

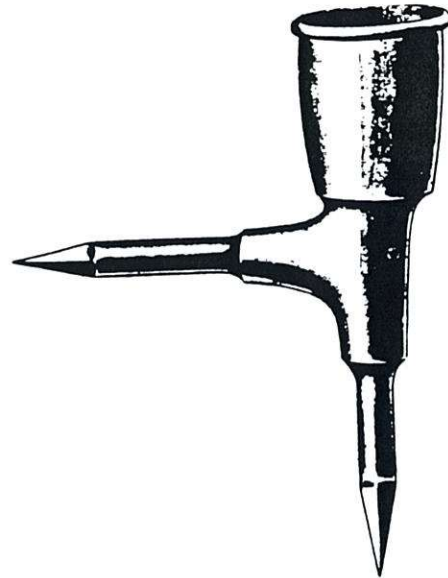
The Sticking Tommy

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Early advertising, patent directories, and other reference works can often help to clarify misnomers in terminology. The advertisement shown to the right clearly illustrates a device called a "Sticking Tommy." You may have seen these at flea markets and antique shops and many antique dealers claim that they are miner's candleholders. They most certainly are not! The ad is from an 1897 Thomas Laughlin Company catalog, manufacturers of "Marine Hardware, Tackle Blocks, Galvanized Ship, Yacht and Boat Trimmings." It is clear that these "Sticking Tommies" were meant to be used on boats and ships. The advertisement was provided courtesy of Mike Andrews.

Sticking Tommies.

FOR CANDLES.
GALVANIZED.



1897

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OF

THE THOMAS LAUGHLIN COMPANY

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