

Mine Cars

These illustrations were taken from the Nov. 18, 1916 Engineering and Mining Journal. The "potty car", a term originated by Mark Bohannon, would probably be more accurately described as a Mine Latrine Car as the caption reads. The nifty handles could also serve as a towel rack.

Several of us have encountered the cast iron "snail-shell" blowers in our search of old mine workings. This illustration shows such a blower on its own special car complete with a trailing electric power supply.

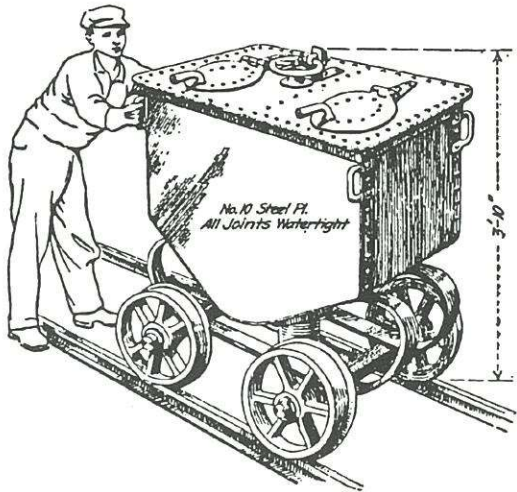


FIG. 3. MINE LATRINE CAR

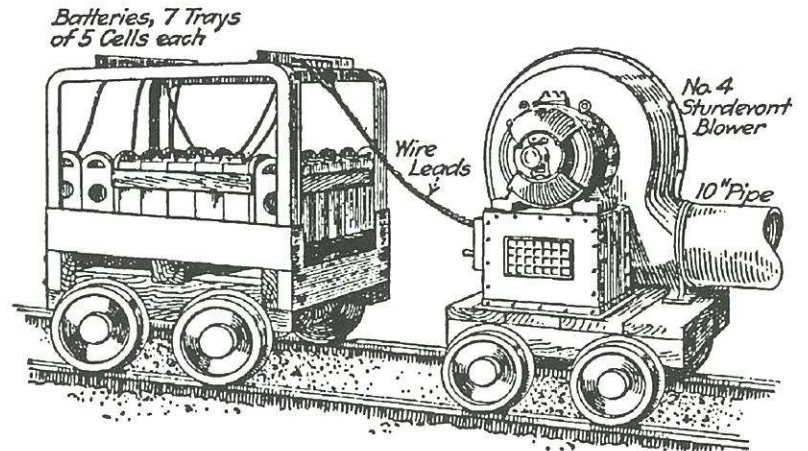


FIG. 4. STORAGE-BATTERY AND BLOWER CARS

Rear-End Torch

No, this is not an item to make someone move along a little faster but a home made torch for the rear of a trip or train of ore cars. The illustration was taken from a pre-1916 Coal Age magazine. The description notes that the usual oil torches used for this purpose were almost too light for the rough handling they received, with replacements being frequent. This one is made of iron. "A torch built in this manner is almost indestructible and will stay lighted even in strong air current."

