

Member **Martin Evans** has sent scans of a 1937 Letter Box Inspection Form. These are taken from a scrapbook in his collection; this book contains various forms, envelopes, lists of postal rates, etc, and was originally used by an instructor at the Liverpool Postal School. □

**LETTER BOX INSPECTION REPORT.**

| Letter Box No.   |  | Date of Inspection |  |
|--|--|--------------------|--|
| Is the box<br>in a satisfactory<br>condition as<br>regards | Lock   |                    |  |
|  | Keyhole Shield   |                    |  |
|  | Notice Plate   |                    |  |
|  | Time or No. Tablet   |                    |  |
|  | Tablet Holder  |                    |  |
|  | Enamel Plate surrounding aperture of T.S.O. boxes  |                    |  |
|  | Wire Guard (if used)   |                    |  |
|  | Paintwork  |                    |  |
|  | Inside (Cleanliness)   |                    |  |
|  | Directional Sign (if any)  |                    |  |
| *Indicate<br>"Yes" by ✓<br>"No" by X                       | Stamp Selling Machine (if any)   |                    |  |
|  | Are the times, etc., correctly shown on the Notice Plate and are they in agreement with the Tablets? |                    |  |
| Date of Repair, &c.  |  |                    |  |
| *Report on defects.  |  |                    |  |
| Signature.....   |  |                    |  |
| Rank.....  |  |                    |  |

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**INSPECTION OF LETTER BOXES.**

Officers inspecting Letter Boxes should satisfy themselves on the following points:—

Locks.

That the edge against which the spring bolt of the lock strikes is not in a rough or rusty condition.  
That the lock is accurately fitted, so that there is no "play" or movement when the door is locked.  
That the spring is not weak or working sluggishly or the curtain faulty.  
That the bolthead shoots correctly behind the box frame and to its full length.  
That all the lock case screws are in position and screwed tightly home.  
That the Keyhole Shield is properly oiled.

Doors.

That the doors open easily.  
That the door hinges are not in worn condition.  
That the hinges are properly oiled.  
That the oil hole of the bottom hinge is equipped with a wooden plug.

Notice Plates, &c.

That the Notice Plates, Directional Signs, Tablets and Tablet Frames are in good condition.

Chute and Wirework.

That the chute and wirework are in good condition and properly fixed.

Baffle Plate.

That the baffle plate is in good condition and not rusted or bent.

Tablet Box.

That the Tablet box is firmly fixed.

Interior of Box.

That the interior of the box is free from dust and dirt.

Exterior of Box.

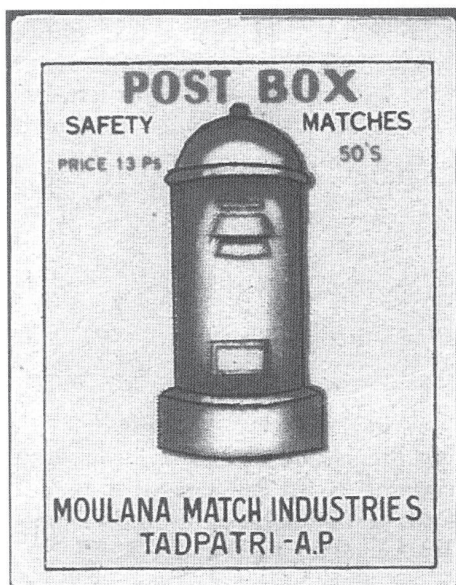
That the box does not require to be washed or repainted.

## A LETTER BOX MATCHBOX LABEL

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Over a period of several years I have searched for matchbox labels that depict letter boxes to add to my ephemera collection. I have only ever come across one such item, although others must surely exist so new reports are welcomed.

Wikipedia's entry for matches (found at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Match>) states: "The development of a specialised matchbook with both matches and a striking surface did not occur until the 1890s with the American Joshua Pusey, who later sold his patent to the Diamond Match Company. The Diamond Match Company was later bought by Bryant and May. The hobby of collecting match-related items, such as match covers and matchbox labels, is called phillumeny."



I set about trying to find out information about Moulana Match Industries, but drew a total blank. Examination of the label reveals that it is from India because Tadpatri is a city and a municipality in Anantapur district in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh (the A.P. mentioned on the label).

It has not been possible to date the item, but the red post box depicted does loosely resemble a design that has recently been depicted on an Indian stamp. □

