

# Patented Steel Jacket for Miner's Pick

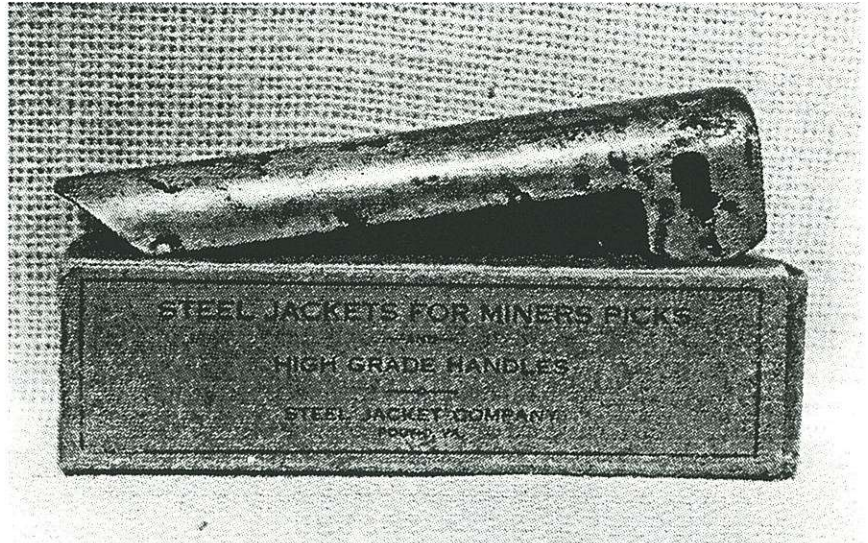
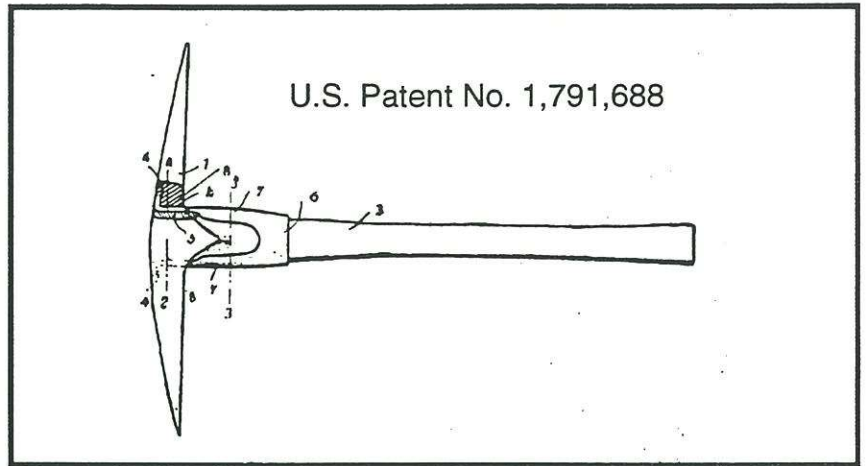
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On February 10, 1931, Jay G. Sparks of Clincho, VA received Patent Number 1,791,688 for a miner's pick. The salient feature of this pick was a "combined guard for the handle and fastener for the pick".

Apparently at least a portion of this patent was actually produced by the Steel Jacket Co. of Pound, VA. The pictured box contained two half steel jackets (one for each side of the handle), 16 nails (15/16" long) and installation instructions. These two half jackets measure 6" in length and are 1" across. The end of the box states that the jackets are cadmium plated. Each jacket is stamped:

STEEL JACKET CO.  
POUND, VA  
PAT 2-10-31  
OTHERS PEND.

I was unable to obtain any information on the Steel Jacket Co. from the library in Norton, the county seat of Wise County, Virginia. Is anyone aware of any other products produced by this firm?



## Steel Jacket Co., Pound, Va.



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If Handle is extra hard a Shorter Nail may be Used.

## How to Install Soft Steel Jacket.

The illustration shows how the Steel Jackets are properly installed.

Place Jackets on handle as shown. If necessary trim handle to proper slope and drive nails 1 and 2 first, this will hold Jackets in proper position to drive rest of nails. In changing to new handles if Jackets become dented or warped they may be hammered straight again over one inch rod.

**Guarantee:** These Jackets are made from soft steel to prevent breaking or splitting and guaranteed to last one year against breakage or wear and the dealer is hereby authorized to replace any jacket free of charge that does not give this

much service. Date Purchased ..... Dealer .....