



The Art and Ingenuity of the gun

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The Fire Lance

- The first type of gun that was created by the Chinese.
- This weapon was first created during the Jin-song wars in 1132.
- The idea of the weapon was used as a spear and also a flamethrower.
- Shrapnel was also put into the barrels to increase damage.
- The first depiction of a gunpowder weapon



The main parts (Gun Powder)

The Chinese were well known for the use of gun powder but not as a weapon at first, but with fireworks.

The mixture of gun powder was described as powder that could fly and dance violently.

Saltpeter is the most important ingredient in gun powder.



The main parts (Bamboo)

- Bamboo is the most common type of tree that grows in China.
- The strength of the outer shell is why it was effective only once before the integrity of the bamboo was affected.
- Since bamboo grows to amazing heights, they were able to create many of these weapons.



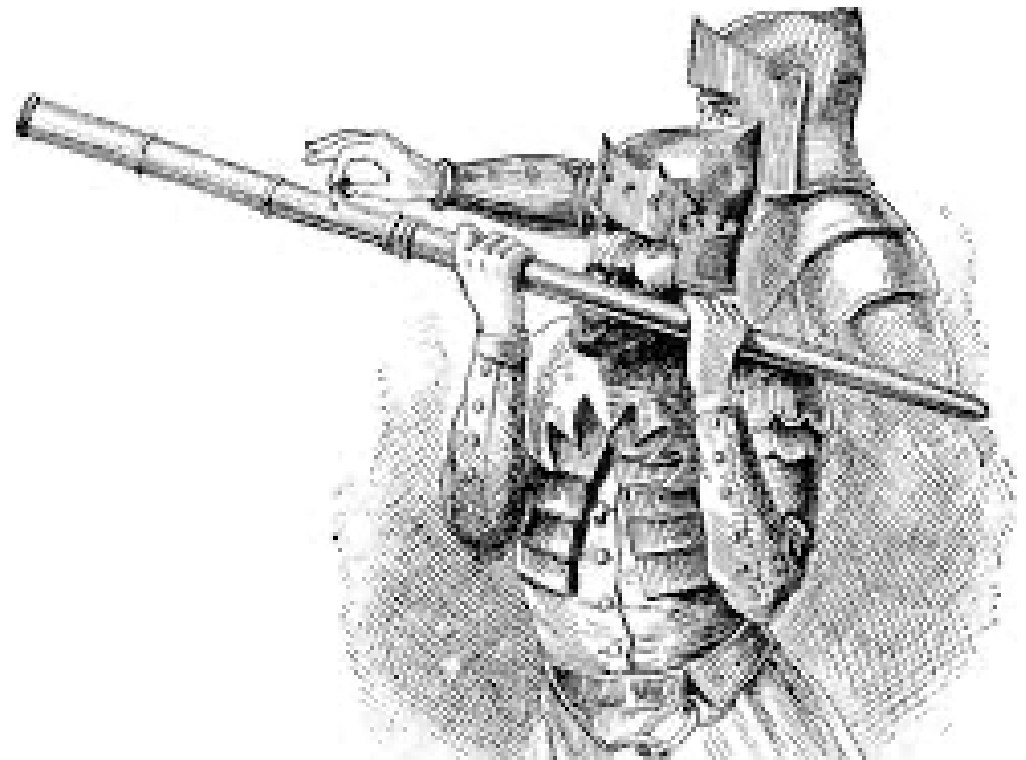
The Creation

- The barrel of this weapon was bamboo.
- After the bamboo was hollowed, they would put gunpowder and other foreign objects.
- In the beginning they would attach it to the end of the spears and would be used as a shock factor before a melee attack.
- The blast was so powerful that the weapon would require two people to wield.
- Later on the Chinese would make the Fire lance its own independent weapon.



Hand Cannon

- The second firearm that was created by the Chinese, also known as the Gonne or the Hand Gonne.
- The first true firearm, also the most simplistic type of barrel for a firearm.
- Unlike other firearms the hand cannon required direct manual external ignition through a touch hole without a firing mechanism.
- The Chinese became the first to master cast-iron cannon barrels.



Artistic designs

