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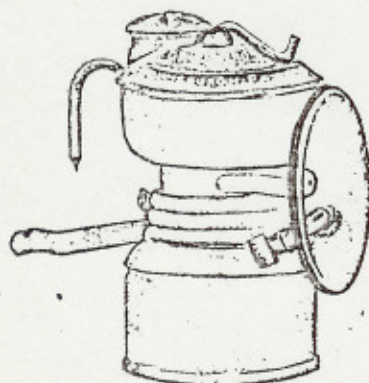
Fall, 1971

The Underground Lamp Post, devoted to old mine lamps, carbides, and candleholders. Mini-editor: Henry Pohns, 4537 Quitman St., Denver, Colorado, 80212

Carbide Flasks, Tins, Canisters, and Containers - Chuck Young of **FAIRFAX**, Virginia, recently discovered four different types of "RARE" carbide tins in the Pennsylvania coal country. We are calling them "rare" for no one yet had reported their existence thru The Lamp Post registry service. Be certain, they are now registered. Coincidentally, the carbide container pages of this issue were already in preparation when Chuck's news arrived; which affirms the value of our attempts to exchange information. Chuck's "fabulous four" are shown on page three. Who else will add to our registry?

Lamp Tramp Meeting - Colorado weather, with so many good reports to its credit, failed to keep up its reputation Sunday, September 19. Twelve plus inches of early-season snow covered the picnic grass in Denver's Berkeley Park and caused the postponement of the second annual Lamp Tramp get-together. All the showing, trading, discussion, and envy will have to wait until next time. Many thanks to Mrs. Midge Leahy for her time and effort involved. Vernon Hatley had made it all the way from Shawnee, Oklahoma, to Pueblo, Colorado, before being turned back by the record-breaking storm.

Welcome to Denver - Recent visitors with your mini-editor included Rick Banning of Takoma Park, Maryland, Tom Fallon now of Houston, Texas (late of Dowington, Pennsylvania), and Stan Lefond of Greenwich, Connecticut, all to talk of old mine lamps and candleholders. George Bayles had planned a summer trip out this way until a serious coronary cancelled his plans. Everyone is welcome to Denver where we have at least a dozen enthusiasts.



GRIER BROS. KARBIDSKÉ LAMPY

Moenejšiu a lepšiu lampu ako náša je nemôž zrobit. Každá časť pozostáva z najlepšieho materialu. My len ziadame vás aby ste našu lampu skusili. Píšte pre cenník. My vyrábame dvojaké lampy v jedenástich modách.

THE GRIER BROS. CO.

124 Second Ave.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

We don't know if this old-time ad is the one that has caused the Polish jokes of recent years. But, we do seem to recall the one about the Polish miner who used to chew his carbide and ... well ... then light his empty pipe. Those were the days, my friend!

The following items are available for trade from: James W. Storey, 3221 Valaire Drive., Decatur, Georgia, 30033.

1. Koehler Mine Safety Lamp
2. Oil lamp cap type
3. Oil lamp hand type, 5" base with screw cap
4. Auto Lite 2½" reflector, used
5. Lucas British bicycle lamp
6. 70 rare and out-of-print books on speleology

WANTED - MINER'S LAMPS
All types - oil, carbide, and safety lamps. Send sketch, lettering, condition, and price, etc., to:

Vernon A. Hatley
Rt. # 5
Shawnee, Oklahoma
74801

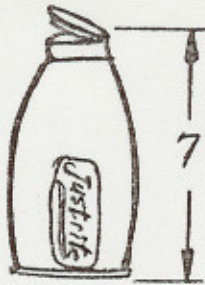


SEASONS GREETINGS - Thanksgiving, Christmas, New years, all in one!

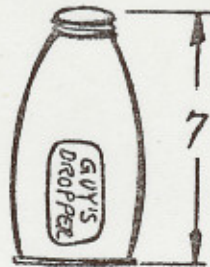
CARBIDE FLASKS, TINS, CANISTERS, and CONTAINERS



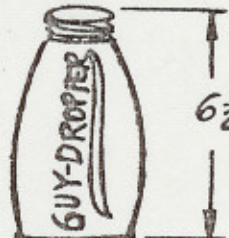
JUSTRITE # 23
1 lb Carbide Flask
OVAL - STEEL



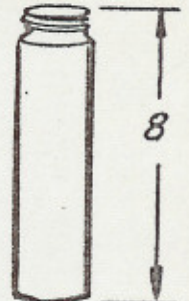
JUSTRITE # 24
1 lb Flask w/ounce
OVAL - STEEL



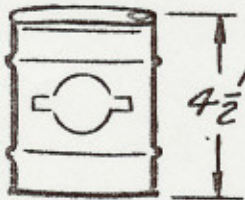
GUY'S DROPPER
1 lb Carbide Flask
OVAL - STEEL



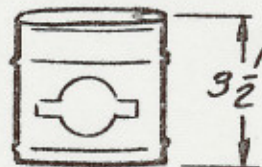
GUY DROPPER
1 lb Carbide Flask
OVAL - STEEL



SHANCO #88
Carbide Tin
ROUND - BRASS



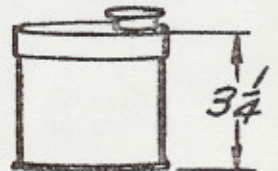
JUSTRITE #77
10 oz Pocket Carbide
Can - OBLONG
Steel or Brass



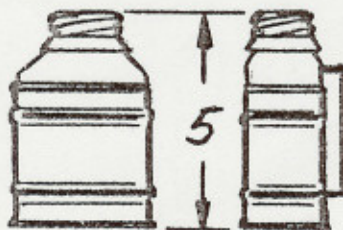
JUSTRITE # 76
8 oz Pocket Carbide
Can - OBLONG
Steel or Brass



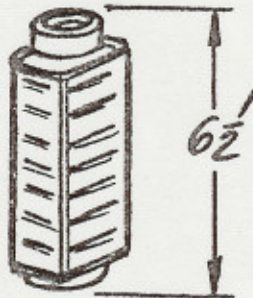
LEADER
9 oz Carbide Can
2 hinged lids on hollow top
OBLONG - BRASS



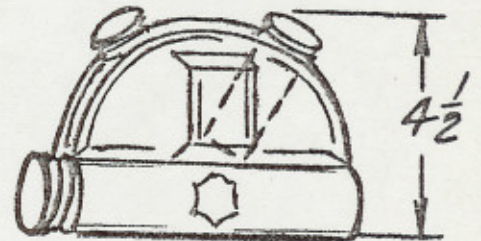
7 oz Carbide can
lined lid on
removable cap
OBLONG - BRASS



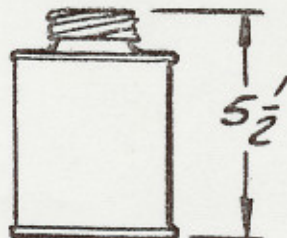
CARBIDE CANISTER
Lamp-thread Cap - Belt loop
OVAL - STEEL



Pre-WWI Coniment Tin
2 end containers
Full of carbide
SQUARE - STEEL

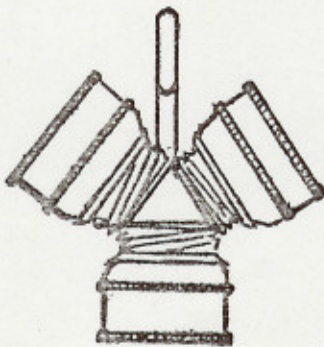


HARDSOCK #21
3 compartment
1 lb carbide
1 pt water
24 matches
STEEL



CARBIDE TIN
Screw lid
STEEL
ROUND

3 lamp bottom lids
riveted to a brass
triangular bracket
belt loop



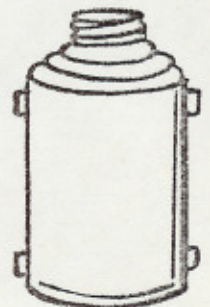
Many brands,
sizes, shapes
Lamp bottoms
and caps



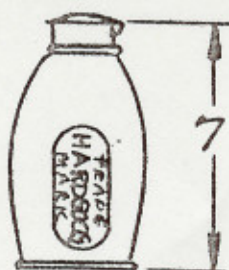
BALDWIN
half lb
Carbide can
Hinge lid



BALDWIN
one lb
Carbide can
Screw lid



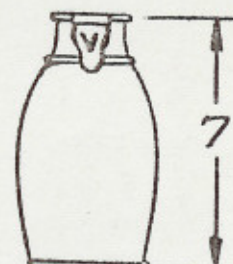
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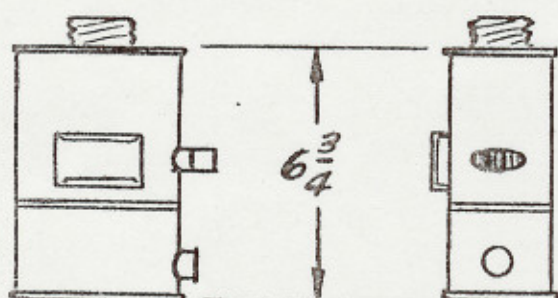
HARDSOCC
1 lb Carbide Flask
with Hinge
OVAL - STEEL



UNMARKED
1 lb Carbide Flask
T. F. Leonard type Hinge
from oil wick cap Lamp
OVAL - STEEL



UNMARKED
1 lb Carbide Flask
Anton-Seall type Hinge
from oil wick cap Lamp
OVAL - STEEL



Combination CARBIDE-WATER
FLASK

- Belt loop
- Lamp thread cap
- Nesco squib tin
- match safe cap
- Brass water cap

Chuck Young advises that he has several Trethaway oil wick cap lamps that he would be willing to trade for other oil wick lamps or for carbides that he does not have. Contact him at:

Chuck Young
4021 Hallman St.
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

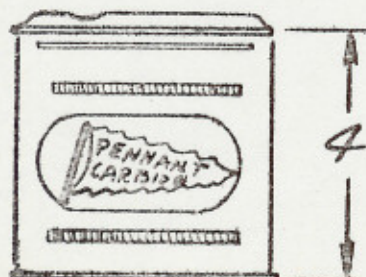
Plastic Carbide Lamps? - Yes, we have heard that the only carbide lamp manufacturer still going in the U. S. will soon announce a new PLASTIC design. We can't name the company, but you saw it first here.

Fellow design engineer at Gardner-Denver Co. offers the following formula for cleaning brass: 1/2 lb lye, 1/2 teaspoon TIDE, 1 gallon of water. Boil the mixture well. I haven't tried it yet. Thanks to Art Wallace. Ed.

Parting Lamps - Tom Garwood of West Frankfort, Illinois, offers the following information on "parting lamps". In the Illinois coal fields a parting is a side-track underground where trips or loads are made up for hauling to the bottom levels. Lamps were placed in stationary positions at the entrances to these partings to illuminate the switches. Naturally these lamps came to be known as parting lamps. Usually, they were large capacity reservoir oil wick type lamps with a bale for hanging and often were made of cast iron or some other sturdy material.



Many thanks to the kind Oklahoman who offered postage (and then some) to the Lamp Post. Even better, he and your mini-editor were able to work out a trade which added new items to each of our collections.



PENNANT
Pocket
Carbide
Can

10 oz
Oblong
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And just at press time, Chuck Young sends us the news of still another pocket carbide can as illustrated to the left. Those eastern coal fields seem to be full of treasures. Some of our readers will be certain to come up with trade lists for the Spring issue of The Lamp Post.