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THE WHAT CHEER FUSE CUTTER AND SPLITTER

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Jim Steinberg wrote a nice article on the What Cheer Tool Company of What Cheer, Iowa, in *MAC* no. 5, p. 15-16. The What Cheer oil lamps are well known among oil lamp collectors, as is the What Cheer oil canteen and a few very rare carbide cap lamps. Now a new item can be added to the possible stock list of the What Cheer Tool Company.

While gathering information for his forthcoming book on blasting cap tins and cap crimpers, Mark Bohannon came across a U.S. patent issued to the What Cheer Tool Company for a new type of fuse cutter and splitter. The unique thing about this model is that it can *simultaneous* cut and split a fuse in a single operation. The patent drawing shows a rather more massive tool than most fuse cutters, but oftentimes the manufactured version of patents shows a lighter construction than original drawings. In any case there is, as yet, no known example representing this patent. But if a reader should know of one, we hope he will let us know.

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COMBINED FUSE CUTTER AND SPLITTER.
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