Ohio For Safety

Something of a wonderful oddity in the world of footers, Ohio Match Company's for Safety footer is unique. Several other companies either had already used, or were using, the Safety First footer, but only Ohio used for Safety.

Issued in the 1930s, they're normally seen in conjunction with the wider type of striker characteristic of most 1930s and earlier covers.

As can be seen with the examples pictured here, these covers are nice, but they're not known for their art work, as, say, Crowns were. That's somewhat surprising because Ohio's other wide-striker issues (without the footer) are known for their art work. Indeed, they arguably issued the most spectacular Hotel covers ever seen.

I've only got 17 in my own collection, and only 88 were listed as April 21, 2020...











