

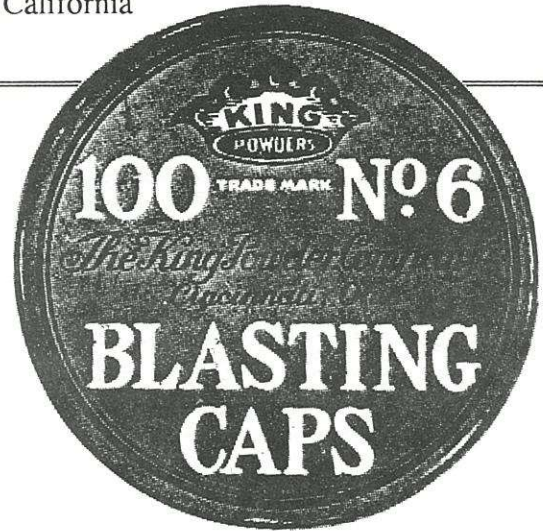
# THE KING POWDER COMPANY

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In 1877, Joseph Warren King, his nephew Ahimaaz King, and other members of the family organized King's Great Western Powder Company. The company was incorporated in Ohio in 1878. In 1889, the company's name was changed to The King Powder Company.<sup>1</sup>

The King Powder Company went out of business in 1954.

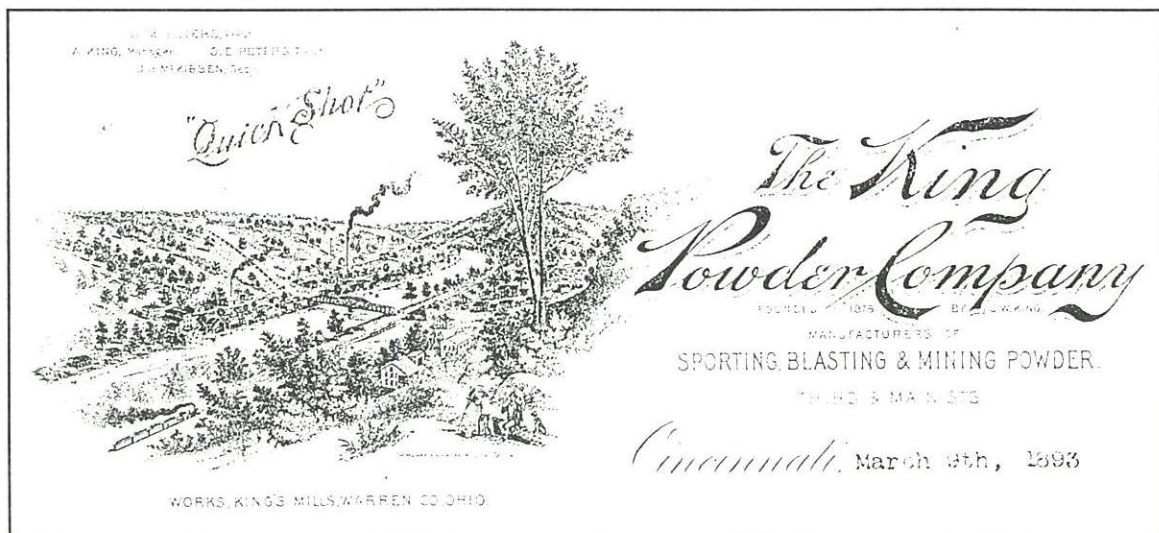
Blasting items for the King Powder Company are scarce. There are only two styles of blasting cap tins known from the company at this time. The round tin shown to the right is one of the most desirable cap tins sought after by collectors today because of its attractive contrasting colors.



A round No. 6 King Powder Company cap tin with red and white lettering on a yellow background. (Ron Killingsworth collection)



A square No. 6 King Powder Company cap tin. All of the examples of this tin known at this time are missing the lids. (Jane Girard collection)



An 1893 letterhead from the King Powder Company. (Author's collection)

1. Arthur P. Van Gelder and Hugo Schlatter, History of the Explosives Industry in America. (New York: Columbia University Press, 1927). pp. 275-281.