



If One Star Isn't Enough!

Larry Click submits this photo of yet another Red Star cap lamp, apparently made by Grier Bros.

Unfortunately he laments, he was not able to scoop this one up...it sold to another well known eastern collector, who is rumored to be writing another book on mining lamps.

Lamps exactly like this lamp are also found with the Grier Bros. stamping on top, as well as unstamped. These have been referred to by collectors as 'Fat Bottom Griers'.

Finally, the same lamp with the 'What Cheer' stamping was reported by Bob Schroth.

All of these lamps are thought to be made by Grier Bros.

Geo. Freund Mining Knife



This is a rather poor scan of a knife I have been chasing for 15 years, the Freund Patent Miners knife. The Freund Brothers were pioneer gunsmiths in Cheyenne Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. They went separate ways in 1880, George to Durango and Frank to NEW JERSEY,...NOT that there is anything wrong with that. Ha. George patented his knife in 1885 and it was made by Simmons hardware in St. Louis. This scan is right about lifesize if your scan came up at about 8 inch length. Its a knife a gunsmith would design, large and well made with a great nickle plating that doesn't scan too well. Its about a half inch thick also. I will do a story for Eureka with some neat history of the Friends and the knife when the season slows down a bit. I guess I won't ask Santa for anything else this year. (Leo Stambaugh)