

Fireworks

Key words

Blackpowder: gunpowder, a mixture of potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulfur.

Cooler: large copper pan.

Foot: unit of length – one foot is about 30 cm, so 3 feet are close to 1 metre.

Grough: rock containing potassium nitrate.

Nitre: potassium nitrate.

Pound: old unit of mass – one pound is 454 grammes.

Press house: part of the factory where the gunpowder is squeezed to form hard cakes.

Saltpetre: potassium nitrate.

Shilling: old money – 1 shilling is what we call 5 pence.

Slide: piece of wood under the mixing box which can be taken out.

Slip: metal cylinder with lid and a hole at the base used for making charcoal.

