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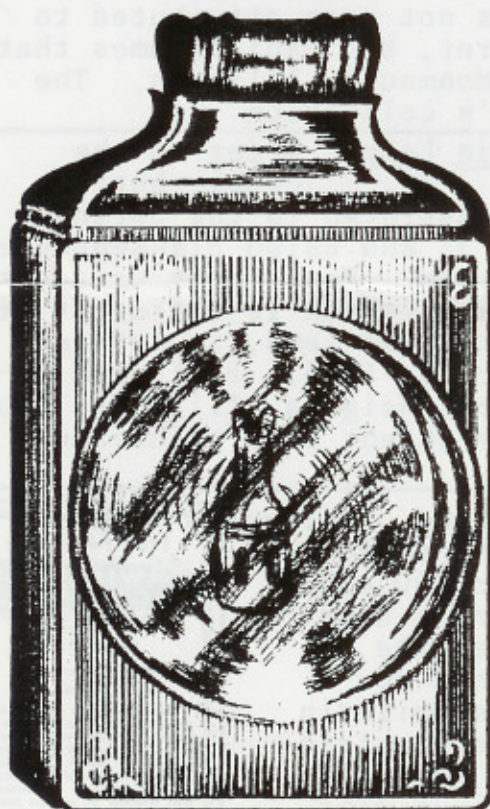
- MINERS WERE THE FIRST ECOLOGISTS -



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Is it or isn't it?

Recall the BOESCH miner's gas lantern advertisement shown in the Spring, 1981, Lamp Post. It mentioned an acetylene lamp but had no illustration. We now have another advertisement (right) and the enhanced illustration (left) . . . but who can tell us if this lamp is indeed the BOESCH carbide miner's lamp or if it is a locomotive headlamp? The later advertisement is unclear.

Mining, Mill, Drilling Lamps

- AND -

Locomotive Headlights.

SIZES ON HAND:

24-inch,
20 "
17 "
14 "
12 "
10 "
8 "
6 "



Boesch Lamp Co.,

Pacific Lamp and Reflector Factory,

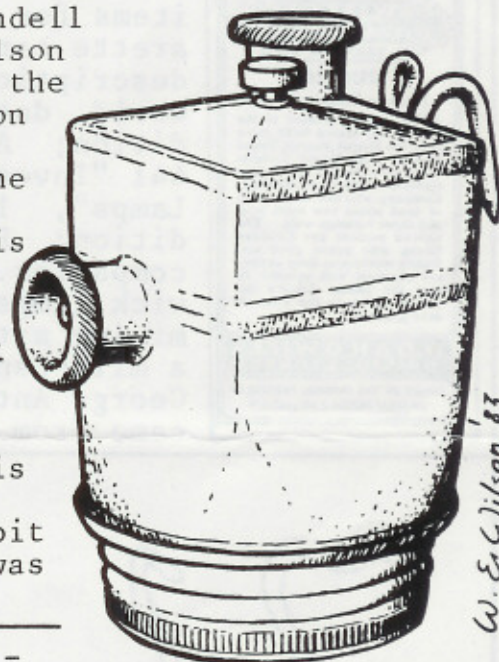
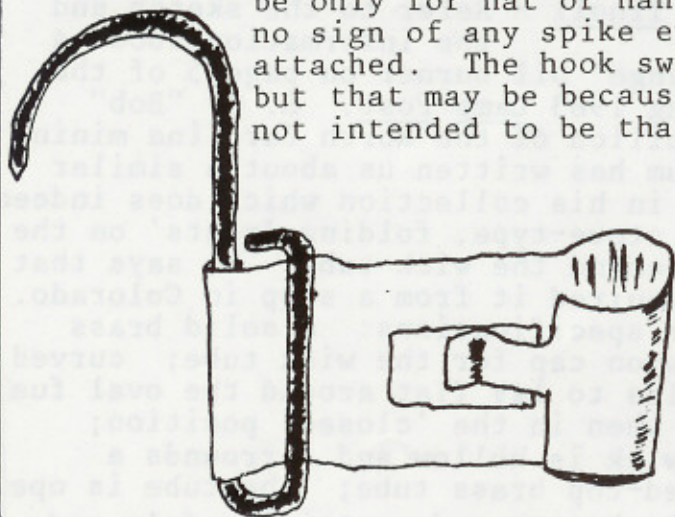
585 MISSION STREET, ::::: SAN FRANCISCO.

Carbide Cap Lamp - Wendell Wilson

has scored again with the impressive illustration of an amazing carbide cap lamp (right). The Good Doctor tells us that it is brass, it is

2-3/4" tall and has the double-loop type hook. It continues to become evident that we will continue to learn about lamp designs for a long time.

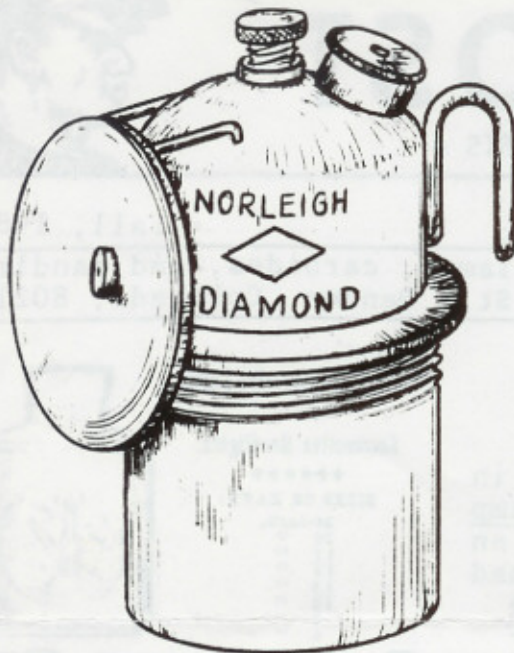
Cap Candleholder - Dave Crawford has sent us the sketch below of a candleholder he recently acquired. He says that it appears to be only for hat or hand use as there is no sign of any spike ever having been attached. The hook swivels a little bit but that may be because of age if it was not intended to be that way.



W. E. Wilson '83

Safety Lamps -

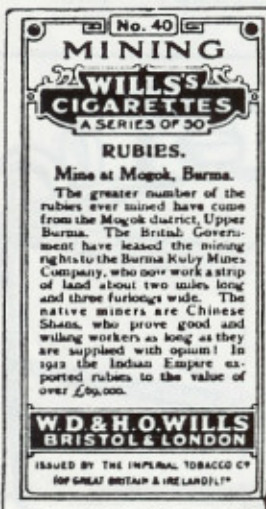
Gil Flint, 507 Rado Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81503, has asked that we remind our readers that he still wants safety lamps for his collection. The above address is the last one we have had for Gil; if you write him you should be aware that he is or will soon be moving to the eastern U. S., so your correspondence may be slow.



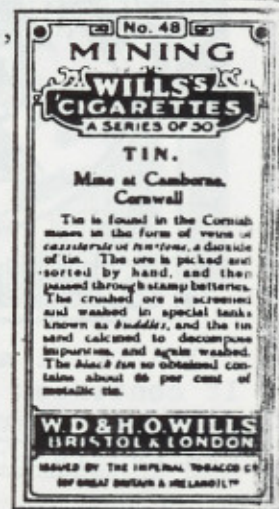
Carbide Cap Lamp - Paul Kouts has supplied a sketch of the Norleigh Diamond carbide cap lamp. It is all brass except for the steel reflector. The water valve knob, the threaded water door, and the permanent reflector are features which date this lamp before 1920 according to Paul. The base is threaded outside of the water tank and is of the same style as the Beale Bros., the Maple City, and several other lamps. The Norleigh Diamond has not been attributed to any given manufacturer, but Paul assumes that it originated from Monmouth, Illinois. The lamp is now in Paul's collection.

Double-bottom Carbide Lamp - Refer to the double-bottom carbide cap lamp illustrated in the Spring, 1892, Lamp Post, p. 3, and Ralph Blankenbecler's need for a spare bottom. Paul Kouts writes to tell us that this lamp, which is different from the more well-known Maumee lamp, is covered

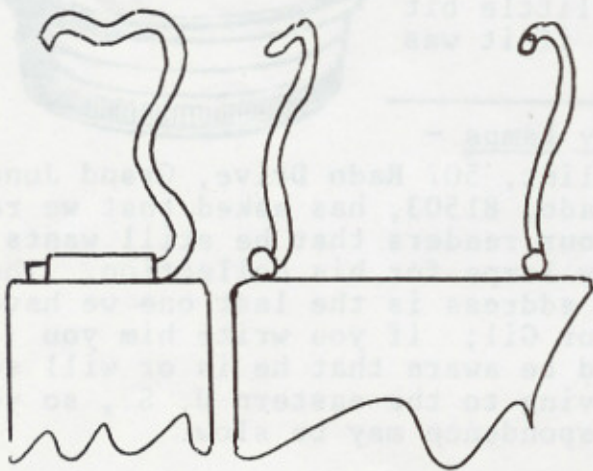
by U. U. patent number 1,567,682 issued December 29, 1925. Paul also believes that the lamp was manufactured in Frankfort Heights, Illinois. The common reference for this lamp now is "the Scoby patent lamp" since no name appears on the lamp itself.



Trade - Susan Dalton, 2717 Cumberland, Ashland, Kentucky, 41101, offers the following items for trade: A complete set of 50 cigarette cards that show pictures and a short description of mining activity over the world, dated about 1918, all in good condition; A copy of Bureau of Mines Bulletin 441 "Investigations of Permissible Electric Lamps", 1930-1940, paper back in good condition; Exploder tokens from various mine companies. Susan wants carbide lamps, oil wick lamps, safety lamps, and other coal mining artifacts. She is specially proud of a milk-can-type oil wick cap lamp marked George Anton; it is all brass and supposedly came from a Maine dealer.



More Tinoil - Refer to the sketch and the information about a 'strange' oil burner on page 5 of the Spring 1983 Lamp Post. R. J. "Bob" Schabillon of the North Carolina mining museum has written us about a similar item in his collection which does indeed have stove-type, folding 'rests' on the top behind the wick tube. He says that he acquired it from a shop in Colorado. Other specifications: a solid brass screw-on cap for the wick tube; curved handles to lay flat around the oval fuel tank when in the 'closed' position; the wick is hollow and surrounds a closed-top brass tube; the tube is open at the bottom and contains a felt pad.



Des Bergmanns Gelencht

Ich/wir bestelle(n)

_____ Exemplare IV. Band:

Bilderatlas vom Kienspanhalter bis zur elektrischen Grubenlampe

Von W. Börkel und H. Woeckner
480 Seiten mit 750 Fotos von 550 Lampen
Leineneinband 19 cm x 24 cm, Preis 88 DM

Sowie von den bisher erschienenen Bänden

_____ Exemplare
I. Band, 2. Auflage

**Unschlitt-, Öl-
und Kerzenlampen**

Preis 44 DM

_____ Exemplare
II. Band

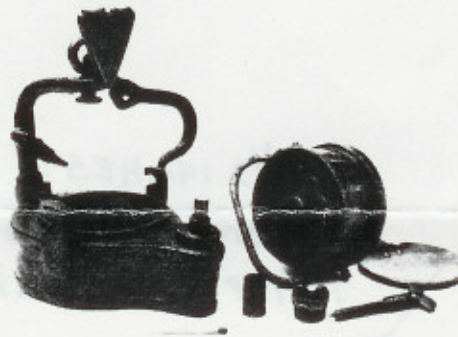
Karbidlampen

Preis 58 DM

Stark verkleinerte Musterseite aus dem IV. Band ▷

III. Karbid- bzw. Acetylenlampen

Titel	Karbidlampen
Herausgeber	Herr, Deutschland
Herausgeber	Alten Plattenverlag, Bielefeld
Material	Eisenblech
Konstruktion	Karbidlampe ist eine aus Harz hergestellte, durch Kupfer- schicht, mit regulierbarem Luft- zufluss, angebrachter Tropfzelle in einem Gehäuse W. B. sowie Schläge und Zünd- apparat, Karbidgeschwamm, Schild enthält geschützter Winkel, Zündkerze, Zünd- stift, gekrümmter Zündstab, Kupfer, Spinnseide an der Seite des Bügels DRGM 294759
Maße	Länge 172mm Breite 102mm Körperhöhe 45mm Gesamthöhe 190mm
Baujahr	Um 1906
Bemerkungen	Diese Karbidlampe wurde in nur acht Exemplare gebaut



Book Page - We have received another great new book in the German language about old mine lamps. It has 480 pages with 750 photos of over 550 different lamps. This new book was compiled by W. Börkel and H. Woeckner. The advertising card shown at the left includes two of the photos of a half-breed carbide frog lamp. Price is 88DM, about \$45.00 U. S. To order this great book, copy this

card, amrk the "_____ Exemplare IV. Band", and mail with your remittance to: Verlag Glückauf GmbH, Verkaufsabteilung, Postfach 103945, D-4300 Essen 1, West Germany.

Teller County, Colorado - Correspondent Ray Drake has provided us with a copy of his new book "The Last Gold Rush: A Pictorial History of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining District." We find this book to be lively, humorous, profusely illustrated with vintage photographs, and genuinely interesting to any history buff or mining collector. In collaboration with Bill Grimstad, an astute photo-journalist and designer, Ray has assembled the best of the photos and stories of this lively era. It includes many mining pictures which include lamps and candleholders. It belongs in the library of anyone interested in the Old West Mining story. "The Last Gold Rush" (159 pages) is now available from the publisher Pollux Press, P. O. Box 12, Victor, Colorado, 80860, in a special autographed and numbered first printing of 500 copies, in deluxe hardcover binding at \$20.00 postpaid, \$10.00 paperback.

Postage - Many thanks for postage for this issue of the Lamp Post to all of our friends in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, California, West Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Arkansas, Indiana, and Arizona. It still means a lot to us to receive your kind support. As usual, the Lamp Post is covered by the copyright law.

Oil Wick Cap Lamps - Shown below are several of the latest oil wick cap lamp trade marks that have been reported to us.

C.H. & W.G. DOWD
SCRANTON, PA.

FONT I.G. DOWD & CO.
SCRANTON, PA.

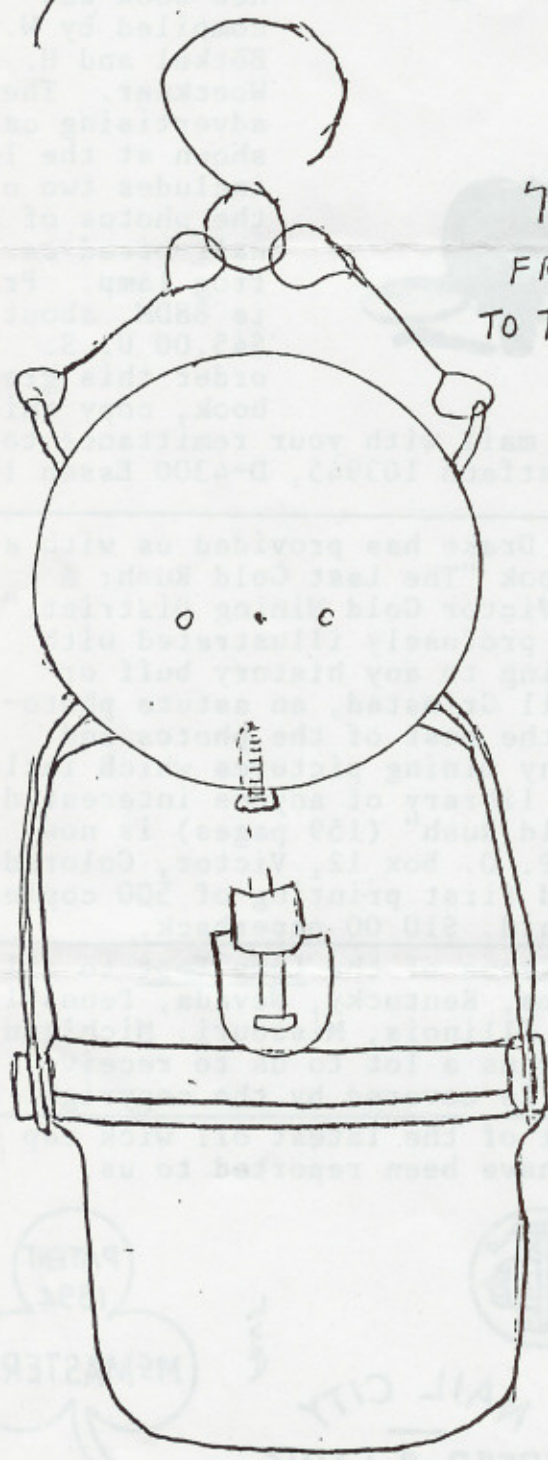
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GREER & LAING
WHEELING

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McMASTERS

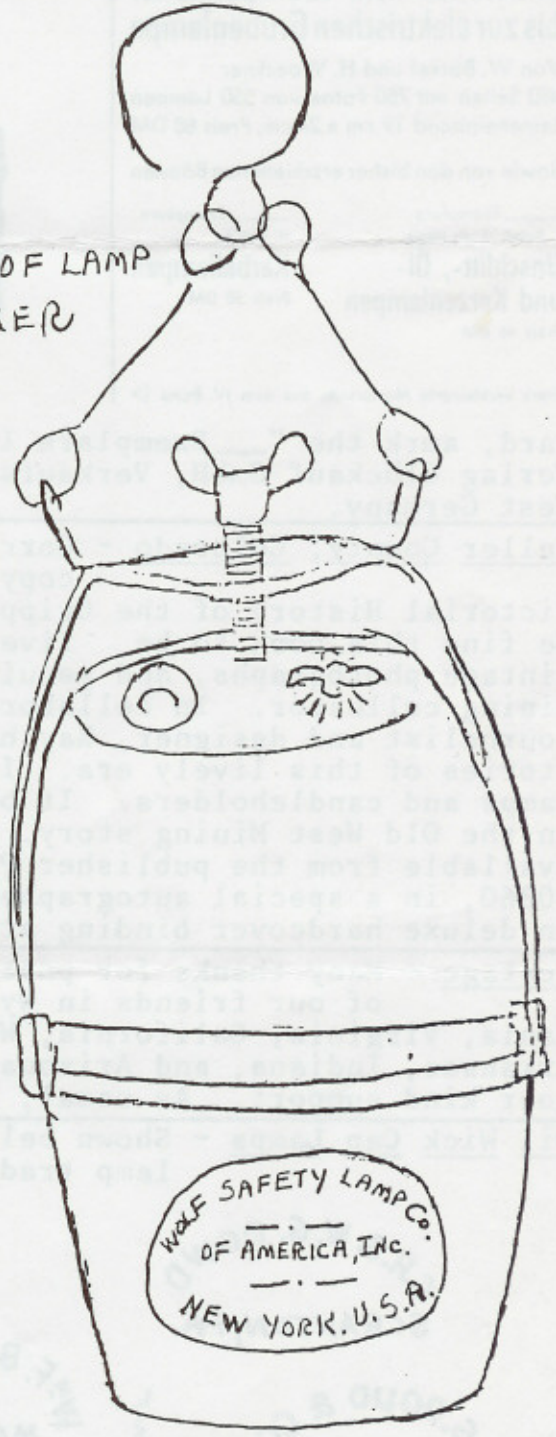
Super Trade - Ralph Blankenbecler, Rt. 3, Box 46, Coeburn, Virginia, 24230, reminds us that he still has a very special and rare Wolf carbide lamp for trade. As his sketch below shows, it has a small wire bale, a 2 1/4" diameter reflector, is 3-1/2" tall, and is 7-1/2" from the bottom of the lamp to the top of the hook. Ralph does not want cash - he wants two cap lamps that he doesn't have in his collection. Some one should be able to help Ralph with this trade.

MINT CONDITION



FRONT OF LAMP

7 1/2 INCHES
FROM BOTTOM OF LAMP
TO TOP OF HANGER



3 1/2 INCHES
TALL - BODY
OF LAMP

BACK OF LAMP

WOLF SAFETY LAMP CO.
OF AMERICA, INC.
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Traders - Len Gaska, 1723 W. Ninth St., Pomona, Calif., 91766, has the following items available for trade:

1. Early Baldwin #38 (no markings but identified from an ad) nickel-plated supervisor's lamp with push-on reflector. Excellent condition and complete.
2. Several early Wolf hand lamps.
3. Several nickel-plated Justrite supervisor's lamps.
4. Several Justrite half-shift candlestick lamps (sticks not included).
5. German RR lamp.
6. Several Dewar 8-hour lamps with cast reflectors.
7. Several sunshine oil wick lamps.
8. Several candlesticks, one Varney, one unmarked, one wire type.
9. One Wolf safety lamp.

Len needs a reflector and a burner for a Justrite Uncle Sam. Len is also interested in early and less common Justrite lamps, repair kits, etc. Justrite catalogs also wanted.

Candleholder - Sheldon Wimpfen, RFD 4, Box 325B, Luray, Virginia, 22835, has a Lindahl hollow brass-handle candleholder for trade. This is the classic U. S. patent no. 801,465.

More traders - Dr. Rich Finch (the Col.), Dept. of Earth Sciences, Tennessee Tech. Univ., Cookeville, Tennessee, 38501, has sent the following trading list:

Small, unmarked wrought iron miner's candlestick from the Rep. of Honduras, C.A. Fleming Special 8-hr. lamp, unfired, perfect.

Guy's Dropper cap lamp, unfired, in box; box in poor shape, lamp with a couple of splits in the screw flange below the water tank, but still a good show piece

Guy's Dropper cap lamp, unfired, in box; box in poor shape.

Auto-Lite cap lamp, unfired, in box, perfect.

Auto-Lite cap lamp, unfired, but missing box and lacquer tarnished.

1951 German railway hand lantern.

Genuine miner's candle (stearic wax?), thought to be at least 60 yrs. old.

Small tinned steel oil flask, shaped like a canteen and meant to be carried on the belt; for carrying extra oil for a "Sunshine" oil lamp; missing its screw top, otherwise in excellent shape.

Auto-Lite cap lamp with ribbed reflector.

Wolf Type FS safety lamp, unfired, perfect.

Koehler safety lamp, used, but good condition.

Justrite brass 8-hr. hook & bail lamp, used, but good condition.

FISMA steel 8-hr. hook & bail lamp; no reflector, but that may be the way the lamp came.

Paper scrip from Premier Coal Co., Yamacraw, Ky.

Metal scrip from Harlan Collieries Co., Inc., Harlan, Ky.

Metal scrip from the following Tennessee companies:

Indian Creek Coal Co., Jellico B. G. Coal Co., Black Diamond Coal Mining Co.,

The Diamond Coal Mining Co., New River Fuel Co., and the Cash Grocery Co. of Coalfield, Tenn.

Nickel-plated horizontal Justrite superintendent's lamp; 7" ref.; handles missing
Liberty acetylene bicycle lamp by C. M. Hall Co.; good condition, ornate lamp.

Unfired, perfect condition Grier Bros. cap lamp

Several models of early Guy's Dropper cap lamps, nickel-plated and brass; one is a 'backwards door' model

Justrite no. 88B Belt Generator lamp; ornate lamp, complete with bulls eye lens and darkening door; nicely restored lamp

Also: I have a wide selection of rare parts; if you have a specific need in order to repair or complete a lamp, I might have what you need.

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Parts I need: a burner tube for an Uncle Sam lamp; a nickel plated bottom for a Shanklin Guy's Dropper cap lamp; a brass bottom for a Springfield cap lamp; a nickel plated bottom for a Grier Bros. cap lamp; a glass chimney and ornamental chimney ring for an old Crestella lamp;

a reflector for a Springfield lamp; a bottom for an Elkhorn lamp.

Wanted - Frank Hagenbuch, P. O. Box 759, Alton, New Hampshire, 03809, has a miner's bird cage, but it is missing the ceramic water container. Is there someone who has one for trade?

EverReady carbide cap lamp - Mike Randolph reports a standard spherical water chamber Everready carbide cap lamp that is made of steel instead of the usual brass. The water door, hook, valve, and threads are of nickel-plated brass, however, and are painted black. Mike does not believe that his reflector is original.

Trading - Tony Moon, 2763 East Willow Wick Drive, Sandy, Utah, 84092, offers the following items for trade only, not for sale:

Lindahl candlestick with brass match safe; last style made with the cut-out on candle thimble and screw lid marked "Patent No. 801465 Lindahl Mfg Co Denver, Colo, USA". Good condition with minor rust.

Patented wire candlestick marked "PAT MARCH 28-99" (marking stamped on point - faint but visible); 10 inches long. Good condition. Design patent No 30, 406 by W. H. Pleasants.

One standard Butte style candlestick from the hardware store.

8 hour Belt Lu-Mi-Num hand carbide lamp in good shape. Last style made with hook on back and nickel plated reflector superimposed over the aluminum reflector. Hook on back has been replaced but difficult to tell from the original (hook is held in slot by set screw so no solder/welding is required to replace). A nice show piece and rare!

8 hour COPPER QUEEN carbide lamp by Justrite. Same as the Little Giant except for the lettering. Missing burner tip and screw-on wind guard. Otherwise in good condition with minor scratches and pits - it had been used. RARE!!

Oil cadger (for rock drills) made by Donnelley, S F, Cal. Fancy screw top and swivel cap.

Mine & Smelter Supply catalog No. 24; Assay supplies; 1912 with lots of goodies - over 500 pages - 6 pages of lamps.

Squib Can - Lester Bernstein, 4212 Washington Ave, S. E., Charleston, West Virginia, 25304, reports a squib can 6" long by 1" wide which has the J. Anton & Son eagle trade mark on it. The mark in the eagle with the shield body and the "U S A EAGLE banner from the beak. The eagle stands on an oblong box which is inscribed "J. ANTON & SON, MONONGAHELA, PA." Anyone interested in this item can contact Lester.

More trades - Ralph Blankenbecler, Rt. 3, Box 46, Coeburn, Va., 24230, has the following items for trade. As usual, Ralph is interested only in carbide cap lamps.

- o Pathfinder carbide cap lamp
- o No. 10 and No. 12 Justrite lanterns for trade
- o Hansen Force Feed carbide cap lamp
- o Zar carbide cap lamps for trade.

Tinoil, again - Mike Puhl reports an item like the Tinoil from last issue and earlier this issue, but marked "Hess Lamp." So, what is it after all?

Oil Wick Cap Lamp - Refer to the oil wick cap lamp illustration on the top of the front page of the last issue of the Lamp Post. Susan Dalton of Ashland, Kentucky, has a similar lamp with a unique burner tip attachment as shown.

