

DRILLERS OF DREAMS

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Burning gusher.



Roughnecks changing drill bit on rig floor.



Roughnecks make up kelly to the drill string.



Roughnecks at Rig floor with Drill pipe Elevator.

"No prouder men on earth you'll find,
In station high or low,
They drive the drill, the Derrick wind,
And make the black gold flow..."

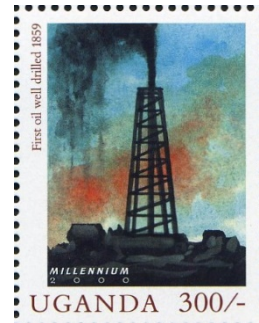


Earliest issue with a gushing derrick.

... They take a barren, dusty place,
And bid a town appear.
Where strangers find a homely grace,
And friends are ever near."

Roger L. Philpot

"The oil field roughneck is the manpower, the muscle power, that keeps the drill pipe turning to the right, that keeps the bit on bottom and making hole. He is the romantic figure of the oil drilling industry, the rough, bawdy, hard-drinking, hard-loving, hard-working, brawling, joking, freezing, sweating itinerant of the drilling rigs..."



Flowing Oil Well, Just After Being Torpedoed.



Smallest gushing derrick issue.

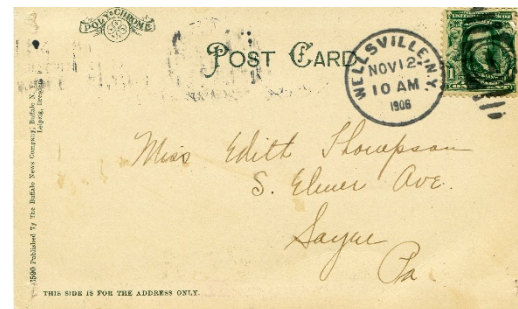


... from the icy wastes of the North Slope of Alaska to the blazing sands of the Rub Al Khali of Arabia, from the tangled rain forests of Kalimantan to the tempest-tossed waves of the North Sea, from the wind-scoured rocks of the Comodoro Rivadavia to the gently rolling plains of Kansas."

I. F. Roebuck



Derrick on Comodoro Rivadavia.



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