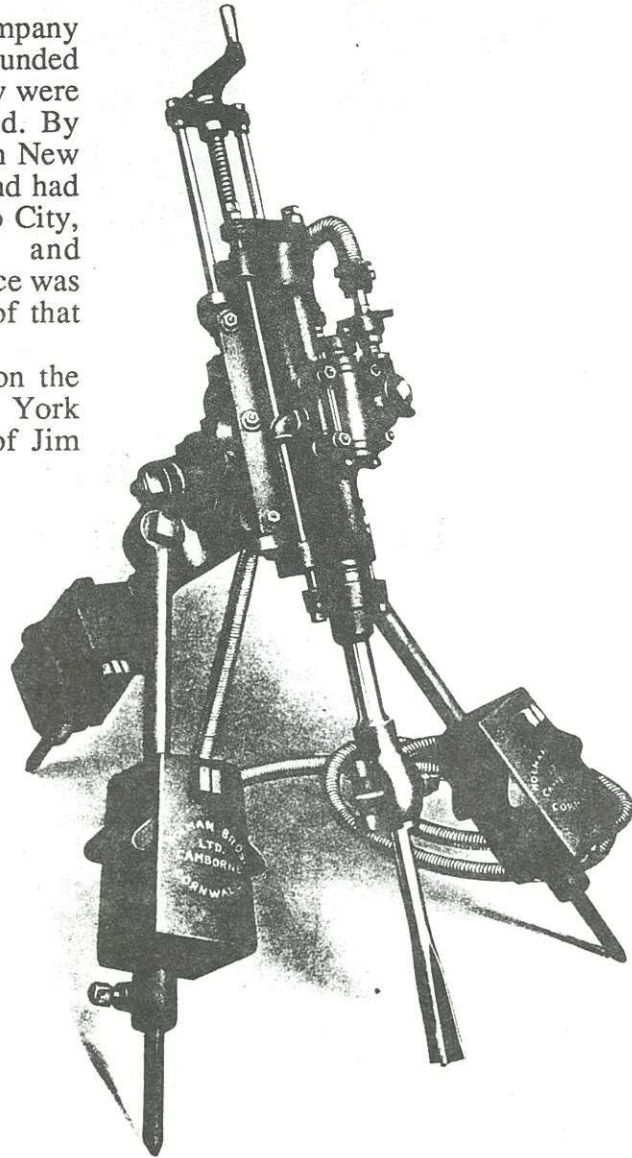


THE HOLMAN BROS. COMPANY

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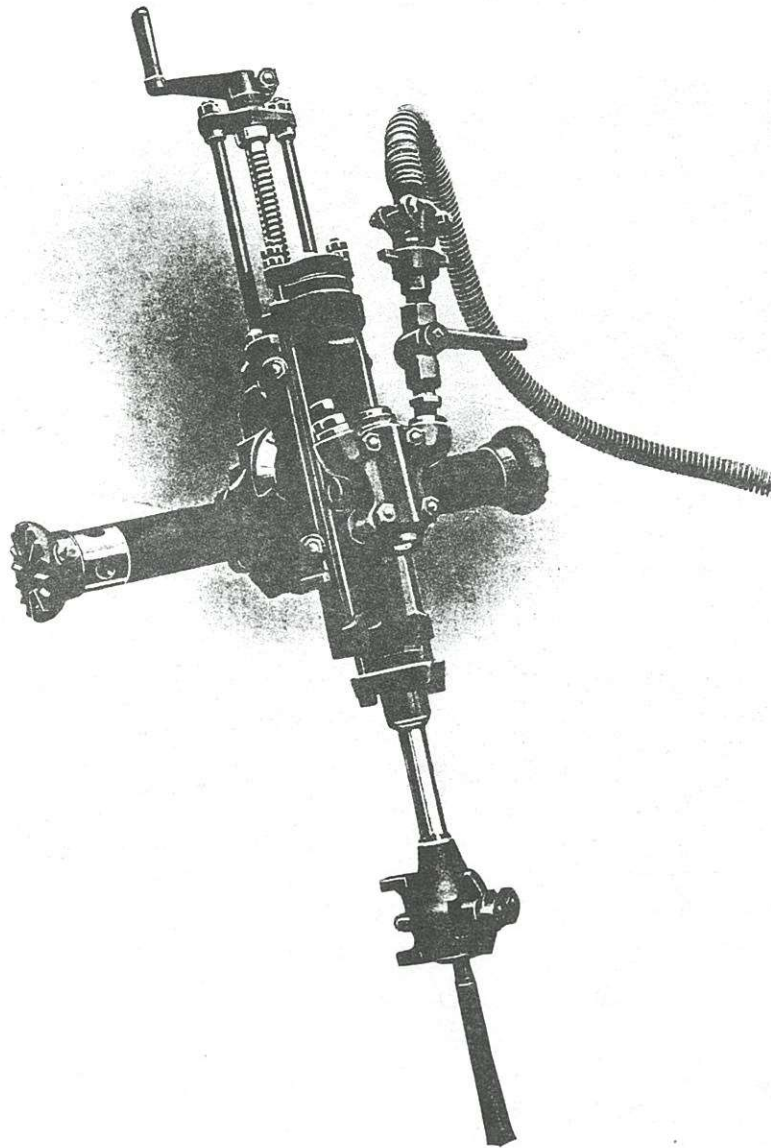
Holman Bros. was a mine supply company specializing in rock drilling equipment. Founded in 1839, their principal offices and factory were located in Camborne, Cornwall, England. By 1910 they had opened a "Main Office" in New York to sell Holman drills in America, and had established agencies in Montreal, Mexico City, Johannesburg, Melbourne, London, and Bulawayo (Rhodesia). The New York office was separately incorporated under the laws of that state.

The illustrations shown below and on the following two pages are from the New York office's catalog, dated 1910 (courtesy of Jim Steinberg).



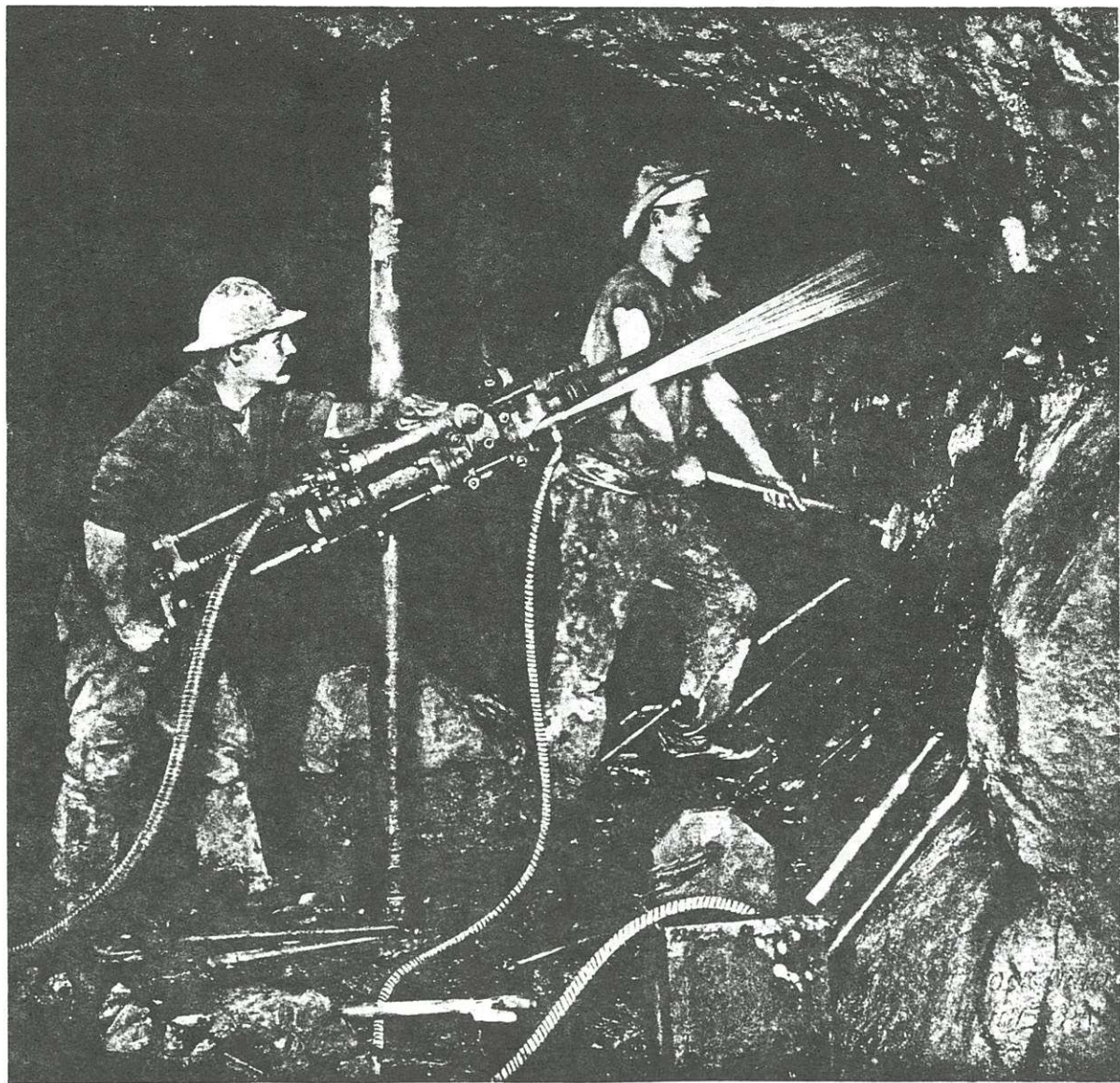
HOLMAN UNIVERSAL TRIPOD

FOR work where a column is not applicable we furnish the Holman Universal tripod, which will be found a very strong and rigid appliance, and admirably adapted for the work it has to do. By means of a universal joint, the legs can be adjusted to any desired angle or position. These legs are telescopic, and may be lengthened or shortened, to suit irregular ground. The drill consequently can be easily set up, no matter how uneven the surface to be drilled. The tripod is made in four sizes.



HOLMAN STOPE DRILL

THIS is a light but powerful drilling machine, differing from the standard type in but a few instances. Made with a cylinder bore of $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches, it weighs just 100 pounds. It is also made in the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (140 pounds) and $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch (180 pounds) sizes. Designed chiefly for light mining work, such as stoping, cross-cutting, etc., it established a reputation for itself in South Africa, where it was introduced to meet the mining conditions there, and proved extremely successful in narrow stopes, some of which were only 18 inches. During the twelve months' contest under the auspices of the Transvaal Government and the Transvaal Chamber of Mines it vanquished its eighteen American, German and British competitors, for which it was awarded a cash prize of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000). It is an unquestioned favorite with the miners, because of its portability, simplicity, drilling speed and general efficiency.



HOLMAN DRILL WITH SPRAY

THE HOLMAN spray attached to the front end of the air chest of the drill is a practical device for the prevention of dust when drilling uppers. Producing a coarse spray, it overcomes the objectionable fog or mist which has heretofore attended the use of such contrivances through spraying too fine.

The spray comes into operation automatically as soon as air is turned on the drill and stops when air is turned off. Live air siphons the water from an open receptacle and sprays it around the hole, as shown. It is a sure preventive of miners' phthisis and can be supplied with all Holman drills.