

Hazletins

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Hazletinsware Mfg. Co. made and patented a shiny gold gilded carbide "box" for miners. The company was located in Hazleton, PA, and the flask was patented in 1926. Until recently I knew only of the standard variety shown below. This example is from Neal Ressler's collection, and was recently sold at auction.



Above: top view showing single sliding door. This top section cannot be removed from the tin.

Left: front and back of standard Hazletin.

At the Spring western swap-meet in Park City, Utah, I purchased another variety of Hazletin from Neal's brother Nelson. I think this variety is somewhat rarer, as it is the first I have seen. It is stamped on both sides and also includes the word "Pat." to the left of the miner's head. The clincher though is the removable match safe top with a double sliding door. One door opens the match safe, the other gives access to the can itself.



Above: top view showing removable double sliding door which includes match safe.

Left: front and back of other tin showing the addition "Pat." stamping. Both sides of tin are stamped.