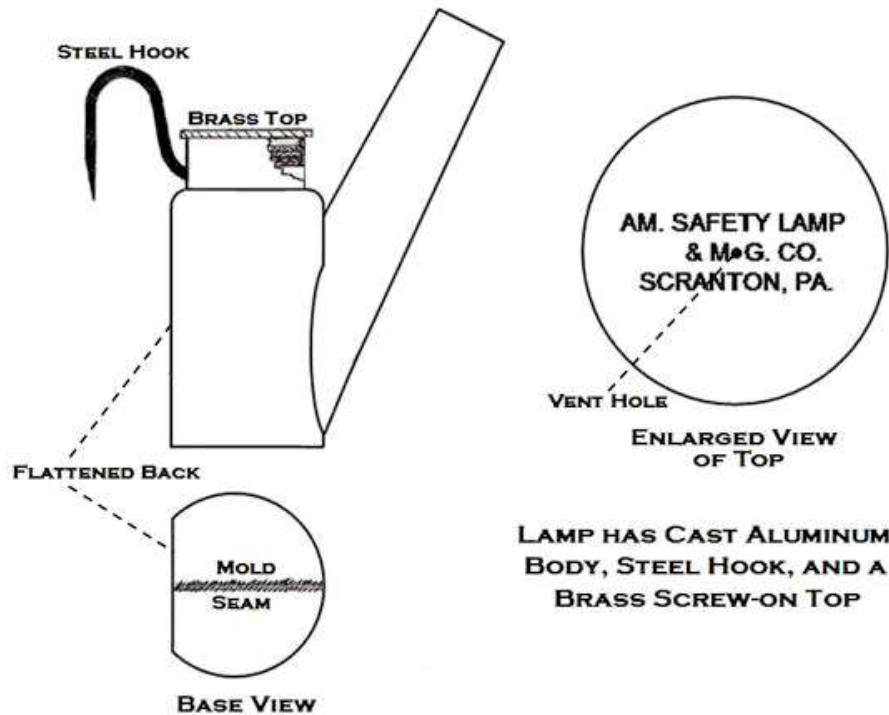


# The Indestructible: Early Model

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Above is a sketch of an early version of the cast aluminum Indestructible oil-wick lamp. I believe this screw-top model predates the more usual version with a hinged door. The advertisement shown below is from 1898. The screw-top lamp would predate this. It is noteworthy that the stamping on the door of this lamp is American Safety Lamp & Mfg. Co. — different from the more recent American Safety Lamp & Mine Supply Co. I have also seen the Funke sheet metal Indestructible lamp as shown in Dave Thorpe's article, however the lamp was all but destroyed with rust and pitting.

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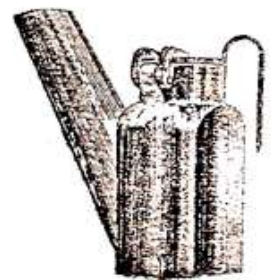
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