135.Carbon-Tet Explosive by The Jolly Roger

A moist explosive mixture can be made from fine aluminum powder combined with carbon tetrachloride or tetrachloroethylene. This explosive can be detonated with a blasting cap.

Material Required:
- Fine aluminum bronzing powder
- Carbon Tetrachloride or Tetrachloroethylene
- Stirring rod (wood)
- Mixing container (bowl, bucket, etc.)
- Measuring container (cup, tablespoon, etc.)
- Storage container (jar, can, etc.)
- Blasting cap
- Pipe, can or jar

Source of Carbon Tetrachloride:
- Paint store
- Pharmacy
- Fire extinguisher fluid

Source of Tetrachloroethylene:
- Dry cleaners
- Pharmacy

Procedure:
1.Measure out two parts aluminum powder to one part carbon tetrachloride or tetrachlorethylene liquid into mixing container, adding liquid to powder while stirring with the wooden rod.
2.Stir until the mixture becomes the consistency of honey syrup.

- CAUTION: Fumes from the liquid are dangerous and should not be inhaled.

3.Store explosive in a jar or similar water proof container until ready to use. The liquid in the mixture evaporates quickly when not confined.

NOTE: Mixture will detonate in this manner for a period of 72 hours.

How to Use:
1.Pour this mixture into an iron or steel pipe which has an end cap threaded on one end. If a pipe is not available, you may use a dry tin can or glass jar.
2.Insert blasting cap just beneath the surface of the explosive mix.

NOTE: Confining the open end of the container will add to the effectiveness of the explosive.

136.Making Picric Acid from Aspirin by The Jolly Roger

Picric Acid can be used as a booster explosive in detonators, a high explosive charge, or as an intermediate to preparing lead picric.

Material Required:
- Aspirin tablets (5 grains per tablet)
- Alcohol, 95% pure
- Sulfuric acid, concentrated, (if battery acid, boil until white fumes disappear)
- Potassium Nitrate (see elsewhere in this Cookbook)
- Water
- Paper towels
- Canning jar, 1 pint
- Rod (glass or wood)
- Glass containers
- Ceramic or glass dish
- Cup
- Teaspoon
- Tablespoon
- Pan
- Heat source