

# Everdry

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A name like this is bound to raise eyebrows! After all, the Eveready and Drylite carbide lamps are two of the most sought after. And while Everdry is not an error in typing, and neither is it a joke, it must be said that the name is after all...not that of a miners lamp.

The serious collector, who may have had a short run of tachycardia upon first hearing this name,

should feel no chagrin when it is learned that the word Everdry is inscribed on a mere matchsafe. For it was marketed by one of the most important men in the history of mine lighting: Jacob S. Sherman, whose career began in Springfield, Illinois and flourished in Chicago as the inventor and manufacturer of the AutoLite miner's cap lamp. Mr. Sherman's humble beginnings in Springfield began with the Park Sherman Company. The photos will demonstrate that Park Sherman Co. was indeed the maker of the Everdry.

