

## Interesting Finds

Sometimes a tool is interesting because it is rare or has been found in an unusual way. On other occasions it is interesting because it is a particularly pleasing and useful item. My find was the latter. It is a small, traditional wooden bullnose plane with sufficient of its original 1 1/4" width Thomas Ibbotsen cutter left to make it fully functional. Being rather small at an overall length of 3 7/8", it fits extremely comfortably into the user's hand and is certainly one of the smallest planes I have seen. It is further pleasing because it is clearly marked both with a maker's as well as an owner's name. Of obviously English make in style, this is confirmed by the name J. Gleave which is vertically marked in an incuse style on one side of the toe above the brass plate which reinforces the bullnose. Joseph Gleave worked at a number of Manchester locations between 1832 and 1868. Again from a user's viewpoint this is a sweet tool with a fine mouth which can reach within an 1/8" of a given corner or stop. A slight mystery relates to the owner's name which is vertically stamped on the other toe as well as on the end of the plane. It is clearly marked as A WOOD, but I wonder what the christian name was.

This charming tool was found by accident and actually given to me. In quite dirty condition it made me think of the debate about cleaning or not cleaning old tools.

Personally, I had no qualms about returning it to the sort of usable condition I'm sure it must have been in, when in regular use.

### Plane, Bullnose Fig. 457

The planes in this group are made in wood or metal, with the cutting iron set close to the toe end of the stock which measures about 3-6 in long and 1 1/2 in wide. The iron is single, square, and often bedded at a low angle. Used for fitting, cleaning up small rebates, chamfers, etc. The very short sole in front of the cutting iron enables it to remove shavings close to a corner or stop.

#### (a) Wooden examples

Early examples are coffin-shaped. In one type the toe end of the stock slopes forward to overhang the sole and is reinforced by a thin wooden or metal plate; in another, the toe slopes backwards and is also fitted with a metal plate.



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## Australian Tools

1. Recently a club member brought a small die stock about 6 inches long to a club meeting. It was marked GBM Melb. Does anyone have any information on this brand?
2. Falcon/Pope Planes  
Following the historical information about these planes in Newsletter (Volume 2, No.5, October 1990) a request has been made to include catalogue information. The only one available follows. If a member has a full catalogue information and copy for inclusion in a later Newsletter it would be gratefully received.



# POPE PRODUCTS

## "FALCON" (Regd.)

"Falcon" quality hand tools have already achieved a place of distinction in hardware circles. They have quickly earned respect for their quality of workmanship and appearance, both of which compare favourably with previously accepted standards—today there is no better known or favourably regarded tool than the "Falcon" brand.

Although "Falcon" tools cost no more than other brands, they are built to the highest possible standard of quality, and have become the tradesman's choice. Every article is constructed from only specified materials of highest quality, and is subjected to rigid control during the process of manufacture. Each is closely inspected before shipment, ensuring reliability and dependability during the service for which it was designed.

Participate in the benefits of the customer goodwill which "Falcon" tools create.

## CARPENTERS' PLANES

"Falcon" Planes are manufactured in Smooth, Jack, Fore and Jointer models, to which has been added No. F220 Block Plane.

Only the finest grey iron castings are used, with sides and bottoms machined smooth and true. The now famous "Falcon" blade is manufactured only from selected highest grade tool steel, subsequently tempered by a process developed only in recent years. Each blade is laboratory tested to ensure that the keen cutting edge produced will be maintained during hard service.

### SMOOTH PLANES

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Qty.	Lots Cubic
F4 (195-03)	Length 9", Cutter 2"	1 only	2 doz.	2' 9"
F4½ (195-04)	Length 10", Cutter 2½"	1 only	2 doz.	3' 7"

### JACK PLANES

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Qty.	Lots Cubic
F5 (195-06)	Length 14", Cutter 2"	1 only	2 doz.	3' 10"
F5½ (195-07)	Length 15", Cutter 2½"	1 only	1 doz.	2' 9"

### FORE PLANE

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Qty.	Lots Cubic
F6 (195-08)	Length 18", Cutter 2½"	1 only	1 doz.	3' 2"

### JOINTER PLANES

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Qty.	Lots Cubic
F7 (195-09)	Length 22", Cutter 2½"	1 only	1 doz.	3' 10"



# FALCON PLANES

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## BLOCK PLANE—Adjustable

Body is accurately machined and finished from high grade grey iron casting. Cutter is adjustable by means of a steel screw. Finished in black baked enamel and supplied with beautifully polished wood knob.

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case	
			Qty.	Cubic
F220	Length 7", Cutter 1½"	1 only	3 doz.	1' 7"



## "FALCON" SPOKESHAVE

A high quality tradesman's tool. Body is made from highest quality grey iron casting and finished in black baked wrinkle enamel. Blades are finished from finest tool steel and suitably hardened and tempered to ensure maximum edge life. Cutter is easily adjusted without use of screwdriver.

Supplied in two models, each 10 inches long with cutter 2½ inches wide.

Catalogue No.	Type	Carton	Case	
			Qty.	Cubic
F151	Flat Face	6 only	12 doz.	2' 8"
F151R	Round Face	6 only	12 doz.	2' 8"



## "FALCON" HAND DRILL

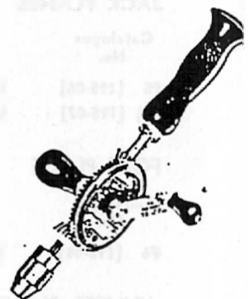
A precision manufactured tradesman's drill built for rugged service. All-steel chuck with spring controlled self-centring chuck jaws for accurate drilling. Sturdy heavy duty double pinion drive.

Large comfortable handle and detachable side knob. Constructed from selected timber—beautifully polished.

Attractively finished. Looks what it is—a drill for the tradesman.

Is supplied in waxed paper envelope for protection, and separately packed in an attractive carton.

Catalogue No.	Capacity	Carton	Case	
			Qty.	Cubic
157-01	½"	1 only	3 doz.	3' 1"



# HAND TOOLS

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## "FALCON" (Regd.) MULTI-GRIP PLIERS

Another quality product constructed from chrome-vanadium forged steel, with machine-cut jaws. Hardened steel wear-resisting rivet. Cadmium-plated and singly packed in an attractive carton.

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Lots	
			Qty.	Cubic
154-01	10", Jaw Capacity 0-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1 doz.	18 doz.	2' 1"



## "HANDIKIT" (Regd.) SPANNER SETS

Although they do not form part of the "Falcon" range, these pressed metal spanner sets have proved a highly popular and demanded item because of the quality of workmanship and serviceability, coupled with low price. Manufactured only from specified high quality steel—heat-treated after manufacture.

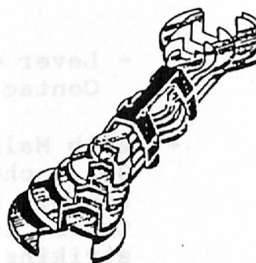
Cadmium-plated and supplied in sets of five spanners, S.A.E. and Whitworth.

Shortly to be supplied with metal retaining clip, as illustrated.

Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Lots	
			Qty.	Cubic
53-01	S.A.E.	6 only	12 doz.	1' 3"

Comprising the following individual sizes:—

53-01-01	1/4" x 5/16"
53-01-02	3/8" x 7/16"
53-01-03	1/2" x 9/16"
53-01-04	5/8" x 3/4"
53-01-05	7/8" x 1"



Catalogue No.	Size	Carton	Case Lots	
			Qty.	Cubic
53-02	Whitworth	6 only	12 doz.	1' 3"

Comprising the following individual sizes:—

53-02-01	1/16" x 3/32"
53-02-02	3/32" x 1/8"
53-02-03	3/16" x 1/4"
53-02-04	5/16" x 3/8"
53-02-05	7/16" x 1/2"

# HAND TOOLS

Wanted or For Sale

- \* Wanted: Usable carving chisels preferably Addis. Will either buy or swap.  
Contact Colin Goldberg
- \* Wanted: Frog for Bedrock No.602 or even one to take a casting from.  
Contact Nigel Lampert
- \* Wanted: Edward Preston tools to buy or possible swap.  
Contact Bill Strid, 39 Arapito Road, Titirangi,  
Auckland New Zealand. Phone (09) 817 5021
- \* Wanted: Lever cap and screw for nickel-plated Preston bullnose plane. Have mainstock and cutter only.  
Contact Nigel Lampert



- \* Wanted to Buy or Swap:
  - Adjustable throat (i.e. moveable portion of bottom) for Stanley No.19 block plane.
  - Cutters for Stanley No.27 - 2 1/8"  
Stanley No.39 - 3/8"  
Stanley No.40 - 1 1/2"
  - Lever cap with screw for Stanley No.95  
Contact Frank Ham
- \* 25lb Mallet - Yes, a twenty-five pound mallet. About 36 inches long overall, with a turned redgum head 7 inches in diameter at the widest part. The head tapers to about 5 inches at each striking face. Each striking face is bound by an iron ring half an inch thick by one and a half inches wide.  
It was made as a "foreigner" at Vickers Ruwolt in Abbotsford during the 1950's. It was used for driving wedges to split timber the maker was felling at the weekends. He wasn't a big man!  
Contact Doug McIver
- \* For Sale: Stanley 212 scraper plane in as new condition and apparently unused. Offers are invited: either cash or Mathieson tools in good + condition or Mathieson trade catalogues. (One of these planes sold in U.K. in 1989 in similar condition for #820.)  
Contact John McDonald
- \* Wanted:  
Any old trade catalogues relating to woodworking.  
Contact Nigel Lampert

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