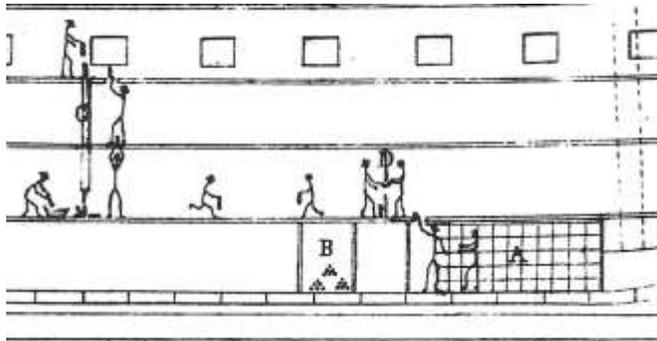


Powder Passing Scuttles & Forward Magazine

Set into the gun and berth decks are brass covers - 'powder passing scuttles'. The scuttles would have been installed on *Constitution* in the mid-1800s; in 1812 sailors & boys passed the powder by hand relay. The illustration below shows how passing scuttles were used :



Ordnance Instructions for the United States Navy..., 2nd ed. (1860)



The forward magazine was the smaller of *Constitution's* two magazines and was accessed through a hatch/scuttle in the forward orlop deck.

Forward magazine (left); Brass passing scuttles (top right, below right), NHHC Detachment Boston, 2010

