

Match Manufacturers:

Union Match Co.

(1926-1938)

Ohhhhh! This is a good one! One of the hobby's treasures! Every time you find one, you're holding a cover that's at least 71 years old! *That's* the big attraction of these covers, aside from the history and better than average art work.

There was an earlier Union match Company, but this one bears no relationship. It was purchased by Federal Match Co., and both companies merged to form Federal Match Corp. in 1938, and, of course, Federal then went on to become a force to be reckoned with, itself.

It's production center was in Hudson, NY. It was also the originator of the Blot-r-Match (c. 1928-1938) [an example is shown below], in addition to having the Union Quality (1926-1934) and Union Match Quality (1927) footers. Being a devotee of older covers, I really appreciate Union Match Co. covers. They're way above the cheapie oldies, such as Jersey and Manhattan, in quality.

Not surprisingly, I maintain the listing of Union Match Co. covers. Currently listed are 212 covers, not including another 115 Blot-r-Matches. You know they had to have produced significantly more than 327 covers in their 12 year existence, but these covers don't pop up very often, so the listing usually only grows by a few covers each year....but my eyes are always peeled for *Union Match Co.!*

