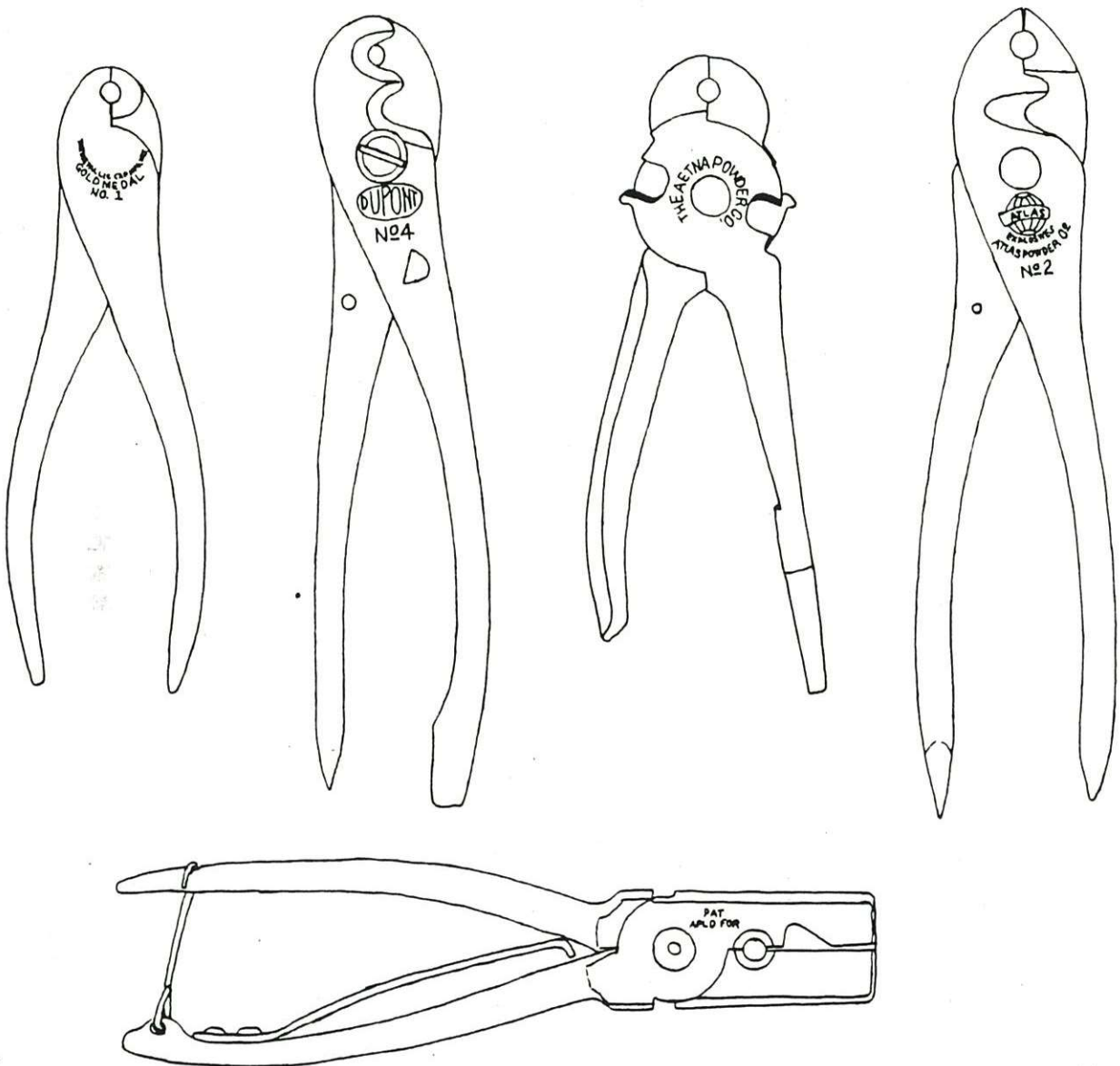


## Blasting Cap Crimpers

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Blasting cap crimpers are a special tool for fastening blasting caps to safety fuse. They are generally made of steel or brass and are found in a variety of shapes, sizes, and finishes.

Cap crimpers are made so that they will secure the cap firmly in place, but not interfere with the burning of the fuse. Almost all cap crimpers have one of the handles rounded and pointed for punching holes into the dynamite sticks. Illustrated below are five different cap crimpers.



I am in the process of writing and illustrating a booklet on different blasting cap crimpers. I would very much appreciate good photocopies of crimpers (both sides), particularly varieties that are known to be uncommon. Cap crimper advertisements are also sought. Your assistance will help to make the cap crimper booklet as complete and accurate as possible.