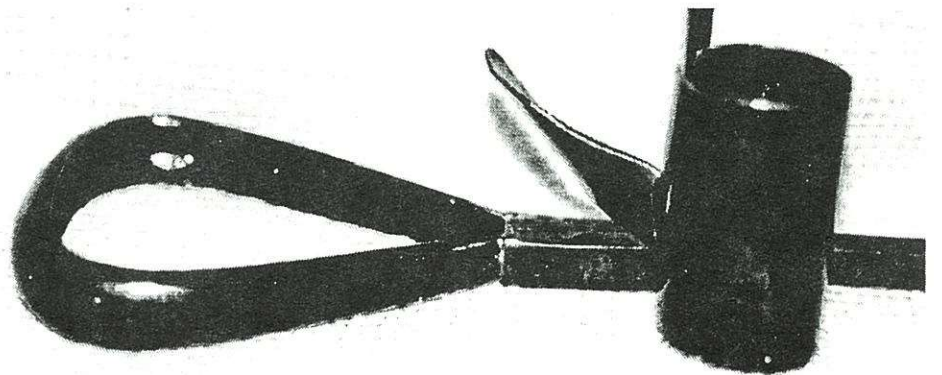
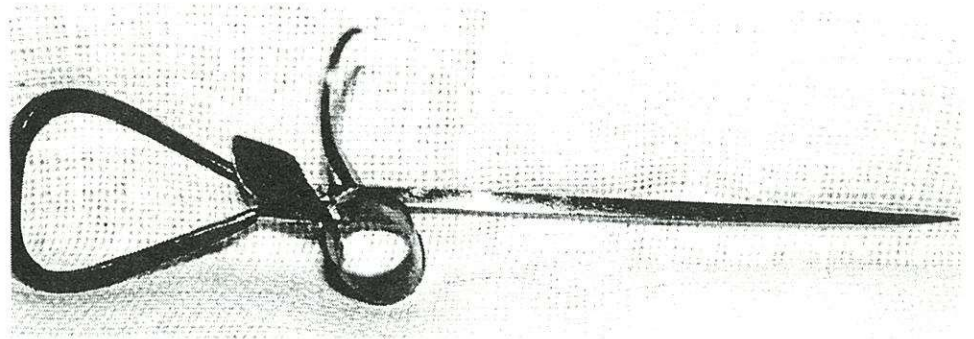


Candlesticks

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An Arizona Stick

In September, while visiting Arizona, I acquired this nice stick which had recently been found in an old home in the mining town of Jerome. Measuring 9 3/4" in overall length, this very well made stick features a thumb lever that turns 45 degrees from thimble to end for a surprisingly comfortable feel when pressed. Rather than the usual teardrop loop, the half-rounded handle has a rounded triangular shape hollowed out in the manner of a "high-grader" handle. In reality it is too small to actually serve that purpose. The spike is square for its entire length as is the hook. Overall workmanship is excellent.



Split-thimble Candlestick

The stick pictured here has the split thimble indicative of the "Comstock style." A very simple design, this style stick is identifiable in early pho-

tos of the Comstock Lode in Nevada in the 1860's. This style of candlestick has the thimble located on the centerline of the spike, rather than

being offset like most sticks. There is no thumb lever on the thimble and no hook. Overall length of this stick is 7 1/2". Overall workmanship is good to very good.

