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Maple City Canteen

Another carbide canteen, with a unique twist. This tin is marked PAT. PENDING, with a circular stamp reading: "Maple City Mfg. Co. Monmouth ILL." It features the usual chambers for water, carbide, and matches found on such items. Note the central wick tube with a cap chained to it, and the small screw-cap for a separate oil reservoir. This tin doubled as a light source while the miner changed his carbide! From the Kelley Deem collection.



The Buddy Bottoms

Spare bases with screw caps have always been a favorite collectible among the hard core cap lamp collectors. The spare bases shown below, are for Justrite's rare "The Buddy" lamp. They are the prize of my collection in bases. These differ only in the bulging ring collar just below the threads on one. (D. Thorpe)