

4. Burning the bricks (continued)

After the bricks have been dried they are fired in a clamp



4.5. A small hole is left to fire the clamp. The wood fuel has already been built in as the clamp was built



4.6. The finished clamp, covered in corrugated iron and lit, The temperature inside the clamp reaches 1500 C



4.7 Noel Pycroft lights the clamp – photograph taken in 1950.

However, firing bricks in clamps is both time-consuming and an inefficient use of energy