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with different weights of the explosive, beginning with a quantity so small as not to effect rupture, and increasing by regular . mounts to a charge which will be more than sufficient. Select the blast which has produced the desired effect as the one by which to determine the coefficient. If this hole was charged with 36 lb. (0.625lb.) of dynamite, then the rock coefficient is 0.625 =0.0781. The charge to be used in future blasts is found by multiplying the cube of the length in feet of the line of least resistance by this coefficient. For instance, in this rock, a line of least resistance 234 feet long would required 2.753 (=20.797) x0.0781 = 1.624lb. of dynamite. As the specific gravity of well-compacted high-grade dynamite is about 1.6 (giving 0.0576 lb. per cu. in.), and as the bore hole has a diameter of 11/2 inch, the charge will occupy a length of 1.25 feet in the hole. This is approximately correct also as to the length of charge in the bore-hole, which should have been 1.5 x 12 = 18 inches. Guttmann recommends that when there are more than two free faces the proper charge will be the following:

For three free sides, 3/3 of the calculated charge.
" four " 1 " "
" five " 2 " "
" six " 1/4 " "

The economy in simultaneous firing will vary with the strength of the 10ck, but on an average it may be said to save about 25 per cent. of explosive. The economy of boring under the best conditions will amount to about 24 per cent. This depends on the distance apart of the bore-holes.

For very strong compact rock the distance between holes in simultaneous firing should be at least twice the length of the line of least resistance; for average strong rock, 1½ to 2 times; for moderately strong rock, from the same length as the line of least resistance to 1½ times that distance; and for weak rock only the length of the line of least resistance.

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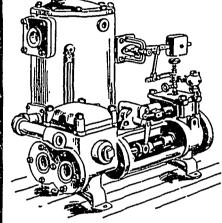
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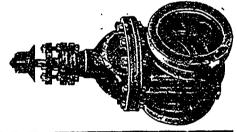


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