

Larry Kuester of Yorba Linda, California sent copies of box labels that he found in a mine near the Tecopa, California area. The boxes are 5 1/2" x 7" x 2 1/2 " deep. These boxes held one dozen replacement drill bits. The bits are screwed onto the end of the drill steel that miners use in their jackhammers to drill the holes for the dynamite.



Red lettering on white background



Green lettering on white background



Bob Werner of Green River, Wyoming sent us a nice drawing of a candlestick in his collection with the name "W. HEMENW" gang stamped into the thimble. Although the candlestick is simple in design and made without a hook, it is a classic example of a stick that often leads to the question: "Is the name that of the owner or the maker?" Because the candlestick is unique, there will always be a doubt until another example surfaces.

It is our belief that when the name is gang stamped in such a manner that it had to be done when the stick was being formed, it is most likely that of the maker. An example of this is the I.X.L. which is stamped on the inside of the handle (see page 18, this issue). The owner of a stick is more likely to have his name stamped onto the spike after it had been purchased.

