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About the Author Author Don Duer has been a collector of toys and banks for over twenty-five years. He helped organize and wrote the accompanying booklet for the exhibition "A Penny Saved: Architecture in Cast Iron Toy Banks" at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York. Mr Duer is a professional architect whose firm is located in Winter Park, Florida.