Early Wolf Cap Lamps as Advertised

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These images are from two separate undated Wolf advertisements. Each adds a bit more information to the collecting lore. The image above shows the cap lamp that is one of the first versions of the the "U.S. style" Wolf cap lamp. Notice the water wheel that is an intermediate development of the early Wolf wire loop.

Next is the earliest Wolf cap lamp ever sold in America. It is the "European style", and is thought to have been made in Germany or England, and rebadged for the U.S. The illustration was taken from a page of primarily hand lamps that were marketed to miners. This lone cap lamp is described as a Boy Scout lamp! Did Wolf think that the cap lamp would not interest miners?



