RESEARCH TIPS & THE GREY IRON CASTING COMPANY MOUNT JOY, PA

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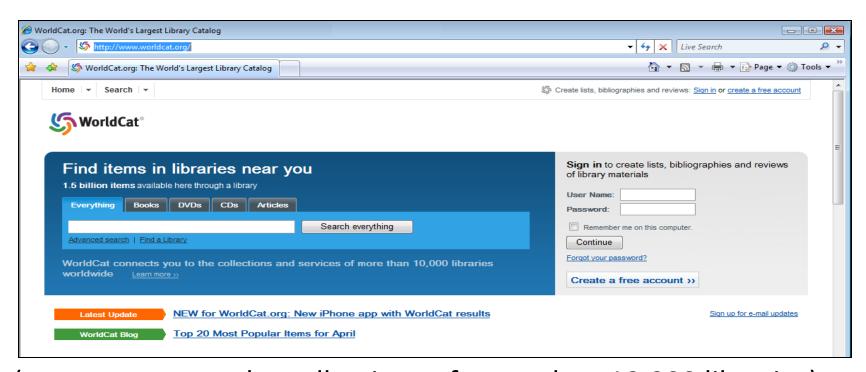
ONLINE:

- Google Books: http://books.google.com/
 (Iron Age, Household Review, Factory Inspection Reports ...)
- Google Patents: http://www.google.com/patents
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- Footnote: http://www.footnotelibrary.com/ (Census, Newspapers, City Directories ...)
- Other Genealogical Research sites ...
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ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOG:

WorldCat: http://www.worldcat.org/



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PHYSICAL REFERENCES:

- Trade Catalogs, Price Sheets & Jobbers Catalogs
- Sanborn Fire Maps
- Mechanical Banker & Penny Bank Post Magazines
- Other Genealogical Research material ...
 (City Directories, regional profiles, Who's-Who, ...)
- A HANDBOOK OF OLD PENNY BANKS, John D. Meyer, 1952
- MECHANICAL TOY BANKS, Louis H. Hertz, 1947
- THE PENNY BANK BOOK, Andy & Susan Moore, 1984

THE GREY IRON CASTING COMPANY

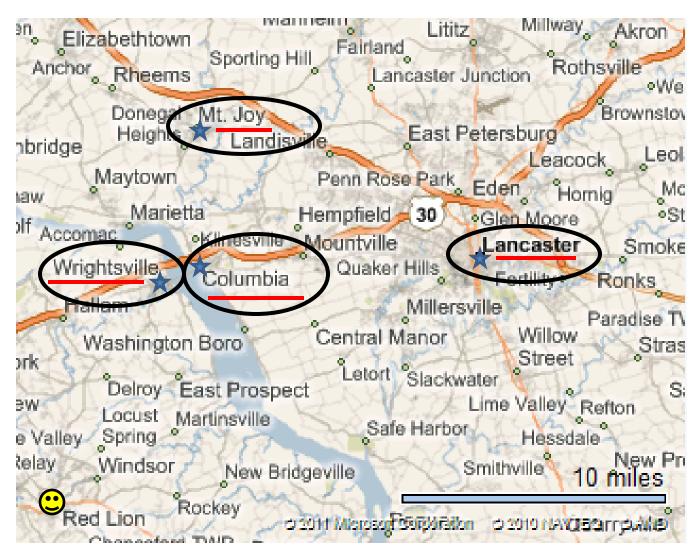


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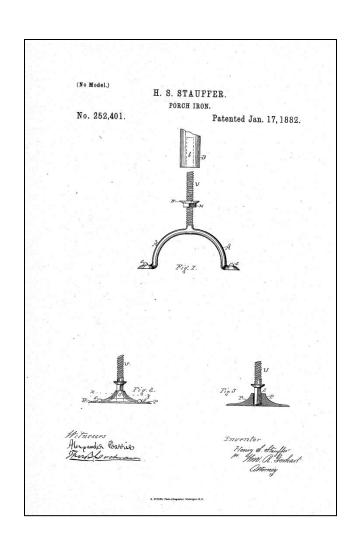
SOUTH-CENTRAL PA HARDWARE AND TOY FOUNDRIES

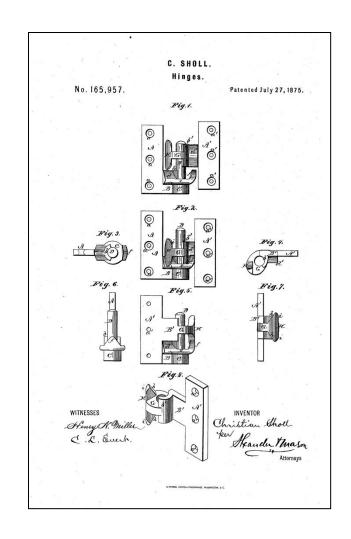


1881

- The <u>Grey Iron Company</u> was organized by <u>Henry S. Stauffer</u>, in company with his brother-in-law <u>S. N. Eaby</u> for the manufacture of his patented post support and Sholl's reversible blind and shutter drop-hinge.
- They carried out the business together for a short time when Mr. Eaby withdrew. H.S.
 Stauffer then conducted affairs under the name of the <u>Grey Iron Casting Company</u>.

PORCH SUPPORT & SHUTTER HINGE

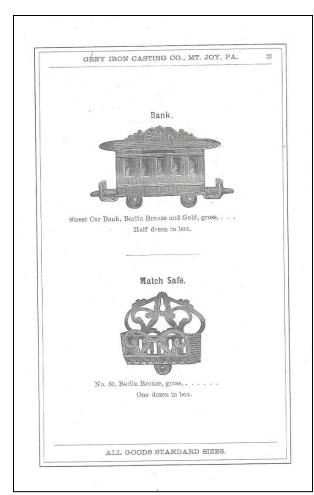




CIRA 1885

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE GREY IRON CASTING COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS OF Sholl's Reversible Blind and Shutter Hinge, PORCH IRONS, LOCKS, ETC., ETC., AND A FULL LINE OF IRON NOVELTIES. OFFICE AND WORKS: EAST MAIN ST., MOUNT JOY, PA. PRESENTED BY Selling Agent. LANCASTER, PA .: PRESS OF INQUIRER PRINTING COMPANY.

GREY IRON CASTING CO., MT. JOY, PA. To the Trade. We take great pleasure in presenting to our former Customers and the Trade in general, our New and Illustrated Catalogue, and take this opportunity for thanking our customers for the liberal patronage of the past, and hope by strict attention to business, care in producing and finishing our goods, we may merit your future trade. Estimates on small Grey Iron Castings, Brass Patterns and Galvanizing, given on application, and orders solicited for same. Hoping for a continuance of the patronage of the Trade, we are Respectfully yours, H. S. STAUFFER, J. W. ESHLEMAN. ALL GOODS STANDARD SIZES.



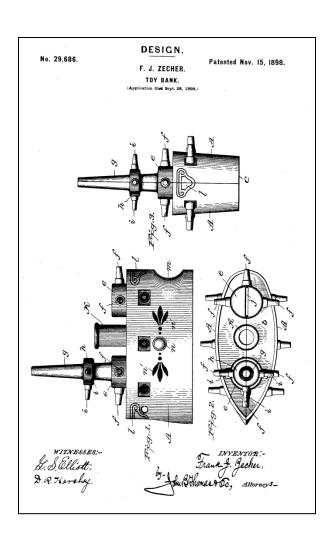
1891

- In February H. S. Stauffer sold the business.
 He remained in the capacity of the manager of
 the plant until at least 1894. The organization
 of the new company was: <u>T. B. Himes</u>,
 President; <u>John. W. Eshleman</u>, Secretary and
 Treasurer; <u>Reuben J. Myers</u>, Superintendent.
- At that time they employed 60 men, although the capacity of the mill was 125.

1898 LETTERHEAD



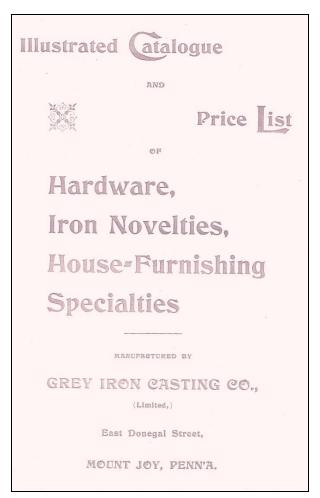
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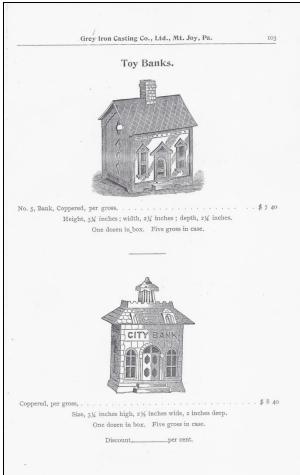


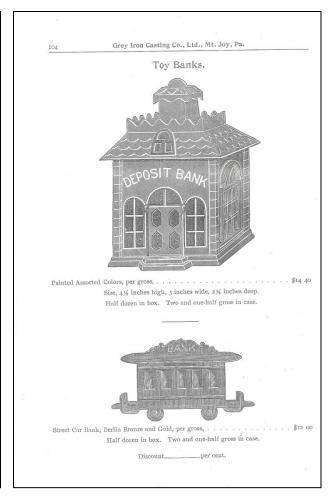
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Two hundred and sixtysix men lost their lives.

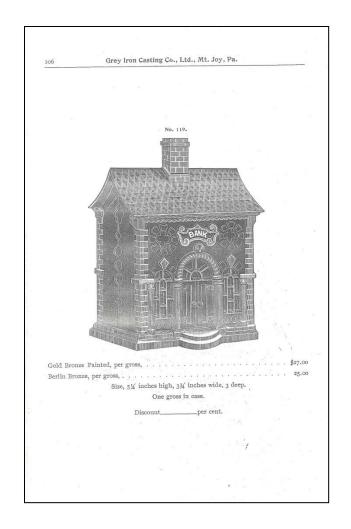
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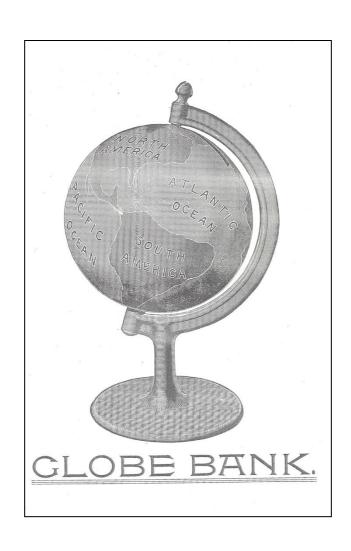


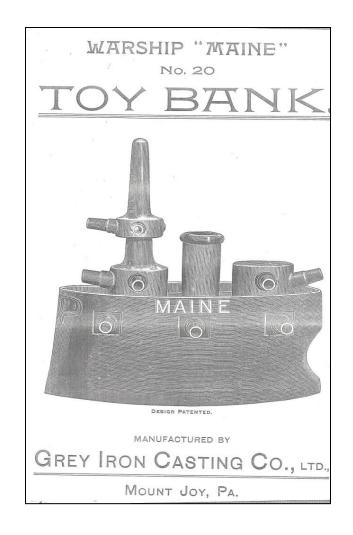




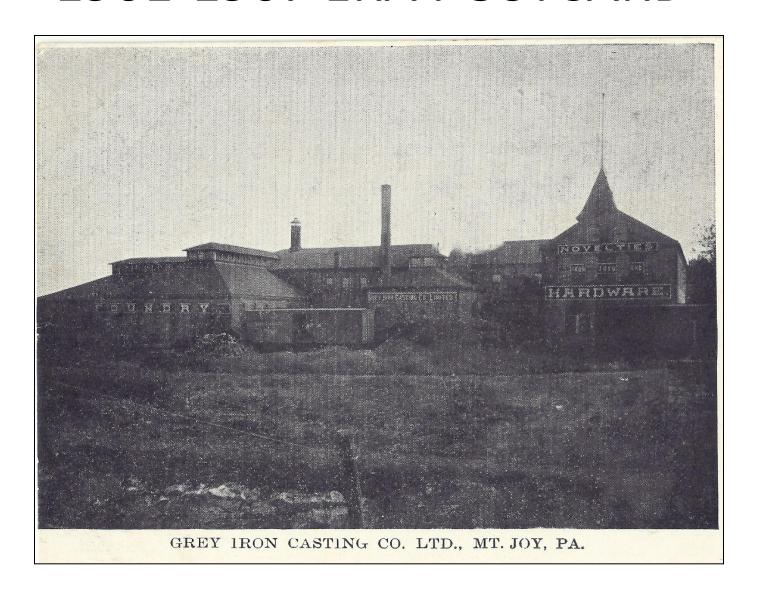




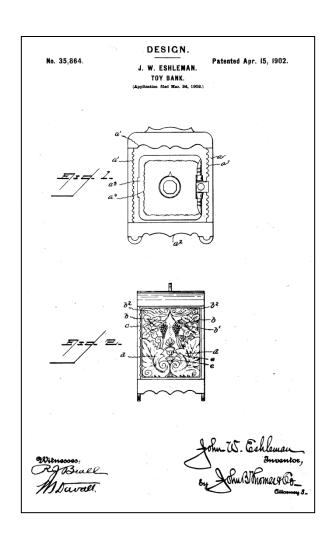




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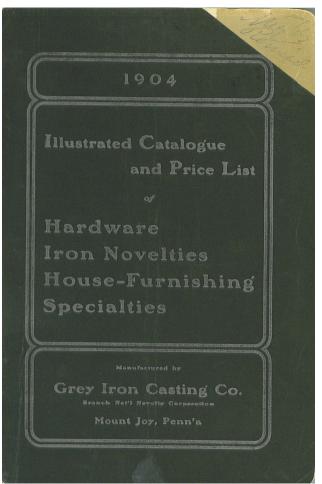
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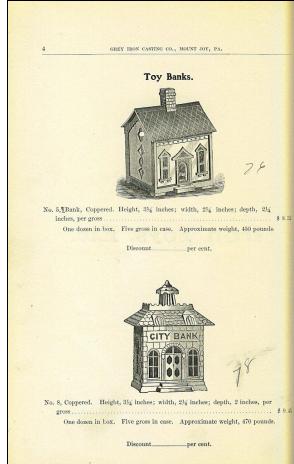


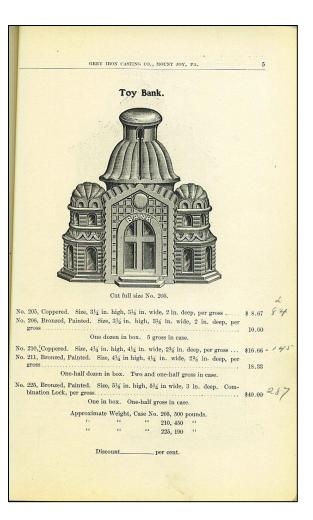
1903 – THE 'TOY TRUST'

- In July the National Novelty Corporation was incorporated in New Jersey with \$10,000,000 planned in Capital Stock.
- They anticipated as many as 30 companies would be included, but peaked at 16.
- Of those companies, several eventually closed their operations and shipped their production patterns and customer files to other factories within the corporation.
- The Wing Manufacturing Company transferred everything to Kenton Manufacturing Company in late 1903/early 1904.
- The *Logan & Strobridge Iron Company* (L&S I Co) closed their New Brighton facility in 1906 and transferred their concerns to *Wrightsville Hardware*.

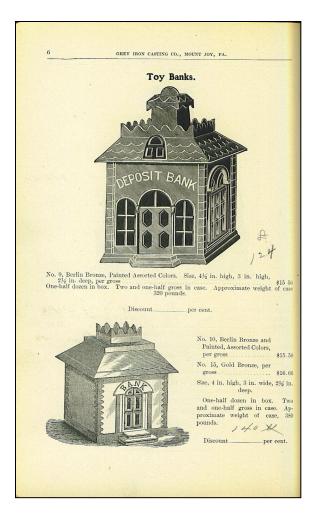
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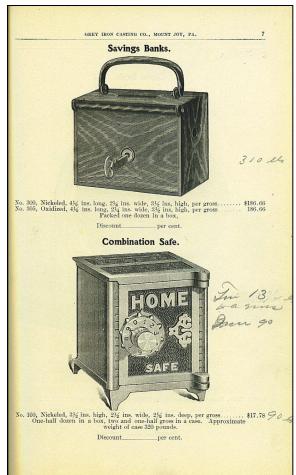


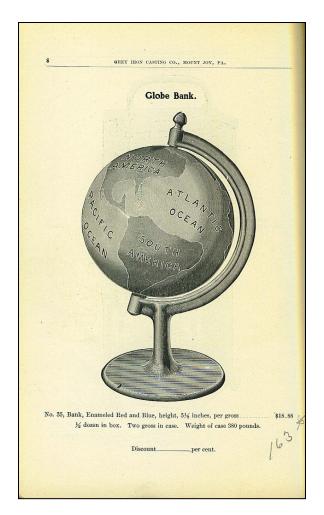




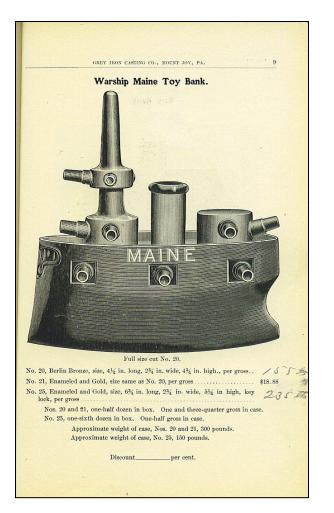
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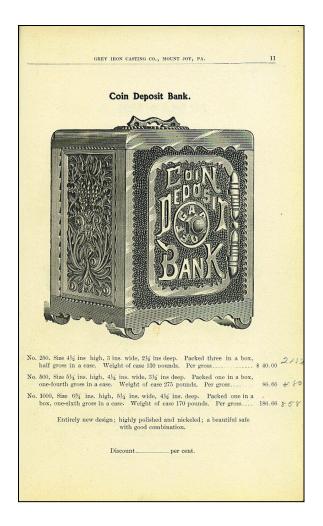




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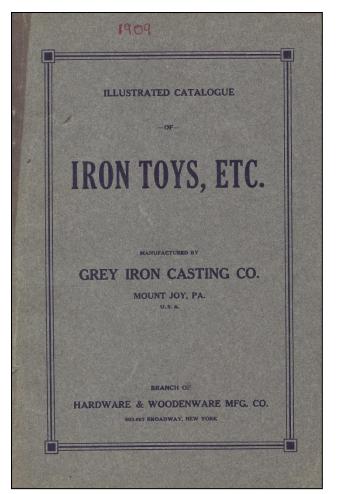


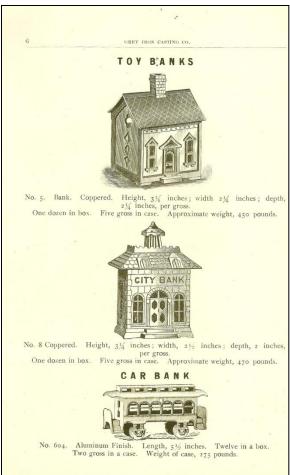


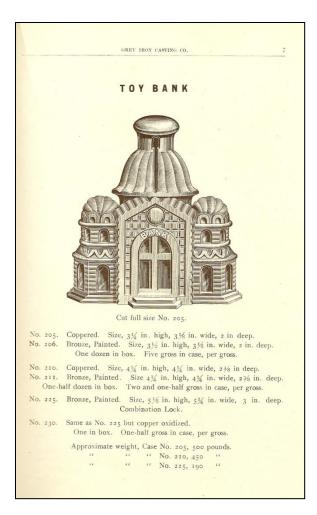
1906-1907-1908

- <u>December 1906</u>: the National Novelty Corporation went into receivership.
- Early 1907: the Hardware & Woodenware Manufacturing
 Company was organized for the purpose of taking over the assets of
 the National Novelty Company, in which they were interested as
 stockholders and creditors.
- <u>February 1908</u>: the *Kenton Manufacturing Company* went into receivership, closed their doors, and transferred many of their patterns and dies to other companies within in the Hardware & Woodenware Manufacturing Company. Their largest Stamping Mill was transferred to the Grey Iron Casting Company.
- <u>February 1908</u>: the Hardware & Woodenware Manufacturing Company was placed in the hands of a receiver (<u>Nicholas H.</u> <u>Colwell</u>) and who successfully restructured their debt, allowing them to remain in operation.

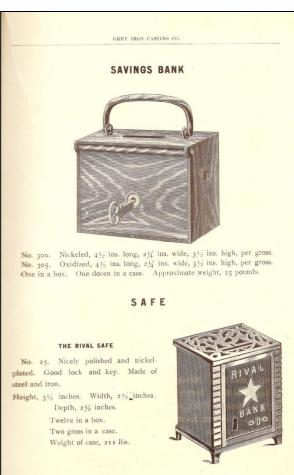
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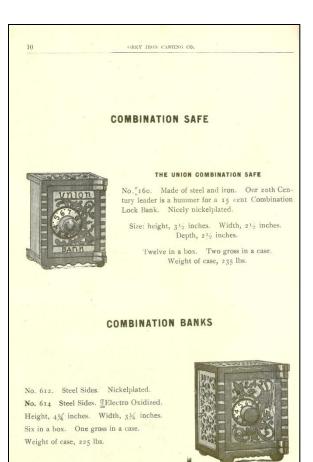


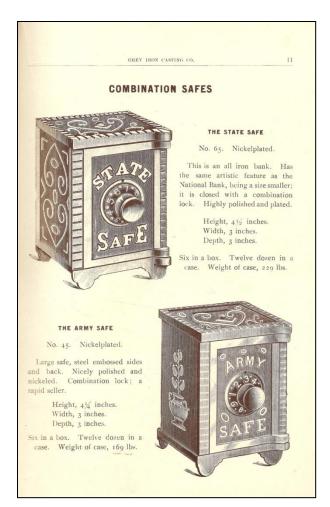


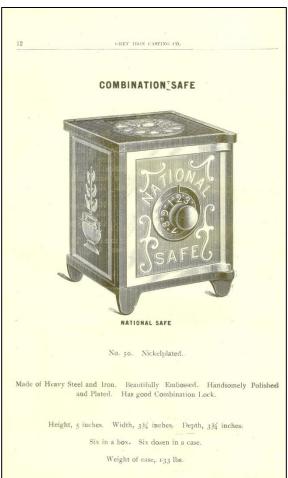


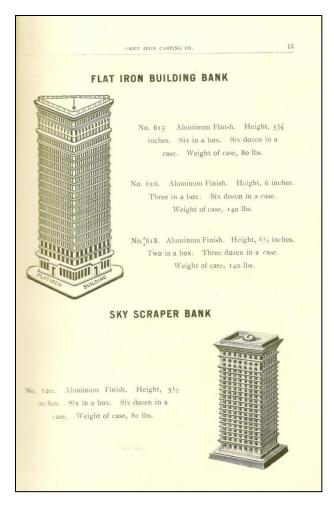


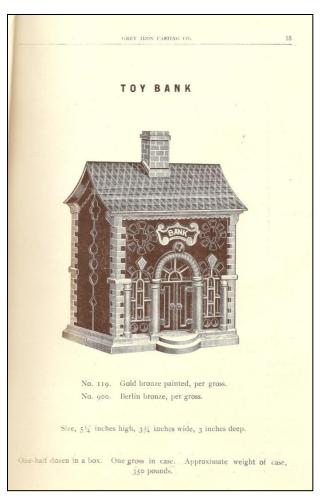


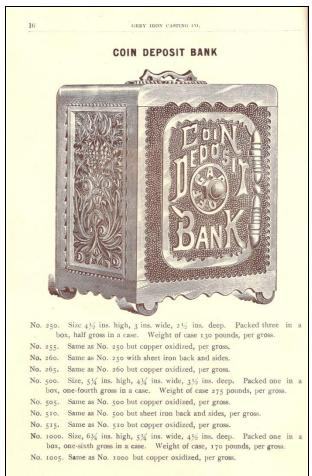


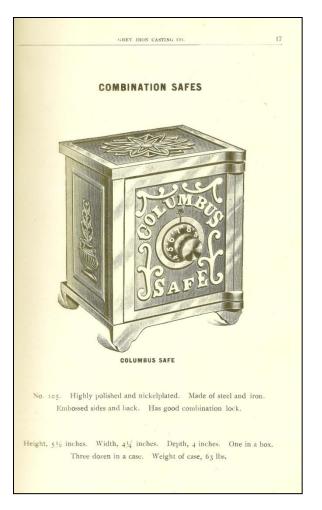




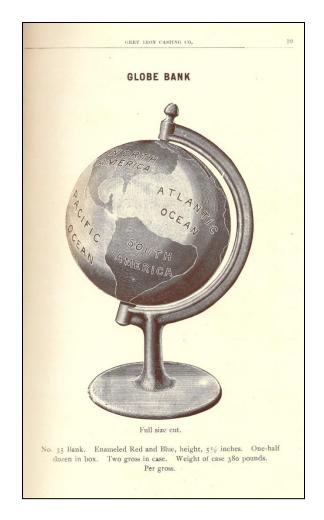












NOTE: KENTON reopened in February 1910 and their patterns were returned.

1912 – THE'TOY TRUST' ENDS

- In early 1912 the Hardware & Woodenware Manufacturing Company failed and the Assets Realization Company was appointed as the receiver. They were authorized to sell the company assets at public auction in April 1912.
- Prior to the public sale on April 20th, agents of the Asset
 Realization Company entered into a private agreement to sell
 the Grey Iron Casting Company plant in Mount Joy to the
 Wrightsville Hardware Company for \$35,000.
- After the public sale the Asset Realization Company defaulted on their agreement with Wrightsville Hardware and sold nine properties – including the *Grey Iron Casting Company* plant to <u>George E. Shaw</u> and <u>Campbell Carrington</u>.

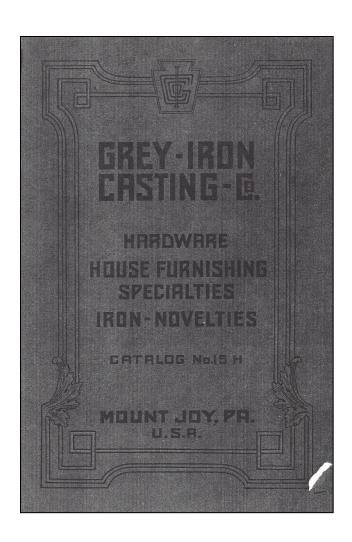
1913 - 1914

- March 1913: William A Coventry (President) and I.R. Stewart
 (Treasurer & Secretary) of the Wrightsville Hardware Company went on to sue the Assets Realization Company over ownership of the Grey Iron Casting Company plant.
- <u>August 1913</u>: letters of incorporation were filed for the Grey Iron Casting Company listing <u>John W. Eshleman</u> of Mt Joy PA, <u>John S.</u> <u>Jenks</u> of Philadelphia and <u>John E. Snyder</u> as officers.
- <u>January 1914</u>: the Assets Realization Company was directed to turn over all physical property and patents of the Grey Iron Casting Company to Wrightsville Hardware.

1914 - 1921

- John W Eshleman alleged that on June 26, 1914 he entered into an oral agreement with W. A. Coventry, G. Ellsworth Higgins and I. R. Stewart to buy, sixty-two and a half shares of the capital stock of the Grey Iron Casting Company which represented one quarter of the total stock.
- Stock appears never to have exchanged hands.
 Coventry was in Lancaster, but Higgins and Stewart were in New York.
- As of 1921 this issue was still tied up in the courts due to questions surrounding jurisdiction.

1915 HARDWARE CATALOG



Grey Iron Casting Co., Mount Joy, Pa.

COIN DEPOSIT BANKS.



Entirely new design. Handsomely finished. A beautiful safe with first class combination.

No. 250. Nickel Plated.) 41/2 ins. high. 3 ins. wide. 21/2 ins deep.	
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No. 255. Copper Oxidized. 4 in a box. 1/2 gross in a case. 125 lbs. per case.

No. 260. Nickel Plated Same as No. 250, but with steel back and sides. No. 265. Copper Oxidized... Same as No. 255, but with steel back and sides.

No. 265. Copper Oxidized. . Same as No. 255, but with steel back and sides 100 lbs. per case.

No. 500. Nickel Plated. 5½ ins. high. 4½ ins. wide. 3½ ins. deep. No. 505. Copper Oxidized. 1 in a box. ½ gross in a case. 140 lbs. per case.

No. 510. Nickel Plated Same as No. 500, but with steel back and sides.

No. 515. Copper Oxidized...Same as No. 505, but with steel back and sides.

No. 1000. Nickel Plated. 6¾ ins. high. 5¼ ins. wide. 4½ ins. deep. No. 1005. Copper Oxidized. 1 in a box. ½ gross in a case. 165 lbs. per case.

GLOBE BANKS.

Made entirely of cast iron, with the continents cast in relief and suitably decorated in colors.

No. 35. Enameled.

Height, 51/2 inches.

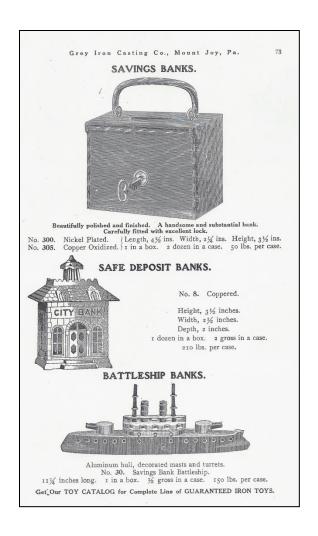
1/2 dozen in a box. I gross in a case.

190 lbs. per case.



Get Our TOY CATALOG for Complete Line of GUARANTEED IRON TOYS.

1915 HARDWARE CATALOG - CONT.



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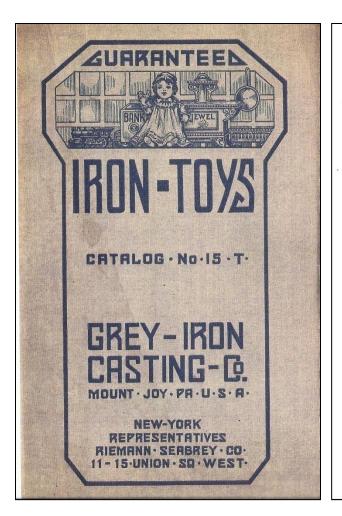
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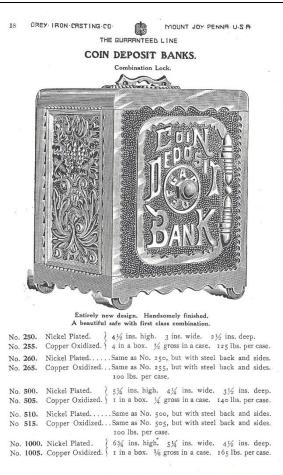
If at all interested in this line of goods, ask for our TOY CATALOG, containing

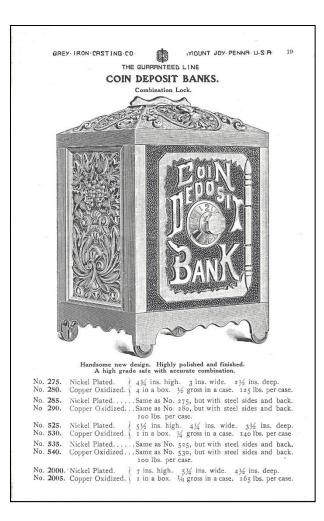
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We are bringing out a large line of entirely new designs for the coming season.

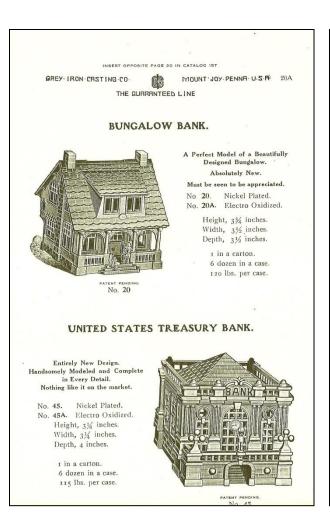
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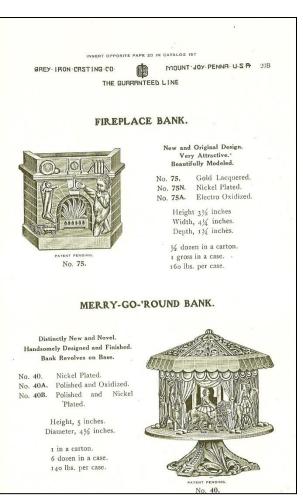


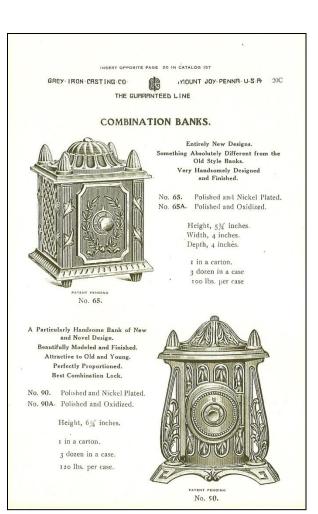




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Beautifully polished and finished. A handsome and substantial bank.

Carefully fitted with excellent lock.

No. 300. Nickel Plated. No. 305. Copper Oxidized. | Length, 4½ ins. Width, 2½ ins. Height, 3½ ins. No. 2 dozen in a case. 50 lbs. per case.

BANK OF COMMERCE.



Combination lock.

Handsomely finished.

All iron.

No. 642. Nickel Plated. No. 643. Electro Oxidized.

Height, 6¾ inches.
Width, 5 inches.
Depth, 4¾ inches.

1 in a box.
2 dozen in a case.
130 lbs. per case.

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MOUNT JOY PENNE U.S.A.

THE GURRANTEED LINE

COMBINATION BANKS.



Handsomely polished and plated. Good combination lock. Embossed steel sides and back.

No. 50. Nickel Plated. No. 50A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 5 inches. Width, 3¾ inches. Depth, 3¾ inches.

½ dozen in a box. 6 dozen in a case.

Nos. 50 and 50A.

New design. Well finished. Good combination lock. Steel sides and back.

No. 600. Nickel Plated. No. 600A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 4¼ inches. Width, 3¼ inches. Depth, 3½ inches.

½ dozen in a box. I gross in a case. 195 lbs. per case.



New design. Handsome finish. Good combination lock.

No. 70. Nickel Plated. No. 70A. Electro Oxidized.

No. 600.

Height, 4 inches. Width, 23/4 inches. Depth, 23/4 inches.

½ dozen in a box. I gross in a case.

GREY- IRON-CASTING-CO-



MOUNT JOY PENNA U.S.A.

THE GURRANTEED LINE

BANK OF INDUSTRY.



Combination lock.

Attractive design.

All iron.

No. 638. Nickel Plated. No. 639. Electro Oxidized.

Height, 5½ inches.
Width, 4¼ inches.
Depth, 4 inches.

1 in a box. 3 dozen in a case.
130 lbs. per case.

COLUMBUS SAFE.

Embossed steel sides and back.

Finely finished.

Good combination lock.

No. 105. Nickel Plated. No. 105A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 5½ inches. Width, 4¼ inches. Depth, 4 inches.

1 in a box.
3 dozen in a case.
95 lbs. per case.



GREY- IRON-CRSTING-CO



MOUNT JOY PENNH U.S.A.

THE GURRANTEED LINE

KEY BANKS.



The Rival.

There is always a certain demand for key locking banks, and no stock is complete without them.

> Good lock and key. Steel sides and back. Finely finished.

No. 25. Polished and Nickel Plated. No. 25A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 31/2 inches. Width, 21/2 inches. Depth, 23/2 inches.

1 dozen in a box. 2 gross in a case. 205 lbs. per case.

SAFE DEPOSIT BANKS.

These banks are always popular. Strongly constructed and well finished.

No. 119. Decorated with Gold Bronze. No. 900. Berlin Bronze.

> Height, 51/4 inches. Width, 33/4 inches. Depth, 3 inches.

1/3 dozen in a box. 1/2 gross in a case. 185 lbs. per case.



Nos. 119 and 900.

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MOUNT JOY PENNA U.S.A.

THE GURRANTEED LINE

COMBINATION BANKS.

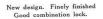


Handsome new design. Good combination lock. Embossed steel sides and back.

> No. 80. Nickel Plated No. 80A. Electro Oxidized.

> > Height, 4 inches. Width, 2 1/8 inches. Depth, 2 1/8 inches.

1/2 dozen in a box. I gross in a case. 155 lbs. per case.



No. 150. Nickel Plated. No. 150A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 31/4 inches. Width, 21/2 inches. Depth, 23% inches.

1 dozen in a box. 2 gross in a case. 200 lbs. per case.





A good seller. Handsome finish. Good combination lock. Steel sides and back.

No. 100. Nickel Plated. No. 100A. Electro Oxidized.

> Height, 31/2 inches. Width, 21/2 inches. Depth, 21/2 inches.

1/2 dozen in a box. I gross in a case-135 lbs. per case.

BREY- IRON-CASTING-CO-



MOUNT JOY PENNA U.S.A.

THE GURRANTEED LINE

SAFE DEPOSIT BANKS.



Very popular banks. Strongly made and well finished.

No. 205. Coppered. Height, 31/4 ins. Width, 31/8 ins. Depth, 2 ins. No. 206. Bronze Decorated. 1 doz. in a box. 2 gross in a case. 200 lbs. per case.

No. 210. Coppered. Height, 41/4 ins. Width, 41/4 ins. Depth, 23/8 ins.

No. 211. Bronze Decorated. 1/2 doz. in box. 1 gross in case. 180 lbs. per case. Nos. 225 and 230 are similar design to above, but have combination lock.

No. 225. Bronze Decorated. (Height, 51/8 ins. Width, 51/4 ins. Depth, 3 ins.

No. 230. Electro Oxidized. I in a box. 1/2 gross in a case. 190 lbs. per case.

GLOBE BANKS.

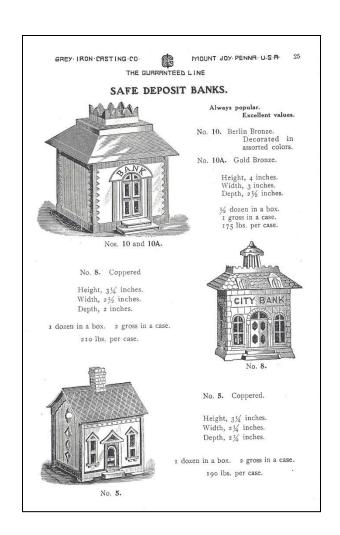
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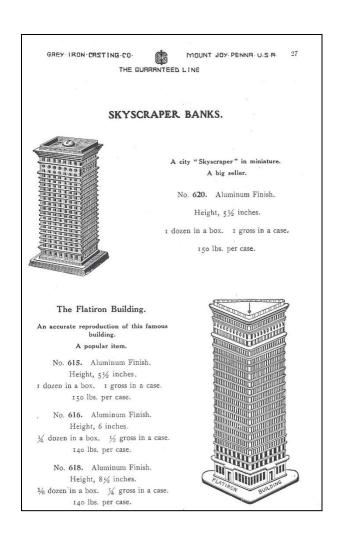
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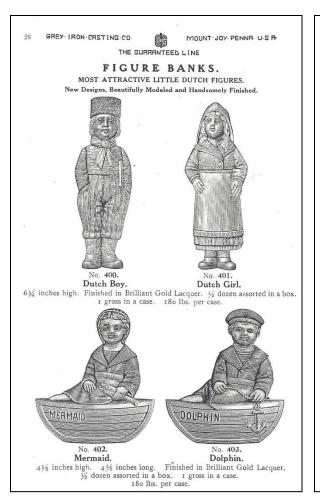
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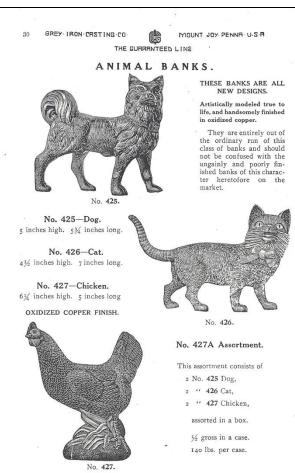
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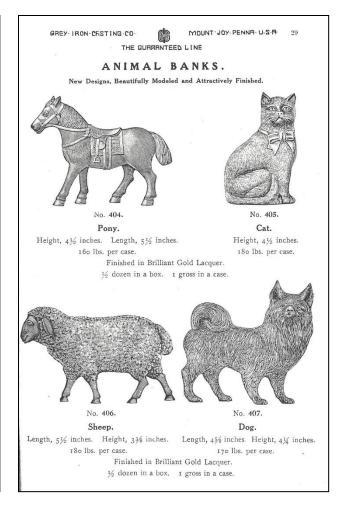


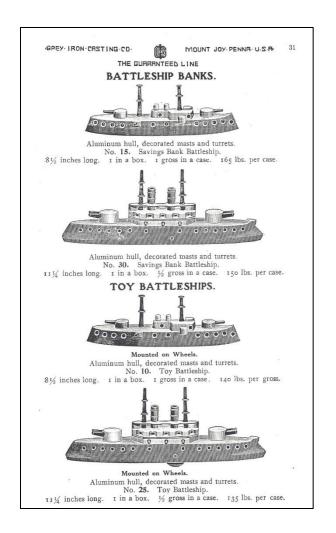








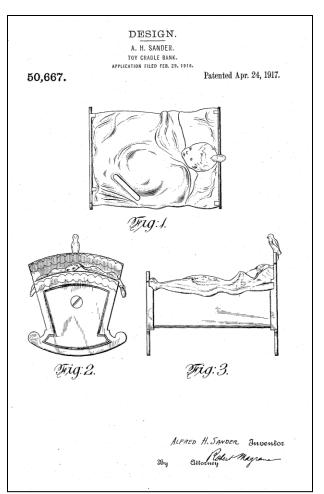


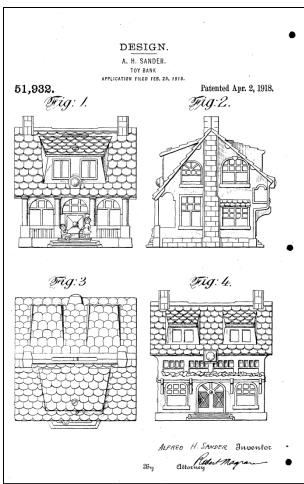


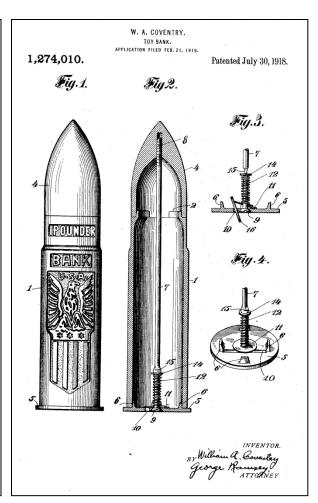


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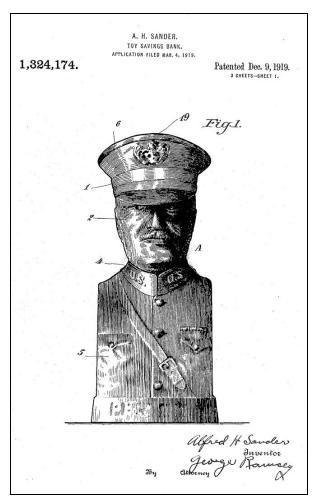
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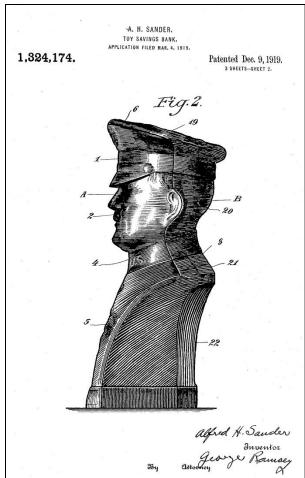


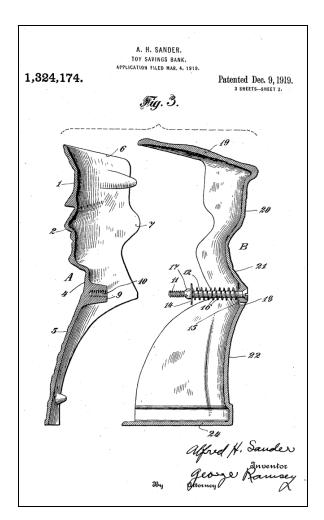




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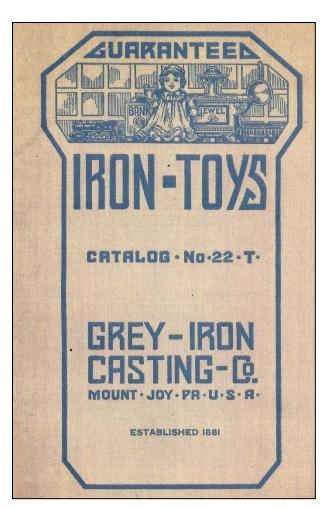


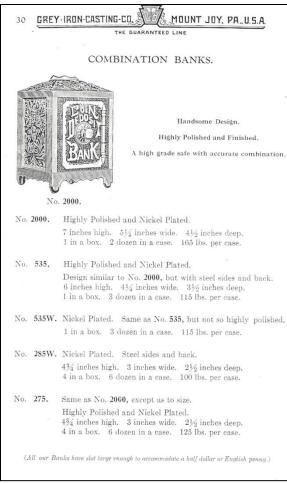
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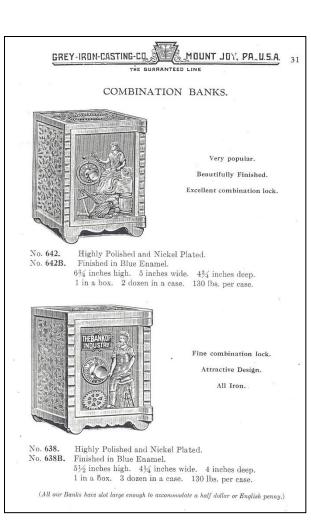


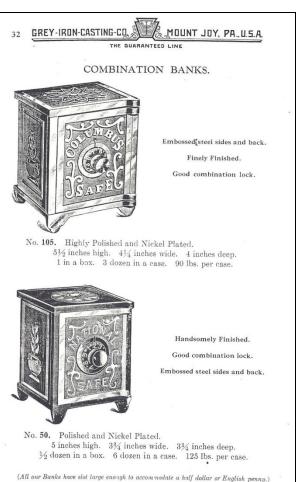
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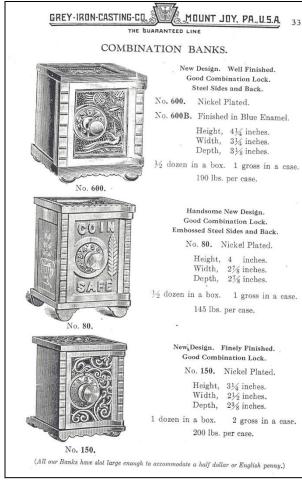
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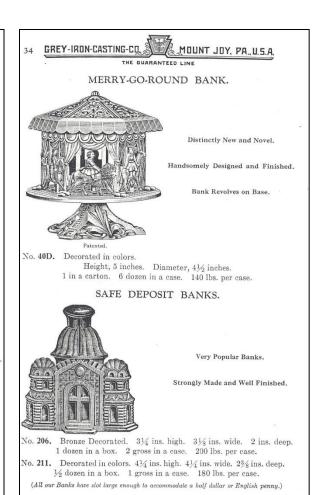


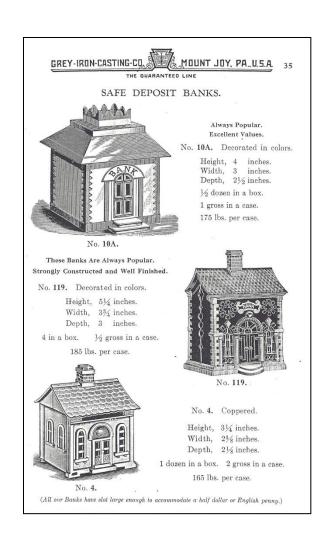


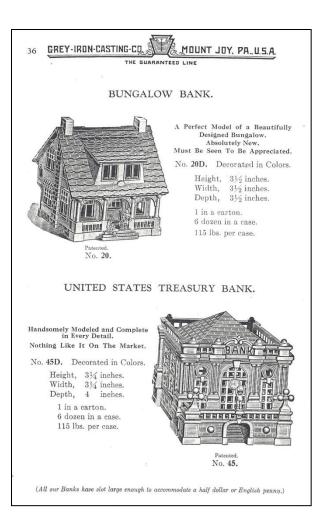


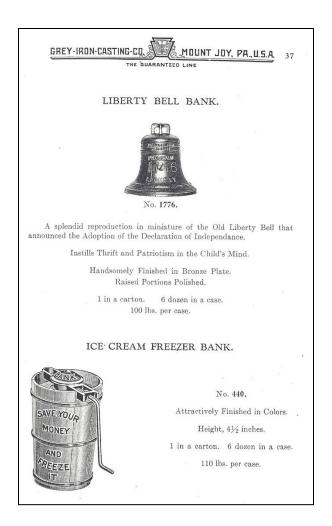


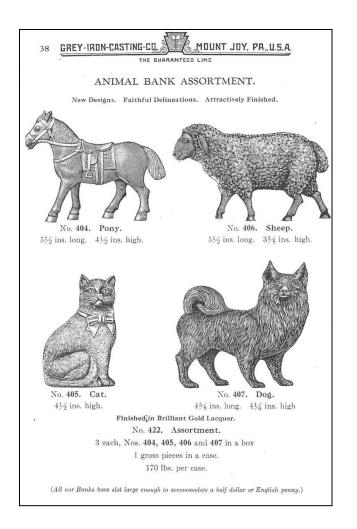












CIRA 1925



Patterned after the North Pole Freezer, this advertising bank was offered in the mid 1920's.

1926



In 1926, Philadelphia hosted a celebration commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

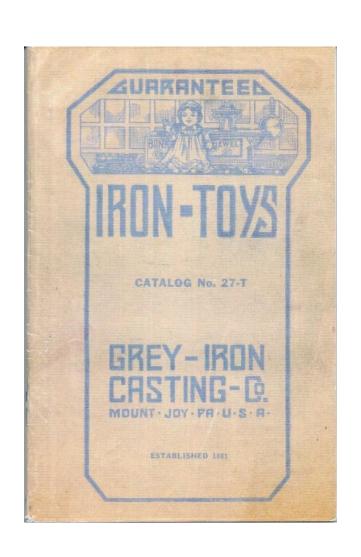
1927



The Exhibition failed to make a significant amount of revenue and faced extreme financial difficulties

The entire festival was placed into equity receivership by the United States District Court on April 27, 1927.

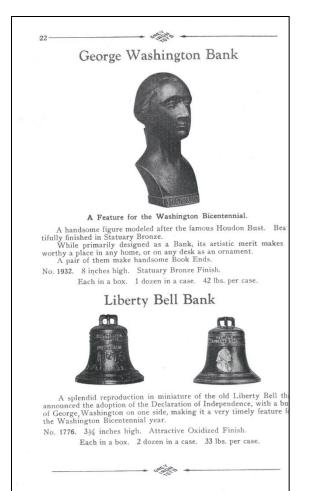
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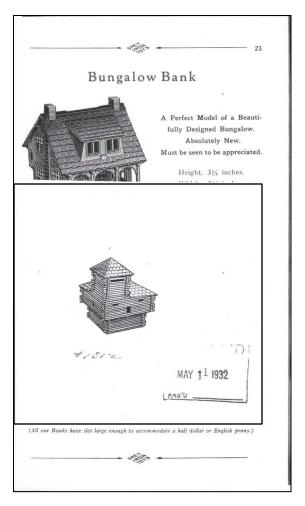


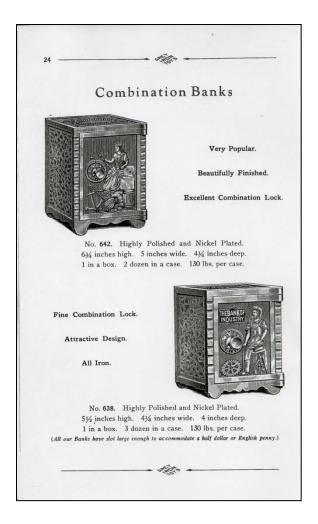
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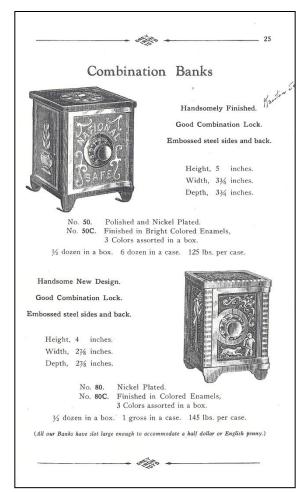
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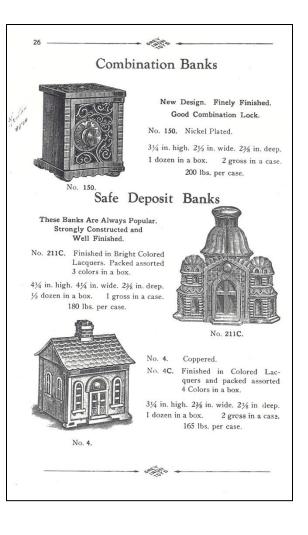




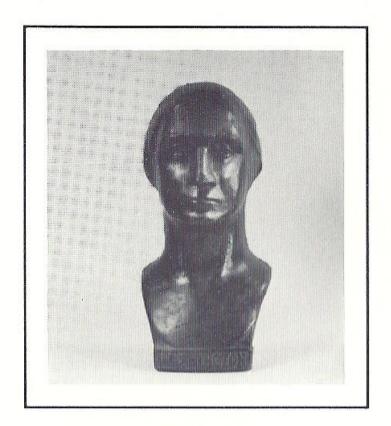




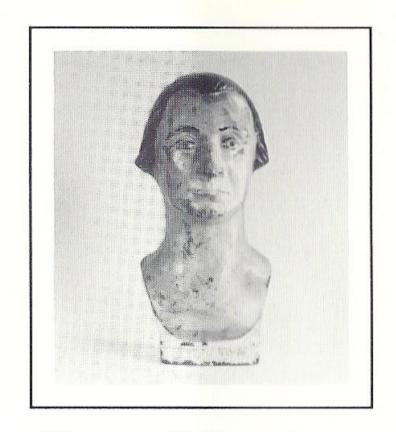




GEORGE WASHINGTON VARIATIONS

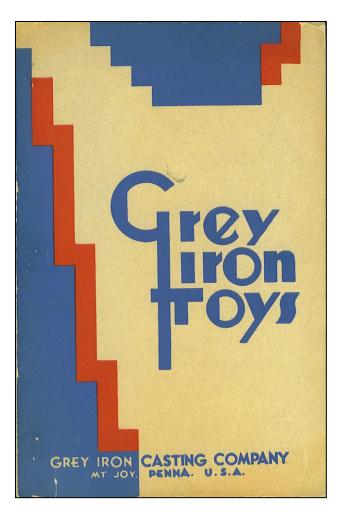


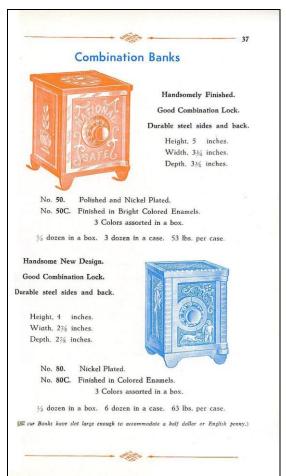
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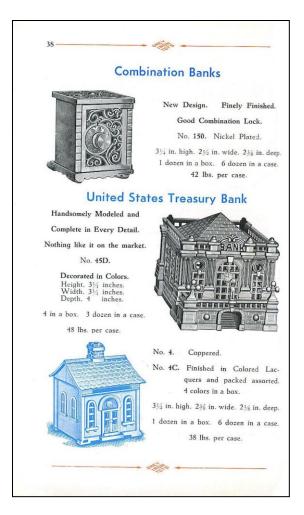


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CIRA 1935 CATALOG







1940'S

 In 1941 the Grey Iron Casting Company suspended the manufacture of iron toys.

 There contribution to the war effort was the manufacture of munitions.

1950's & 1960's



Several cast iron banks and toys were reissued using the original molds.

Included in this offering were three different safes.
These are easily identified due to their die-cast dials.

EPILOGUE

- 1968 the Grey Iron Casting Company was acquired by the Donsco Corporation headquartered in Wrightsville, PA.
- February 10, 1979 Fire broke out in the Grey Iron Casting Company. Damage to the structure and contents exceeded \$1.5M. The cause was later found to be arson.
- Late 1979 a new foundry was erected by Donsco in Mount Joy.

QUESTIONS?

