

# Ten Rare Tins Discovered

by Andy Martin

In my three previous EUREKA! articles I had the pleasure of introducing a total of 15 previously unknown tins to the collection community. This update is distinguished both by the number of tins involved (10), and the fine overall quality represented.

Perhaps the most unusual of the 10 is the 100 BLASTING CAPS, No. 6. This seems to be an early representative of the generic brand trend currently in vogue. Almost every cap tin gives the name of a dynamite com-

pany or blasting cap manufacturer, but not this one. Judging from the appearance of the bottom and the font used on the lid, the tin was probably made by Hercules Powder Company. For some reason the identity of the manufacturer had to be concealed. Perhaps some reader can shed more light on this mystery.

A tin of particular interest to me is the Brewster, No. 6, which was found in the abandoned mines of New Mexico sites on the dividing line of the commercial territory of eastern and west-

ern powder and cap manufacturers. The eastern Ajax, Aetna, and Metallic cap tins are also found in New Mexico, as are Jefferson, Aetna, and Climax dynamite boxes. These items were rarely, if ever, used in the mines of states further to the west. A final note - the meaning of B-S was "Brewster's Sure", rather than the present day "political oration".

The Illinois No. 8 tin is at present only a "catalog" item, since it is only known from the accompanying illustration. Let's hope Bob can find a real one soon and legitimize it.



**AETNA POWDER CO., No. 5, DETONATORS**

Painted dark green and black  
Reported by Bob Schroth

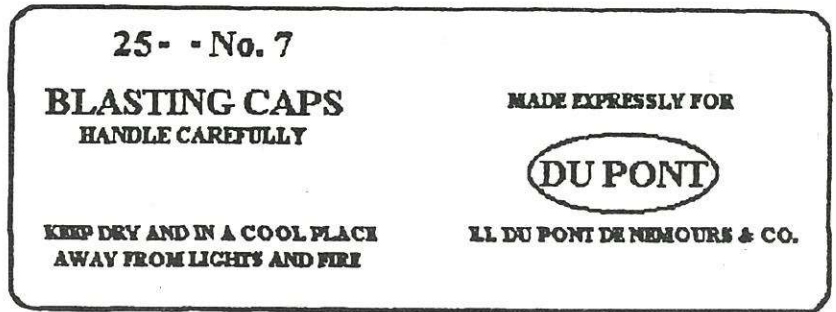


**ATLANTIC EXTRA TRIPLE**

Embossed lid  
Reported by Bob Schroth



**BREWSTER, No. 6**  
Painted Yellow and Black  
Reported by Scott Altenbach



**DU PONT, No. 7, 25 Caps, paper label**  
Light brown and white, plain lid  
Reported by John Kynor

**BLASTING CAPS**



Packed 100 in a Box



**No. 6 Cap**

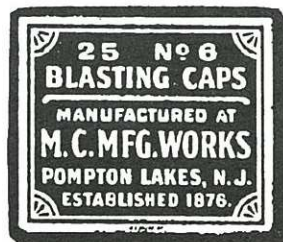


**No. 8 Cap**

**ILLINOIS, No. 8**  
Catalog Illustration  
Reported by Bob Schroth



**GOLD MEDAL, W'K'S, round**  
Painted Gold Gilt and Black  
Reported by John Kynor



**METALLIC CAP, No. 6, N.J., 25 CAPS**  
Painted white letters on orange red background  
Reported by Bob Richardson



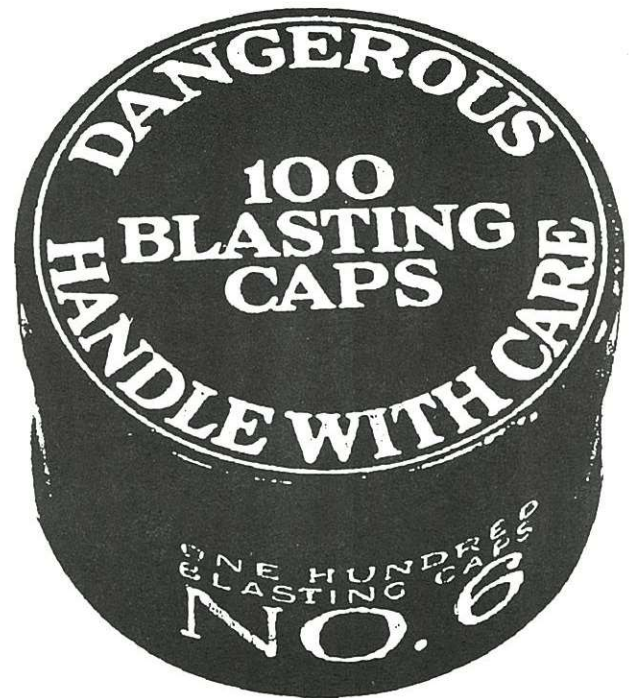
MONTECATINI EDISON, No. 10  
 Painted Yellow and Black  
 Reported by Alessio Grimaldi



MONTECATINI EDISON  
 Illustration on bottom



No. 6, GT. BRITAIN  
 Red letters on yellow and white  
 Reported by John Kynor



100 BLASTING CAPS, No. 6  
 Painted white and light brown  
 Reported by Errol Christman