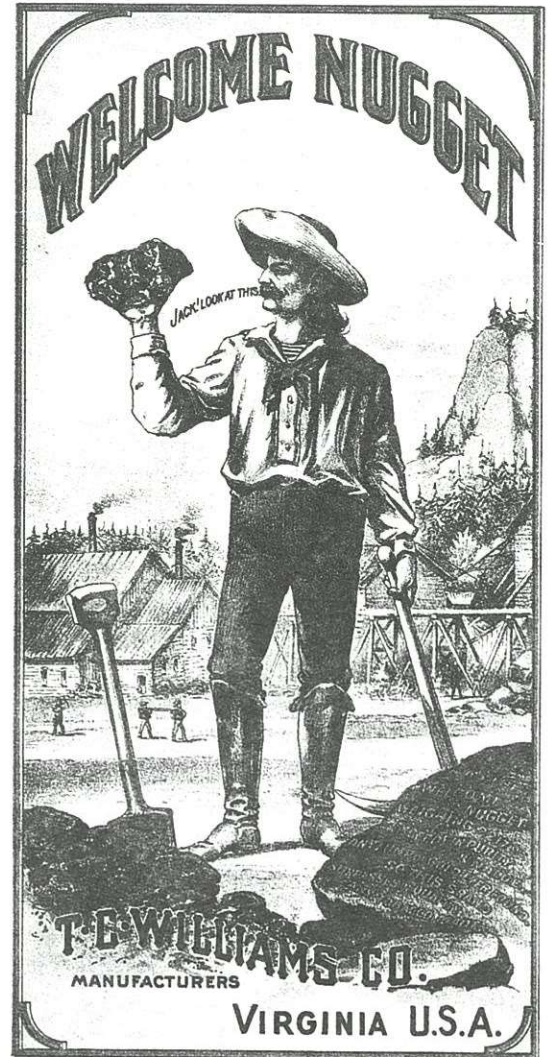
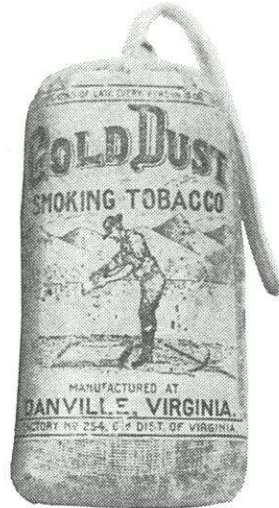
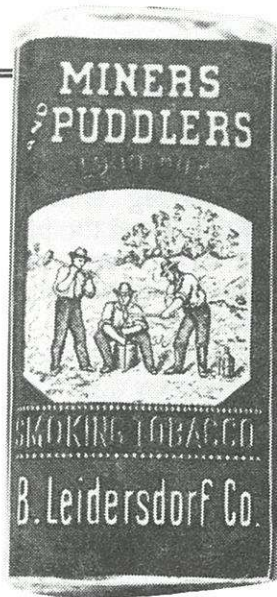


# MINING-RELATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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People who collect anything and everything related to mining will want to keep an eye on the tobacco collectibles market. I have seen a number of interesting mining-related tobacco items, from cigar box labels to metal tins, bags, pouches, and advertising signs and posters. Miners were a significant part of the smoking population in many states, so it stands to reason that the tobacco industry would want to advertise to that market.

Tobacco tins are by far the most common items I have found while exploring old mines for collectibles, although I have never actually found a mining-related design underground.

*Miners and Puddlers Long Cut* is the best known mining-related brand, made by the B. Leidersdorf Company in Milwaukee. Their large, round metal can has a red, white and black painted label depicting three miners triple jacking. Less commonly preserved is the paper bag shown here; it carries a 1926 tax stamp (my round can has a 1910 tax stamp).

The *Gold Dust Smoking Tobacco* pouch, made in Danville, Virginia, is made of cloth with yellow and black lettering, and carries a 1902 tax stamp. It shows a miner panning for gold, with a miner's pick at his side.

The "Welcome Nugget" poster of the T.C. Williams tobacco company in Virginia depicts the

discovery of the famous Welcome Nugget in Australia. The legend reads: "As the Welcome Nugget, weighing 2217 oz., exceeds in purity & value any lump of gold ever found, so this brand surpasses in quality any tobacco made."

The two bags pictured were purchased at Antique Advertising shows, and the poster was purchased through the *Antique Trader* ad of an advertising-specialist dealer.

Surely other such items exist. We'll be glad to publish photos which readers send us.