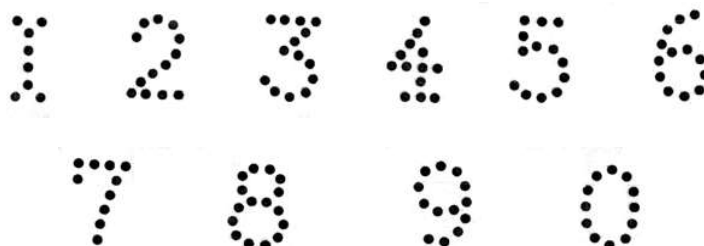


ABBOTT AUTOMATIC CHECK PERFORATOR

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In Bulletin 339/17 there was an item on number perforations. I have recently bought a cheque perforator that can be used to perforate similar numerals. The machine is an Abbott Automatic Check Perforator made in the early 1900's. Abbott was based in Chicago, Illinois around the turn of the 20th century and produced machines for both the US and European markets. The machine is illustrated below along with the set of numerals that can be produced by the machine.

The 8mm high numbers are not the same as were illustrated in Bulletin 339 but I think that the number perforations found on Machin stamps may well be from a similar type of perforation machine.



[Ed:- The illustrations can be seen in colour on the Society's website.]