

4. Burning (kilning) the bricks

After the bricks have been dried, at Pycroft's they were fired in a clamp



4.1. The bed of the clamp is prepared with a layer of ashes from previous firings



4.2. The newly made bricks are removed from the drying stacks to be built into a clamp.



4.3. Bricks are carefully stacked with old bricks on the outside to help keep the heat in and to absorb the moisture. Fuel is built into the clamp as construction progresses.



4.4. As the stack of bricks grows, the work becomes more demanding.