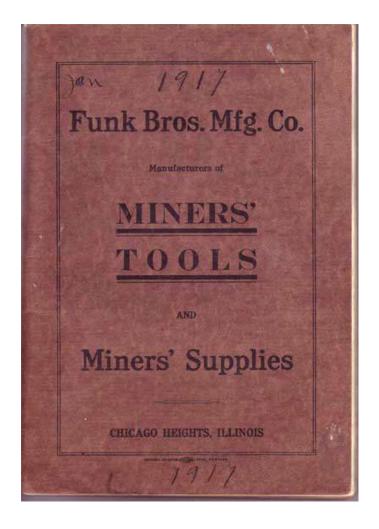
Catalogs and Carbides

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Shown here are catalogs from two mine supply companies: Funk Bros. Mfg. Co. of Chicago Heights, Illinois and American Mining Tool Co. of Ottumwa, Iowa. Each catalog displays both oil wick lamps and early acetylene lamps. The illustrations show carbide lamps that date to the 1910–13 era.

Funk Bros. were known to have sold a carbide cap with their own name stamp lamp resembling the Baldwin hourglass style. That lamp, probably made by Grier Bros. would pre-date the Justrite lamps shown in this Funk Bros. catalog.





Funk Bros. Mfg. Co. catalog is penciled with a 1917 date. Pricing insert pages are also officially printed with this date, although the lamp illustrations appear to be earlier, ca. 1913.

Miner's Cap Lamp

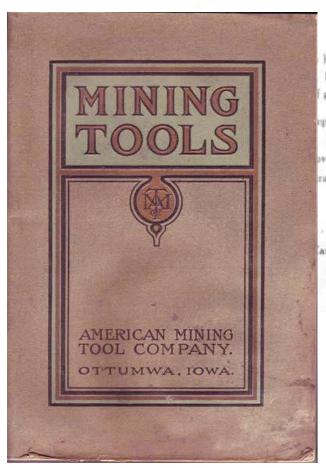


MINER'S CAP LAMP. No. 32.

The names of the various parts indicated by numbers above are given below:

- 1. Water tank.
- 7. Burner.
- 2. Raking Wire.
- 8. Small Felt.
- 3. Cover of Water-
- 9. Large Felt. 10. Wire Gauze.
- Tank. 4. Water-tube.
- 11. Hook.
- 5. Burner-tube.
- 12. Rubber Gasket.
- 6. Reflector.
- 13. Carbide Centainer.

Baldwin Superintendent's Lamp



hours with one charge. 10 ozn.; height, 61/2 inches. galvanized iron.

ep will throw a strong light over

overhead examinations easy. ra carbide container with each

arbide Containers 35c, each,



SUPERINTENDENT'S LAMP. No. 36.

American Mining Tool Company catalog shows Baldwin lamps that date to 1900–12. Oil wick lamps exist with this company's name, but to date, there is not a private label carbide lamp.