

# The "FixIt" Manual

## GAS GRILL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

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### The Star-Driller's Attention (For Little Moose)

*In a dark and narrow tunnel they kneel  
one behind the other  
lit only by lamps on their hats,  
drilling holes for dynamite.*

*The front man holds the 5-foot drill  
with its star-shaped, tapered point.  
One hand is inches from the butt.  
His beam is focused on the point.  
He never looks back.*

*The rear man swings the 12 pound hammer  
with all his might.  
His beam is focused on the butt.  
He never looks away.*

*The rhythmic noise of the blows is deafening  
in that small tight place so  
their ears are plugged and they never speak.  
Sometimes the front man will tire  
and wish to rest.*

*He cannot yell,  
he cannot turn,  
so just after the hammer strikes  
he places his thumb*

*directly over the butt  
where the hammer lands.  
The rear man's beam  
is focused on the butt.*

*He never looks away.*

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