

The Indian district is in Indian Canyon on the east flank of the Humboldt Range about 8 miles south of Unionville. The district was organized in 1861. The Moonlight mine was the only important mine, and it is reported to have produced about \$100,000 in rich silver ore in the early days. There has been no lode-mining activity for many years.

In the early days some placer mining was done in Indian Canyon. The biennial report of the State mineralogist^{1/} for 1875 and 1876 states:

The ravine north of the Eagle (Bonanza King) mine has been located for three miles in length and 400 feet in width. All the gravel in this ravine contains more or less gold. In places, as much as 2 ounces of dust to the man has been taken out in a day, and one streak of pay dirt gave 15 ounces to two men for one half day's work with one rocker. The supply of water here is very limited, so that very extensive washings cannot be carried on. Rockers are used except for a short time in the winter, when the supply of water is more plentiful, and then the long tom is operated. The gold obtained here is coarse and worth about \$17 per ounce. During the month of September last (1875) about 40 rockers were in use, and about 30 white men and 125 Chinese were at work. It is impossible to get from the Chinese any information as to the amount of gold extracted, but it is thought that they get about \$2 a day to the man. In several of the ravines making out of the east side of the range of mountains between the Eagle mine and Unionville good prospects of gold are found, but owing to the scarcity of water these placers are not worked.

In recent years a little placer prospecting has been done in this area.

^{1/} Whitehill, H. M., Biennial Report of the State Mineralogist of the State of Nevada for the Years 1875 and 1876, pp. 63-64.

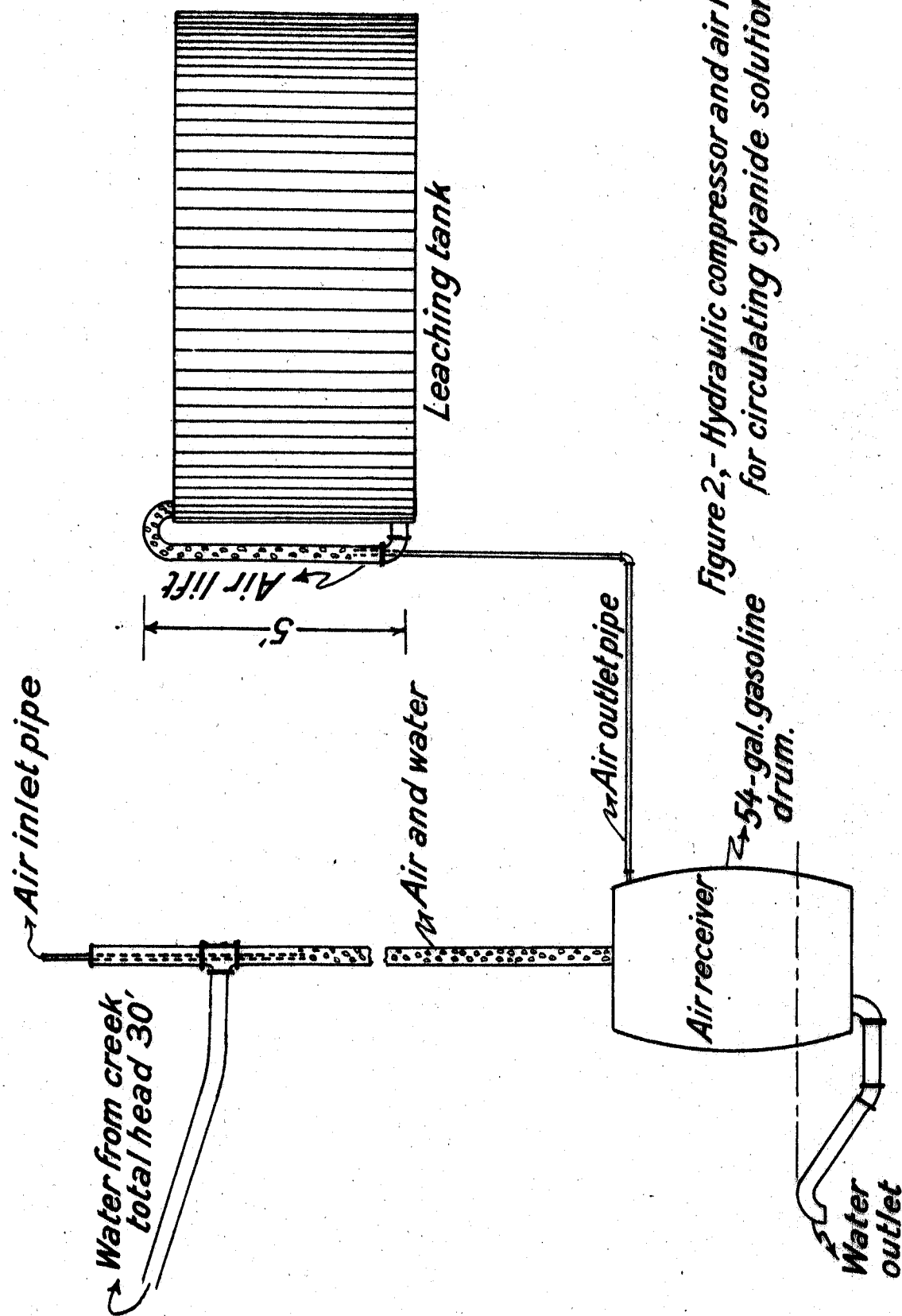


Figure 2,- Hydraulic compressor and air lift for circulating cyanide solutions.