private perforated stamps. One reason is that A.W. Filstrup, the president of the company was a stamp collector.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1906
Carmine Die I

Type II
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I

Margin Pair

Pasteup Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1908-1909

2.2 mm

3 mm
ex-Howard

Guideline Pair
2.3 mm

2.3 mm
e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1908-1909

2.4 mm

Guideline Pair
2.4 mm
Shifted perforations

3 mm

2.3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1908-1909

Margin Pair
2.4 mm

Pasteup Pair
Plate Number 4926
under tab

Margin Strip
2.3-2.5 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1908-1909

2.2 mm
e

Margin Pair
3 mm
e

2.4-3 mm
e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1908-1909

2.2 mm

e
Imprint Margin Pair
with Siderographer's initials

Production of perforations has shown varieties including extra rows, missing rows, shifted rows and margin rows of perforations
Production of perforations has shown varieties including extra rows, missing rows, shifted rows and margin rows of perforations.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type II
Issue of 1910-1911

2.2 mm

2.9 mm
Pasteup pairs and strips are sometimes found with various known shades of color for the specific issue. This occurs when the pasteup is put together from two different printings.
Satisfaction Guaranteed Every Purchaser.

PRICE LIST

MACHINE PERFORATIONS
IN PAIRS.

(Subject to change, without notice.)

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| 2        | “light car” | 25   |
| 5        |             | 10.00|
| 1        | 1908        | 15   |
| 2        | “           | 25   |
| 3        | “           | 2.00 |
| 4        | “           | 2.00 |
| 5        | “           | 2.00 |
| 2        | Lincoln     | 50   |
| 2        | Yukon       | 1.00 |
| 2        | Hudson      | 1.00 |

**New Watermark.**

| 1c—1909 | 10 |
| 2        | 20 |

### MAIL-OM-ETER No. 1

| 2c—1902 deep lake | 2.00 |
| 2        | Lincoln | 1.50 |
| 1        | 1908    | 50   |
| 2        | “       | 50   |
| 3        |          | 1.25 |
| 4        |          | 1.25 |
| 5        |          | 1.50 |

**New Watermark.**

| 1c—1909 | 10 |
| 2        | 20 |

### MAIL-OM-ETER No. 3

| 1c—1909 | 10 |
| 2        | 20 |

**GOVT. PART PERFS.,**

| 1c—1902 perf vert. | $1.00 |
| 2        | “ “ “ “ | 1.00 |
| 5        | “ “ “ “ hor. | 10.00|

1908 issue double face

**New Watermark.**

| 1c—1909 | 12 vert. | 10 |
| 1        | 12 hor.  | 10 |
| 2        | “ 12 “  | 20 |
| 1        | 8½ “ “  | 4 |
| 2        | 8½ “ 8½ vert. | 4 |
| 2        | 8½ “ “  | 8 |
PRE-CANCELS.
New Watermark.

BLOCK OF FOUR.
1c—St. Louis invert .................................... 25
1 " imperf ............................................. 25
2 " " ................................................ 25

STRIP OF FOUR.
MAIL-O-METER No. 1.
1c—1909 ............................................. 25
2 " ................................................ 25

MAIL-O-METER No. 3.
1c—1909 ............................................. 25
2 " ................................................ 25

IMPERFS.
1c—1909 ............................................. 25
2 " ................................................ 25

Imperfs., Center Blocks, Arrow Blocks, Line Blocks, Plate Nos. with imprint.
Also Match and Medicine Stamps.

BOOK LEAVES
Good U. S., used and unused, on approval to those giving satisfactory reference.

W. A. SISSON,
314 Pine Street ST. LOUIS

AUGUST 1911.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1906
Carmine Die I

Guideline at left

Type III
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1908-1909

2.4 mm
e

Plate Number 4980
e
(ex-Agris)

Guideline Pair
2.4 mm

2.4 mm
(ex-Grunin)
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1908-1909

2.2 mm
e

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
2.4 mm

2.3 mm
e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1908-1909

2.4 mm

2.9 mm

Imprint Margin
3 mm

Plate Number 5199
3 mm
ex-Belasco

Pasteup Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1908-1909

2.3 mm

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U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1909

Pasteup Pair

2-2.2 mm

3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type III
Issue of 1909

Margin Pair w Part Imprint

Margin Pair
Extra row of perforations
Margin Pair

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair

Margin Strip
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1906
Carmine Die I

Margin Pair

Pink Back Paper

Pasteup Pair

guideline Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I

Bottom Margin Arrow Pair

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair

Type IV
Issue of 1906
Carmine Rose Die I
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1908-1909

Precancel Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

Precancel Guideline Strip
2.3-2.4 mm

2.2 mm

3 mm
ex-Howard

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
2 mm
e

2.1-3 mm

Pasteup Strip
Guideline at top
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1908-1909

2.3 mm  Pasteup Pair
         Imprint under tab

3 mm

2.2-3 mm  Pasteup Strip
          Plate Number 4887 under tab

Carmine and Dark Carmine Shades

Pasteup Strip

Guideline Strip 2.2-2.7 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1908-1909

Vertical Line Block
2.4 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1908-1909

2.7-3 mm

Imprint Margin Pair
2.4 mm
e

Margin Pair
2.7 mm

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
2.4 mm

Strip
2.5 mm

Guideline Strip
2.4-2.5 mm
Pasteup Strip
w Plate Number 8137 under tab

Guideline Strip
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1908-1909

Plate Number 4931 Pair
2.3 mm
Guideline Pair
2.3 mm
Extra Margin Perforations

Plate Number 4931 Strip w Imprint
Extra Perforations
2.4 mm

Block
2.5 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1909

Pasteup Pair
Guideline at top

Guideline Pair
Guideline at top

Centerline Block
Shifted Perforations
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911
Earliest Usage
January 3, 1911

Guideline Pair
2.4 mm

Block
2.1 mm

2.4-3 mm
Shifted perforations

Precancel Guideline Strip
2.3 mm

Missing Row of Perforations

Precancel Strip
3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Pasteup Pair
2.3 mm

Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

2.3-3 mm

Pasteup Strip

Guideline Strip
2.1-2.3 mm
**U.S. Private Perforations**

**Mail-O-Meter Company**

*Type IV*

*Issue of 1910-1911*

- **Vertical Line Block**
  - 2.2 mm

- **Block**
  - 3 mm

- **Top Arrow Block**
  - with vertical guideline
  - 2.6 mm
  - e

- **Arrow Block of 4**
  - 3 mm
  - e

- **Arrow Block of 4**
  - 2.8 mm
  - e
Mr. Frank B. Eldredge,
Attleboro, Mass. 3
17 Jefferson St.

Precancel
St Louis, MO to Attleboro, MA
lifted & replaced

Will expect
you Sept. 12.

Mrs Geo Allen
Elmwood Farm
Hampton

Essex Junction & Boston RPO Cancel to Hampton, NH
September 11, 1911
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Return to
BEMIS BRO. BAG CO.
ST LOUIS, MO.

Michigan Novelty Co.,
256 Michigan Av.,
Detroit, Mich.

St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
December 9, 1911

C. H. Mekeel
R. F. D. 29
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Robert J. Wagner
430 No. Main St.
Fostoria, Ohio

Imprint Single on 1¢ entire issue of 1907-1916
St Louis, MO to Fostoria, OH
April 29, 1912
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Single with Guideline at top and left also with pulled tabs
Kansas City, MO to Gloucester City, NJ
March 28, 1912

Pulled tabs occurred when a stamp was torn from a roll
and did not break cleanly along the perforations.

Kansas City, MO to Chester Depot, VT
June, 1912 (Backstamp June 24, 1912)
St Louis, MO to Waverly, IA  
December 7, 1911

2-Singles  
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI  
February 28, 1911
U.S. Private Perforations

WM. A. Sisson,
314 Pine Street.
St. Louis, Mo.

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Pair
2.8 mm
Shifted perforations
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
February 28, 1911

Three Strips of 4
First Flight Chicago, IL to Twin Cities, MN
Chicago, IL to Ann Arbor, MN
June 7, 1926

2¢ overpaid Contract Rate of 10¢ up to 1000 miles
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Dr. Pietro Spinelli,
Luino, Prov. di Como,
Italy

COMPAGNIA
CHIMICA D'ANTIKAMNIA
St. Louis, S. U. America Del Norte

Tavolette D'Antikamnia
(Contro Dolore)
In vendita a tutte le buone Farmacie d'Italia

St Louis, MO to Luino, Prov. di Como, Italy
December 5, 1911
A RETOURNER
à la Société Chimique d'Antikamnia
5, Rue de la Paix
PARIS

Monsieur Sonin
Pharmacien La Berralle
St. Etienne (France)

St Louis, MO to St Etienne, France
1911
lifted & replaced

1¢ Pair along with 4¢ Pair of Issue of 1909 with Schermack Type III Perforations
3 MM on Each Pair
First Flight CAM 27 Bay City - Chicago
Ann Arbor, MI
July 17, 1928

Late Usage
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Guideline Pair
2.3 mm

Pasteup with
Plate Number
5619 under tab

2.5 mm
Guideline at bottom

Precancel Margin Block of 6
2.1-2.4 mm

Margin Block
Extra perforations in margin
Siderograher's initials in margin
3 mm

Top Arrow Block
Extra perforations in margin
Left row shifted
3.4 mm
Precancels

Top Plate Block Number 5554
3 mm
Extra row of margin perforation

Left Plate Block Number 5554
3 mm

Right Plate Block Number 5554
3 mm
Margin row shifted perforations
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Precancel Pair
Guideline at bottom
3 mm

2.3 mm

3 mm

Margin Pair
3 mm
Shifted perforations

Pasteup Pair
Siderographer's initials under tab

Guideline Pair
2.3 mm
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

2.4-3 mm
Shifted perforations

Pasteup Strip

Guideline Strip
2.3-2.6 mm

Block
2.4 mm
Shifted perforations

Block
3 mm
e
Plate Block Number 5516
3 mm
e

Plate Block Number 5309
3 mm
Shifted Perforations
e
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

St Louis, MO to Carlisle, PA
March 2, 1911

Carlisle Carpet Mills,
Carlisle,
Penna.

St Louis, MO to Attleboro, MA
November 25, 1911
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

After 5 days, return to
NATIONAL LEAD CO.
SAINT LOUIS, MO.

Single with Guideline at right
Des Moines, IA to Waverly, IA
March 3, 1912

After 5 days, return to
OTIS L. CLONTS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
409-10-11 TIMES BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lessrs Molte & Hiskaddon,
Attorneys At Law,
Clayton, Mo.

Pasteup Single
St Louis, MO to Clayton, MO
May 13, 1912
Kansas City, MO to Superior, NE  
February 21, 1912

"Philatelic West" was a hobby newspaper that operated under that name from 1896-1898 and under the names "Philatelic West and Camera News" from 1898 to 1907 and "Philatelic West and Collector's World" from 1907 to 1930.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1910-1911

Wichita, KS
October 7, 1911

Boston, MA to Worcester, MA
January 30, 1922
Three Pairs with 1¢ imperforate single issue of 1910-1911 on 1¢ entire of 1907-1916
Two Pairs 3 mm and One Pair 2.3 mm
Pine Lawn, MO to Albany, NY
April 23, 1912

2¢ per oz letter rate and 10¢ Registration fee and free Return Receipt service.
After 5 Days, Return to
ROBERTS JOHNSON & RAND SHOE CO.
MANUFACTURERS
ST. LOUIS.
1501-1509 Washington Avenue

Banca Commerciale Italiana,

Palermo,

Italy.

Three singles
St Louis, MO to Palermo, Italy
February 21, 1912

UPU letter rate overpaid 1¢
(ex-Agris)
Pair with 1¢ imperforate horizontal line block issue of 1912 and 3¢ Pair issue of 1910-1913
Benton Harbor, MI to Houston, TX
April 9, 1914

Domestic letter rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Special Delivery fee

Pair with pasteup on right and a 10¢ Pan-American Issue
Detroit, MI to Savannah, GA
November 3, 1914
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Combination of issues and private perforations

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED
STANLEY GIBBONS, INC.
38 PARK ROW
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dr. L. B. Mitchell
P. O. Box 1020
Tampa, Florida

Single with Hudson-Fulton single with United States Automatic Vending Company Type III perforations
New York, NY to Tampa, FL
July 28, 1932
Late Usage for both stamps

Strip of 3 along with 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ imperforated issue of 1908-1909
Detroit, MI to Vienna, Austria
July, 1913
UPU 5¢ letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee
ex-Belasco
Imperforate sheets of 400 were used to produce coils. The sheet was cut into 20 strips of 20 stamps. Each strip had a guide line between the 10th and 11th stamps. Paste-ups were at the end of the strip when the left margin was trimmed to about 1/4 inch and the right margin was trimmed off so that a larger coil could be made.
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Pasteup Strip with Guideline

Guideline Strip

Left Arrow Block
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Mis-perforations

Vertical Pair

Double perforations
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Earliest Known Usage

After 10 days, return to
BEMIS BRO. BAG CO.
601 South Fourth St.,
SAINT LOUIS, MO.

Wichita, Ks.

St. Louis, MO to Wichita, KS
May 14, 1912
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO
Montgomery Ward & Co.
Kansas City, Mo.

S. O. Bigney & Co
Attleboro
Mass

Kansas City, MO to Attleboro, MA
June 3, 1912

RALSTON WHEAT FOOD
GREATEST FOOD VALUE

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
8TH AND GRATIOT
ST. LOUIS, MO.

St Louis, MO to Bethlehem, PA
February 8, 1913
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Mis-perforation

St Louis, MO to Omaha, NE
May 13, 1913

St Louis, MO to Los Angeles, CA
December 30, 1914

Overpaid 1¢
St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.

115 N. 11th Street, ST. LOUIS, MO.
ESTABLISHED 1897.

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.
DEALERS IN
Coins, Postage Stamps, Curios,
Paper Money and Indian Relics.

1849

1914

Mr. A. F. Wooster,
Norfolk,
Connecticut.

St Louis, MO to Norfolk, CT
November 13, 1914

THE HOLBROOK GROCERY CO.
Distributors of
NATIONAL OATS
KEENE, N. H.

F. A. Wilder,
Gilsum, N. H.

-you can taste the difference

Single with Guideline at top
Keene, NH to Gilsum, NH
November 6, 1915
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

SHANK MILLING CO.
Distributors of
"The Feed That Is All Feed"
SALEM, VA.

BUY
CORN
FEED

Mr. G.W. Sisson,
Otey, VA.

Salem, VA to Otey, VA
April 26, 1916

Bandera, TX to Comfort, TX
May 26, 1916
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Guideline Pair
Benton Harbor, MI to Seattle, WA
March 27, 1914

Pair
Seattle, WA, to Benton Harbor, MI
May 7, 1920
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Combination of private perforations

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,
198 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

REGISTERED
RETURN RECEIPT DEMANDED

R. J. Hummel, Esq.,
140 St. Charles St.,
Baton Rouge, La.

Strip of 5 and Strip of 3 and Pair with 2¢ perfin regular Issue of 1910
New York, NY to Baton Rouge, La
December 17, 1912

2¢ Letter Rate and 10¢ Registered Return Receipt Requested Rate
Single with 1¢ and 2¢ Issue of 1913-1915
Waxahachie, TX to Dresden, Germany
November 24, 1915

UPU 5¢ letter rate
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917

Precancel
2 Line
e

Precancel
3 Line
e

Only One Known
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917

Guideline Strip

Guideline at top

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917

Margin Strip

Broken U Variety

Pasteup Strip

guideline Strip
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917

Pasteup Block
e

Vertical Guideline Block
e
St Louis, MO to Butte, MT
August 23, 1917

St Louis, MO to Osborne, KS
August 29, 1917
Ford Motor Company

Detroit,

Michigan

Treasurer's Office

St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
October 18, 1917
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917
Type I

Violet and Light Violet shades

Pasteup Pair

Guideline Pair
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
February 26, 1918
Pair
Detroit, MI to Paris, France
March 18, 1918

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917
Type I

S. E. HEINEMAN
WALDEN
PONTIAC P. O., MICH.

Warren S. Babcock
Major, W.C. U.S.R

Arm. Red Cross Military Hosp., No. 3
4 Rue de Chevreuse
Paris, France

UPU letter rate overpaid 1¢
Type V perforation is not listed in any catalog and is a variation of Type II. It has been referenced in Steve Belasco's new book on private perforations. This variety was first observed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911 by Henry Look, a collector. It is difficult to determine without measuring the size and spacing of the perforations. There are four currently known covers using the 2¢ issue of 1910-1911 and none of the 1¢ of the same issue. At least 75 copies of the 1¢ issue of 1910-1911 were obtained by collectors at the time they were noticed. No one knows for sure how many of any issue exists today.

**Type V**

**Issue of 1910-1911**

![Stamps with different perforations](image)

- **2.2 mm**
- **Guideline Pair**
  - **2.5 mm**
- **3 mm**
  - **e**
- **Guideline Strip**
  - **2.4 mm**
  - **e**
Perfin Pattern 56 was produced by Chambers Motor Company of Detroit, Michigan around 1911
After 3 days, return to
THE EDISON ILLUMINATING COMPANY
DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, MI to Detroit, MI
May 20, 1911
ex-Belasco

W. L. Babcock, M.D.,
Supt. Grace Hospital,
City.

Detroit, MI to Detroit, MI
May 29, 1911
RETURN IN FIVE DAYS, IF NOT DELIVERED, TO
Ford Motor Company
Detroit, U.S.A.

Detroit, MI
June 1, 1911
Imperforate sheets of 400 were used to produce coils. The sheet was cut into 20 strips of 20 stamps. Each strip had a guide line between the 10th and 11th stamps. Paste-ups were at the end of the strip when the left margin was trimmed to about 1/4 inch and the right margin was trimmed off so that a larger coil could be made.
**U.S. Private Perforations**

**Mail-O-Meter Company**

*Type IV*

*Issue of 1912*

- Precancel Two Line
- Precancel Three Line
- Pasteup Strip
- Plate Number Pair Showing Next Sheet
- Plate Number Pair
- Pasteup Plate Number Pair A5900 under tab
- Guideline Pair
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Right Margin Strip

Pasteup Strip Plate Number A5881 under tab

Guideline Strip
Guideline at bottom
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Block e

Horizontal Line Block e

Plate Block Number A5828
Partial Perforation at end of Margin

ex-Belasco
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Vertical Margin Pair

Missing perforation

Strip
Missing and shifted perforations
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Miscut stamps, those showing parts of adjoining stamps, most likely occurred when the affixing machine either jammed or was mis-feeding the roll of stamps.

Return after 5 Days to
PROGRESS TRIMMED HAT CO.
126 N. Union St.
CHICAGO, ILL.

FISHER & CO.
TOMS BROOK.
R.F.D. TO HARRISVILLE, VA

3 Line Precancel
St Louis, MO to Harrisville, VA

FUNSTEN BROS. & CO.
WOOL
St. Louis, Mo. U.S.A.
WHERE YOU GET THE
MOST
MONEY FOR YOUR WOOL

If not delivered within 12 days POSTMASTER will please notify FUNSTEN BROS. & CO. ST. LOUIS, MO. Who will provide return postage.

R. F. D. No. ..............
BOX No. ..............

2 Line Precancel
St Louis, MO to Corry, PA
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

RMS-Railway Post Office Cancel
St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
June 21, 1915

THE HOLBROOK GROCERY CO.
Distributors of
NATIONAL OATS
KEENE, N.H.

F. A. Wilder,
Gilsum, N. H.

Single with 1¢ issue of 1912-1914
Keene, NH to Gilsum, NH
November 25, 1916
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

The Stamp Journal
Drawer 98 Covington Ohio

Burger & Company
90 Nassau St
New York N Y

Single on 1¢ entire issue of 1907-1916
Covington, OH to New York, NY
1915

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,
198 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK

New York, NY to Pottstown, PA
1918
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company
Type IV
Issue of 1912

Pair with Guideline at bottom
Detroit, MI to Superior, NE
August 30, 1912

After Five Days Return To
COVEL MFG. CO.
BENTON HARBOR, MICH. U. S. A.

Mr. L. L. Filstrup
3146 Sheridan Road
Chicago Ill

Pair
Benton Harbor, MI to Chicago, IL
September 28, 1914