



Inventions: Steam Engines



Steam engines were a very important invention of the



Industrial Revolution. Before steam engines were invented, people



used to do jobs by hand and factories and mills were



powered by water, wind, horses or people. The first steam



engine was invented by Thomas Savery in 1698. It wasn't very



useful. Thomas Newcomen invented a more useful one in



1712 to pump water out of mines. James Watt invented an even



better one, and his steam engines were used by the early

1800



1800 all over England to power factories, trains and even



boats.