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㉓ A method of producing liquid crude iron and high-grade top gas.

㉔ A blast furnace is fed by a charge of conventional composition and a blast is used that contains about 50% oxygen and 20% water vapour, balance nitrogen. Additional fuel in the form of coal dust and/or oil is supplied to the raceways. Normal temperatures are maintained in the hearth and top zones. As compared with conventional operation a very high specific crude iron production per m<sup>2</sup> of hearth area and 24 hours will result. The molecular ratio CO + H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> of the top gas will be higher than 2.8 which makes the top gas suitable for ammonia production.

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