

# THE MINERS AND PUDDLERS TOBACCO CAN

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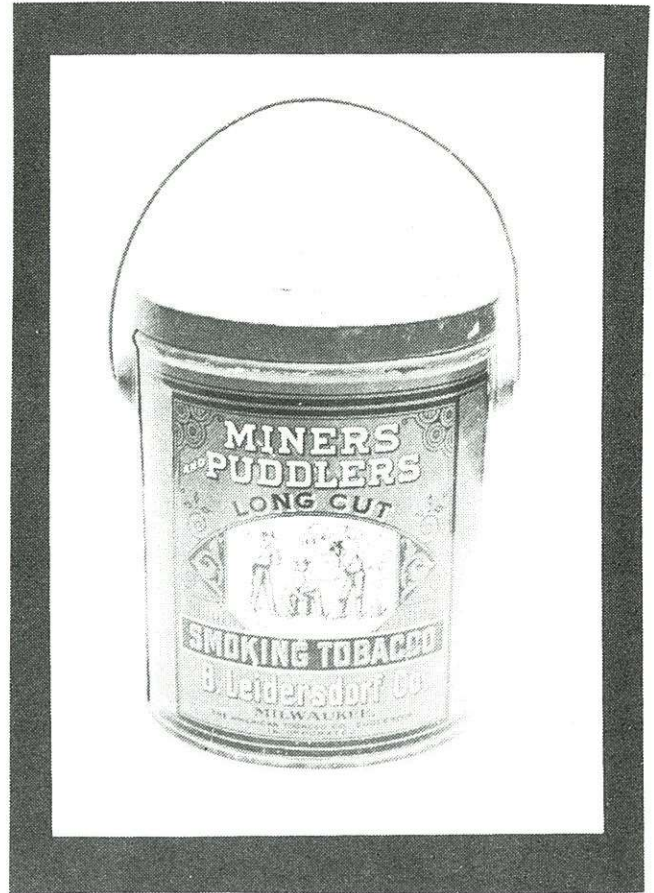
I'm sure all our readers will remember the article on "Mining-Related Tobacco Products" in Issue Number 13 Winter 1992 of the *MAC*. In that article I illustrated the Miners and Puddlers paper tobacco bag that was sold to be carried in the pocket.

I mentioned in the article that I have a round tin can with a 1910 tax stamp on it. Well, here is a photo of that can. The can measures 6 1/2 inches high and 5 3/8 inches in diameter (about the same size as a three pound coffee can). It is a bright fire engine red with black and white lettering. Illustrated on the front and back are three miners, one sitting on a keg of black powder holding a drill and two miners swinging double jacks.

These cans can be found at most of the larger antique advertising shows and swap meets. They range in price of from \$100 to \$200.

I looked up "puddler" in my Webster's Dictionary and it said "a person who puddles clay or iron." Puddling is ". . .the process of making wrought iron from pig iron by heating and stirring it in the presence of oxidizing agents."

Obviously, the B. Leidersdorf Company wanted to reach the mining and steel workers with this nifty brand of tobacco.



## MINING-RELATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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