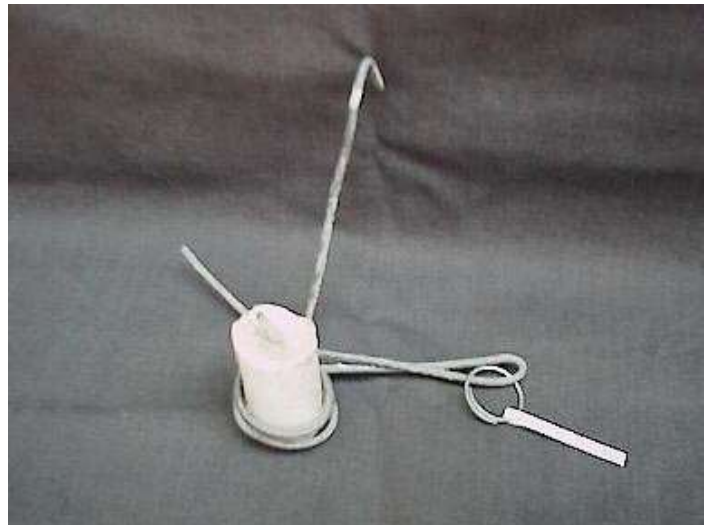
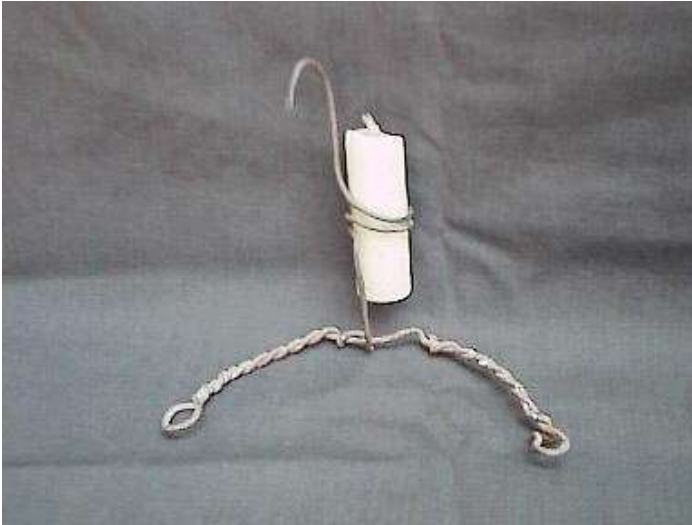


'Used' Candlesticks

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Those who dare explore abandoned mines know that the nicer mining implements were removed long ago. When it comes to candlesticks, it is almost unheard of to find even a rusted out Varney left behind. Any stick I have heard of was not only a wire stick, but hand-made by the miner as well. I know of only one found in Arizona, and two others were recently reported by Ted Bobrink who found them in the Calico, CA mines. A find like this may not be directly equated to owning a 'high-end' candlestick, but it's personal significance is priceless, for these sticks were most certainly the ones that were used.



Hand-made wire candlesticks from the Calico district.

Certainly more collectible, but never found underground are manufactured/patented candlesticks, of which the photo below illustrates. This stick was patented by Edson W. Packer in 1904. This stick was found in Idaho, where the stick was patented (Mace, Idaho Patent No. 760,398).



Packer patented wire candlestick.