

Where rotary tipplers are used, the coal should not be dumped from the car on to a screen without some means of preventing the coal being thrown forward. This practice of dashing the coal on the screen is not only detrimental to the coal itself, but lessens the efficiency of the screening. Instead of having the rotary tippler revolve toward the screen, it should be arranged to turn backward, a circular plate being provided to receive the coal. The tippler should also be provided with a hood which accurately fits close to the circular extension of the screen, so that the coal is first received in the hood and gradually discharged upon the screen. It is also most important that the tippler should turn as slowly as possible. Many tipplers revolve too quickly, with the result that they stand several seconds between each car; it is better to occupy more time in turning and thus insure less breakage. The best plan is to install an extra tippler rather than lower the selling price of the coal by having one tippler working at its maximum capacity and handling the coal roughly.—S. and A. of mining.

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