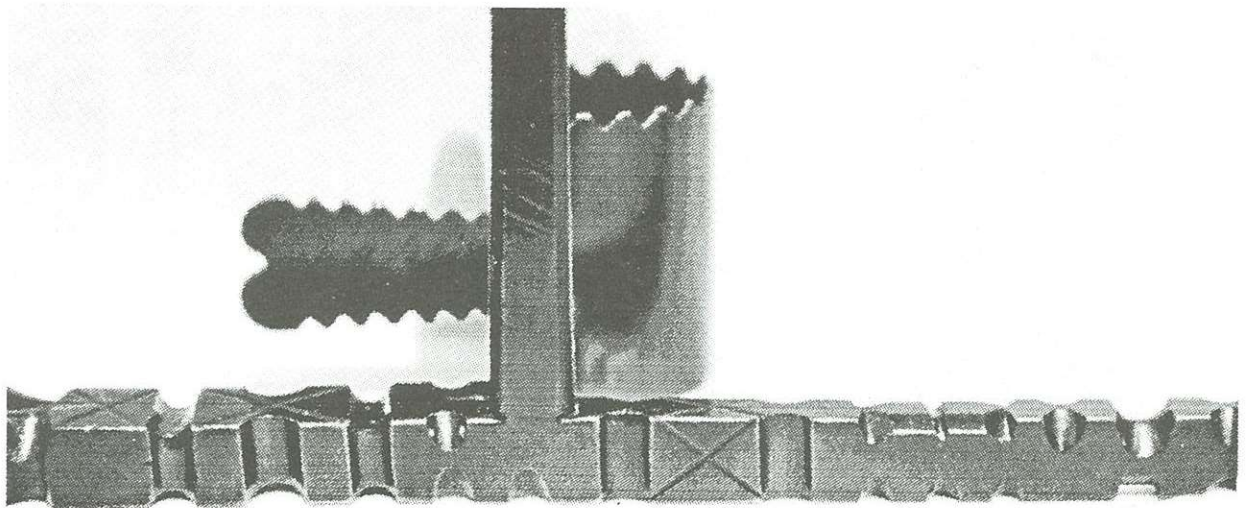
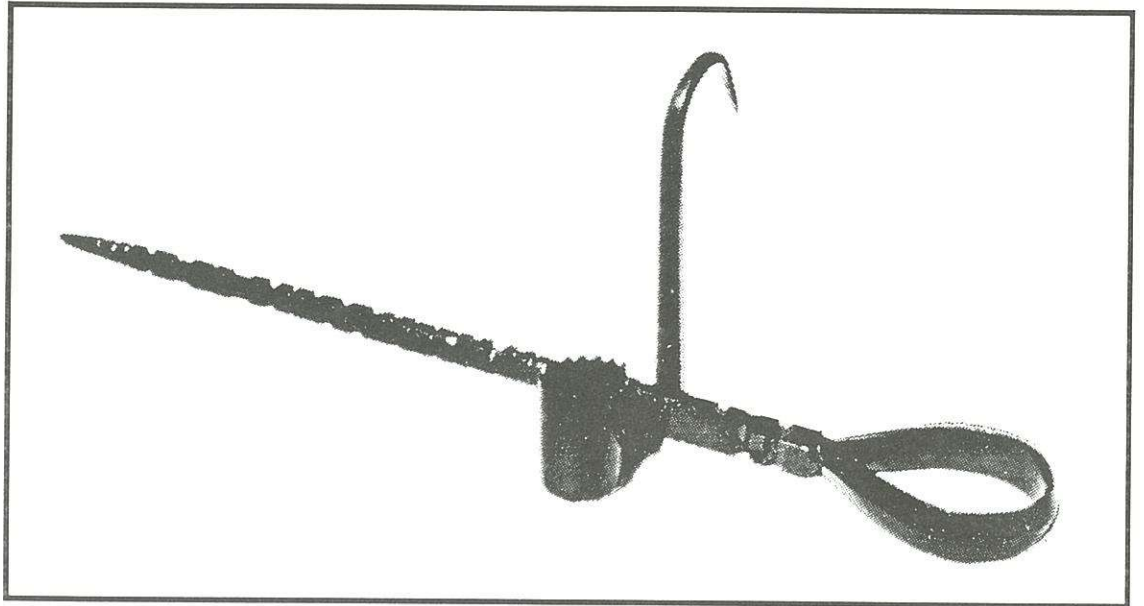


Fancy Candlesticks

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A masterpiece of filing. This stick has a nicely blued finish. It took 30 years of work before this stick was let loose.

Pictured here are two fancy candlesticks. The first (opposite page) is a highly decorative stick measuring 13 1/8" in length with a hook that is 4 1/8" high. It has an octagonal hook, a handle that is beveled to form a sort of triangular shape, a serrated edge thumb lever and thimble, and a very highly decorated spike.

This stick sat in a mineral dealer's collection for more than 30 years. I had been trying to purchase this stick since I was a kid and the owner finally decided to let it go.

The second stick (below) is 11 1/2" long, with a hook that is 3 1/4" high. This stick has an unusual oval thumb lever with an oval hole in the center. The spike is decorated with a variety of file work throughout its length.

When I bought this stick I had only seen a photo and the thumb lever caught my attention. After receiving the stick I discovered that it was covered with a dried tar-like material. When I started to remove this material I discovered the file work on the spike. This coating obviously preserved the stick.

