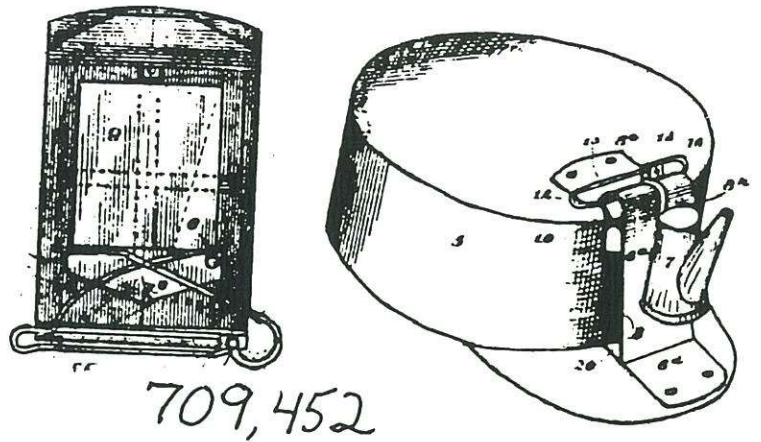


More Than a Lampholder

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One lampholder patent which does not appear in the previous article is No. 709,452, granted on September 16, 1892 to James A. Brown of Pictou, Colorado. This patent is for a miner's cap lampholder that features a pivotally mounted match safe between the front plate and the cap. This match safe is spring loaded so as to remain closed in place when not open to remove a match. Was this patent actually produced?



Lampholder & Cap Printing Blocks

Mike McLaughlin

Mike McLaughlin submitted this photo of some unusual printing blocks he owns. "These printing blocks are approximately 2.5" X 2" X 1" deep. They are wood with a strip of lead and then a strip of copper on the top surface. The copper surface has been acid etched with the impression of individual miner's caps. Each block is a different miner's hat.

They were for the Wilkes-Barre Cap Mfg. Co., 88-92 Northhampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA. and are circa 1927 at this address. Some blocks are marked with the company name on the side of the block. An extremely rare and beautiful set, these printing blocks look fabulous in person and are not like the ones you see at some of the antique shows. These are of high detail and are very heavy."

