

Cummins' Postage Stamp Perforator

No. 52 (Five dies)

Under the Postmaster General's ruling, dated May 4, 1908, it is lawful to perforate U. S. Postage Stamps with letters, numerals or other marks or devices, for identification purposes. This has been found the only effective method of preventing the stealing of stamps by office boys, mailing clerks, etc.

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This page, taken from the B.F. Cummins catalog was an early advertisement for the hand operated five die No. 52 perforator. It is hard to conceive of this craftsmanship at a starting price of \$27.50.



THE PERFORATIONS MADE BY THIS MACHINE CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT; i. e., HOLES NOT OVER $\frac{1}{32}$ INCH IN DIAMETER, TOTAL SPACE NOT OVER $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH SQUARE.

The stamps are perforated without being separated from the sheet. They lie flat on a plate flush with the die and are pushed forward by the operator one row at a time. An adjustable marginal guide properly locates the perforation on each stamp. The handle is raised by a spring and its stroke is short---suitable for rapid work.

PRICES and CAPACITIES

Perforating:	Price
3 or less initials on each stamp (20 stamps each stroke. Row of 5, four sheets thick.)	\$27.50
4 initials on each stamp (15 stamps each stroke. Row of 5, three sheets thick.)	\$31.25
5 initials on each stamp (10 stamps each stroke. Row of 5, two sheets thick.)	\$35.00
6 initials on each stamp (10 stamps each stroke. Row of 5, two sheets thick.)	\$38.75

SPECIFICATIONS:—Weight, net 23 lbs., boxed 28 lbs. Base 5 x 11 inches. Height 10½ inches. Length of handle, 11 inches. Finished in black enamel and nickel.

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