



## MINERS' CANDLESTICKS

Miners work underground where there is no light. What do you think they used for light before electricity was invented? They used candles!

Since the miners needed both hands for their work they attached the candles to the walls of the mine with lumps of clay. This was a problem. When the clay dried, the candle would fall off the wall and go out. Miners in the West fixed the problem. They took a long spike and looped one side to hold the candle. They sharpened the other side so it would stick in the wall. This worked well.

Carbide lanterns took the place of candles.