

The Tinkering Compendium



News Archive

Below is an archive of all news presented on the Compendium, sorted by month. Please be aware that not all of the links in the archive may be valid as the Compendium has changed from time-to-time. Enjoy!

October 14, 2000 - Site Updates/Changes Coming soon!

Greetings Everyone.

As many of you know, Fulcrum is currently MIA. Since that is the case, I am here to take over the tinkering Compendium. I am Dakirn Wigglesnout, Gnome Warrior extraordinare of the Tunare server. Some of you may already know me, some of you do not, but I'm going to do my best to keep this site going.

You'll notice quite a few changes over the next few weeks. I plan to change the website a little to make it prettier. If you anyone has suggestions for the site, please feel free to e-mail me at dakirn@tinkering.org.

Also, I have registered the domain name www.tinkering.org to make it easier for some people to access the site. Since there is a tinkering upgrade planned for around the time of the Velious expansion, I figured that it'd be easier for people to remember that way =)

The forums will be staying the same, I like them and didn't want to touch 'em.

Change is not always painless, but hopefully we'll be able to pull together as a community to make this new site the premiere tinkering information on the internet!

Dakirn Wigglesnout

July 19, 2000 - Thermal Cloak, GPS

Hi All! For those that haven't gone into Norrath yet, the gods have apparently allowed us to finally Tinker the Thermal Cloak! The race is now on to see who will be the first. Seems like a good time to hand out another Golden Gear...

The latest GPS should be up tomorrow or Friday, and will include everyone up until the posting.

June 29, 2000 - Rumours of my Death...

Greetings All! It has been far too long since I was last able to update the Compendium. My recent schedule has made it difficult to maintain the Compendium, but I believe this is about to change. I just wanted to let you all know that I'm still here, and I will make an effort to update the Compendium in the next few days. There are quite a lot of you that are waiting to be added to the GPS, so this will be the first section to receive an update.

I would also like to announce that **Knok Verst of Karana** has agreed to help out with the organization of the Community Recipes for the purpose of sending them onto the gods of Norrath. Hopefully we'll see some of them in the upcoming Tinkering upgrade. In the next day or so, Knok will be made the moderator of the Workbench Tinkering Forum to allow him to organize all of our thoughts. I will still be involved in the overall project (there are other issues besides more recipes). With Knok's help, we should be able to get everything back on track.

May 23, 2000 - Gemcutter, Personal Heater, Curios, GPS, Recipes

Greetings everyone! Regarding the Gemcutter news item from the 20th, Llabak Tharr of Tarrew Marr wrote in:

Tried the gemcutter idea last night - no luck. Did the rclick thing with an Emerald, Peridot, Cat's Eye agate and Malachite (the gems I had on me) and nothing happened, no change to 'fine'.

It may be worth persuing however, since I didn't try any of the 'rare' gems like Black Pearl or diamond or those others.

I received an interesting letter from a Guide that wanted to let us all know about the Personal Heater event that occurred a few weeks ago. Here's the letter in full:

Hi friend,

I am neither a tinkerer, nor a gnome; but I am a Guide who took part in the second Kunark kick-off event which occurred in Everfrost, and included the Personal Heater. I write to you, to hopefully save many honorable Tinkerers from wasting their valuable time and talents on attempting to re-create the "personal heater" item.

The Personal Heater was simply a lantern. Nothing more. Its effect was created by the verant GM playing its role. The loot left after its destruction was random and created by each GM at his or her discretion.

While the attempt to re-create this item speaks volumes about the ingenuity and perseverance of the Gnomish community as a whole, it is a fruitless one.

You will forgive me if I ask you to withhold my email address, for obvious reasons.

*Kindest regards,
the concerned guide*

I cannot confirm the authenticity of the letter, but it does sound reasonable and does confirm what a few Gnomes have been thinking. This goes under the category of "It would have been nice..."

Tinkerten Iktomi of Solusek Ro wrote in with information of a Lens of Sorts found in Cabilis. I've added it to the [Curios](#) section as it does sound somewhat Gnomish and Tinker-like. Tinkerten will cast Identify on it sometime in the near future and will write back to let us all known the results. If anyone knows more about this item, please write in.

As always, the [GPS](#) has been update with more Gnomes. Everyone should be in there that has written in up to today.

Finally, some more [Community Recipes](#) have been added:

- *Talisson BoneDancer of Tunare*: Automatic Food Maker, Automatic Water Maker, Tom Fool Mask of (race)

May 20, 2000 - Gemcutter News

Greetings all! I've been sent some interesting information from Smicky Tinkercraft of Erollisi Marr regarding the Gemcutter. Smicky writes:

I've been asked by a jeweler to make a gemcutter. After begging and pleading with him to ask me how to use it, he said the following:

"Put the gem of choice in your hand and right-click on the gemcutter. Your gem will have the word 'fine' inserted in front of it. Then use that gem in making your jewelry. Stats won't change but you'll fail a LOT less often"

As I haven't done any jewelery yet, I cannot confirm this myself. And I haven't done made the gemcutter myself. So I hope someone tries this, as I'm very anxious to see if this works.

I know that there are a number of you that have Gemcutters in the bank. Time to dust them off and try this out! Please write in if this does or does not work.

May 18, 2000 - Tinkering Forums, GPS, Gemcutter, Curios

Greetings! Things have been slow here at the Compendium, which is perhaps best for the moment. I'm concerned that I am stretching myself a little thin these days between the Compendium, the [Kingdom of Ak'Anon](#), and general day-to-day adventuring and inventing. Unfortunately, I've been a little neglectful in keeping up with the Tinkering Forums, and I do apologize. Right now there is some great talk at [The Workbench](#) about what recipes you'd like to see in the upcoming upgrade to Tinkering that the gods have been talking about. Be sure to drop by and have your say.

As usual, the [GPS](#) has again expanded. Be sure to check it out. Anyone who has sent in their information up to today should now be included.

Xeus Telestubby of Lanys T'Vyl submitted a Gemcutter suggestion, so be sure to check it out. Centiarus of Xegony has also written in, but this time about a Gemcutter's Bag. Be sure to check out the [Gemcutter](#) section for details.

Zanbus of Prexus wrote in the [Tinkering Forums](#) about a new item called Tinmizer's Stupendus Contraption. I've added this item to the [Gnomish Curios](#) section.

May 11, 2000 - GPS, Gnome Link, Recipe

Greetings! All is quiet on the Tinkering front, however there is always a discussion occurring on the [Tinkering Forums](#). Why don't you drop by and say 'Hello'.

More Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#), so be sure to go have a look.

Salve Tinkerworth of Lanys T'Vyl has sent along a link to a page about Gnomes in another world. If you're interested, head on over to <http://csgrad.cs.vt.edu/~reaux/thurdis/thurdis/others/gnomes.html>

Finally, another recipes has been added to the Community Recipes section:

- *Mildikin Quartsworth of Tunare*: Mistletoe Cap

May 4, 2000 - GPS, Gemcutter, Curios and Personal Heater

Greetings! The [GPS](#) has once again been updated with some more Gnomes. A couple of you have written in letting me know that since the GPS has become available, you've been contacted by a number of buyers. Great! I'm glad that the work to put it in place and maintain it is paying off.

Muddletupper of Mithaniel Marr wrote in with some interesting Gemcutter information and the newly discovered continent of Kunark. Check out the [Gemcutter](#) section for more information.

Muddletupper also sent in a picture of the Bootstrutter's Framed Pack and it's description. Check out the [Gnomish Curios](#) section for details.

Finally, a number of Gnomes are working at building the Personal Heater that was shown during an event a couple of weeks ago. To add to this research, Ghirardelli of E'ci sent in the following failed recipe:

*inferno shock
metal twine
metal rod
gizmo #4
large lantern
13x size 6 sprockets
5x metal bits
4x amber*

April 28, 2000 - Tinmizer and The Overthere?

While there has been a discussion this week in the [Tinkering Forums](#) regarding the finding of Tinkering supplies in The Overthere, Talisson BoneDancer of Tunare sent in a [picture](#) that has sparked an idea. If you look closely in Talisson's picture, you'll notice that this is no ordinary Clockwork, but a Tin Merchant. Could the infamous Tinmizer be nearby?

April 28, 2000 - GPS, Gemcutter, Event, Insane Gnomes?, Recipe

Well, the [Gnome Positioning System](#) has been filling out nicely. As I expected, my public announcement last week regarding the expansion of the Compendium has resulted in quite a few new entries. Everyone should now be added up to today. If I've missed you or have made a mistake, please write in and let me know.

Grundup Puddlejumper of Tallon Zek has written in with a new attempt at using the Gemcutter. You may check out the Failed Gemcutter Attempts in the [Gemcutter](#) section for more details.

Cogg of Rallos Zek wrote in with information about an event that happened last week in Everfrost regarding some Gnomes making a Personal Heater. The posting is below (from the Tinkering Mailing List):

Hey guys, I know this isn't a magician related topic, but I figure that there are quite a few gnomes here so it might be worthwhile to post. There was a GM event in Everfrost last night where a gnome showed off a new 'invention'. It was a floating lantern called a personal heater. (Actually, it was a shadow man holding a lamp, renamed to 'a personal heater'). Anyways, the lamp had some cool effects, casting fireshield on everyone around it (then it started doing an AOE that affected all pc's too close). The gnomes decided it must be destroyed, because the creator used the wrong items in it's making. Anyways, the players around slaughtered the personal heater, and both members in my group managed to loot/inspect the items on the corpse. The following is the log from what they reported:

[Wed Apr 19 20:11:58 2000] Calador tells the group, 'wiz spell, inferno shock'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:07 2000] Calador tells the group, 'metal twine'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:11 2000] Calador tells the group, 'metal rod'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:22 2000] Calador tells the group, 'and gizmo #6'

[Wed Apr 19 20:14:07 2000] Ursoo tells the guild, 'gears, amber, large lantern, metal parts'

Now the gnomes argued over the fact that they 'should have' used gizmo #4 to keep the item from being dangerous. Plus, I think Ursoo was referring to metal bits, not metal parts.. but I don't know for sure, since Dark Elves don't meddle much into tinkering.

Anyways, if anyone feels brave and has a few plat to burn, tinker this item and let us all know what comes of it! Even if you get that 'you lack the skill to fashion the items together' message, at least that tells us that there IS something there.

Fanrick Tinker/Mage of Tarew Marr

After hearing of this event, Grundup Puddlejumper of Tallon Zek decided to attempt to make a personal heater based on the information reported. Grundup's unsuccessful attempts were:

- Inferno Shock, Amber, size 4 gizmo, 4 sprocket, metal rod, twine, lg lantern, metal bolts
- Inferno Shock, Amber , gear, sprocket, lg lantern, twine, metal rod and bolts
- Inferno Shock, Amber, size 4 gizmo, size 4 sprocket, lg lantern, twine, metal shaft and metal bits, (I also tried this last combo with a metal rod)

Salve Tinkerworth of Lanys T'Vyl was travelling the new continent and heard this while in Firona Vie:

[Wed Apr 26 23:42:23 2000] Drake Mountainstorm says 'Welcome, welcome. Buy some gems or sell some gems. I have flawless merchandise. I have the finest miners scouring Kunark for it's precious gems. Kunark has many rare minerals. The gnomes even say some of the rocks are from high up in the sky. From an orb floating so far away we cannot see it. Bah!! Those gnomes are insane.

Finally, I've added the following recipe to the [Community Recipe](#) section. Be sure to check it out as Knok has been great in writing a story around his inventions:

- *Knok Verst of Karana: Snake Bite Kit, Flash Bomb*

April 20, 2000 - GPS, Rebreather, Curios, Ingredients, Big Bynn, Gemcutter, A Quest, and Recipes

Greetings everyone! Well, it has been a busy week for me, and I've only just now had a chance to update the Compendium. There's a lot to talk about, so let's get started.

First off, a lot more Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#). It's great to see so many names up there, but it would also be great if more of you registered. Even if you are not Tinkering at the moment, it's always good to see how many Gnomes are out there. I've decided to add my own name to the list even though I rarely have time to Tinker items for others (heck, I rarely have time to Tinker items for myself.). One note about the GPS: I will not put actual prices into this section. I would not be able to keep up with the mail that this would generate as Gnomes lower their prices to compete with others, nor would I want this section to become bogged down with price wars.

Not too long ago I reported that I had heard that the Rebreather might not need to be placed on the head to work. Well, Knok Verst of Karana has written in to state that Rebreathers do still need to be placed on the head to work.

Muddletupper of Mithaniel Marr has written in with some news on the Metal Disk in the [Gnomish Curios](#) section. Check out the page for the details.

Xila Cloudweaver wrote in to let us know that Gnomish Spirits may also be brewed. I've updated the [Ingredients](#) section with this information.

Salastil of Tallon Zek has petitioned a GM regarding Kozyn not providing information on Big Bynn. Salastil has been told that this is currently not working, and should be fixed soon.

Two new Gemcutter suggestions have come in. The first is from Filitin, who suggests that someone should cast identify on a Gemcutter. Sounds like a good idea. Filitin also suggest that the Gemcutter be used on a piece of glass from a pottery merchant. The second suggestion comes from Xyntress of The Rathe who suggests that the Gemcutter is used to add gems to clothing. Perhaps this would allow tailors to create magically enhanced clothing? I've added both suggestions to the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Omnipotus of Cazic Thule wrote in with some information on a Tinkering event that occurred last week. Here's Omnipotus' letter:

*To: The Illustrious Guild of Tinkers and Inventors, Ak'anon Chapter
From: Omnipotus
Subject: The Fall of Gear Norther*

It is with a heavy heart that I must report the most recent accident regarding the Tinkers and the trials we underwent to restore one gnome's hope for the future.

It began with a frantic cry coming from the windmills of our beloved Steamfont, as one of our number ran about, seemingly lost, begging for help. His name was Fringle Doon and he was in the midst of completing his greatest creation: a device which would eliminate all hunger from the world. Somehow, though, a foul thief broke into his laboratory and stole the last of the components!

Desperately, Fringle begged us to track down the thief, a halfling by the name of Meepenny. Calling upon the impressive forces of those who had gathered at the windmills, we were magically transported to the Misty Thicket, where the hunt for the dastardly rogue began. While I myself am of this illustrious profession, I must say I found myself driven to track her down and retrieve her ill-gotten gains in the interest of furthering the ways of the tinker.

Finally, we found her, and she was dispatched with brutal efficiency. Once more, Eldritch winds transported us back to Steamfont, where we raced back to the windmills with the stolen parts.

When we arrived, we found Fringle along with his creation, called Gear Norther. Although it resembled the clockworks that roam Steamfont, this one was quite docile..at first. Hurriedly, Fringle completed the last bits of work, and a collective cheer rose from the group. Gear Norther began to move from person to person, distributing food to each of us. Truly a wondrous creation!!

During the theft, however, Meepenny must have done something to damage the delicate parts, because suddenly a horrid screeching arose from Gear Norther and it began to shake fiercely. Suddenly, it turned and attacked one of our companions!! It was trying to turn him into food!!

With a heavy heart, we drew our blades and lunged into the foray, beating the creation

with every ounce of strength. Ultimately, the clockwork fell to our blows, and Fringle's sobs were heard throughout Steamfont. We sought to comfort him in this time of need, and he thanked us for our help, gifting each of us with some gold he had gathered together during his travels.

Each of us turned and headed back to our homes, and I could not help but wonder if my tinkering career might meet such an ignoble fate. Can the path of the rogue and that of the tinker co-exist? Must they clash against one another, leaving only death and destruction in their wake?

Surely there must be another way...

Finally, some more recipes and a story have been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Knok Verst of Karana*: Divining Rod, Firecracker, Fire Stick
- *Tipin of Veeshan*: Buddy Beacon, Little Gnome's Bed-Time Clock
- *Noabit*: A Story of Shop Safety

April 14. 2000 - Tinmizer Update!

Remelio Gemweaver of Tarew Marr just wrote in with some more information on Tinmizer. I've gone and check this out myself, and believe that you'll definately be interested in this:

Kozyn Gigglephizz bows politely. Greetings my friend. Have you come to turn in one of those malfunctioned containers called, [Tinmizer]'s [Fabulous Compactor]? I shall gladly exchange it for a few nice gems.

You say, 'where is tinmizer'

Kozyn Gigglephizz shakes his head in sorrow. Alas, for tinkering defective merchandise, he was exiled from Ak'Anon. First the [Clockwork Dragon] and now the [Fabulous Compactor] What could be next? !! No one has seen nor heard of him since. Probably a feast for the Ogres.

You say, 'what clockwork dragon'

Kozyn Gigglephizz shakes in fear. Oh!! I have seen it. A thousand feet tall and smells of burning oil. It was tinkered by [Tinmizer], yep, that's it all righty. Tinkered by the loon. He started out just making a clock, A GIANT ONE!! It was in the form of a worm. Yep, and then, and then,.. He called it [Big Bynn], you know, after his familiar named, Bynn. And then.. Then it escaped. Yeah.. That's it.

You say, 'where is big bynn'

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etc...

Thought you'd enjoy it :) I then set about running all around Ak'Anon, looking for Bynn, and even checked for Tinmizer in the Mines of Malfunction. We can only hope that someone will find Tinmizer. I wonder if him and Big Bynn are on that rumoured new continent I've heard of as no one has seen him wandering around any of the known continents...

April 14, 2000 - GPS, Curios, Gemcutter, and Recipes

Welcome to another day of Tinkering news. To begin with, a few more Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#). If you're looking for a Tinker on a particular server, this is the place to go.

An item has been added to the Gnomish Curios section: the Gnome Tinkered Toy. Kahnlyn of Povar first wrote in with where it may be obtained, and additional information has been added by Tinkerten Iktomi of Solusek Ro and Krilen. Check out the [Gnomish Curios](#) section for the details.

And speaking of the Gnomish Curios section, Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr wrote in with some updates to the existing items, so be sure to take a peek.

Obsidion De'Mon of Erolissi Marr wrote in with an update on using pottery sketches with the Gemcutter (I've added an update notice to Xanren's posting in the [Gemcutter](#) section):

On your Gemcutter page, Xanren of Veeshan wrote that there was the sketch of a "small god" in reference to Pottery that was not for pottery, he is mistaken, the sketch is the Small Deity Sketch, which has successfully been used to create small deities.. unfortunately, the items are broken, and cannot be equipped. Interestingly enough, the recipe for them requires gemstones, in particular, Wolfs Eye Agate was the first known to work, producing I believe a +3 or +4 Charisma effect.

Finally, Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys TVyl is the first to have submitted a Community Recipe using the new [Workbench](#) forum. The following recipes have been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys TVyl: EZ Bake Oven, Gnomish Electric Lute*

April 13, 2000 - King Ak'Anon and the T.B.I.

Greetings all! Some interesting news today...

To begin with, it would appear that King Ak'Anon is actually a clockwork! Grouchie Grumbles of Solusek Ro wrote in yesterday (as have others since, and it has also been discussed at the Ak'Anon Bar) that he was called in front of the King two days ago to discover that the King is no longer using his human illusion. There is now a clockwork claiming to be King Ak'Anon himself.

Now, I do not know what the rest of you think about this, but I am concerned. While I embrace my Tinker heritage, there have been times when I wander the corridors of Ak'Anon that I ponder who is really the master of our great society. We created the clockworks to help out with our common day-to-day tasks such as cleaning, policing and commerce. Their creation has allowed Gnomes to focus on more intellectual pursuits. However, have we come to rely on them to such a great extent that without them we would no longer be able to function as a society? Have we become a slave to our

own inventions?

Now, with a clockwork in a position that we have all sworn loyalty to, I can only hope that this incarnation is only temporary and that our flesh and blood King will return. Perhaps the King currently fears for his life and has put a duplicate in his place to draw out the attacker? Only time will tell.

On to other possibly disturbing news. Babaaeyen of Povar wrote in yesterday (and others have discussed this at the Ak'Anon Bar) regarding a discussion with a fellow Gnome by the name of Kozyn Gigglephizz. Kozyn was apparently looking for any Tinmizer's Fabulous Compactors that may have been handed out by Sanfyrd at the scrapyard, and was offering a reward. Babaaeyen also mentioned that Kozyn was a part of the T.B.I., a group that I had not heard of. Given this information, and the fact that I own a Compactor, I headed off in search of Kozyn. Unfortunately, I was not able to find him (Babaaeyen mentioned that Kozyn is usually found in the little room next to the exit from Ak'Anon). I decided to go have a chat with Sanfyrd regarding the whole situation, and this is what transpired:

You say, 'What is tinmizer's fabulous compactor?'

Sanfyrd Featherhead is frightened by your inquiry. I cannot speak of it. I can tell you to seek a gnome in Ak'Anon named Kozyn. That is all. Now please go and leave me in peace.

Sanfyrd would offer up no further information regarding either the Compactor or Kozyn. Following my discussion with Sanfyrd, I decided to check to see if Kozyn had returned, and indeed he had. This was my discussion with him:

You say, 'hail Kozyn Gigglephizz'

Kozyn Gigglephizz bows politely. Greetings my friend. Have you come to turn in one of those malfunctioned containers called, [Tinmizer]'s [Fabulous Compactor]? I shall gladly exchange it for a few nice gems.

You say, 'Who is Tinmizer?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz chortles with glee. Ho, ho, ho!! Oh my. Tinmizer was a bit of a goof when it came to tinkering. I am from the [T.B.I.] and I was sent to clean up the mess he made. He was tinkering defective containers and selling them. We exiled him and destroyed all his containers. Now we hear the scrapman found some and was using them as a reward for deeds. We have warned to him.

You say, 'What is the TBI?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz lowers his voice and leans closer to your ear. Ssshhh. This is against regulations, but you look like you could keep a secret. T.B.I. Stands for the Tinkerers Bureau of Investigation. We are a clandestine organization working strictly with King Ak'Anon. We handle all tinkering glitches, if you know what I mean.

You say, 'What is the fabulous compactor?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz looks sternly at you. The compactor is a defective piece of junk. Crafted by the clumsy hands of [Tinmizer]. My work shall be done as soon as I exchange all the compactors for precious gems. We take a loss here, you know!!?

I then gave Kozyn my Compactor:

Kozyn Gigglephizz snatches the container from you before you could even let go of it. Yes, yes. And here is your exchange. Now please go and tell all who have the compactor to bring to me for an exchange. Pleasure to serve you.

Kozyn gave me a turquoise gem and went on his way.

Now you may be wondering why I felt this was all a little disturbing. On the surface, it would seem great that someone is willing to trade for an item that no one has been able to find a use for. However, the emergence of the T.B.I. does cause me some concern. It would appear that the T.B.I. has the power to exile any Gnome that has been accused of defective Tinkering, without any sort of appeal. Have any of you heard of Tinmizer before any of this? I certainly cannot find any record of him. He seems to have completely disappeared, as if he has never existed...

The next time you attempt to Tinker an item, take a look over your shoulder. There may be a Gnome watching you with great interest...

April 12, 2000 - Community Chat, GPS, Curios, and Other Stuff

Greetings everyone. It's time for another Compendium update...

I was planning on having an open chat session this Thursday to talk about Tinkering and general Gnoming about (see April 3rd news item). Unfortunately, due to lack of interest (I've only received one reply), I will be canceling this event. If there are more that are interested please write in and let me know, and I'll reschedule. It would be especially great if we could get a Master Tinker or two involved.

A number of Tinkers have been added to the [GPS](#). Please drop by and let me know if I've missed something. I should also let you know that when it comes to mail for the GPS, I generally do not reply to them. If an update or two of the Compendium goes by and your information has not gone into the GPS, then feel free write in with an inquiry.

Quite a few people have written in letting me know the function of a couple of items found in the [Gnomish Curios](#) section. Unfortunately, all but one included their name and server. Please be sure to always include this information so I may give you the proper credit.

I remember reading somewhere recently that it may be possible to now use the Rebreather in your inventory rather than on your head. This would be great news. Could someone please confirm this either way?

Grundup TinkertotPuddlejumper wrote in with a Gemcutter suggestion that was presented by another Gnome. Head on over to the [Gemcutter](#) section for more information.

Finally, I've posted some new recipes to the [Community Recipes](#) section. If you wish to submit a recipe to be included in this section, please post it to the new [Workbench forum](#). Today's recipes are:

- *Rogalite of Tunare*: Gnomish Arquebus
- *Mally*: Collapsible Umbrella
- *Mildikin Quartzworth of Tunare*: Gnomish Bomb, Dimensional Hammer

April 8, 2000 - New Forums, King Ak'Anon

Greetings all. I've set up some new Tinkering forums with EZBoard which should allow us to discuss everything related to Tinkering and Gnoming around. For the moment, you may only access them from the News page. Be sure to head on over and take a look. So far, I have a general forum and a community recipes forum in place. Let me know what you think.

I noticed this was posted on the official Gameplay forum regarding our King:

>>>Honestly, dont you think that the king of the gnomes should be a gnome himself? I would be able to accept it if there was a reason for it, but there is none! Also, I think you should change him into a gnome(or maybe even a GM event with hundreds of gnomes hurtling themselves at the palace in an attempt to overthrow the human leader and replace him with a gnomish one, ha!

Maybe he's an enchanter and it's an illusion? hehe. Seriously though, I'll check into it. I'm sure that he's supposed to be a gnome.

-Gordon

April 8, 2000 - Additions to GPS and a New Community Recipe

Greetings everyone. As I suspected, I've received quite a few more registrations for the [GPS](#) now that it is up. I'm not going to list the additions here in the news section, so head on over to the GPS. For those that don't yet know, the Gnome Positioning System has been set up to allow for the tracking down of a specific Tinker that may be able to help you out with your Tinkering needs. If you've found this new section helpful, please write in and let me know. I always like to hear when the Compendium has helped out others.

A new recipe has been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Knok Verst of Karana*: Gnomish Medical Kit

April 6, 2000 - New Sections, New Award

Greetings all! Quite an update today. As you may see from the icons above, I've added a couple of new sections to the Compendium. The first section is one that I've been talking about for the past week. The Gnome Positioning System (or [GPS](#)) has been set up to allow Tinkers to advertise their wares. So far, there are only a few entries, but I'm sure that I'll soon have a flood of mail once you see how valuable this section is. Oh boy, are the Bards of Antonica going to love me for this one! I'm sure they'll thank me later once they realize how toned they've become from lugging around my mailbags.

If you've written in with your support for the GPS in the past, please write in again with your registration, as I don't necessarily have all of your personal information. It would help if you created your mailing with a subject of GPS, and be sure to include all of the information I listed in the April 3rd news item.

The second new section is one that I've wanted to do for a while now. The [Gnomish Curios](#) section was created to display all of the interesting Gnomish items that have been found throughout Norrath. Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr has done a great job of providing most of the information that is in this section. If you've come across new items, or know the purpose of those already listed, please write in.

And speaking of Tynk Mindrifter, I've decided to create a new Golden Gear Award in his honour. The new Furthing Gnomish Pursuits award has been created to showcase those that have greatly contributed to the community. Check out how Tynk has really helped us all in the [Golden Gear](#) section. Congratulations Tynk!

April 3, 2000 - Community Chat, GPS, Aradune's Response, Trivial Level and Tinkering Advice

Greetings, and welcome back to the Compendium. Every so often, I receive mail from another Norrathian asking if it would be possible for us to get together and chat about Tinkering. Unfortunately, I never seem to be able to find the time to actually do so (sometimes I'm so absorbed in my latest invention that I look up from my workbench only to realize that another week has gone by).

So, here's my suggestion: perhaps on Thursday April 13, we can all meet in a chat room and discuss Tinkering and other Gnomish endeavours. It would be an open forum with no set agenda. Hopefully some of the Master Tinkers out there would join in and lend a hand. Write in and let me know your thoughts. If I see that even a handful of people are interested, then I'll set it up.

Following my suggestion for a Gnome Positioning System, or GPS, last week, a number of you have written in to state your interest. I'm sure that as others find the section, they'll also want to get involved. With this response, I've decided to add it to the Compendium. For the moment, there won't be a way for you to automatically add yourself (hopefully this will be added at a later time). Therefore, if you'd like to be involved, you'll have to write in, and allow me time to manually add you to the list. It would be good if you included the following:

- Name
- Server
- A mailing address if you wish to be contacted outside of Norrath
- A sampling of items you'd be willing to Tinker for a customer
- A comment that you'd like to see next to your name. Perhaps where you usually hang out and when you are usually on. Those are just suggestions, and you may include anything you wish. Just be sure to keep it brief.

To let you know up front, I will not include any prices in this list. I do not want this to become a place where Gnomes try to out sell each other based on a price listed next to their name. As most of you know, I'm open to any and all suggestions, so be sure to write in if you feel that something is missing or should be changed. Let the mailings begin!

Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys T'Vyl wrote in today with a great news item. Over this past weekend, Aradune was available to answer any question that us Norrathians had. Fortunately, someone asked a question about Tinkering. Below is the question, and Aradune's response in bold (you may find the answer post [here](#)).

When will we expect to see new improvements to Tinkering? Right now there are only a handful of marginally useful items to be made with it.

****Tinkering has a planned upgrade after we get the Poison upgrade in.**

This is great news! Now, from everything that I've read, Poison will be upgraded sometime after the expansion. This doesn't give us a lot of time to gather our thoughts and try to influence the gods in their Tinkering direction. In addition to the [Community Recipes](#) section here, I'm also trying to get some Tinkering forums going at EQPortal so that we may begin to discuss our ideas. Once we have our forums, I'll of course add a page to the Compendium to record our ideas. This could very well be one of the more exciting times for Tinkering. I can't wait!

On to other news: Cibtek of The Tribunal wrote in to confirm that the Flameless Lantern is indeed trivial at 68. Sounds like this issue can be closed. If the trivial level was changed at one time, it sounds like it is back to where it has always been.

Finally, Knok Verst of Karana wrote in with some advice for fellow Tinkers:

In an attempt to make Tinkering (especially those working on Aqualungs and Rebreathers) easier for Gnomes everywhere, I have the following comments:

Firstly, I stock my bank (and toolboxes with the proper materials already placed inside) with Tinkering materials. (Oh, what I would give for Gnomish Bolts that could be stacked!)

I'd like to think I've made quite a few friends over my long Gnomish life. I make it a point to hand out tinkered items for fun, especially Fireworks as they are especially liked nowadays. 8) But I digress...Anyways, some of these friends I've made have assisted my Tinkering in the following manner.

*I consult an experienced Enchanter friend of mine for their spell enhancements which improve my, already keen, *beams proudly*, insight.*

Finally, I actually tinker while a Bard "Whistles while I Work". It takes the stress out of an already difficult endeavor. (Just be sure to complete your tinkering BEFORE the Bard plays with his new fireworks. Poor, poor Benjamin "Three-Fingered" Haverford)

July 21, 2000 - Thermal Cloak, GPS, Curios, Community Recipes

Greetings All!

Today is a great day for us all. The gods of Norrath have finally allowed Tinkers to create the Thermal Cloak. Gozza was the first to report the finding of the Tattered Gnomish Cloak in Sol A on a Clockwork XB in the live worlds. Logaan Trainweck of Mithaniel Marr reports to have found one on the Bartender, and Malbadon of The Rathe has found one on a Goblin Torturer. Wonks Stubbs of The Nameless was the first to report that the Tattered Gnomish Cloak has an AC of 2 and can only be worn by Gnomes. The [Ingredients](#) section has been updated.

I'd also like to announce that Malbadon of The Rathe was the first to report the creation of a Thermal Cloak! You'll find a picture of a proud Malbadon sporting his new cloak in the [Thermal Cloak](#) section. The ingredients are as follows:

- 1 Tattered Gnomish Cloak
- 1 Firewater
- 1 Metal Rod

And the statistics for the cloak are as follows:

Weight: 0.7
AC 6
Save vs Cold +20

Malbadon has a Tinkering skill of 102, and the creation of the Thermal Cloak was trivial to him. Others that have reported the creation of the Thermal Cloak include Wonks Stubbs of The Nameless and Sintin Kneekicker of Cazic Thule.

Now's the time to hand out some awards for sharing all of this information with the Tinkering community. Gozza will receive the award for finding the first Tattered Gnomish Cloak in the live worlds. Malbadon of The Rathe will receive the award for creating the first Thermal Cloak. The award for the Thermal Cloak trivial point will be put on hold until some more Gnomes have created Thermal Cloaks and the trivial point can be confirmed. Congratulations to all! You may find the awards in the [Golden Gear](#) section of the Compendium.

On to other news. I've finally finished updating the [GPS](#). Please head on over and have a look. If you

discover incorrect or missing information, please let me know. If you sent in a GPS request up until today but do not see yourself listed, please write in and let me know that too. It's great to see so many Gnomes taking up their heritage.

I've removed the Lens of Sort from the [Curios](#) section as it was discovered that this is a Tier-Dal reading spectacle and is not involved in Tinkering or Gnomes. Sinrakin Shadowshaper of Tarew Marr wrote in with this information.

Finally, many of you have written in with recipes to be added to the Community Recipes section. This will be the next section that will receive a major update, so please hang in there. And for those that have written in asking: The Community Recipes section holds recipes that cannot currently be made in Norrath. Hopefully we'll be able to change that :)

July 19, 2000 - Thermal Cloak, GPS

Hi All! For those that haven't gone into Norrath yet, the gods have apparently allowed us to finally Tinker the Thermal Cloak! The race is now on to see who will be the first. Seems like a good time to hand out another Golden Gear...

The latest GPS should be up tomorrow or Friday, and will include everyone up until the posting.

June 29, 2000 - Rumours of my Death...

Greetings All! It has been far too long since I was last able to update the Compendium. My recent schedule has made it difficult to maintain the Compendium, but I believe this is about to change. I just wanted to let you all know that I'm still here, and I will make an effort to update the Compendium in the next few days. There are quite a lot of you that are waiting to be added to the GPS, so this will be the first section to receive an update.

I would also like to announce that **Knok Verst of Karana** has agreed to help out with the organization of the Community Recipes for the purpose of sending them onto the gods of Norrath. Hopefully we'll see some of them in the upcoming Tinkering upgrade. In the next day or so, Knok will be made the moderator of the Workbench Tinkering Forum to allow him to organize all of our thoughts. I will still be involved in the overall project (there are other issues besides more recipes). With Knok's help, we should be able to get everything back on track.

May 23, 2000 - Gemcutter, Personal Heater, Curios, GPS, Recipes

Greetings everyone! Regarding the Gemcutter news item from the 20th, Llabak Tharr of Tarrew Marr wrote in:

Tried the gemcutter idea last night - no luck. Did the rclick thing with an Emerald, Peridot, Cat's Eye agate and Malachite (the gems I had on me) and nothing happened, no change to 'fine'.

It may be worth persuing however, since I didn't try any of the 'rare' gems like Black Pearl or diamond or those others.

I received an interesting letter from a Guide that wanted to let us all know about the Personal Heater event that occurred a few weeks ago. Here's the letter in full:

Hi friend,

I am neither a tinkerer, nor a gnome; but I am a Guide who took part in the second Kunark kick-off event which occurred in Everfrost, and included the Personal Heater. I write to you, to hopefully save many honorable Tinkerers from wasting their valuable time and talents on attempting to re-create the "personal heater" item.

The Personal Heater was simply a lantern. Nothing more. Its effect was created by the verant GM playing its role. The loot left after its destruction was random and created by each GM at his or her discretion.

While the attempt to re-create this item speaks volumes about the ingenuity and perseverance of the Gnomish community as a whole, it is a fruitless one.

You will forgive me if I ask you to withhold my email address, for obvious reasons.

*Kindest regards,
the concerned guide*

I cannot confirm the authenticity of the letter, but it does sound reasonable and does confirm what a few Gnomes have been thinking. This goes under the category of "It would have been nice..."

Tinkerten Iktomi of Solusek Ro wrote in with information of a Lens of Sorts found in Cabilis. I've added it to the [Curios](#) section as it does sound somewhat Gnomish and Tinker-like. Tinkerten will cast Identify on it sometime in the near future and will write back to let us all known the results. If anyone knows more about this item, please write in.

As always, the [GPS](#) has been update with more Gnomes. Everyone should be in there that has written in up to today.

Finally, some more [Community Recipes](#) have been added:

- *Talisson BoneDancer of Tunare:* Automatic Food Maker, Automatic Water Maker, Tom Fool Mask of (race)

May 20, 2000 - Gemcutter News

Greetings all! I've been sent some interesting information from Smicky Tinkercraft of Erollisi Marr regarding the Gemcutter. Smicky writes:

I've been asked by a jeweler to make a gemcutter. After begging and pleading with him to ask me how to use it, he said the following:

"Put the gem of choice in your hand and right-click on the gemcutter. Your gem will have the word 'fine' inserted in front of it. Then use that gem in making your jewelry. Stats won't change but you'll fail a LOT less often"

As I haven't done any jewelery yet, I cannot confirm this myself. And I haven't done made the gemcutter myself. So I hope someone tries this, as I'm very anxious to see if this works.

I know that there are a number of you that have Gemcutters in the bank. Time to dust them off and try this out! Please write in if this does or does not work.

May 18, 2000 - Tinkering Forums, GPS, Gemcutter, Curios

Greetings! Things have been slow here at the Compendium, which is perhaps best for the moment. I'm concerned that I am stretching myself a little thin these days between the Compendium, the [Kingdom of Ak'Anon](#), and general day-to-day adventuring and inventing. Unfortunately, I've been a little neglectful in keeping up with the Tinkering Forums, and I do apologize. Right now there is some great talk at [The Workbench](#) about what recipes you'd like to see in the upcoming upgrade to Tinkering that the gods have been talking about. Be sure to drop by and have your say.

As usual, the [GPS](#) has again expanded. Be sure to check it out. Anyone who has sent in their information up to today should now be included.

Xeus Telestubby of Lanys T'Vyl submitted a Gemcutter suggestion, so be sure to check it out. Centiarus of Xegony has also written in, but this time about a Gemcutter's Bag. Be sure to check out the [Gemcutter](#) section for details.

Zanbus of Prexus wrote in the [Tinkering Forums](#) about a new item called Timmizer's Stupendus Contraption. I've added this item to the [Gnomish Curios](#) section.

May 11, 2000 - GPS, Gnome Link, Recipe

Greetings! All is quiet on the Tinkering front, however there is always a discussion occurring on the [Tinkering Forums](#). Why don't you drop by and say 'Hello'.

More Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#), so be sure to go have a look.

Salve Tinkerworth of Lanys T'Vyl has sent along a link to a page about Gnomes in another world. If you're interested, head on over to <http://csgrad.cs.vt.edu/~reaux/thurdis/thurdis/others/gnomes.html>

Finally, another recipes has been added to the Community Recipes section:

- *Mildikin Quartsworth of Tunare: Mistletoe Cap*

May 4, 2000 - GPS, Gemcutter, Curios and Personal Heater

Greetings! The [GPS](#) has once again been updated with some more Gnomes. A couple of you have written in letting me know that since the GPS has become available, you've been contacted by a number of buyers. Great! I'm glad that the work to put it in place and maintain it is paying off.

Muddletupper of Mithaniel Marr wrote in with some interesting Gemcutter information and the newly discovered continent of Kunark. Check out the [Gemcutter](#) section for more information.

Muddletupper also sent in a picture of the Bootstrutter's Framed Pack and its description. Check out the [Gnomish Curios](#) section for details.

Finally, a number of Gnomes are working at building the Personal Heater that was shown during an event a couple of weeks ago. To add to this research, Ghirardelli of E'ci sent in the following failed recipe:

*inferno shock
metal twine
metal rod
gizmo #4
large lantern
13x size 6 sprockets
5x metal bits
4x amber*

April 28, 2000 - Tinmizer and The Overthere?

While there has been a discussion this week in the [Tinkering Forums](#) regarding the finding of Tinkering supplies in The Overthere, Talisson BoneDancer of Tunare sent in a [picture](#) that has sparked an idea. If you look closely in Talisson's picture, you'll notice that this is no ordinary Clockwork, but a Tin Merchant. Could the infamous Tinmizer be nearby?

April 28, 2000 - GPS, Gemcutter, Event, Insane Gnomes?, Recipe

Well, the [Gnome Positioning System](#) has been filling out nicely. As I expected, my public announcement last week regarding the expansion of the Compendium has resulted in quite a few new entries. Everyone should now be added up to today. If I've missed you or have made a mistake, please write in and let me know.

Grundup Puddlejumper of Tallon Zek has written in with a new attempt at using the Gemcutter. You may check out the Failed Gemcutter Attempts in the [Gemcutter](#) section for more details.

Cogg of Rallos Zek wrote in with information about an event that happened last week in Everfrost regarding some Gnomes making a Personal Heater. The posting is below (from the Tinkering Mailing List):

Hey guys, I know this isn't a magician related topic, but I figure that there are quite a few gnomes here so it might be worthwhile to post. There was a GM event in Everfrost last night where a gnome showed off a new 'invention'. It was a floating lantern called a personal heater. (Actually, it was a shadow man holding a lamp, renamed to 'a personal heater'). Anyways, the lamp had some cool effects, casting fireshield on everyone around it (then it started doing an AOE that affected all pc's too close). The gnomes decided it must be destroyed, because the creator used the wrong items in it's making. Anyways, the players around slaughtered the personal heater, and both members in my group managed to loot/inspect the items on the corpse. The following is the log from what they reported:

[Wed Apr 19 20:11:58 2000] Calador tells the group, 'wiz spell, inferno shock'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:07 2000] Calador tells the group, 'metal twine'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:11 2000] Calador tells the group, 'metal rod'

[Wed Apr 19 20:12:22 2000] Calador tells the group, 'and gizmo #6'

[Wed Apr 19 20:14:07 2000] Ursoo tells the guild, 'gears, amber, large lantern, metal parts'

Now the gnomes argued over the fact that they 'should have' used gizmo #4 to keep the item from being dangerous. Plus, I think Ursoo was referring to metal bits, not metal parts.. but I don't know for sure, since Dark Elves don't meddle much into tinkering.

Anyways, if anyone feels brave and has a few plat to burn, tinker this item and let us all know what comes of it! Even if you get that 'you lack the skill to fashion the items together' message, at least that tells us that there IS something there.

Fanrick Tinker/Mage of Tarew Marr

After hearing of this event, Grundup Puddlejumper of Tallon Zek decided to attempt to make a personal heater based on the information reported. Grundup's unsuccessful attempts were:

- Inferno Shock, Amber, size 4 gizmo, 4 sprocket, metal rod, twine, lg lantern, metal bolts
- Inferno Shock, Amber, gear, sprocket, lg lantern, twine, metal rod and bolts
- Inferno Shock, Amber, size 4 gizmo, size 4 sprocket, lg lantern, twine, metal shaft and metal bits, (I also tried this last combo with a metal rod)

Salve Tinkerworth of Lanys T'Vyl was travelling the new continent and heard this while in Firona Vie:

[Wed Apr 26 23:42:23 2000] Drake Mountainstorm says 'Welcome, welcome. Buy some gems or sell some gems. I have flawless merchandise. I have the finest miners scouring Kunark for it's precious gems. Kunark has many rare minerals. The gnomes even say some of the rocks are from high up in the sky. From an orb floating so far away we cannot see it. Bah!! Those gnomes are insane.'

Finally, I've added the following recipe to the [Community Recipe](#) section. Be sure to check it out as Knok has been great in writing a story around his inventions:

- *Knok Verst of Karana*: Snake Bite Kit, Flash Bomb

April 20, 2000 - GPS, Rebreather, Curios, Ingredients, Big Bynn, Gemcutter, A Quest, and Recipes

Greetings everyone! Well, it has been a busy week for me, and I've only just now had a chance to update the Compendium. There's a lot to talk about, so let's get started.

First off, a lot more Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#). It's great to see so many names up there, but it would also be great if more of you registered. Even if you are not Tinkering at the moment, it's always good to see how many Gnomes are out there. I've decided to add my own name to the list even though I rarely have time to Tinker items for others (heck, I rarely have time to Tinker items for myself.). One note about the GPS: I will not put actual prices into this section. I would not be able to keep up with the mail that this would generate as Gnomes lower their prices to compete with others, nor would I want this section to become bogged down with price wars.

Not too long ago I reported that I had heard that the Rebreather might not need to be placed on the head to work. Well, Knok Verst of Karana has written in to state that Rebreathers do still need to be placed on the head to work.

Muddletupper of Mithaniel Marr has written in with some news on the Metal Disk in the [Gnomish Curios](#) section. Check out the page for the details.

Xila Cloudweaver wrote in to let us know that Gnomish Spirits may also be brewed. I've updated the [Ingredients](#) section with this information.

Salastil of Tallon Zek has petitioned a GM regarding Kozyn not providing information on Big Bynn. Salastil has been told that this is currently not working, and should be fixed soon.

Two new Gemcutter suggestions have come in. The first is from Filitin, who suggests that someone should cast identify on a Gemcutter. Sounds like a good idea. Filitin also suggest that the Gemcutter be used on a piece of glass from a pottery merchant. The second suggestion comes from Xyntress of The Rathe who suggests that the Gemcutter is used to add gems to clothing. Perhaps this would allow tailors to create magically enhanced clothing? I've added both suggestions to the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Omnipotus of Cazic Thule wrote in with some information on a Tinkering event that occurred last week. Here's Omnipotus' letter:

To: The Illustrious Guild of Tinkers and Inventors, Ak'anon Chapter

From: Omnipotus

Subject: The Fall of Gear Norther

It is with a heavy heart that I must report the most recent accident regarding the Tinkers and the trials we underwent to restore one gnome's hope for the future.

It began with a frantic cry coming from the windmills of our beloved Steamfont, as one of our number ran about, seemingly lost, begging for help. His name was Fringle Doon and he was in the midst of completing his greatest creation: a device which would eliminate all hunger from the world. Somehow, though, a foul thief broke into his laboratory and stole the last of the components!

Desperately, Fringle begged us to track down the thief, a halfling by the name of Meepenny. Calling upon the impressive forces of those who had gathered at the windmills, we were magically transported to the Misty Thicket, where the hunt for the dastardly rogue began. While I myself am of this illustrious profession, I must say I found myself driven to track her down and retrieve her ill-gotten gains in the interest of furthering the ways of the tinker.

Finally, we found her, and she was dispatched with brutal efficiency. Once more, Eldritch winds transported us back to Steamfont, where we raced back to the windmills with the stolen parts.

When we arrived, we found Fringle along with his creation, called Gear Norther. Although it resembled the clockworks that roam Steamfont, this one was quite docile..at first. Hurriedly, Fringle completed the last bits of work, and a collective cheer rose from the group. Gear Norther began to move from person to person, distributing food to each of us. Truly a wondrous creation!!

During the theft, however, Meepenny must have done something to damage the delicate parts, because suddenly a horrid screeching arose from Gear Norther and it began to shake fiercely. Suddenly, it turned and attacked one of our companions!! It was trying to turn him into food!!

With a heavy heart, we drew our blades and lunged into the foray, beating the creation with every ounce of strength. Ultimately, the clockwork fell to our blows, and Fringle's sobs were heard throughout Steamfont. We sought to comfort him in this time of need, and he thanked us for our help, gifting each of us with some gold he had gathered together during his travels.

Each of us turned and headed back to our homes, and I could not help but wonder if my tinkering career might meet such an ignoble fate. Can the path of the rogue and that of the tinker co-exist? Must they clash against one another, leaving only death and destruction in their wake?

Surely there must be another way...

Finally, some more recipes and a story have been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Knok Verst of Karana*: Divining Rod, Firecracker, Fire Stick
- *Tipin of Veeshan*: Buddy Beacon, Little Gnome's Bed-Time Clock
- *Noabit*: A Story of Shop Safety

April 14. 2000 - Tinmizer Update!

Remelio Gemweaver of Tarew Marr just wrote in with some more information on Tinmizer. I've gone and check this out myself, and believe that you'll definately be interested in this:

Kozyn Gigglephizz bows politely. Greetings my friend. Have you come to turn in one of those malfunctioned containers called, [Tinmizer]'s [Fabulous Compactor]? I shall gladly exchange it for a few nice gems.

You say, 'where is tinmizer'

Kozyn Gigglephizz shakes his head in sorrow. Alas, for tinkering defective merchandise, he was exiled from Ak'Anon. First the [Clockwork Dragon] and now the [Fabulous Compactor] What could be next? !! No one has seen nor heard of him since. Probably a feast for the Ogres.

You say, 'what clockwork dragon'

Kozyn Gigglephizz shakes in fear. Oh!! I have seen it. A thousand feet tall and smells of burning oil. It was tinkered by [Tinmizer], yep, that's it all righty. Tinkered by the loon. He started out just making a clock, A GIANT ONE!! It was in the form of a worm. Yep, and then, and then,.. He called it [Big Bynn], you know, after his familiar named, Bynn. And then.. Then it escaped. Yeah.. That's it.

You say, 'where is big bynn'

You say, 'who is big bynn'

etc...

Thought you'd enjoy it :) I then set about running all around Ak'Anon, looking for Bynn, and even checked for Tinmizer in the Mines of Malfunction. We can only hope that someone will find Tinmizer. I wonder if him and Big Bynn are on that rumoured new continent I've heard of as no one has seen him wandering around any of the known continents...

April 14, 2000 - GPS, Curios, Gemcutter, and Recipes

Welcome to another day of Tinkering news. To begin with, a few more Gnomes have been added to the [GPS](#). If you're looking for a Tinker on a particular server, this is the place to go.

An item has been added to the Gnomish Curios section: the Gnome Tinkered Toy. Kahnlyn of Povar first wrote in with where it may be obtained, and additional information has been added by Tinkerten Iktomi of Solusek Ro and Krilen. Check out the [Gnomish Curios](#) section for the details.

And speaking of the Gnomish Curios section, Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr wrote in with some updates to the existing items, so be sure to take a peek.

Obsidion De'Mon of Erolissi Marr wrote in with an update on using pottery sketches with the Gemcutter (I've added an update notice to Xanren's posting in the [Gemcutter](#) section):

On your Gemcutter page, Xanren of Veeshan wrote that there was the sketch of a "small god" in reference to Pottery that was not for pottery, he is mistaken, the sketch is the Small Deity Sketch, which has successfully been used to create small deities.. unfortunately, the items are broken, and cannot be equipped. Interestingly enough, the recipe for them requires gemstones, in particular, Wolfs Eye Agate was the first known to work, producing I believe a +3 or +4 Charisma effect.

Finally, Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys T'Vyl is the first to have submitted a Community Recipe using the new [Workbench](#) forum. The following recipes have been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys T'Vyl: EZ Bake Oven, Gnomish Electric Lute*

April 13, 2000 - King Ak'Anon and the T.B.I.

Greetings all! Some interesting news today...

To begin with, it would appear that King Ak'Anon is actually a clockwork! Grouchie Grumbles of Solusek Ro wrote in yesterday (as have others since, and it has also been discussed at the Ak'Anon Bar) that he was called in front of the King two days ago to discover that the King is no longer using his human illusion. There is now a clockwork claiming to be King Ak'Anon himself.

Now, I do not know what the rest of you think about this, but I am concerned. While I embrace my Tinker heritage, there have been times when I wander the corridors of Ak'Anon that I ponder who is really the master of our great society. We created the clockworks to help out with our common day-to-day tasks such as cleaning, policing and commerce. Their creation has allowed Gnomes to focus on more intellectual pursuits. However, have we come to rely on them to such a great extent that without them we would no longer be able to function as a society? Have we become a slave to our own inventions?

Now, with a clockwork in a position that we have all sworn loyalty to, I can only hope that this incarnation is only temporary and that our flesh and blood King will return. Perhaps the King currently fears for his life and has put a duplicate in his place to draw out the attacker? Only time will tell.

On to other possibly disturbing news. Babaaneyen of Povar wrote in yesterday (and others have discussed this at the Ak'Anon Bar) regarding a discussion with a fellow Gnome by the name of Kozyn Gigglephizz. Kozyn was apparently looking for any Tinmizer's Fabulous Compactors that may have been handed out by Sanfyrd at the scrapyard, and was offering a reward. Babaaneyen also mentioned that Kozyn was a part of the T.B.I., a group that I had not heard of. Given this information, and the fact that I own a Compactor, I headed off in search of Kozyn. Unfortunately, I was not able to find him (Babaaneyen mentioned that Kozyn is usually found in the little room next to the exit from Ak'Anon). I decided to go have a chat with Sanfyrd regarding the whole situation, and this is what transpired:

You say, 'What is tinmizer's fabulous compactor?'

Sanfyrd Featherhead is frightened by your inquiry. I cannot speak of it. I can tell you to seek a gnome in Ak'Anon named Kozyn. That is all. Now please go and leave me in peace.

Sanfyrd would offer up no further information regarding either the Compactor or Kozyn. Following my discussion with Sanfyrd, I decided to check to see if Kozyn had returned, and indeed he had. This was my discussion with him:

You say, 'hail Kozyn Gigglephizz'

Kozyn Gigglephizz bows politely. Greetings my friend. Have you come to turn in one of those malfunctioned containers called, [Tinmizer]'s [Fabulous Compactor]? I shall gladly exchange it for a few nice gems.

You say, 'Who is Tinmizer?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz chortles with glee. Ho, ho, ho!! Oh my. Tinmizer was a bit of a goof when it came to tinkering. I am from the [T.B.I.] and I was sent to clean up the mess he made. He was tinkering defective containers and selling them. We exiled him and destroyed all his containers. Now we hear the scrapman found some and was using them as a reward for deeds. We have warned to him.

You say, 'What is the TBI?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz lowers his voice and leans closer to your ear. Ssshhh. This is against regulations, but you look like you could keep a secret. T.B.I. Stands for the Tinkerers Bureau of Investigation. We are a clandestine organization working strictly with King Ak'Anon. We handle all tinkering glitches, if you know what I mean.

You say, 'What is the fabulous compactor?'

Kozyn Gigglephizz looks sternly at you. The compactor is a defective piece of junk. Crafted by the clumsy hands of [Tinmizer]. My work shall be done as soon as I exchange all the compactors for precious gems. We take a loss here, you know!!?

I then gave Kozyn my Compactor:

Kozyn Gigglephizz snatches the container from you before you could even let go of it. Yes, yes. And here is your exchange. Now please go and tell all who have the compactor to bring to me for an exchange. Pleasure to serve you.

Kozyn gave me a turquoise gem and went on his way.

Now you may be wondering why I felt this was all a little disturbing. On the surface, it would seem great that someone is willing to trade for an item that no one has been able to find a use for. However, the emergence of the T.B.I. does cause me some concern. It would appear that the T.B.I. has the power to exile any Gnome that has been accused of defective Tinkering, without any sort of appeal. Have any of you heard of Tinmizer before any of this? I certainly cannot find any record of him. He seems to have completely disappeared, as if he has never existed...

The next time you attempt to Tinker an item, take a look over your shoulder. There may be a Gnome watching you with great interest...

April 12, 2000 - Community Chat, GPS, Curios, and Other Stuff

Greetings everyone. It's time for another Compendium update...

I was planning on having an open chat session this Thursday to talk about Tinkering and general Gnoming about (see April 3rd news item). Unfortunately, due to lack of interest (I've only received one reply), I will be canceling this event. If there are more that are interested please write in and let me know, and I'll reschedule. It would be especially great if we could get a Master Tinker or two involved.

A number of Tinkers have been added to the [GPS](#). Please drop by and let me know if I've missed something. I should also let you know that when it comes to mail for the GPS, I generally do not reply to them. If an update or two of the Compendium goes by and your information has not gone into the GPS, then feel free write in with an inquiry.

Quite a few people have written in letting me know the function of a couple of items found in the [Gnomish Curios](#) section. Unfortunately, all but one included their name and server. Please be sure to always include this information so I may give you the proper credit.

I remember reading somewhere recently that it may be possible to now use the Rebreather in your inventory rather than on your head. This would be great news. Could someone please confirm this either way?

Grundup TinkertotPuddlejumper wrote in with a Gemcutter suggestion that was presented by another Gnome. Head on over to the [Gemcutter](#) section for more information.

Finally, I've posted some new recipes to the [Community Recipes](#) section. If you wish to submit a recipe to be included in this section, please post it to the new [Workbench forum](#). Today's recipes are:

- *Rogalite of Tunare*: Gnomish Arquebus
- *Mallv*: Collapsible Umbrella
- *Mildikin Quartzworth of Tunare*: Gnomish Bomb, Dimensional Hammer

April 8, 2000 - New Forums, King Ak'Anon

Greetings all. I've set up some new Tinkering forums with EZBoard which should allow us to discuss everything related to Tinkering and Gnoming around. For the moment, you may only access them from the News page. Be sure to head on over and take a look. So far, I have a general forum and a community recipes forum in place. Let me know what you think.

I noticed this was posted on the official Gameplay forum regarding our King:

>>>Honestly, dont you think that the king of the gnomes should be a gnome himself? I would be able to accept it if there was a reason for it, but there is none! Also, I think you should change him into a gnome(or maybe even a GM event with hundreds of gnomes hurtling themselves at the palace in an attempt to overthrow the human leader and replace him with a gnomish one, ha!

Maybe he's an enchanter and it's an illusion? hehe. Seriously though, I'll check into it. I'm sure that he's supposed to be a gnome.

-Gordon

April 8, 2000 - Additions to GPS and a New Community Recipe

Greetings everyone. As I suspected, I've received quite a few more registrations for the [GPS](#) now that it is up. I'm not going to list the additions here in the news section, so head on over to the GPS. For those that don't yet know, the Gnome Positioning System has been set up to allow for the tracking down of a specific Tinker that may be able to help you out with your Tinkering needs. If you've found this new section helpful, please write in and let me know. I always like to hear when the Compendium has helped out others.

A new recipe has been added to the [Community Recipes](#) section:

- *Knok Verst of Karana*: Gnomish Medical Kit

April 6, 2000 - New Sections, New Award

Greetings all! Quite an update today. As you may see from the icons above, I've added a couple of new sections to the Compendium. The first section is one that I've been talking about for the past week. The Gnome Positioning System (or [GPS](#)) has been set up to allow Tinkers to advertise their wares. So far, there are only a few entries, but I'm sure that I'll soon have a flood of mail once you see how valuable this section is. Oh boy, are the Bards of Antonica going to love me for this one! I'm sure they'll thank me later once they realize how toned they've become from lugging around my mailbags.

If you've written in with your support for the GPS in the past, please write in again with your registration, as I don't necessarily have all of your personal information. It would help if you created your mailing with a subject of GPS, and be sure to include all of the information I listed in the April 3rd news item.

The second new section is one that I've wanted to do for a while now. The [Gnomish Curios](#) section was created to display all of the interesting Gnomish items that have been found throughout Norrath. Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr has done a great job of providing most of the information that is in this section. If you've come across new items, or know the purpose of those already listed, please write in.

And speaking of Tynk Mindrifter, I've decided to create a new Golden Gear Award in his honour. The new Furthing Gnomish Pursuits award has been created to showcase those that have greatly contributed to the community. Check out how Tynk has really helped us all in the [Golden Gear](#) section. Congratulations Tynk!

April 3, 2000 - Community Chat, GPS, Aradune's Response, Trivial Level and Tinkering Advice

Greetings, and welcome back to the Compendium. Every so often, I receive mail from another Norrathian asking if it would be possible for us to get together and chat about Tinkering. Unfortunately, I never seem to be able to find the time to actually do so (sometimes I'm so absorbed in my latest invention that I look up from my workbench only to realize that another week has gone by).

So, here's my suggestion: perhaps on Thursday April 13, we can all meet in a chat room and discuss Tinkering and other Gnomish endeavours. It would be an open forum with no set agenda. Hopefully some of the Master Tinkers out there would join in and lend a hand. Write in and let me know your thoughts. If I see that even a handful of people are interested, then I'll set it up.

Following my suggestion for a Gnome Positioning System, or GPS, last week, a number of you have written in to state your interest. I'm sure that as others find the section, they'll also want to get involved. With this response, I've decided to add it to the Compendium. For the moment, there won't be a way for you to automatically add yourself (hopefully this will be added at a later time). Therefore, if you'd like to be involved, you'll have to write in, and allow me time to manually add you to the list. It would be good if you included the following:

- Name
- Server
- A mailing address if you wish to be contacted outside of Norrath
- A sampling of items you'd be willing to Tinker for a customer
- A comment that you'd like to see next to your name. Perhaps where you usually hang out and when you are usually on. Those are just suggestions, and you may include anything you wish. Just be sure to keep it brief.

To let you know up front, I will not include any prices in this list. I do not want this to become a place where Gnomes try to out sell each other based on a price listed next to their name. As most of you know, I'm open to any and all suggestions, so be sure to write in if you feel that something is missing or should be changed. Let the mailings begin!

Zorik Iddysplit of Lanys T'Vyl wrote in today with a great news item. Over this past weekend, Aradune was available to answer any question that us Norrathians had. Fortunately, someone asked a question about Tinkering. Below is the question, and Aradune's response in bold (you may find the answer post [here](#)).

When will we expect to see new improvements to Tinkering? Right now there are only a handful of marginally useful items to be made with it.

****Tinkering has a planned upgrade after we get the Poison upgrade in.**

This is great news! Now, from everything that I've read, Poison will be upgraded sometime after the expansion. This doesn't give us a lot of time to gather our thoughts and try to influence the gods in their Tinkering direction. In addition to the [Community Recipes](#) section here, I'm also trying to get some Tinkering forums going at EQPortal so that we may begin to discuss our ideas. Once we have our forums, I'll of course add a page to the Compendium to record our ideas. This could very well be one of the more exciting times for Tinkering. I can't wait!

On to other news: Cibtek of The Tribunal wrote in to confirm that the Flameless Lantern is indeed trivial at 68. Sounds like this issue can be closed. If the trivial level was changed at one time, it sounds like it is back to where it has always been.

Finally, Knok Verst of Karana wrote in with some advice for fellow Tinkers:

In an attempt to make Tinkering (especially those working on Aqualungs and Rebreathers) easier for Gnomes everywhere, I have the following comments:

Firstly, I stock my bank (and toolboxes with the proper materials already placed inside) with Tinkering materials. (Oh, what I would give for Gnomish Bolts that could be stacked!)

I'd like to think I've made quite a few friends over my long Gnomish life. I make it a point to hand out tinkered items for fun, especially Fireworks as they are especially liked nowadays. 8) But I digress...Anyways, some of these friends I've made have assisted my Tinkering in the following manner.

*I consult an experienced Enchanter friend of mine for their spell enhancements which improve my, already keen, *beams proudly*, insight.*

Finally, I actually tinker while a Bard "Whistles while I Work". It takes the stress out of an already difficult endeavor. (Just be sure to complete your tinkering BEFORE the Bard plays with his new fireworks. Poor, poor Benjamin "Three-Fingered" Haverford)

March 30, 2000 - Skill Cap, Trivial Level, Gnome Search, and Recipes

Greetings all! It's been a slow week for Tinkering news, but this has given me a chance to catch up.

I'll begin with the possibility of the Tinkering skill cap returning. Atiny & Madix of Bristlebane posted that Atiny (a 16th level Enchanter) was able to raise from a skill of 105 to 106 using Aqualungs recently. Any other Gnomes out there raising their skill beyond what Rawshark reported on last week?

Grundup TinkertotPuddlejumper wrote in that the Gemcutter was trivial for him at 105 (his first Gemcutter). This confirms that the Gemcutter is trivial in the low 100's (the lowest so far is 104).

I've received two requests recently. The first is from Conar McLeod of Solusek Ro (NeverRestEQ@aol.com). Conar is looking for a Master Tinker on Solusek Ro to make him some items. Please write Conar if you can help him out.

The second request is from Kellan McCleod of Tarew Marr (only1eagle@yahoo.com). Kellan is looking for a Tinker on Tarew Marr to create either a Rebreather or an Aqualung. Please write Kellan if you are able to help him out.

These two requests have gotten me thinking (a dangerous thing to do at the best of times). Perhaps I need a new section here at the Compendium, a Gnome Positioning System (or GPS) of sorts. This new section would contain a list of Tinkers on various servers, and would include what items they would be willing to create and how to best contact them. Write in and let me know your thoughts.

With the lack of Tinkering news this week, I've been able to finally publish the remaining recipes from the Posting 16681 campaign. The [Community Recipes](#) section has now grown to such a size, that I'm considering separate pages for some of the more prolific inventors. Piip and Cambus are definitely the key culprits here :) Hopefully the new forums will be in place at EQPortal soon, and then we may continue the insanity. Until then, you may continue to send in your ideas directly to me. Here are all of the recipes that have been added in this update:

- *Piip Ignatz of Innoruuk*: Remote Door Opener, Gnomish Strider Pants, Mechanical Snake Charmer, Parachute
- *Cambus of Cazic Thule*: Gnomish Purple Death Ray, Gnomish Engram Transfer Helmet, Gnomish Metabolic Exploding Canobolizer, Gnomish Yonderblast, Gnomish Holographic Projector, Gnomish Fanciful Balloon Fabricator, Gnomish Coin Bank, Gnomish Icecream Churn, Gnomish Collapsible Crutch, Gnomish Emergency Air Supply, Gnomish 8-Ball, Gnomish Manna Indicator, Formal Gnomish Gardening Hat, Portable Gnomish Faux Campfire, Gnomish Festive Outdoor Lighting, Gnomish Whoopie Cushion, Portable Gnomish Chime Clock, Gnomish Shades, Gnomish Hide-up-loot Rock, Gnomish Flying Probe, Gnomish Field Tool Kit, Gnomish Portable Catapult, Gnomish Automated Blender, Gnomish Sewing Machine, Gnomish Rollerblades, Gnomish Combat Rollerskates
- *Brelag of Tunare*: Gnomish Money Changer
- *Liet Spivak*: Gnomish Trip Flare, Gnomish Food Processor, Gnomish Army Knife
- *Jirek*: Gnomish Radar
- *Xlapus*: Gnomish Shuriken Cannon
- *Gnomos of Cazic Thule*: Gnomish Whirling Spiked Cloak, Gnomish InstaSkid

March 24, 2000 - Skill Cap Back?, Flameless Lantern, Links, and Recipes

Some bad news folks: Rawshark of Bristlebane reports that the Tinkering skill cap may be back. Recently, at 20th level, Rawshark performed 20 attempts to make Stalking Probes, and raised from a skill of 75 to 80. Rawshark then tried to make the probes another 80 times, without seeing a skill increase. Is there another Gnome that can confirm this?

For some good news, Kahnlyn of Povar has written in to let us know that a few patches ago, the Flameless Lantern trivial point was indeed 68. That makes two reports, each with different trivial points, and two reports of the trivial point never changing. Any others?

Going through the [Links](#) section of the Compendium, I realized that I had the old link to the Stratics Gnome forum. It's now been changed to the correct address.

Finally, Knok Verst of Karana has written in with a See Invisible Goggles recipe, so I've added it to the [Community Recipes](#) section.

Safe travels!

March 20, 2000 - Gemcutter Attempt, Trivial Level, and Recipes

I haven't received one of these for quite a while: Pharos Plaguebringer of Povar wrote in with an attempt on using the Gemcutter. Pharos tried to combine a Gemcutter and a Large Black Lodestone in a toolbox without success. In addition to adding this information to the [Gemcutter](#) section, I've also moved the failed attempts to the top. They were getting lost in all of the suggestions.

Mizlek Binklewurt of The Nameless wrote in regarding the possible trivial level change for the Flameless Lantern. Mizlek found that the trivial level for the Flameless Lantern is still at 68. Are there any other Gnomes that can confirm that it has or has not changed?

I've updated the [Community Recipes](#) section with a few more recipes. I think I'll begin to list the additions here in the News section so that they don't get lost in all of the other fine recipes. Today we have:

- Portable Coin Changer by Quasinom de Plume
- The Hazemaker by Alecks Stevansun of Innoruuk

March 16, 2000 - Trip, Trivial Level Change?, Rebreather, Gemcutter, Recipes and a New Link

Greetings fellow Tinkers and Tinker supporters! I must apologize for the lack of updates. After I returned from my trip earlier this week (I was running an errand for the King.), King Ak'Anon asked that I work on a new invention for him. I've been locked in my workshop these past few days, toiling away. If you heard a dull, echoing boom while travelling through Ak'Anon recently, well, that was me. Let's just say that once I awoke and pulled myself out of the wall, I found that the invention did not go as planned! I sure was glad that I was wearing my blinking light cap. As the King has asked that I not reveal too much (state secrets and all), I'll have to leave it at that.

Now onto the reason you are here. I'll begin with some interesting news regarding trivial levels of the recipes. I've received two reports within the last week regarding the point at which the Flameless Lantern becomes trivial. Since the beginning, it has always been trivial at a skill of 68. However,

Nezzar Enkahmen of Rodcet Nife has written in to state that the Lantern was trivial at a skill of 65. I've also received a letter from Xila Cloudweaver of Fennin Ro stating that the trivial level is at a skill of 54. What concerns me most is that the trivial level has changed at all. If it has, then what other recipes have changed? I could really use your help in determining the state of all this. It could, unfortunately, mean that Tinkering has just gotten even more expensive. Perhaps the price of the Tinkering cap being removed?

I've received an interesting letter from Rubix of Innoruuk. Rubix has been in contact with a Gnome named Abou, also of Innoruuk, who claims that the Rebreather trivial level is at 183. If there is a Gnome that can confirm this, please write in. It would be even better if Abou would let me know personally.

Mr. Miaegi of Quellious has written in with some Gemcutter ideas. You may find them in the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Ajaz has also written in with some Gemcutter ideas. You may find them in the Gemcutter section as well.

The last Gemcutter idea has been sent in by a High Elf named Desmulath of The Tribunal. It is actually quite interesting. It involves that Shadow Knight quest that we keep stumbling across whenever we talk about the Gemcutter. There are some interesting connections (especially regarding the Ice Giants), so be sure to take a look.

Jodrin Tinkeralot of The Nameless has written in to let us know that Gnomish Spirits may also be found in East Freeport at one of the bars. Many Gnomes have already found this, but I thought it worthwhile to post it for those that don't. I've updated the [Ingredients](#) section with this information.

I've not had a chance to put up the rest of the Community Recipes that were written during the Posting 16681 campaign, but I have put up any recipes that were sent to me directly in the [Community Recipes](#) section. Hopefully next week, I'll have a forum here at the Compendium where we may continue to post our inventions.

Finally, the people at ThySky.org have asked that I put up a link to their site. It would seem that they are trying to put together a daily news section that summarizes all EQ sites. You may find the link in the [Links](#) section.

March 7, 2000 - Community Recipes and a Trip

Greetings! I've managed to transcribe all recipes from the Posting 16681 campaign up to and including February 26th into the [Community Recipes](#) section. I'll continue to add in the remainders as I have time, but thought you'd like to see what's been added so far. I am also working towards having a forum where we may continue to post our ideas, and I'm hoping that we may choose some to place on the official Wishlist forum in the near future.

I've also modified the [Community Posting](#) section to reflect our recent response to our questions.

While we know not to focus on the Thermal Cloak any longer, Gyro of Solusek Ro wrote in with a clarification in regards to an idea that was posted a week ago. Gyro wanted to let us know that the twice woven cloak is used in a Temple of Ro quest.

I should also let you know that I will be unavailable for the next few days. King Ak'Anon has requested that I run an errand for him (and I can't say no to the big guy), so I will not be updating the Compendium or likely answering my mail until after Sunday. The Bards really won't be too pleased with me, and I'm sure I'll find mailbags all over my workshop, but I'll deal with this when I return. Until then, go forth and Tinker, and remember not to point your spyglass towards the Princess' chamber (a story for another time)!

March 3, 2000 - News

Well, it's been a couple of days since we finally received a reply to our month-long campaign. I've been resting and taking time to focus on some non-Tinker stuff that's been piling up. Unfortunately, my unanswered mail has also been piling up. It's forming quite a tower on my workbench. The Bards are now refusing to deliver it and ask that I come and pick it up myself. If you haven't heard from me in a couple of days, don't worry. I should get through it all by Monday.

I also hope to have the Community Recipes section updated on Monday. I've got your blueprints scattered all over the place, and need to organize it all. Some really great ideas have been brought forward in the last two weeks during our Posting 16681 campaign, and all of them will make it to the Community Recipes section. It'll just take a little time.

Regarding the Posting 16681 campaign, we may have received an official reply, but our work is not done. While we now know to no longer focus our energies on the Thermal Cloak, we're still not any further along with the Gemcutter (although it does sound like the Gemcutter is used for something). We should also prepare for the day when Tinkering is finally reworked. Rosepike has suggested that we set up a document to capture our ideas on how Tinkering should be retooled, and I couldn't agree more. I'm going to give some thought as to how we should approach this, but I think it would take the form of a public forum, and a place to store our results. Sounds like another section for the Compendium.

Have fun out there, and remember not to set off fireworks near straw-roofed houses (a story for another time)!

March 1, 2000 - Posting 16681 Responded To!

This just in everyone: Abashi has finally responded to our post! Here's his direct quote:

*Ahhh! Here it is! I was writing a reply to it earlier when the thread disappeared 😊
Anyway, what I was going to say was:*

Tinkering can definitely use an update and I'll see if I can get it on the list. I'd like to see more useful items out there that come from Tinkering, but the problem is avoiding things that tread on a class ability to any great extent.

*As to a couple of other questions that I've seen in here, the tattered gnomish cloak isn't in game anywhere at this time, and I here that the gemcutter has *some* use, but not to the extent that some suppose.*

-Gordon

Time to launch those fireworks, folks. We've gotten through!

March 1, 2000 - Posting 16681 New Thread

As of 5:30pm EST, the old split thread from Posting 16681 has been made unavailable. However, a [new thread](#) has been set up by the forum operators, and we've already begun to post. I'll not go into details but those of you that have been a part of Posting 16681 will know why the old thread has been lost.

I've changed the two icons above to point to the new thread. All previous references in the News section will no longer work. Now go to the new thread and reply. We've got some catching up to do!

March 1, 2000 - Posting 16681 Rally, Gemcutter

Greetings all! Yesterday's Tinkering Tuesday event was great. It was wonderful to see everyone writing in with their support for [Posting 16681](#). Some great points were brought forward (summarized by Rosepike) which should be added to the series of original questions. There were also quite a number of new recipes suggested. A truly unique form of showing your support for the posting. Cambus should be singled out for the most recipes in a single day.

The unfortunate fact to all of this is that we did not receive an official reply. Abashi had posted to other messages during the day, so he was lurking about. I have to admit that I was quite discouraged by the end of the day. But today is a new day, and us Gnomes cannot be held back. So go forth and post your continued support! Go now! No, stop reading this and go post. I mean it. Don't make me come over there...

Now that you've gone and posted your support for the Tinkering community, we may continue with the rest of today's news.

Lisje of Lanys T'Vyl had an interesting idea that the Gemcutter may be used with the Blacksmith skill. I've posted Lisje's message in the [Gemcutter](#) section.

A number of people have written in suggesting that the twice woven cloak found on the faeries in Lesser Faydark be used in the construction of the Thermal Cloak. I've added this to the [Thermal Cloak](#) section.

February 2000 - Compendium Moved, Posting 16681 Goes Unanswered

February 29, 2000 - Posting 16681 Rally

Greetings!

Today is the day that we rally together with a unified voice! Today is the day I hope to see all of you reply to [Posting 16681](#) as often as you can in support of our Tinkering profession. It would be wonderful if the posting would remain near the top of the first page throughout the day. So go forth friends, and [post](#)!

February 25, 2000 - Hoax, Posting 16681 Rally

A few have written recently to say that the posting from yesterday regarding a new Tinkering volume has been confirmed as a hoax. One of you also pointed out that the apparent finder had a name that was similar to that of bull droppings. Shame on me for not noticing it. I've decided to delete the post from yesterday's entry to save those that have a tendency to read the juicy stuff and not the text around it. If you wish to see the original post, write me and I'll send it to you. On to real Tinkering news...

Posting 16681 and its spin off has now existed for over a month. At the time that I write this, the new thread is now up to three pages. As I'm sure you've all noticed, we still have not received an official reply. Hrmf.

To paraphrase Llabak Tharr's post: It's time to rally the troops!

I'm suggesting that we try a more brute force (although friendly) method. On Tuesday February 29th (I'm concerned that Abashi doesn't have very much free time on Monday), I encourage all of you to reply to [Posting16681](#) as often as you can, in the same manner as you always have. I'm going to try my best to reply at least every half-hour. If it's possible for us to keep the posting near the top of the first page throughout the day, I'd like to think that we would receive some kind of response.

February 24, 2000 - Possible Hoax, Thermal Cloak, Gemcutter, and Mechanical Lockpick Trivial Point

Oh my. Has it been nearly a week since I last updated the compendium? This certainly won't do. I've been wrapped up in matters of [government](#) for the past few days, and just haven't had the time. Time to get out the Tinkering news...

I hesitate to put up the first news items, mostly as I do not believe it to be true. However, in the interest of the community, I will let you judge for yourself. I'll give my reasons following the post. Here we go:

[Posting and my further comments deleted. See February 25th news item for details]

On to other news. Vaire of Xegony has heard that tailor patterns for a small tattered cloak may be found in Kelethin. Antiginous Schmiginous of Bertoxxulous also wrote in with some information. Antiginous has made small tattered cloaks in the past. The recipe was 1 ruined wolf pelt and a cloak pattern from High Hold Pass.

Gephetto Strombolli of Cazic-Thule has suggested that for the Thermal Cloak, that a firewater belt and the rodded cloak are two separate wearable items. See the [Thermal Cloak](#) section for Gephetto's post.

Xyzz Zzyzygy of The Tribunal has written in with some suggestions and information on the Gemcutter. You may find it in the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Xanren of Veeshan has written in with an idea on using sketches with the Gemcutter. Check out the Gemcutter section for the post.

Finally, Gephetto Strombolli of Cazic-Thule wrote to let us know that the trivial point for Mechanical Lockpicks is 62! I've updated the [Recipes](#) section to include this new information.

February 18, 2000 - Community Recipes Section Now Available

You all asked for it, and now it's available! The [Community Recipes](#) section lists all of the suggested recipes from Posting 16681. Once the discussion on Posting 16681 is complete, I will then put the contents of the Community Recipes section onto the official Wishlist forum. If you wish to add an item to the new section, please make an entry to [Posting 16681](#). I'll then place it into the list. This is one time where I will not post something sent to me personally, as I'd like to keep everyone writing in for our support.

Following the discussion in Posting 16681, I'll set up a forum where we may continue to discuss new items. If there is an omission or mistake in the current list, then please write in with the correction. There were quite a lot of messages to go through, and I hopefully did not miss one, but it is possible.

I'd also like to thank Piip Ignatz of Innoruuk for the *Blinking Light Cap* entry. I felt that it really captured the spirit of the Gnomes (another case of possible over-engineering), and it inspired me to create the icon for the Community Recipes section. I can picture Gnomes running around with this contraption on their heads...

February 18, 2000 - Posting 16681

After over 300 posts in support of Posting 16681, it has finally been split. You may find the new split posting [here](#). I've already posted the original questions to the new thread, and hope that you will all continue to post. I've changed the link for my support icon above, but will continue to leave the name as Posting 16681 as that is what started it all.

February 17, 2000 - News

Today is the three week mark for [Posting 16681](#). Unfortunately, we still have not received an official response. To put this into perspective, I've been told that when the Paladins wrote in with a series of well thought out questions/suggestions that it took a month and a half before they received a response. What is the most frustrating is that it would seem that posts containing unreasonable demands are answered right away, while the more intelligent postings are left alone. I suppose it is always easier to argue with unreasonable demands than it is with well thought out questions.

Assuming that we don't receive an answer very soon, Posting 16681 will likely be split. Once this occurs, I will re-post our community's questions to the new thread.

As mentioned yesterday, thanks to Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr, new prices have been posted to the [Ingredients](#) and [Recipes](#) sections.

EQVault has created a number of new tradeskill forums, including one for [Tinkering](#). I've added a link to their forum in the [Links](#) section.

Byraxis of Innoruuk wrote in to let us know that the Torn and Ripped Tunic is given to all Gnome Warriors, and that this lead is likely a dead end. See the [Thermal Cloak](#) section for details.

There is quite a discussion occurring on the Tinkering Mailing List regarding the use of the Gemcutter. Many are suggesting that the Gemcutter be used in a Jeweler's Kit with the following ingredients: 1 pearl, 1 metal bar (ie: silver), 1 Gemcutter, 1 bottle of grease. I've also read a suggestion of: 1 pearl, 1 ring, 1 Gemcutter, 1 bottle of grease. To date, the above suggestions have

not been tried. I've added this information to the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Also on the Tinkering Mailing List, Brillian clarified that only Firework #4 will attract the wrong kind of attention, and that the first three should be harmless.

February 16, 2000 - Lots of News

Greetings everyone! I haven't posted to the Compendium for a few days, so there's lots to catch up on. First of all, I wanted to let you know why I haven't updated the Compendium lately. Something great is happening on Fennin Ro, and I encourage all that are on Fennin Ro to check it out. It's the Collective of Old Fennin. A number of people are working together to create a new environment, including setting up a system of rulership for the various regions. You may find out more about it [here](#). I've start to do my part by creating the Kingdom of A'Anon. If you're interested in it (and I hope all Fennin Ro Gnomes are), you may find it [here](#). As always, please send your comments my way (preferably by posting on the forum at the Collective of Old Fennin Ro). OK, enough of this. Back to the reason you are here...

Quite a few Gnomes have written in and requested that I add a new page to the Compendium. This new page would list Tinkered items that the Tinerking community has come up with. The idea being that these will also be posted to the official Wishlist forum whereupon new Tinkering items may be added to Norrath. I think this is a wonderful idea, and have starting working on it. Most of the new items will come from those posted in [Post 16681](#). In fact, if you have a new Tinkered item idea, please post it there. Once the post is finally responded to, I'll see about setting up a forum where we may all suggest new items.

A number of Gnomes and non-Gnomes (or is it gnon-Gnomes?) alike have written to suggest using grease with the Gemcutter. While it is known that grease is used in the construction of the Gemcutter, many strongly feel that Gimblestan's phrase "*...while only requiring a small bit of Grease to reduce friction.*" indicates that grease is required during the use of the Gemcutter as well. I've add this suggestion to the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Tynk Mindrifter wrote in that he has given 250 bone chips to Gunlok Jure of the Paladin guild in Kaladim. It was rumoured that Gunlok gave out Tattered armour. Indeed, Tynk received (as well as some other items) small tattered leggings, gloves, tunics, and sleeves, but so far, no small tattered cloak for the Thermal Cloak. I've added this information to the [Thermal Cloak](#) section.

Gixx Fibzane wrote in that by turing in Orc Belts to Canloe Nusbeck of the Warrior's guild in Kaladim, you will receive small tattered armour. In the past, Gixx has received a small tattered cloak, but at the time Gixx hadn't thought to use it for the Thermal Cloak. This has been added to the Thermal Cloak section.

Byraxis of Innoruk found a Torn and Ripped Tunic on a vendor, and used it with two metal rods and Firewater to try and create a Thermal Cloak. Nothing was produced. This has also been added to the Thermal Cloak section.

Konaki Jiji wrote in that in looking for a Tattered Gnomish Cloak, he, um, *inspected* a couple of Gnomes. The first was the Gnomish Spelunker found in Unrest, and the second was the Gnomish Mage found in Cazic Thule. Neither Gnome had any items on them after inspecting them three times. All together now: this has been added to the Thermal Cloak section.

Gnomos of Cazic Thule was the Gnome that wrote in with the confirmation of the Aqualung trivial level. I've updated the February 10th news items to include his name. Just as a general reminder, if you write in with information to be added to the Compendium, please include your full name and server.

Tynk Mindrifter wrote in with a wonderful list of prices for Tinkering ingredients and Tinkered items. He (as any Gnome would) methodically checked the cost of every item, and even listed his charisma to use as a basis for others. I should have these additions in the Compendium tomorrow.

Finally, Derkal Pentolite has written requesting that I give his [Golden Gear](#) Award to his friend Qualtz Goldenmalt, as he was the one that found Diamond Dust in Permafrost. Derkal had mentioned his friend in his first post to me, so it is actually my fault for not giving his friend credit. What I've decided to do is award both of them for the Diamond Dust information. Derkal, I still believe that you deserve the award as you were the one Gnome that came forward when others wanted to keep it a secret.

February 11, 2000 - Opening of the New Compendium

Greetings! If you're reading this then you've successfully found the new Tinkering Compendium! Welcome young and old, small and tall, Gnomes and other races.

As you may see from the choices above, all of the former Compendium has been moved, with some new additions. I've also Tinkered some interesting contraptions for your enjoyment. For an interesting mock-up, drop by the [Lost Relics](#) section, and find out what that odd looking icon is all about.

My favorite new section is the [Golden Gear Awards](#). I am hoping that this section will encourage Tinkers everywhere to divulge new information as it becomes available. Be sure to drop by and see what it is all about.

As always, I look forward to any suggestions you may have, especially if you have found an error. Enjoy!

February 10, 2000 - Posting 16681, Skill Cap and Other Stuff

Well, two weeks have now passed since my original posting to the official forum. An official reply has still not been received. It seems that although we now have over five pages worth of support (and interesting reading they are too), it is still not enough to elicit an official response. I admit that this is a little discouraging...

All that I can recommend to the Tinkering community is that we continue to post our support of the questions we have raised. I will try to post every day, and hope that you will too. Please head [here](#) now, and add your support for Posting 16681.

Dakirk wrote in to let us know that at 20th level, a Tinkering skill of 102 is achievable. With this news, it would appear that all caps on the Tinkering skill have been lifted! At this skill, even a formula of level*5 is not valid. Go forth and Tinker!

Gnomos of Cazic Thule wrote in to confirm that the Aqualung does indeed become trivial at a skill of 148.

Thanks to Fizz le of Lanys T'Vyl, there is now a picture of the Spyglass in the recipe section. Thanks!

February 8, 2000 - Gemcutter and Thermal Cloak Suggestions and Information

Greetings! It has been a couple of days since I made my last entry in the Compendium, and the mail bags have been accumulating. I've been busy at work on the new Compendium, which I hope to have complete this week. It will include a new section that will hopefully encourage the continued sharing of Tinkering information as this is the only way our community will continue to thrive.

On to today's news. Maesyn Shadowdancer of Tunare (a Monk) has suggested using the Gemcutter on gem shards. While it is known that shards are for research, perhaps they have another use (perhaps a Gemcutter can change a shard into a usable gem). I've added this suggestion to the [Gemcutter](#) section.

Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr has suggested that since Gimblestan refers to Pearls in the Ocean of Tears, perhaps there is a Lore Pearl that may be found there and used with the Gemcutter. I've added this information to the Gemcutter section. [Side note: Tynk, I was not able to reply to your message. The Bards don't seem to have your correct return address. Please write in with you correct mailing address as I'm interested in your Gnomish pictures.]

Brellium Crafterofthings of Brell Serilis created a Gemcutter and found that it can trivially be made with a skill of 104. This is unfortunate as it would seem that the Gemcutter does not fill in the gap between the Stalking Probes and the Aqualung as much as was hoped. This information has been added to the Gemcutter and the [Recipe](#) section has been updated too.

On to the Thermal Cloak. Tynk Mindrifter of Mithaniel Marr has let me know that Gunlock Jure in Kaladim randomly gives out small tattered cloaks as a reward for turning in four bone chips. Tynk will try to confirm this. I've add this to the [Thermal Cloak](#) section.

Nadiya Nightshade of Rallos Zek has suggested that medium sized cloaks be used when attempting the Thermal Cloak. Nadiyra's reasoning is that most other quests that require a piece of clothing use a medium sized one as the resultant magical item fits all sizes. I've added this suggestion to the Thermal Cloak section.

February 3, 2000 - Posting, Loss of a Site, and a Relocation

Well, it's been a week since I first made my posting to the official forum and there still has been no official reply. With the Gnomish community being small in size (no, I don't mean in stature :), and the Tinkering community being even smaller, it can be hard to compete with some of the other more active posts. Unfortunately, it seems that that is exactly what we must do to be noticed. If you haven't already done so (and even if you have), I encourage you to go to the posting [here](#) and reply in our usual friendly Gnomish manner. I'd also like to thank the other races that have replied in our support. Thanks!

The Gnomish community got even smaller recently (OK, enough with the puns) with the loss of Manga's Tome. It's been down for a while, and has finally been removed. Please, if you know of any Gnome related sites, [write in](#) and I'll add them to the links section of the Compendium.

Finally, I'd like to announce that Fulcrum's Tinkering Compendium will be moving to a new location. I will be taking over Gnomad's old haunt on [EQPortal.com](#). Once there, you can look forward to a slight redesign and clean-up of the Compendium. Hopefully, everything will be in place for the move sometime next week. I'll redirect you from here when the time is right.

February 2, 2000 - Failed Thermal Cloak Attempt

Brelag of Tunare wrote in with another attempt at the Thermal Cloak. You may find the attempt in the [Thermal Cloak](#) section.

February 2, 2000 - Another Tinkering Skill Cap Change Confirmation

A Gnome on the Tinkering Mailing List wrote that at 16th level, he has gained a Tinkering skill of 71. Based on the previously accepted formula, he should not have been able to rise above a skill of 67. It would certainly seem that the Tinkering skill cap has been changed or removed.

February 1, 2000 - Tinkering Skill Cap Changed?

Yurbus of Cazic-Thule wrote in yesterday stating that at 18th level, he gained a Tinkering of skill of 80, which would invalidate the currently accepted Tinkering skill formula of $(\text{level} * 5) - 13$ (based on this formula, Yurbus should not have been able to rise above a skill of 77). Today I received another letter from Yurbus letting me know that he is currently at 20th level, and just recently gained a Tinkering skill of 92! Could it be possible that the skill cap has been removed by the Gods?

January 2000 - Diamond Dust Found

January 31, 2000 - Gnomish Fireworks Warning

Dirje Goldenheart of Rallos Zek wrote in with this important warning when using Gnomish Fireworks:

I don't know how many actually know this, but because fireworks are a sort of spell effect NPC's may find them offensive. A few were shot off at a wedding in Solusek Ro Temple, and people died because of it. A sad sad day. Luckily there was a merciful soul present who resurrected the unfortunate attendees, and later we gated to North Karana and shot off more than fifty fireworks, finding the effects and noises quite pleasing and rather harmless.

January 31, 2000 - Posting, Gemcutter/Diamond Dust and Thermal Cloak

Well, we still haven't seen a response just yet to my posting on the official forum. Hopefully, if we keep replying to it, it will be noticed. Please head on over to [here](#) and let your thoughts be known.

FizzWizz of Tunare has been at it again. She created another Gemcutter and tried using it on a perl. You may read about her attempts in the [Gemcutter](#) section.

A Gnome wrote in to say that the Gnome seen in the Rathe Mountians (as reported by Cogg in the Gemcutter section) is part of a Shadow Knight quest.

Vfelia D'var of Tunare wrote in suggesting that the Gemcutter be placed in the Tinkering Toolbox or Jeweler's Bag with a piece of jewelry. Perhaps the Gemcutter is used to recover the Gem from its setting. I've added this suggestion to the Gemcutter section.

Knok of Karana wrote in to say that The Haven have fallen approximately 17 Ice Giants outside of Permafrost without obtaining Diamond Dust. It would appear that this item is not entrusted to the lower ranks. I've updated the Gemcutter/Diamond Dust section with this information.

A non-Gnome wrote in recently to offer a suggestion as to the location of the Tattered Gnomish Cloak. While hunting in the Plane of Hate, his party took down Innoruuk and on the corpse they found a +2 INT Gnome only cloak. While I'm not sure if the Thermal Cloak would be worthy of a God, I've added this to the [Thermal Cloak](#) section.

Finally, Norbert Gearsmith of E'ci wrote in to clarify that he used a Small Leather Cloak in his attempts. I've updated the Thermal Cloak section to reflect this.

January 27, 2000 - Posting Sent Out

I've posted my message from the [Community Posting](#) section to the official EQ Gameplay forum. Assuming that the message will stay at the same address for its lifetime, you may find it [here](#). Hopefully we will now get a response to our queries.

January 26, 2000 - Thermal Cloak and Gemcutter News

With all of the recent events regarding Diamond Dust and the Gemcutter, news sent to me regarding the Thermal Cloak has been a little delayed in being posted. Some new attempts and suggestions by Norbert Gearsmith, Malthus Melodius and others have been written into the [Thermal Cloak](#) section of the Compendium.

Cogg and another Gnome on the Tinkering Mailing List have posted some ideas on the Gemcutter. I've placed their messages in the [Gemcutter](#) section. And after you've read all of the Gemcutter news, please head on over to the [Community Posting](#) section and write in with comments before I send out the posting tomorrow.

Finally, I thought I'd pass on this letter on the Tinkering Mailing List from a Gnome that is concerned about using Gemcutter and Gemchopper interchangeably:

*A Gem _cutter_ is a device made with the tinkering skill
A _gemchopper_ is a gnome warrior*

On behalf of gnome warriors everywhere, please use the correct term, because no-one is shoving me in a toolbox with a pearl to see what happens.

January 25, 2000 - Gemcutter Section and News

I've created a new section entitled [Gemcutter](#) that will focus on the building of, well, a Gemcutter. The old Diamond Dust section may still be found at the end of the Gemcutter page, both to recognize all those Gnomes that sent in information, and to also allow for the possibility that Diamond Dust may have more than one location.

Gazamel Prime of Solusek Ro has sent in the first confirmation picture of Diamond Dust, so I've posted it at the bottom of the Gemcutter page. Thanks to Gazamel, there is now a picture of Diamond Dust in the [Ingredients](#) section.

FizzWizz of Tunare wrote in to inform us that he placed a Gemcutter and a perl into a Tinkering Toolbox. Unfortunately, nothing was produced. This information has been added to the Gemcutter section. So far, that's three different attempts at making use of the Gemcutter without any results.

As promised, I've update the [Community Posting](#) section based on the latest Diamond Dust and Gemcutter information. Please read the posting over and let me know your thoughts as I'd like to send it out in a couple of days.

January 24, 2000 - Diamond Dust Location and the Gemcutter

Greetings Gnomes! The location of Diamond Dust has been confirmed! I've also been given some additional information regarding the Gemcutter, so today is a rather important update.

- Tinker of Bristlebane was the first Gnome to write in confirming the location of Diamond Dust. He has stated that Diamond Dust may be found on any Ice Giant near Vox's lair (which was later confirmed by many other Gnomes).
- Pirotess T'Enithar also obtained some Diamond Dust and was able to make a Gemcutter. He then tried to combine a gold bar, a sapphire, and the Gemcutter in a Jeweler's bag. The items did not combine in those quantities. Later this week, he will attempt to obtain Diamond Dust again and this time combine a Gemcutter and a gem in a Tinker's toolbox.
- Regan of Erollisi Marr also built a Gemcutter after obtaining Diamond Dust from an Ice Giant, and found that it is trivially made at a skill of 116. To date, this is the lowest trivial point found.
- Derkal Pentolite of The Rathe clarified on the Tinkering Mailing List that the gem he used to test out his Gemcutter was a perl. You may recall that Gimblestan refers to a perl in his book.
- Derkal Pentolite of The Rathe also pointed me to a notice on the [EQCasters](#) board from Abashi regarding the use of some Tinkering items. The question posed essentially asked if the Mechanical Lockpick raises the user's Lockpick skill, and does the Gemcutter raise the user's Jewelry skill. Ahashi's answer was that there are no items in Norrath that will increase skill. Go to this [page](#) for the full question and response.

With all of this additional information, I've updated the [Recipes](#) and [Ingredients](#) sections. I'll have the Diamond Dust and Community Posting sections updated shortly.

One final request: Could a Gnome please send in an unobstructed picture of Diamond Dust so that I may add it to the Ingredients list? Thanks.

January 21, 2000 - Diamond Dust Location Revealed!

Well, the Master Tinker Derkal Pentolite of the Rathe has written in once again, this time revealing the location of his source of Diamond Dust! Head on over to the [Diamond Dust](#) section for the details.

With this news, I expect every Gnome that is able to go forth and verify this. If we can get at least one confirmation (preferably more), we can make the discovery official.

January 21, 2000 - Big Diamond Dust and Gemcutter News!

Head on over to the [Diamond Dust](#) section for some big news. Derkal has sent in pictures of Diamond Dust and a Gemcutter. I've included his entire posting. Enjoy!

January 20, 2000 - Aqualung Bug Fix

For those that haven't gone into Norrath recently, the problem with Aqualungs loosing all of their charges when being dropped on the ground has been fixed. No more flimsy air bladders!

January 18, 2000 - Posting to Official Forum

I've added the message that I intend to post on the official EQ Gameplay forum to the [Community Posting](#) page. See the news item below for a bit of background information. Please read it over and let me know what you think. I'm hoping to send it out at the beginning of next week.

January 18, 2000 - Diamond Dust Section Update and Abashi Update

Fizzlebane of Quellious wrote in with some more zones he checked out based on the location rumour (see January 7th news). With this additional information, I decided to combine it all into a single table. From there, you may see all of the zones that have been checked for the given location (this location is not valid for most zones). I also decided to fill in some more of the blanks myself. Be sure to check out the [Diamond Dust](#) section but remember, this location is only a rumour!

I've been quite disappointed that Abashi has not replied to any of my mailings regarding diamond dust, and the Thermal Cloak. It would appear that the best way to obtain a response is to post on the public forum. Other Gnomes have tried this in the past without any luck. Shortly, I will set up another page here at the compendium that will contain the message I will send to the public forum, and I'd like everyone to comment on it. Hopefully, with a united posting, we will finally be able to get some answers to our questions.

January 14, 2000 - Lost Relics

After receiving a lot of mail asking about items that don't appear in the recipe section but are considered to be "common knowledge" that Tinkers can build them, I've decided to create a new section. The [Lost Relics](#) section has been set up to describe what has happened to these items. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions, especially if there is incorrect information. Enjoy!

January 14, 2000 - Diamond Dust and Thermal Cloak

I've received quite a lot of information and suggestions from various Gnomes (and even a non-Gnome) regarding diamond dust and the Thermal Cloak. First of all, Gnomos of Cazic Thule checked out the location rumour in West Karana and Ocean of Tears, and I have posted his results in the [Diamond Dust](#) section.

A Gnome on the Tinkering Mailing List was frustrated enough that he petitioned a GM. A Verant GM responded and stated that he should try Crushed Dufrenite instead of Diamond Dust. He was also told that the Tattered Gnomish Cloak does indeed exist, but the GM would not reveal if it had to be made or found. Another Gnome did some research and found that the mineral dufrenite is a phosphate and is not related to a diamond, so there is some question as to the direct relation. Cogg of Rallos Zek reminded everyone on the Mailing List of the Ogres in Lake Rathe that will crush dufrenite, and was likely going to check them out again soon (Surastik of Cazic Thule had given them

a diamond in the past with no luck, but giving them dufrenite should work).

Regarding the Thermal Cloak, Pendrill of Rallos Zek has suggested using a material other than a patchwork cloak, such as leather. This does bring up a great idea of trying other fabrics, such as damask or gossimer. Earenhylle of Rallos Zek (a Dark Elf) has suggested using reinforced leather armour as it contains steel boning. To create it, use a large sewing kit and combine: Cloak pattern, High Quality Bear/Cat/Wolf pelt, and 2 Steel bonings. Any Gnome tailors willing to try this combination out? I've added this information to the [Thermal Cloak](#) page of the compendium.

January 12, 2000 - Bug Chat

On January 13 at 6:00pm PST/9:00pm EST, [Dr. TwisTer](#) will be hosting a bug chat with Verant developers. Everyone is invited to join in. This may be a good time to get in questions on the Thermal Cloak, Diamond Dust, and Gemchopper. As I will not likely be able to join in the chat, it would be great if another Gnome could and report on the event.

January 11, 2000 - Another Diamond Dust Location Rumour

Askur of Veeshan on the Tinkering Mailing List has stated that a good friend of his found diamond dust in PAW, and sold it for 150pp in South Karana (his friend didn't know how important this item was). Unfortunately his friend does not remember where in PAW he obtained it, but the two of them were going to look for it soon.

Along the same lines, Glenin of Fennin Ro (a High Elf) shouted out a couple of nights ago asking what diamond dust was for (as reported on the Tinkering Mailing List). He then sold off the diamond dust and refused to tell anyone where he found it. This also occurred in South Karana, which contains the entrance to PAW.

January 10, 2000 - Anonymous Information (Including Diamond Dust)

A fellow Gnome has recently written in with some Tinkering information, but would like to remain anonymous. Here are the contents of the message:

Rebreathers aren't trivial. It's like making platinum jewelry, it's not trivial, but you have a good chance at making it w/ a 200 skill.

Diamond dust is dropped by clockwork dusters in Ak'Anon back in the necro guild/mines. Good going Verant for making you loose faction to get daimond dust.

A Gemcutter is sometimes a 4/6 slot box w/ a combine button. You can make the Gemcutter, however it is not in the game as of yet (or so Bargash (that lead GM dood) informed me). When the Gemcutter is in game it will make something similar to that, however until then you will recieve a dummy product. Hope I helped ya out some.

I'll let you know if I can find out some more specifics on the diamond dust, as there are Dusters, Sweepers, Scrubbers, Obsolete models, etc. by the Mines of Malfunction, and I don't believe that Dusters should give a faction hit. Until then, is there a Gnome willing to check this out? I'll have to see about going down there myself...

January 10, 2000 - Checking of Diamond Dust Location Rumour

Flintnilf has taken the *pos 1240, neg 5433* rumour seriously and has begun to check a number of zones based on available maps. You may check out his work in the [diamond dust](#) section.

January 8, 2000 - Aqualung Trivial Skill Level Found

Flintnilf of Povar has informed me that he has reached a Tinkering skill level of 148. At this level, Aqualungs become trivial! Thanks for sharing this information with the Tinkering community Flintnilf! I've updated the recipe section with the new trivial level, and given credit to the Master Tinker.

By my count, only five important items remain (Thermal Cloak, Diamond Dust, Gemcutter Creation, Gemcutter Trivial, Rebreather Trivial). That means that there are only five more chances to become a famous Gnome. Be sure to share your vitally important Tinkering information with the Tinkering community before another Gnome takes your spot in history! :)

January 7, 2000 - More Diamond Dust Rumours

Being a practical Gnome, I am torn when posting rumours about diamond dust. I usually take a "show me" attitude, and I'd prefer that a Gnome come forward and allow me to take a picture of the diamond dust. In fact, I'll meet on any server, and will keep you anonymous if requested. At this point, I don't even need to know where it was obtained, only proof that it can be obtained.

That being said, I've decided to post some information that I have received and allow you to draw your own conclusions. The first is a possible location for diamond dust. Yatreny of Solusek Ro sent this message (another Gnome told him this information):

*pos 1240, neg 5433
Good luck finding which of the 80 zones it's in.*

The second message is from Dendyn of Fennin Ro. He petitioned a GM:

*Does the diamond dust exsist?
"yes its fairly easy to obtain but it cost alot. It cost more to make than obtain."
Do you have the "gem cutter"even in the game ?
"Not yet but soon we have a place holder for that item we are waiting for more people in tinkering. We will wait till then."*

As I have not heard back from Abashi yet, I cannot personally confirm any of the above.

January 6, 2000 - No Word from Abashi

I still haven't heard back from Abashi regarding the Tinkering questions I sent him. I fear that the Bards may have lost it (they really shouldn't rely on adventurers for mail delivery). It could have been my timing as I did send it over the holiday season. Regardless, I've sent my request once again, and will await a reply.

In general, this is what I've requested:

- Does the Tattered Gnomish Cloak exist in Norrath, and does it go by that name? If so, how may it generally be obtained (purchased, looted, quest, tailored, etc.)?
- Is it even possible to tinker a functioning Thermal Cloak?
- Does Diamond Dust exist in Norrath? If so, how may it generally be obtained (purchased, looted, quest, etc.)?
- Is it even possible to tinker a functioning Gemchopper?

January 5, 2000 - Guild of Tinkers

I checked out the Guild of Tinkers site recently and found that it was back up. Seems that kobolds were running wild messing things up for a while. You may find it in the [links](#) section below.

January 4, 2000 - Tinkerfest?

As I was not able to attend the Tinkerfest in December, I was wondering if a kind Gnome could fill me in on what transpired. I'd especially like to know how the fireworks display went. Pictures would be great!

January 4, 2000 - Thermal Cloak Update

Mally has recently sent in some attempts at making the tattered Gnomish cloak, this time using a medium sewing kit. Check out the [Thermal Cloak](#) section for more information.

January 3, 2000 - Diamond Dust Rumour

Oakshield of Fennin Ro has informed me of a [rumour](#) posted on the official EQ Gameplay forum regarding diamond dust (posted by kaji001). I'll repost it here in its entirety and you can draw your own conclusions.

Diamond Dust has been found. A Gnome on our server (Solusek Ro) has found it, but will not reveal the location. He has contributed greatly to Tinkering, put countless hours into it, and poured a ton of plat into trying to make a Gemcutter. He feels others should do the same.

According to rumor, he did find the correct Tinkering combination, but it yielded a different object. When he asked the GMs about it, they confirmed that he had found the correct combination, but since the Gemcutter has not actually been added, it produced a "dummy product".

Are there any Gnomes on Solusek Ro that can confirm this? I've also not had a reply to my mail regarding diamond dust, etc., but with the recent holidays it may take a couple of days for them to catch up.

December 1999 - The Compendium Opens

December 30, 1999 - Diamond Dust Section Updated

A few Gnomes have written in with locations that have been checked for diamond dust, as well as suggestions for obtaining it. Check out the [diamond dust](#) section.

December 23, 1999 - New Link and Diamond Dust

I've added a new link to the EQ Stratics Gnome Forum in the [links](#) section. It's a good place to discuss everything Gnome.

The new diamond dust section of the compendium is now available [here](#). I've gone through the Tinkering Mailing List and have summarized my findings. Be sure to check it out and let me know if there are additional places that Gnomes have searched. I'd hate for a Gnome to lose a diamond when the lead has already proven false. I am also in the process of trying to get some official word regarding diamond dust (I'm including the Thermal Cloak in this too). I will let you all know what I am able to find out.

December 22, 1999 - Ingredients and Thermal Cloak Update

Fayghon of Karana has informed me that Potters can also create skewers. I've changed the skewer in the ingredient section to indicate this.

Dakirk has again been busy with the Thermal Cloak. He tried placing a small patchwork cloak and a metal rod into a small sewing kit (the small kit only has two slots). It didn't work out. He'll see about trying a medium sewing kit sometime soon. I've changed the Thermal Cloak section to indicate all of this.

December 21, 1999 - More Failed Thermal Cloak Attempts, and a Request Regarding Diamond Dust

Dakirk of Tunare wrote in today with more [Thermal Cloak](#) attempts, this time including a belt! He offers up a new approach of trying to do the belt and cloak separately. This leads to something that another Gnome wrote to me about a while ago: Is it possible that we should first Tailor the rods to the cloak? Just an idea...

Onto diamond dust, the ingredient for the Gemcutter. I've received some mail from Gnomes regarding this item and trying to obtain it. In this regard, I've decided to do two things. The first, is to create a new section listing all of the places that need to be checked out (and have already been checked) according to those in the know. I'll start by going through the mailing list and try to compile what has already been said. You can then add to it.

The second is I'd like to try to get an official confirmation that diamond dust is even in Norrath. It's possible that the item may just have been missed. I'll see about contacting Abashi directly and perhaps try to make this compendium some kind of unified Gnome voice. To accomplish this, I'll need to track down Abashi's address. If you happen to already have this, please [pass it on](#) as otherwise I'll have to get my Dwarf friend to do some Internet mining again (Dwarves are very good at mining!).

December 20, 1999 - Gnomad Writes in with Thermal Cloak Attempts!

Not long after I posted my failed Thermal Cloak attempts section to the compendium, I received some mail from Gnomad that included his old list! Head on over to the [cloak](#) section to take a look! Thanks Gnomad!

December 20, 1999 - Stalking Probe Picture

Thanks to Snort Tuggletum of Solusek Ro, there is now a picture of the Stalking Probe in the recipe section. Enjoy!

December 17, 1999 - New Section

One section that was missing from my compendium was Gnomad's list of failed Thermal Cloak attempts. I've managed to find a couple of failed attempts and have added them to the compendium. Please see the section below entitled [Failed Thermal Cloak Attempts](#) for more information.

December 17, 1999 - E'Ci Tinkerfest

Noticed this posted on other sites and thought I'd mirror it here (hope no one minds). If it wasn't for the date, I'd go on over to E'Ci myself to check it out, especially for the fireworks display. By the way, if you have a Tinker related event you'd like announced, drop me a line and I'll post it here.

TINKERFEST!!

Come one! Come all! If you are interested in tinkering or want to buy tinkered items be at the Tinkerfest in the steamfonts near the windmills! We will have the largest fireworks display ever and other activities will be planned. December 26th, 1999 11:00 AM PST.

Fellow gnomes come an hour early to discuss the following:

- 1. Tinkered item prices. I don't wish to undercut my fellow Gnomes when selling tinkered goods. We should discuss setting prices. This should not however prevent us from discounting items for guildmembers.*
- 2. Trivial skill items. Most everything is trivial to me now. If I am asked to make items that are trivial I'd rather be able to give the name of a Gnome who might get a skill improve from the tinkering.*
- 3. Tinkering help. We could give each other tinkering help and perhaps discuss a tinkering site since Gnomad's site is gone now.*

December 17, 1999 - Tome Changed and Skill Cap Debate

Taking a look at my links, I've noticed that Manga's Tinkering Tome is now just Manga's Tome. The focus has also changed from Tinkering to everything Gnome. I've updated the link below.

There currently is quite a debate over on the Tinkering Mailing List regarding the Tinker skill cap. There definately seems to be a consensus that the original cap has been removed. Head on over and take a look.

December 16, 1999 - Where oh where has my little Gnome gone?

There is an All Points Bulletin on the Gnome Thorancal, Tinker extraordinaire! FizzWizz is trying to track you down. Please write in so I may pass on your mailing address.

December 16, 1999 - Thanks and New Sections

Thanks everyone for the overwhelming response to my compendium. I really appreciate it. Please remember that all of this would not be possible if not for Gnomad and all of the Gnomes that stuck with it and were willing to part with their hard-earned platinum.

Onto some new stuff. A couple of Gnomes had some good suggestions, and I've created two new sections as a result. The first section isn't really new, but the moving of the recipes to its own page. This should allow easier printing for reference while in the game. The second section is a listing of all the Tinkering components and where to find them. No, I don't have a location for Diamond Dust :) Keep on sending in those suggestions!

December 15, 1999 - New Sites and a Request

It looks like this is the week for Tinkering sites. There's a new site from Manga, another from Morty, as well as Gnomad's guide on Allakhazam's site (I suppose this is the last word from Gnomad). Links to all of these may be found below.

Also, some of you may have noticed that I am filling in the icons for each of the Tinkered items in the recipe section. If you happen to have a picture of an item that I do not yet have posted, it would be much appreciated if you could pass it on to me at my address at the bottom of the page. I'll continue to fill them in as I make items, so be sure to check back prior to Tinkering something for the purpose of sending it to me. Thanks!

December 14, 1999 - Known Gimblestan Volumes Added

Just a quick update: the complete contents of all known Gimblestan volumes have been added to the compendium. Enjoy!

December 14, 1999 - Skill Cap Removed?

Rumours are flying on the EQ Tinkering Mailing List that the skill cap on Tinkering has been removed. Two Gnomes have so far stated that they are currently at a skill beyond what it could be with the known skill cap formula. I'll keep you posted on further developments.

December 14, 1999 - Fireworks

While this is probably old news to some, others don't seem to know that Gnomish Fireworks have been updated. No longer is there a microsecond flash in our face when setting them off. There now appears to be two types: ones that launch a coloured flare in the direction you are facing (or towards your selected target), and the other a sparkle that surrounds the person holding the launcher accompanied by a loud explosion. I have yet to determine how to select which occurs, but if you know please write me.

I used the new fireworks to great success on December 9th following the marriage of Takashi and Junivera in Lake Rathe. I passed out the fireworks to a couple of friends, and we ascended the Erudite Tower. We then launched flares and sparkles over the crowd. It was perhaps the largest fireworks display to date. We'll have to see about organizing a future large fireworks display put on

by the Ak'Anon Corps of Explosion Engineers, perhaps to mark the King's birthday.

December 13, 1999 - Welcome

Hi all! Welcome to Fulcrum's Tinkering Compendium. I've built this guide in response to Gnomad taking his down, and because of problems accessing other Tinkering sites. I hope to put up here everything that is known about Tinkering, and I'll start with a table listing all known Tinker items and at what skill level the items become trivial at. This information should not be new to anyone who has been in the Tinkering business for a while, but it doesn't seem to be too common to find it in one place.

Regarding other sites, Catben Flinkilur does have a good site up, and you may find it in the links below. I'd also recommend that everyone check out the Tinkering mailing list as well as the EQ Stratics Tinkering trade forum, which is where I usually hang out.

Please take a look around, and if you find a mistak :) or want to suggest something, you may contact me at the address below.