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Tip-girls would take the waste from iron furnaces and stack them into large tips. They wore flat straw bonnets and carried the waste on their heads. With no childcare, young children would often be with see with them while they worked.



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The 'Puddler', a skilled iron refiner, would work in front of a 'Puddling Furnace' stirring molten iron with a large rod. The furnace burned white hot, so to delay blindness 'Puddlers' wore a large-brimmed hat, which was pulled over one eye while they worked.



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It was common for colliers to take their boys to work as their assistants and they would often use a unique three-sided shovel called a 'curling box' to collect the coal the collier has cut away from the coal seam.