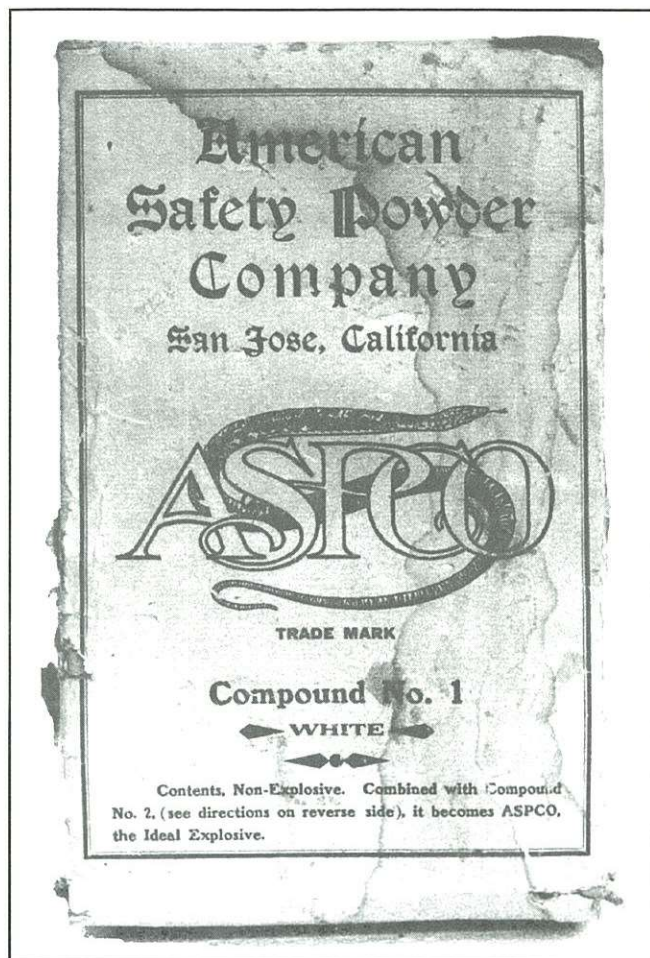


AMERICAN SAFETY POWDER COMPANY BOX

by Deric English

Founded in 1907 and folding in 1909, the American Safety Powder Company (ASPCO) was a short-lived powder company that produced a chlorate blasting powder. This company was listed in the San Jose, City Directory in. The United Powder Company, in the Auzerias Building of San Jose, acquired ASPCO in 1909, but little is known regarding the United Powder Company. Due to the short time ASPCO was in existence, any item from this powder company would be quite uncommon.

This particular box contained a "Compound No. 1" that was to be mixed with an equal portion of "Compound No. 2." Instructions on the box call for a pliable oil cloth, rolling pin or bottle, and sieve or sifter to prepare the powders for mixing. Most likely these items, if used at all, were substituted with a piece of canvas, whiskey bottle and window screen. When Compounds No. 1 and 2 were mixed and blended to a uniform color, no further mixing was required. When large quantities of ASPCO were needed, a patented mixer, funnel and cartridge filler were available from the manufacturer. The patented cartridge filler could fill six cartridges at a time. One could also obtain, from ASPCO, waterproof paper cartridges to hold this explosive. (All of these would be interesting blasting collectibles.)



5" x 6" x 9.75" cardboard American Safety Powder Company box, CA - 1907.

Detonation of American Safety Powder is similar to detonation of most explosives, but ASPCO recommended that Lion or XXXXX (Quintuplex) blasting caps be used. ☒

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