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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the objects pictured below while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

- 1 Why was it better to pull the reaper by horse than using the hand-operated reaper?
- 2 Why was Springfield called the Champion City?
- 3 What was James Leffel's Water Turbine used for?

Level II: Interpretation

- 1 How is William Whiteley's reaper better than an original hand reaper?
- 2 Compare and contrast a hand reaper with William Whiteley's Champion reaper.
- 3 Why were farmers and mills so excited when James Leffel created his water turbine wheel?

Level III: Analysis

- 1 How did William Whiteley and James Leffel impact Springfield, Ohio?
- 2 How did the invention of these two men change the lives of farmers?
- 3 Brainstorm an idea that you think would make a significant impact on the lives of people today.





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Left: Vertical Steam Boiler (model) See Problem Test
Plant for Salt River Valley Water Users Association,
Phoenix, Arizona, 100' head - 4100 H.P., 207 3/4" R.

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