



RODDING-ROOM FOREMEN

lem, even when handled very carefully, and requires more attention on the part of the workmen than cutting in a new room; and one passing through when a new room is being cut in, and seeing the array of fireworks, would think it impossible to make the first week's run without a single burn or injury—but such was the record of Potroom No. 24. This is a record to be proud of, not only by the men in charge, but by every man cutting a shift during that week in this room. Practice safety, and watch for good results in accident prevention.

Wear Your Goggles

The importance of wearing your goggles on your eyes and not on your hat is now a proven fact. It was fully proven by an accident which occurred in Potroom No. 34 a few days ago.

Will Moore, No. 1226, was pouring hot metal into a mold when some of the metal splashed out, hitting squarely the lenses of his goggles. Will was badly frightened at first, but after taking off and examining his goggles, he said, "Oh, Boy; it sure pays to wear your goggles where they belong; not on your hat."

It is very evident from the looks of the goggles Will was wearing that his eyes would have undoubtedly been very severely burnt, and maybe blinded, had it not been for that little safety first precaution. This should be a lesson to

every man in the plant, and everyone should realize that if their work is such as requires the use of goggles, be sure you have them, and wear them where they belong.

Ragged Cotton Gloves

On January 20, we had another example of the danger of wearing old cotton gloves. Cleveland Little, No. 5408, who is employed in the Re-Melting Department, had on an old pair of ragged cotton gloves, and in picking up a pig of metal to toss it upon the paddle his glove caught upon a ragged edge of the pig, jerked his hand forward, catching his hand between the pig and the paddle.

Cleveland has a badly split finger, and, though losing no time on account of the injury, has a very painful wound.

This wound would not have happened had he been wearing a glove with a leather palm. It seems that someone must suffer that we may be forcibly reminded of these dangerous practices. As much as we regret this accident, let us all profit by Cleveland's misfortune, by discarding the cotton glove, for think what might have happened had it been some part of a high-speed machine upon which this glove had caught.

Keep Your Mind on Your Work

Without doubt, the greatest act of carelessness or absent-mindedness that

has ever come to our attention was that of Robert Kelly, one of the store-room employees.

On January 5, Kelly was one of a party who took a truckload of coal to the Club House. After the truck had backed to the coal hole, Kelly took the cover off the coal hole, stepped up to the truck for his shovel, and then stepped backwards into the coal hole, the fall fracturing three ribs. When asked why he stepped backwards into the coal hole, Kelly replied, "I forgot I opened it."

Though this is an extreme case of carelessness, yet it goes to show what will happen when our minds are not on our job. Remember that, whatever your work, there is always some element of danger. Keep your mind on your work at all times; and let us hope no one else will ever be guilty of such carelessness.

Boy, Page Greenlee and Brown

Some of the boys working on the seven o'clock shift in the Potrooms, since checking over the Weekly Tabulation for the week ending January 10, which shows the number of accidents occurring in each potroom, their cause, and the shift during which the injury occurred, have asked, "Why has the graveyard shift more injuries than either the seven o'clock shift or the three o'clock shift?" We are passing the question to Mr. Greenlee and Mr. Brown for an answer.

Charles Elliott Kirk Dies

Mr. Charles Elliott Kirk died Saturday, February 14, of influenza-pneumonia, at his home near Badin, following an illness of a few days. Mr. Kirk was well-known in Badin, he having been a barber here for some time. He was thirty-two years of age, and is survived by his wife and four children. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hoey, of Albemarle, and Rev. J. M. Arnette, Sunday afternoon, the burial being in the family graveyard. The pallbearers were: Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Sells, H. C. Nash, Linnie Myers, A. S. Smith, and Clarence Cotton.

Occupy Handsome Building

One of the largest and most commodious buildings in Badin is that to be occupied by The Parker-Little Furniture Company. Badin's furniture houses are among its most progressive stores, carrying a line that would do credit to a city.