

Cap Tin Update

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Before getting down to the “nitty gritty” on this update, we must pay homage to the New Mexico collectors John Kynor and Scott Altenbach. Together, this dynamic duo managed to turn up 6 of the 9 tins covered by this update. Come on guys, chill

out and give the rest of us a chance to find some stuff!

The two METALLIC CAP MFG. WORKS tins probably date from 1908 to around 1910. The “WORKS” name was used after the DuPont pur-

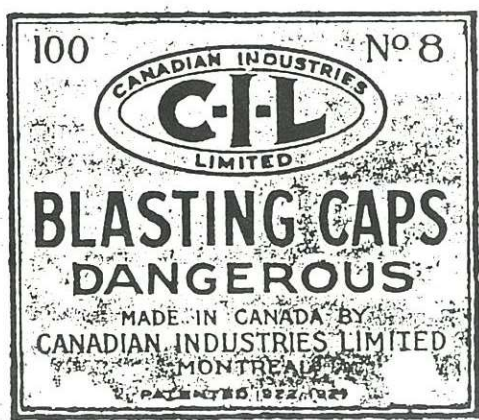
chase of Metallic Cap in 1908, and the cheap paper label was soon (?) upgraded to the classier painted construction seen in the Metallic No. 5, NEW YORK, square and round tins.



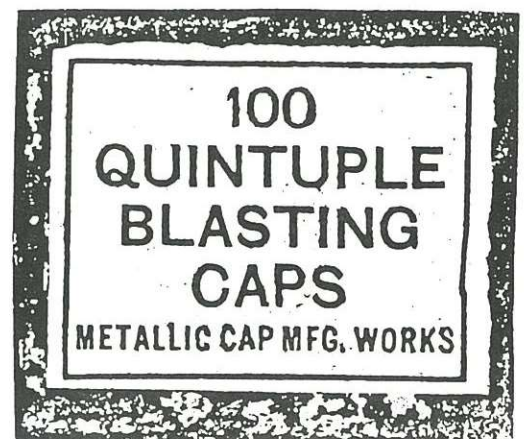
REPAUNO, EXTRA TRIPLE, round
 Embossed lid
 Reported by Phillip Zink



METALLIC CAP, QUINTUPLE, round
 Blue letters on white paper
 Reported by Scott Altenbach



CIL, No. 8, MADE IN CANADA
 Painted yellow with black letters
 Reported by John Kynor

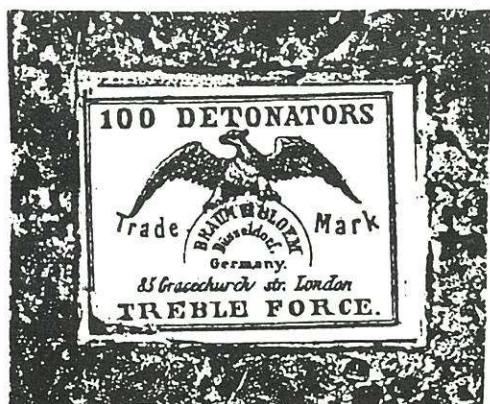


METALLIC CAP, QUINTUPLE, square
 Blue letters on white paper
 Reported by Scott Altenbach

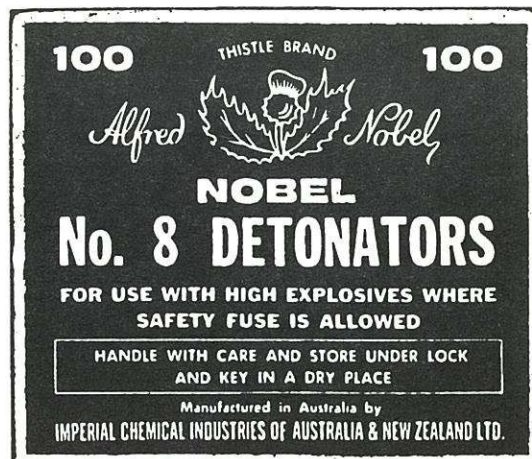
The Repauno, EXTRA TRIPLE, round tin fits nicely into the TRIPLE (No. 3 strength), EXTRA TRIPLE (No. 4), and QUINTUPLE (No. 5) sequence of round and square Repauno tins. Only one item is now needed to complete the set of six variants, a Repauno QUINTUPLE square tin.

At long last a French tin has surfaced, namely the French Munitions Company No. 8. Collectors who were aware of the number of English and German detonator manufacturers have long wondered how the proud French met their need for caps. Surely they didn't just buy them from the

foreign nations. Some answers are provided by this tin which dates from November, 1949. The motto "De Chasse, De Tir Et De Guerre" loosely translates to "For Hunting, Shooting, and War."



BRAUN & BLOEM, 85 Bracechurch str. London
 Blue gray letters on white paper
 Reported by Ed Diekman



IMPERIAL CHEMICAL, No. 8
 White letters on red paper
 Reported by Michael Newnham



FRENCH MUNITIONS, No. 8
 Black and red on white paper
 Reported by Urs Hilfiker

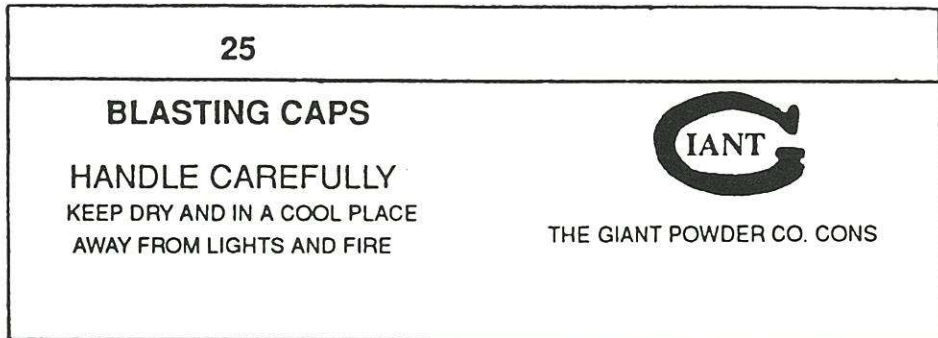
Perhaps the relative scarcity of French tins is due to limited domestic consumption (few hard rock mines), and lack of a good export market.

The COLUMBIA POWDER tin is the first tin known that relates to this company. Columbia Powder was based in Tacoma, Washington, and sold dynamite in the 1940 to 1950 period. Little else is known about

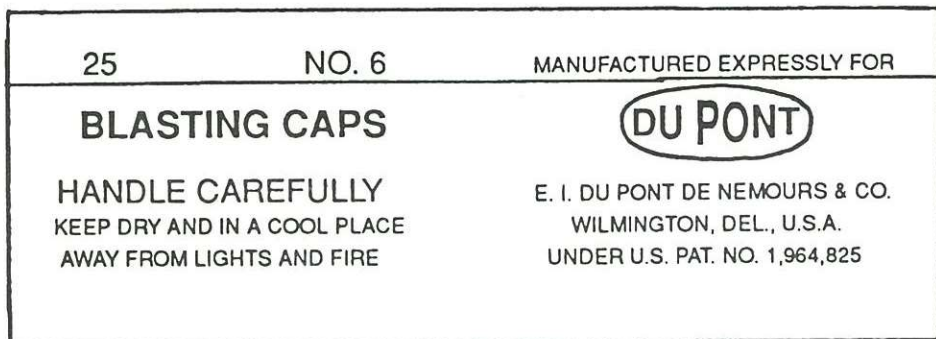
them, perhaps a reader can fill in some of the blanks.

In an earlier article (Eureka, Summer 1992) the prediction was made that more variants of the 25 cap paper label tins made by California Cap Co. would turn up. John Kynor was lucky enough to find two of these, the Giant Powder No. 6 (?), and the DuPont No. 6. They both have flat,

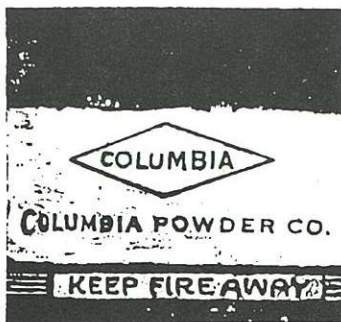
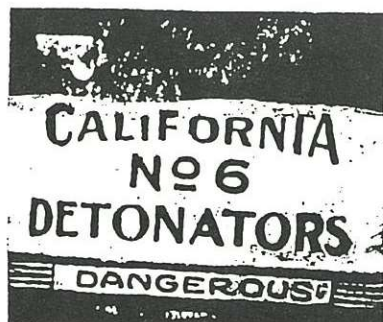
unembossed lids, and paper bottom labels perforated with code dates. The labels are usually in poor shape and hard to xerox, so John used his computer to print out representations of the labels. Of course I had to use my computer to "improve" the job (check out that nifty DUPONT), so it's hard to say how close the final illustrations are to the actual labels.



GIANT POWDER
No. 6 (?), 25 Caps
Paper label, flat lid
 Red letters on cream paper.
 Illustration is approximate representation.
 Reported by John Kynor



DUPONT
No. 6, 25 Caps
Paper label, flat lid
 White letters on red paper.
 Illustration is approximate representation.
 Reported by John Kynor



CALIFORNIA CAP
BLASTING CAPS DANGEROUS
for COLUMBIA POWDER
 Embossed lid, blue and red letters on white paper label
 Bottom label shown right
 Reported by John Kynor