

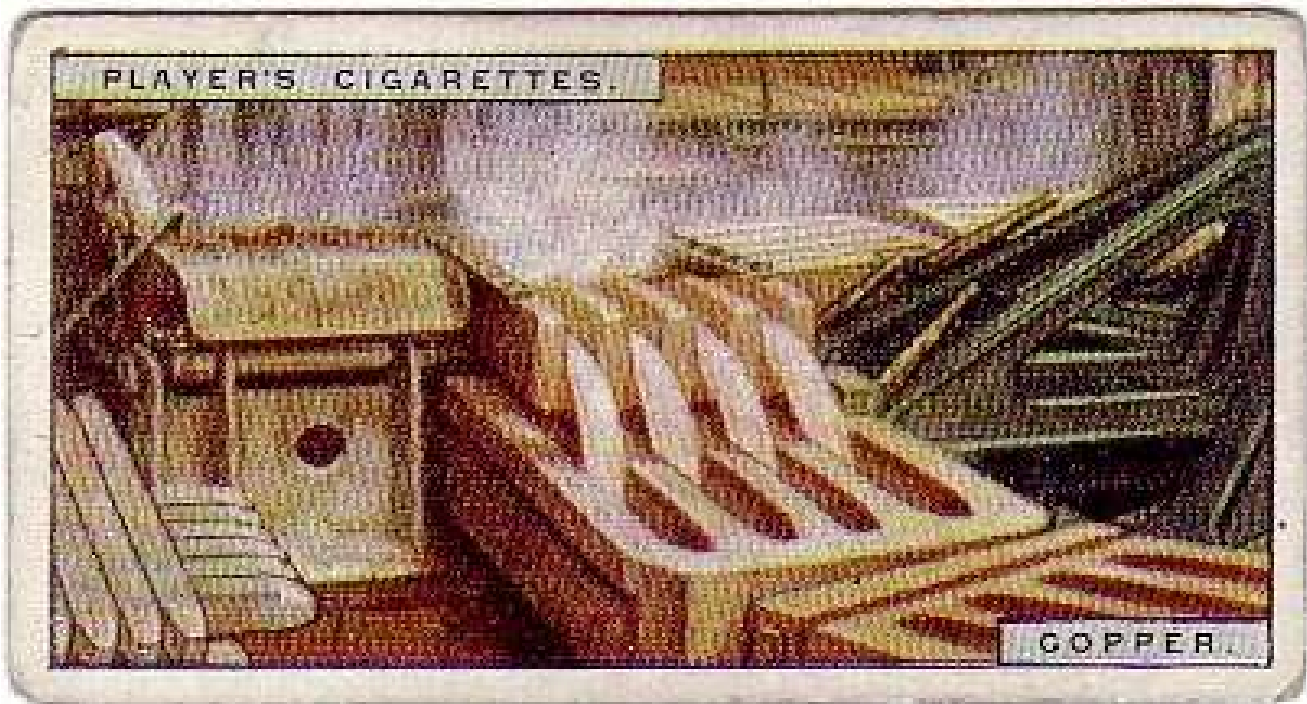
Mining Cigarette Cards

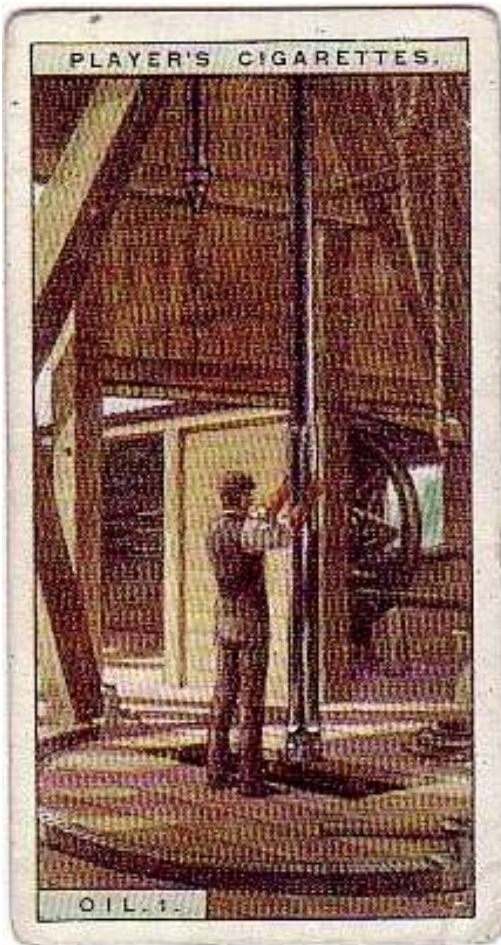
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I am always fascinated by the amount of related collectibles one can find which depict mining areas and operations. Here are a number of cigarette cards three of which were presented by Mark Bohannon in MAC Issue Number 15 Summer 1992 page 38 but were featured in black and white. I think and believe you would agree that colour really adds to there attraction.



As Mark stated these cards were issued by John Player & Sons which was a branch of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain & Ireland), Ltd. These cards are part of a 50 card series relating to (primary) Products Of The World, of which the scanned images plus a few missing ones feature mining. Other topics include Pearls (at least 2), Apples, Silk (2), Rice (2), Wool (?), Bananas (2), Sugar (3), Wheat (?), Cotton (3), Coconuts (2), Coffee (2), Rubber (3), Tea (?), Dates plus others which I do not have. These were purchased in October 2001 at the famous beach suburb of Manly for \$10.00.





I think I would have walked passed them had one of the mining related cards not been on top of the pile. They measure 68mm by 36mm with information on the back about the subject and country in question, and appear to be accurate representations of machinery and mining methods. All are individually numbered as follows Coal 1 (No.4), Coal 2 (No.5), Copper (No.16), Gold (No.22), Oil 1 (No.23), Pearls 2 (No. 26), Salt 2 (No.35), Tin (No 46). Can anyone add to the mining related cards of this series as several are still missing plus I would imagine other minerals would be depicted?

