

# WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS 2013

Issue 02 February 1, 2013

## PACKING, BOXES, SHEATHS etc.

Author: Wolf Ruecker

www.plumbbobcollectors.info

Dear Fellow Collector,

Dear reader of the PLUMB BOB NEWS,

Please, as always I am in search of new photos, catalogs, articles or personal stories about any aspect of PLUMB BOBS from you. Any help is appreciated.

**If you have any information or pictures for these themes, please let me know.**

Thank you, looking forward to hearing from you

Wolf

## PACKING, BOXES, SHEATHS etc.

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. INTRODUCTION.....	21
2. OILED PAPER.....	21
3. CARDBOARD BOXES .....	22
4. BLISTER PACK.....	24
5. PLASTIC MATERIAL.....	24
6. STAND IN A STORE.....	25
7. PRESENTATION BOX .....	25
8. WOODEN BOXES.....	27
9. CONTAINER OF TIN OR BAKELITE .....	30
10. SHEATHS.....	30
11. SURVEYORS' EQUIPMENT .....	32
12. SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT .....	32
13. REMARKS.....	32

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Usually the collectors have only the “naked” plumb bob (with the original string or sometimes with a wooden box for mining plummets) in their collection displayed. But the plumb bobs were sold not “naked” and were carried by the workers in special holders. Some types of package were for the time between “birth” and selling (as oiled paper, and blister pack), some could also be used by the worker later (as cardboard, plastic boxes and sheaths). Especially for the storage during the use of the plumb bobs are made the wooden dovetailed boxes of the mining plummets. Some of this equipment I will show you this time.

Most of the pictures are from my own collection, some from Fellow Collectors and some from unknown sources.

If YOU know some more, please let me know for an update of this newsletter.

### 2. OILED PAPER

The simplest protection against corrosion is oiled paper. This kind of protection I found when I visited the factory of Gampper in Germany. It is only to protect the iron plumb bobs against rust until they are sold.



GAMPPER plumb bobs wrapped in oiled paper

### 3. CARDBOARD BOXES

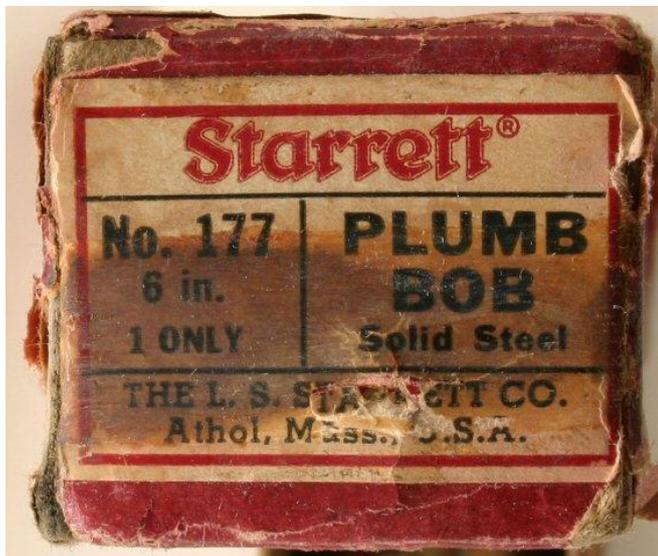
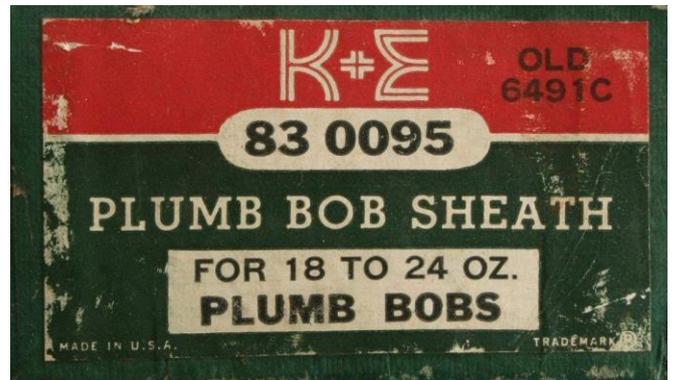
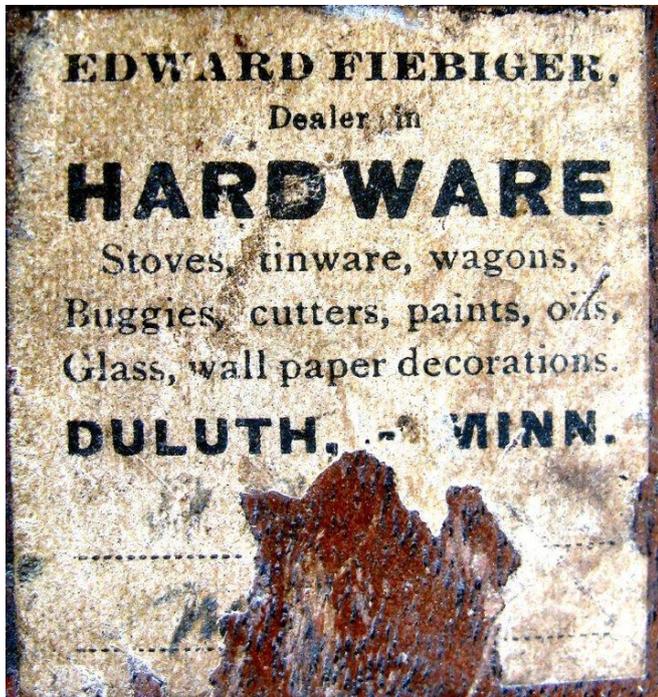
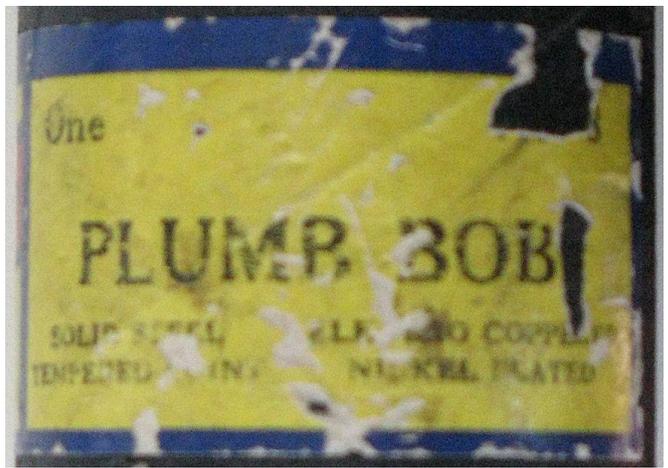
Very often the plumb bobs are packed in the quantity of one or more in cardboard boxes. This is to protect the tool and also to print information about the plumb bob as size, material, quantity, maker, instruction, patent # etc. Usually a rectangular box is used, but I found a very special box from **China**:



Patent US953131 FERRIS 1910 shaft centering for plumb bobs



Patent GB1908 00163 CARTER Gyrostatic plumb bob



## 4. BLISTER PACK

For a good presentation in a shop the plumb bobs are put in a blister pack. They hold together the plumb bob and the line and you can hang it on a supermarket shelf.



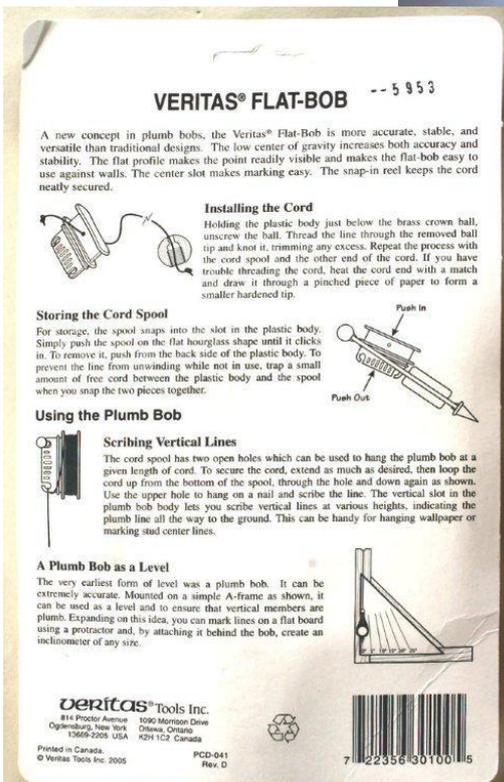
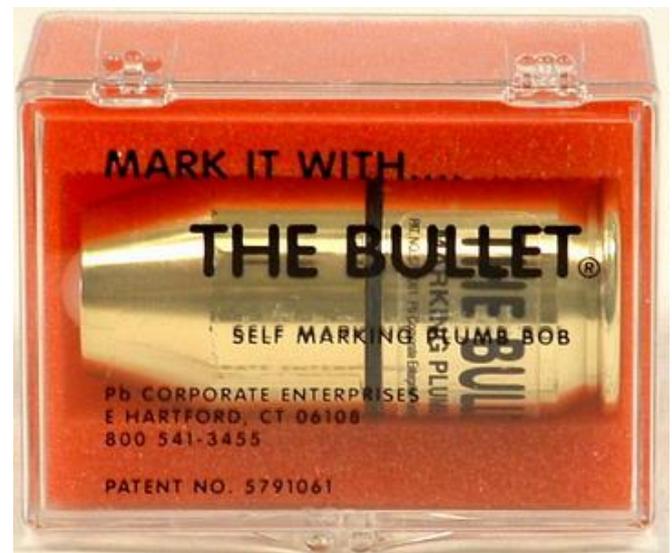
## 5. PLASTIC MATERIAL

I found plastic boxes, but they are not good for the heavy plumb bobs and sharp tips: Often the box is damaged after short use:

The well known BARBARA, BRANDI and ROBERT are presented in a plastic tube.



The MARKING PLUMB BOB "THE BULLET" in the box.



## 6. STAND IN A STORE

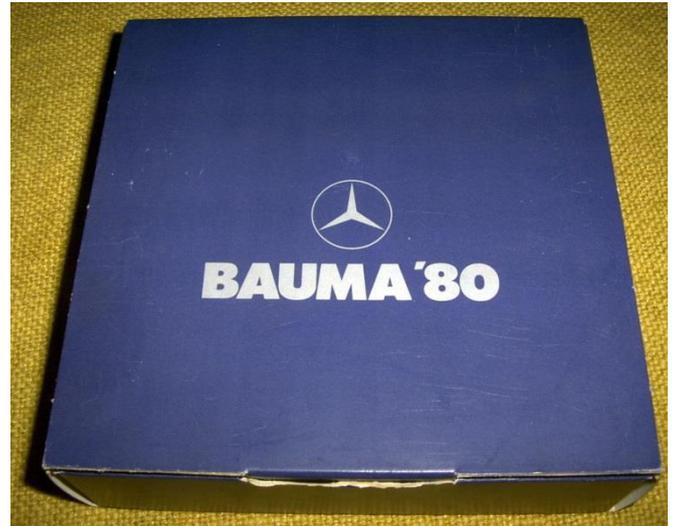
For presentation in the store stands were designed with the name of the maker etc. See the BLUE GRASS stand in the collection of Joel Hodapp or a wooden DIETZGEN stand.



DIETZGEN  
display rack

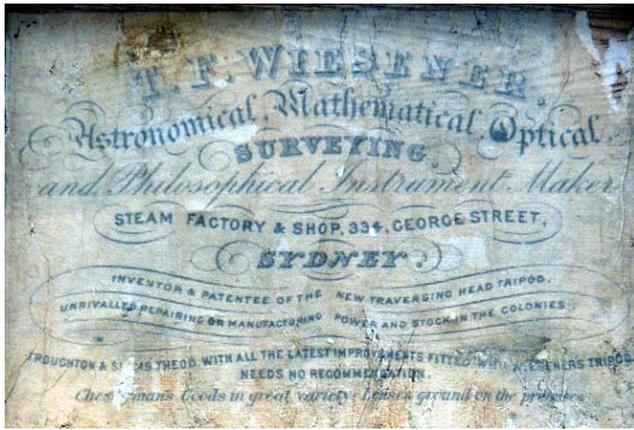
## 7. PRESENTATION BOX

To give the plumb bob as a present different boxes are use.



MERCEDES BENZ EXHIBITION 1980  
MUNICH GERMANY

The patented WIESENER plumb bob from the collection of Dogan Basak:



SCHUMFELL French patent  
pb + compass



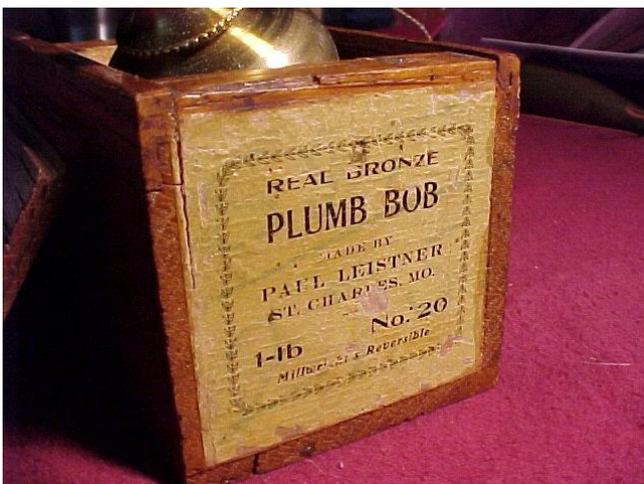
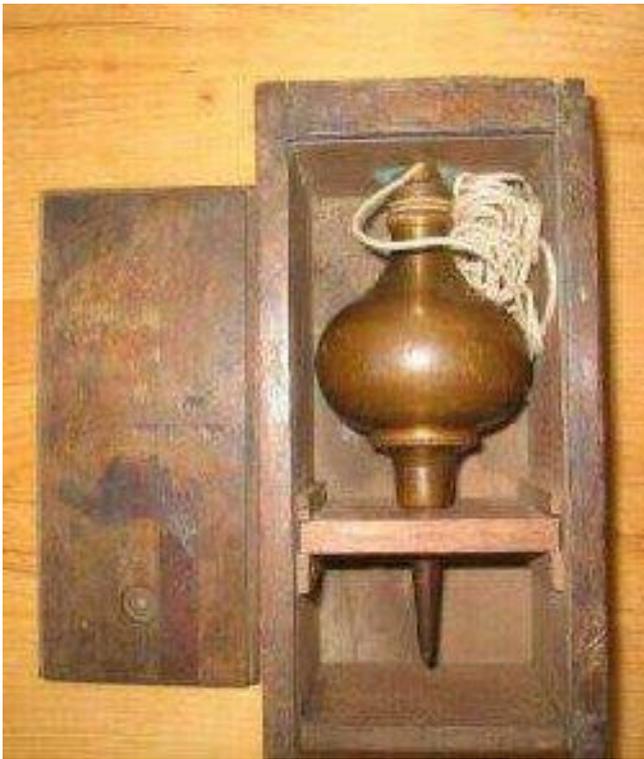
WIESENER PATENT  
GB190719687 1907 plumb bob internal reel



MINIATURE PLUMB BOB

## 8. WOODEN BOXES

The wooden boxes are used for tall and heavy plumb bobs and for instruments. We know this kind for MINING PLUMMETS and the very nice plumb bobs of LEISTNER and HEIMBACH See pictures below from the collection of Nelson Denny †.



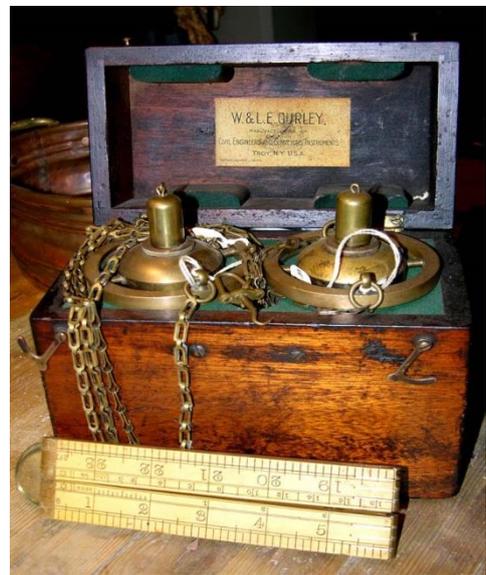
Not only tall plumb bobs are stored in wooden boxes, also some small ones like the PERFECTION are protected by wooden containers.



Patent US787896 Converse 1905  
PERFECTION



Some MINING PLUMMETS in wooden boxes from the collection of NELSON DENNY †



The level and compass of German mining surveyors are stored in wooden boxes to avoid electric sparks in the mines. From my collection.



German mining surveyors' instruments in wooden box + belt  
FREIBERG, Germany

In most cases the boxes are exactly adapted to the size of the plumb bob:

ND MAHAGONY CASED NICKEL PLATED  
COMMON SENSE 2lbs 6oz



ND PATENTED W. L. BERGEN  
PLUMB BOB AND HOLDER  
Patent US266671 1882



The KEEN KUTTER plumb bob in the wooden box is also well known and is similar to the PERFECTION above.

KEEN KUTTER



ND 15 lbs 684  
BRIDGEBUILDERS

## 9. CONTAINER OF TIN OR BAKELITE

The very common GENERAL 800 plumb bob is often sold in a tin container.

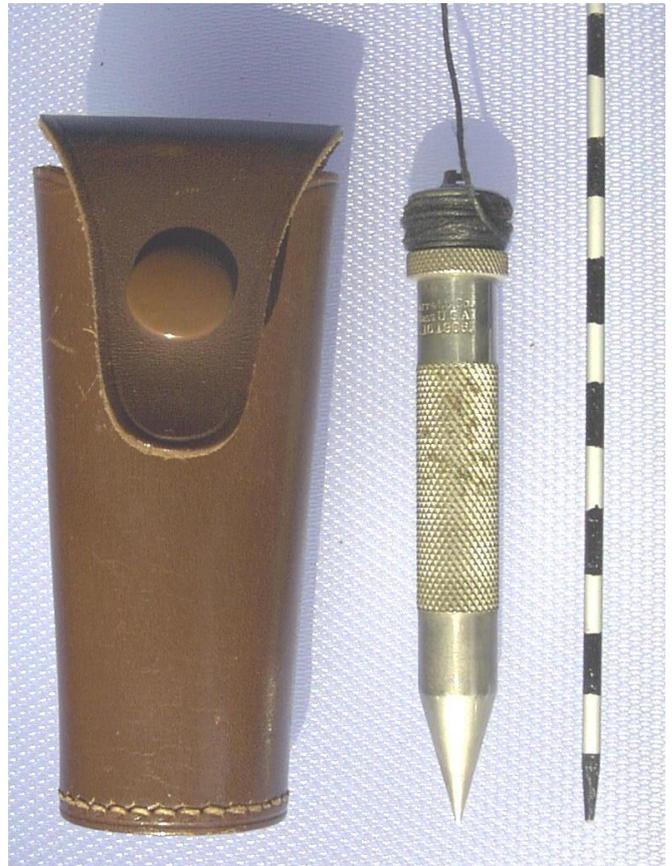


The Russian Army has this BAKELITE container for the very tiny double plumb bob.



## 10. SHEATHS

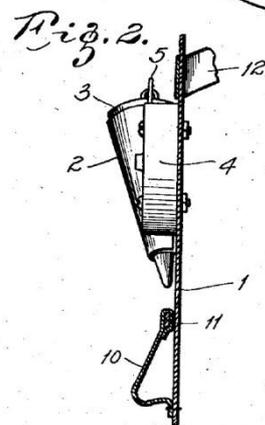
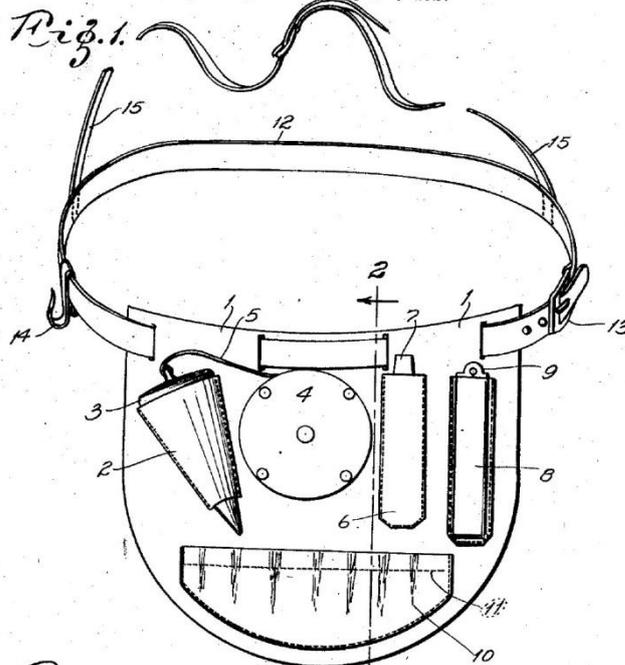
On the building plot the workers need the plumb bob. To not get lost or making holes in the pocket they wear it in SHEATHS. I am sure you have some of them in your collection. They have different systems to hold the plumb bobs.



June 26, 1928.

I. R. WATERMON  
SURVEYOR'S APRON  
Filed Sept. 2, 1927

1,675,072



INVENTOR:  
IRVIN R. WATERMON  
BY *Edwin T. Siglow*  
ATTORNEYS



## 11.SURVEYORS' EQUIPMENT

Plastic bag fixed to the tripod.



## 12.SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

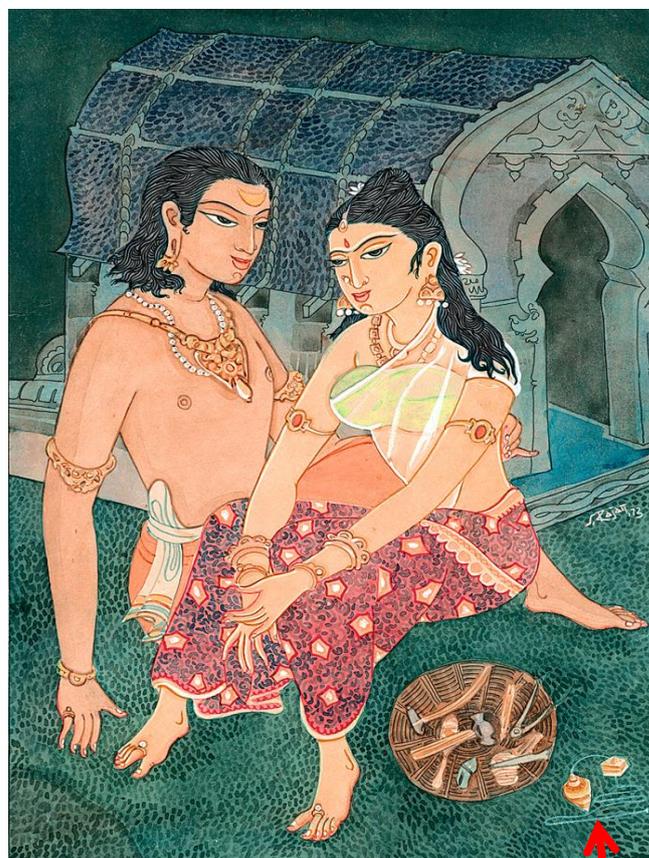
HINDU CRAFTSMAN WITH PLUMB BOB AND GIRL.

THE PLUMB BOB IS EVERYWHERE - ☺

FOUND ON HIMALAYAN ACADEMY:

[http://64.151.72.194/resources/books/dws/dws\\_mandala-15.html](http://64.151.72.194/resources/books/dws/dws_mandala-15.html)

A craftsman, with plumb bob and basket of tools nearby, talks with his wife outside their dwelling. Because each was a virgin when they married, their psychic bond is strong and enduring, and they will be able to weather life's storms together.



## 13.REMARKS

This is an article of the monthly published WOLF'S PLUMB BOB NEWS that is sent on demand as PDF-file attachment by email. FREE.

You can see all former publications on the website

[www.plumbbobcollectors.info](http://www.plumbbobcollectors.info) on page "download publications".

Remarks and contact by email: [plumbbobwolf@t-online.de](mailto:plumbbobwolf@t-online.de)

Enjoy it

Wolf

Ps. For the members of our group the whole world turns around the plumb bob as shown in our logo right. ☺



Logo of the International Plumb Bob Collectors Association IPBCA