THE MAC'S BEST COVER

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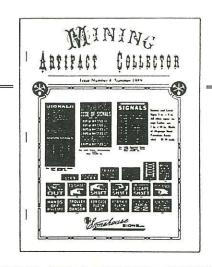
The Mining Artifact Collector is starting its fifth year and we have had quite a few nice comments about our past front covers. The cover that received the most recognition was the Stonehouse Sign Company ad that was illustrated on the cover of Issue Number 4, Summer 1989. For all of our early subscribers and for those of you who have ordered our back issues, you will remember that the ad was done in a beautiful royal blue, just like the original signs.

I thought it would be nice to show you the original ad that we found that was in a 1923 issue of the *Mining Congress Journal*. As you can see, due to our limited space, we were unable to illustrate the complete ad. The top half shows two unique photos of miners reading a mine bell sign. The photo on the left shows a miner from another state who, on his first shift, is scratching his head trying to read a well tattered cloth mine bell sign. The photo on the right shows two miners reading a Stonehouse porcelain sign that the ad claims will wear forever.

You can see a larger illustration of this great ad on the inside of the front cover of this issue. If you have a nice ad relating to mining, and think it would make a nice cover, send it to the MAC. If the MAC editors can incorporate your ad into an article, we will use your ad for our front cover and give you a free one year subscription. What a deal!



Please send either the original ad or a very clear photo copy. The MAC will gladly return by insured mail any books, magazines or photographs.



HOISTING CODES and OTHER SIGNS for MINES



No two states use the name code of mine bell signals. Miners are a wandering class. No miner can remember every state code. The above man, from another state, his first shift, what is he to do? Take a whonce on that bell cord, or wait for the shift boas? In any case the company pays for the loss of time. Suppose he gives the wrong signal and there is an accident—the company is liable to the state for not having a legible code posted—to the miner if he is injured,—and for damage to the mine. A code that is not at all times legible does not comply with any state law.

These Enameled Steel Signals and Signs for mines are made by fusing pure imported enamels on a sheet of steel under 1,000 degrees of heat, and are imprevious to all underground mine conditions. They were forever. We carry numerous STATE MINE CODES in stock. We will make any State Code not in stock to









Station and Level Signs 3 in. x 9 in. All other signs (except Codes) are 7 in. x 10 in. Made of 18-gauge Steel Porcelain Enameled. \$1.10 each.

No. 1106 Illinois Cod Size 14x20 in.















No. 1110 Arizona Size 18x36 in























