

## FASCINATING FIND

### DRY BLOWER



*This ingenious invention is part of a collection the museum recently acquired.*

*It's a dry blower. Machines like this were used to recover gold in arid areas where there is no water for panning. They were originally foot powered devices that operated bellows to blow away sand and soil leaving the gold on the screens. This machine is run by a petrol engine, and as well as the reduction of man-power required, it had the further advantage of using the waste engine heat to thoroughly dry the materials, allowing it's use in more humid regions.*