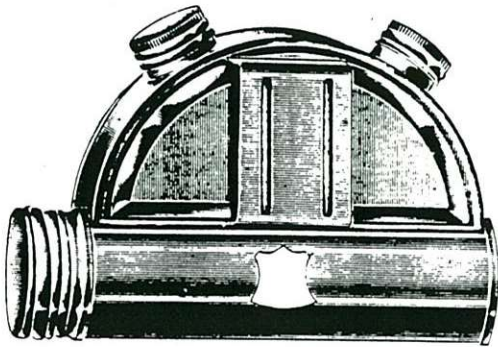


A New Name American Carbide Cap Lamp

Have you ever told an antique dealer that you want carbide lamps "except for Butterfly, Premier, and most Justrites, Guysdroppers, and Auto-Lites?" There is a high probability that this advice was sound, but with the discovery of a Premier by Hardsocg, you may have inadvertently passed up a very rare lamp.

The Martin Hardsocg Company of Ottumwa, Iowa and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania was formed in the 1870's and continues to the present day. They were and still are a manufacturer and distributor of a variety of mining equipment, primarily tools. Hardsocg produced the rare "Imperial" carbide cap lamp, but is better known for its oil lamps and carbide/water/match container.

Except for the stamping, the Hardsocg Premier is identical to an early horizontal Grier Bros. carbide. There is little doubt that Grier Bros. manufactured this lamp for the Hardsocg Co. We would love to hear from any collectors that have any information on this lamp or have been lucky enough to find one.



Hardsocg Miner's Canteen.
Holds carbide, water, and
matches.

