

The "VICTOR" Magneto Blasting Machine

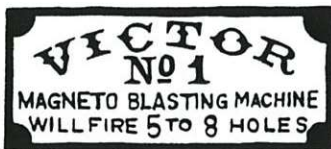
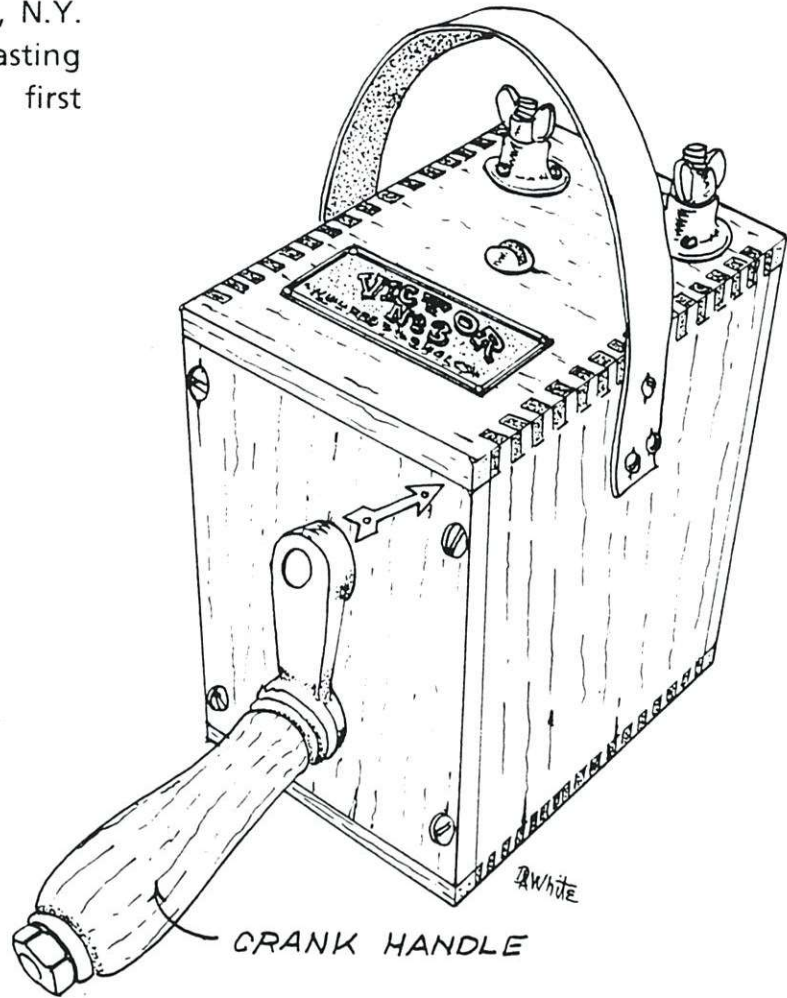
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Another unique design manufactured by JAMES MACBETH & CO., New York, N.Y. was the "VICTOR" crank operated blasting machine. This machine was first manufactured in the 1890's.

Made in three sizes:

- No. 1 (illustrated) - fired 5 to 8 holes
- No. 2 - fired 20 to 30 holes
- No. 3 - fired 60 to 70 holes

No. 1 - wood box dimensions:
5" x 7 1/2" x 7", wt. 14 lbs.



cast brass ID plate (shown 1/2 size)

To fire the "VICTOR," a quick half turn of the crank handle (clockwise), was usually all that was required to detonate the charge. The quicker the motion, the more current was generated. The metal arrow mounted in the upper right corner above the crank handle, was the recommended starting position when cranking.

We are unsure whether JAMES MACBETH & CO. produced their "VICTOR" machine for any powder companies of the time. Our machine has only the ID plate illustrated above.