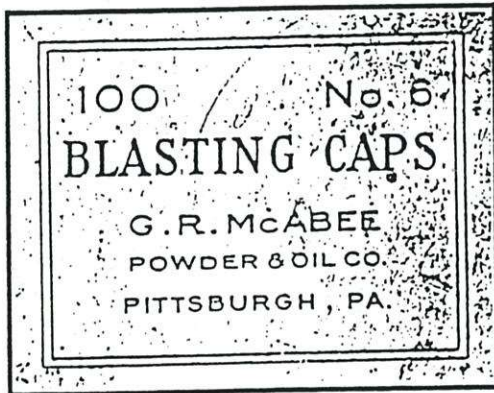


The George R. McAbee Powder and Oil Company Blasting Cap Tins

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The George R. McAbee Powder and Oil Company was one of the many powder companies that G. R. McAbee either organized or was associated with. It was incorporated on November 17, 1904, in Pennsylvania to replace the business of the Crescent Powder Company which he had started in 1902, but was destroyed by a disastrous explosion on May 4, 1904. This new plant manufactured all the usual grades of dynamite including permissible powders for the local coal mines. In 1922, the Atlas Powder Company acquired the plant and operated it for about two years.



Metallic red with black letters.
No printing on sides or ends.
(Ted Bobrink collection)



Red orange and reddish brown
(Wendell Wilson collection)



The Consumers Powder Company

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Very little seems to be known about the Consumers Powder Company. In 1882, the name of the company was changed from the Mutual Manufacturing Company to the Consumers Powder Company. It was bought out by DuPont in 1903. Shown to the right is a safety fuse wrapper from this company. The wrapper was found by Mark Parker in one of the mines of the Rand district near Randsburg, California. The wrapper is printed in red.

