

Cap Tin Bonanza - continued

by Andy Martin

As noted in the last update, helpful readers are reporting previously unknown tins at a rapid rate. This is a mixed blessing. On the one hand it is nice to see these nifty treasures unearthed. However, you can't help but feel you are falling behind if every year there are many more tins to collect, while your collection is barely growing.

The **PEERLESS-UNION** is a nice prize. A smaller than normal tin in combination with a minor company makes for a good combination in terms of rarity. The round **GIANT POWDER** is an interesting item, with the Giant logo and "Everything for Blasting" slogan that look like the end board on the Giant/Atlas powder boxes used in the western mines from the 1920's to W.W.II. It is unfortunate that tins like this were not sold to these mines, since it is very hard for US collectors to find any type of Giant container. Perhaps our neighborly Canadian mining buffs can ship a few of these down here to relieve the shortage ;-)

The square **KING POWDER** find is one we've been waiting to see for some time, ever since Jane Girard reported the bottom for it several years ago. The indistinct wording at the base of the illustration reads "THE KING POWDER COMPANY incorporated CINCINNATI, O." Hopefully you Ohio collectors out there can round up some more of these rascals. Continuing on to the **TROJAN POWDER** item, it should be reported that I'm a metal man, and paper cap containers usually don't rate space in this column. This one has a nice stencil design however, so we'll let it slip in.

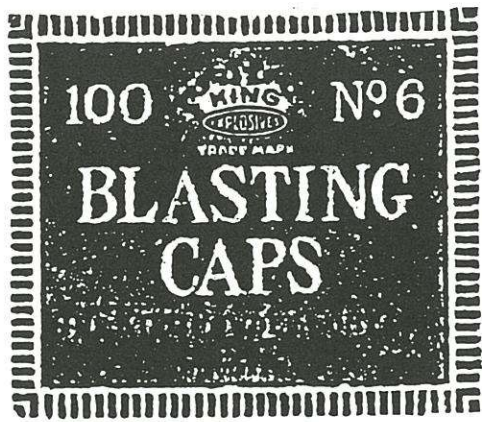
An interesting European piece is shown in the **DYNAMIT NOBEL WIEN** illustration. This was produced by the Nobel Dynamite company of Vienna, Austria. This tin is an exception to the rule that neat designs are not found in modern day tins, as the piece only dates back to 1972. The cap and fuse are done well, and even better is the depiction of an old time European miner hard at work with hammer and chisel. In the "Good old days" before explosives, the miners literally broke the ore free with hand tools. These sorts of facts come in handy when your kids whine about their chores.

To round things out, we have a couple variants of previously reported tins. The "HERICA" is a new type for **DAVEY BICKFORD SMITH**, and the N° 8 is a variant of the more common Nobel, N°6.

PEERLESS-UNION N°6
25 CAPS
Reported by Bob Schroth



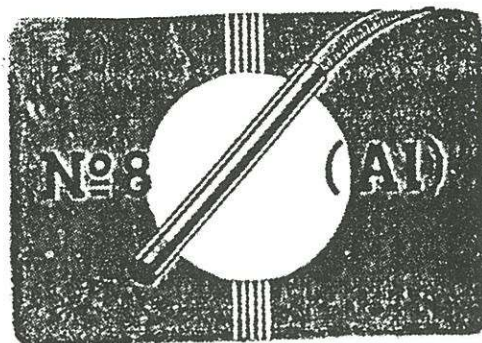
GIANT POWDER OF CANADA No. 6
Reported by Donald Blyth
(not to scale)



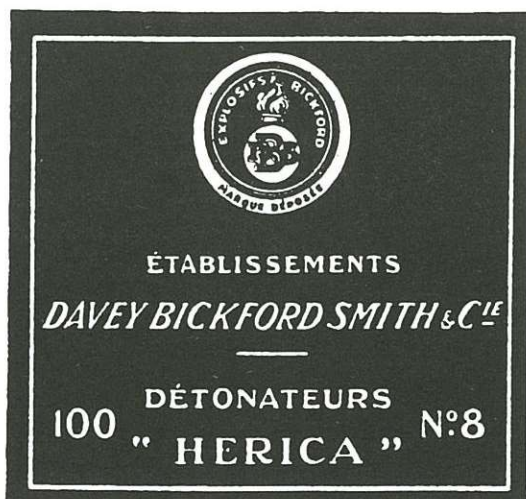
KING, No. 6, square
Reported by Dan Lockard



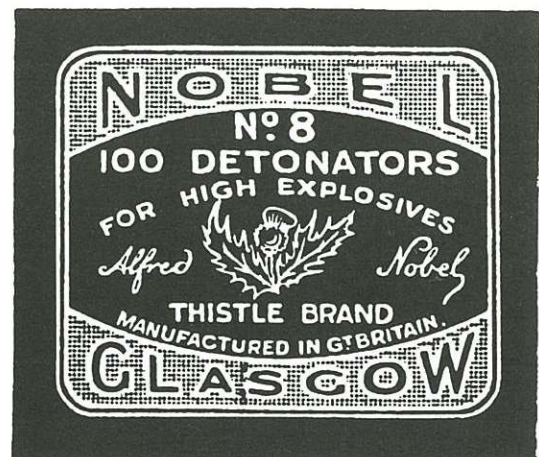
TROJAN POWDER, No. 6,
(paper box)
Reported by Bob Guthrie



DYNAMIT NOBEL WEIN, BRIMONT, No. 8, bottom views
Reported by Urs Hilfiker



DAVEY BICKFORD SMITH & Co., 100 No. 8, "HERICA"
Reported by Urs Hilfiker



NOBEL, No. 8, GT BRITAIN
Reported by Urs Hilfiker