

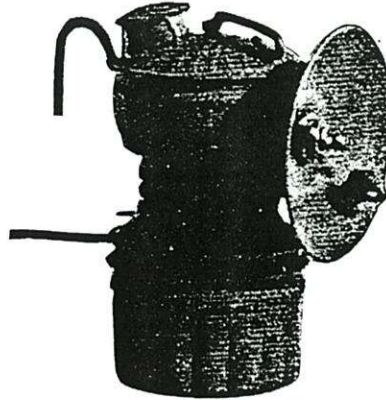
## Collector's Talk

by Len Gaska

Occasionally, we receive material from our readers that does not necessarily merit an entire article, but nonetheless represents important and interesting information. If we have plans to do a related article in the future, it will be included there. Otherwise we will publish this information on an occasional basis.

Paul Johnson of Union Lake, Michigan sent us the ad to the right from a Logan-Gregg Hardware Co. catalog dated 1925. In MAC issue number 2 (Winter 1989), the Pocahontas cap lamp was firmly established as a Guy's Dropper (Shanklin Mfg. Co.) product, but this is the first ad we have seen with the Guy's Dropper name. I wonder if they have any left at \$12.00 per dozen??

### Guy Dropper



#### The Pocahontas

Made of heavy gauge sheet brass throughout. Equipped with Guy's patented water dropper which is fitted with valve cleaner. Has a 2½ inch reflector attached with wing nut. Spark lighter attached to reflector. Round wire hook and clasp. Height of lamp 3¼ inches.

No. 18. Polished brass, lamp only . . . per dozen, \$12.00

No. 180. Nickel plated, lamp only . . . per dozen, 15.00

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE *of the*

### Baldwin Camp Lamp (

1. Fill the bottom of the lamp half full of carbide. Too much may stop the passage of the gas. This charge will last 2½ hours.
2. Screw the bottom tightly on to the lamp, to prevent loss of gas.
3. A little grease on the threads of the screws will make the lamp last longer.
4. When you fill or empty the lamp, do not damage the thread of the screw by striking it against the rocks. When the screws are spoiled the gas will escape.
5. To light the lamp, open the water cover and fill it three-quarters full of water. Open the screw valve on top of lamp to permit flow of water to carbide. Do not allow the burner to get wet as it may close the gas outlet.
6. As soon as the water reaches the carbide it makes gas and is ready to light.
7. If the flame gets low, it means that the carbide does not receive sufficient water. Turn the wire which runs through the valve around once or twice. You need not touch the wire unless the flame has become too low.

8. To clean the burner, use the burner cleaner which is sent with each lamp.

9. If the raking wire is pulled out while the lamp is lighted, pour out the water and put back the wire.

10. Keep your lamp clean, and you will find it very serviceable and will last much longer. Occasionally remove the felt and clean it, or put in a new piece. The felt filters the gas and produces a better light and keeps the burner clean.

11. This lamp is perfectly safe, and can be operated by a boy—upsetting it does no harm. Should the lamp catch fire around the joint from being improperly screwed together, blow out the flame and tighten up on the screw. Keep the top of the container and rubber gasket free from dirt, else the gas will escape.

12. The extra bottoms are intended, when filled with carbide, to be carried in the pocket. When the charge in the lamp is exhausted, the fresh one is placed in the lamp and the cover placed on the exhausted charge, thus keeping the pocket clean. When through for the day clean containers and dry.

The extra bottoms—Carbide Containers—  
1 1/2 quarts each, 10¢ each.  
**JOHN SIMMONS CO.,**  
MANUFACTURERS  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dave Thorpe of Phoenix, Arizona sent us the Baldwin "camp lamp" instructions illustrated to the left. Dave speculated that "camp lamp" is a typographical error that should read "cap lamp."

Both Ted Bobrink and Mark Bohannon have reported seeing a Baldwin catalog and lamp box advertising the "camp lamp," so the instructions are most likely correct.

Larry Barrett of Littleton, Colorado sent us several beautiful photos of an early Baldwin carbide lamp and a Baldwin oil lamp. Both lamps show the "W V & B" monogram as reported in the article **Baldwin, Scranton, Victor and the Monogram "WV & B"** by Dave Thorpe in MAC issue number 3 (Spring 1989). These photos lend additional support to the theory that early Baldwin lamps were manufactured by W V & B Metalcraft. We wish we could reproduce the photos for you, but the expense prohibits it.