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Dear Myles:

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The question of Cobble Screens arose after I had been to C. F. & I. Rod Mill. You will remember I did not like these screens with the hand removed windows and the plated roof, which made the finishing train so dark.

I very much prefer the screens which slide on a rail and which can be opened easily with one hand, generally one has something in the other hand, a pair of tongs, a guide or bolt cutters and with the C. F. & I. screens both hands were used to remove the small windows.

The screens used at Domnarfvet were the type I prefer and they would be improved if, instead of the hooked bar hanger, we used a deep flanged pulley at each end of each section of screen. Unless the pipe carrying the screens is well polished the screens cannot be quickly pushed open or closed, and this may be dangerous. In all other respects I think these cages are ideal.

Yours sincerely

Bill Murray