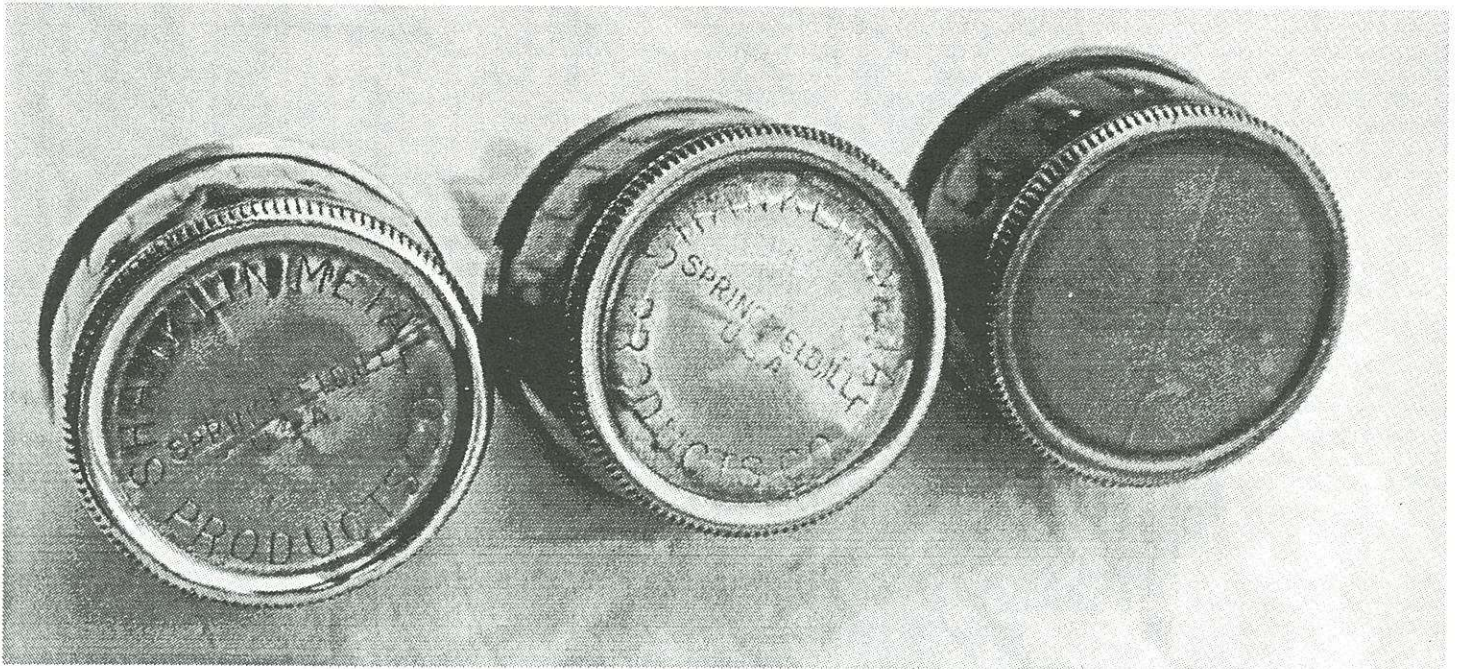
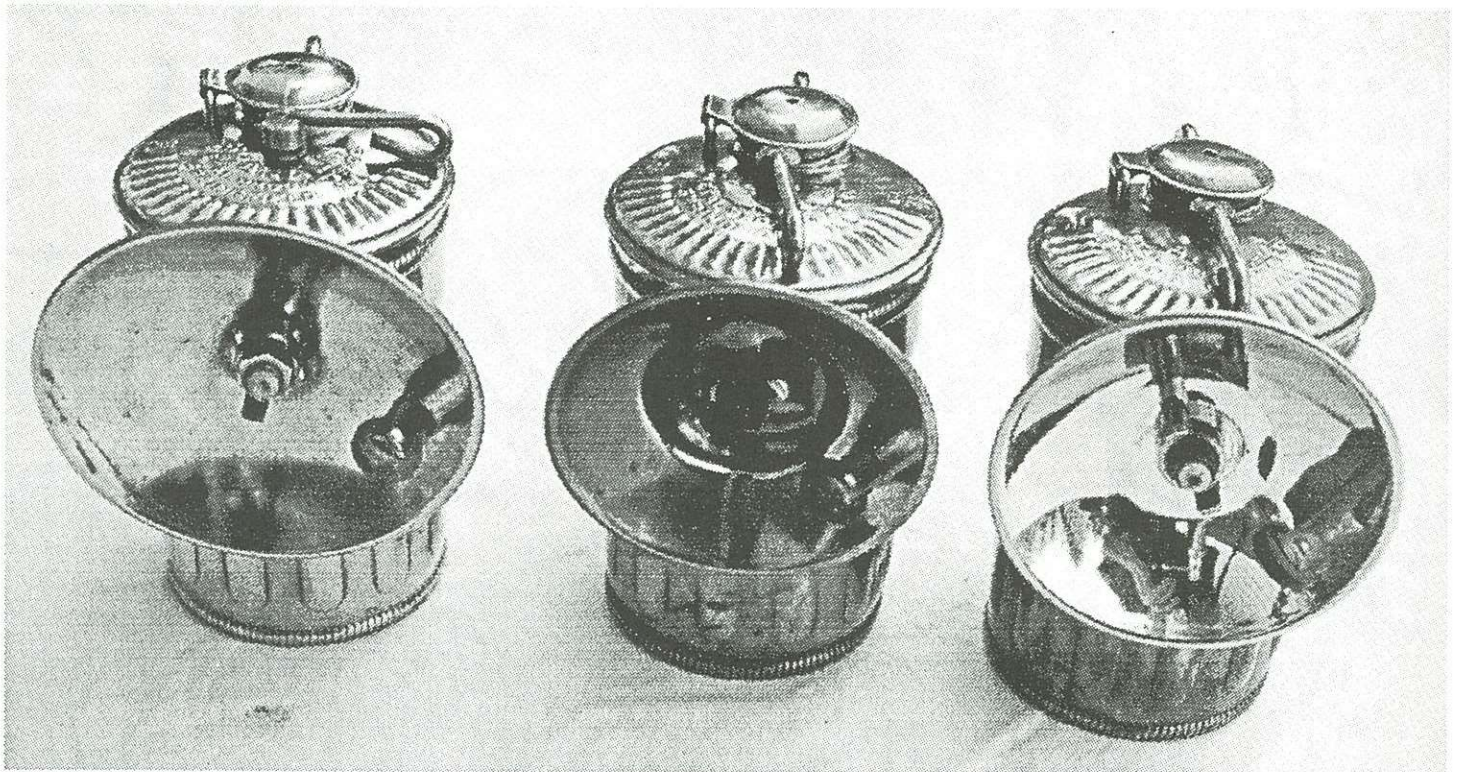


Shanklin Metal Products Co.

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Three base variations: Stamped, stamped and soldered over, and unstamped.



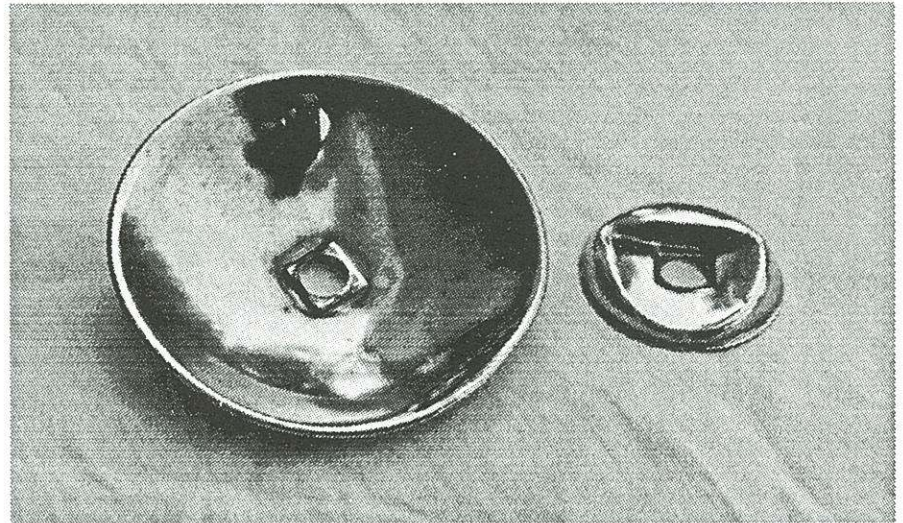
Corresponding reflector variations: single concave with special reflector brace, double concave form fitting reflector without reflector brace, and Guy's Dropper reflector with Guy's Dropper reflector brace.

Shanklin Metal Products Co. lamps are a cousin to Guy's Dropper and are unique in their own right. The genealogy of the company has been frequently discussed and will not be debated any further.

These lamps are usually found with a one-piece reflector setup. This is a very fragile arrangement and most are found in sorry condition.

Frequently found with a 2-date Guy's brace and reflector, it makes one wonder if this was done by some user or when they were absorbed by another company and fitted with whatever parts were available.

Many are found with Guy's burner tips and felt holders although they, at one time, had their own unique parts.



The nickel-plating on the reflector was very thin and one seldom finds one in excellent condition. Many lamps are found with the "Shanklin" logo soldered over on top and bottom and this was probably done by whomever took over the company.

They were manufactured with and without cap braces. Those examples which had braces are usually found with the braces broken off.

Most collectors do not know that the lamp was manufactured, at one time, with its own unique reflector and brace! They look similar to many other lamps until a close inspection is made. The brace is form fitting and has a square indentation (or raised) area around the burner tip hole. The reflector is made the same way and the lock together to for a pretty solid fit. It was a pretty good setup but the striker could not be rotated anywhere by the seven o'clock position.

These lamps are also found with three bottoms: some stamped with the company name, some stamped but with the name soldered over, and some unstamped.

These are not the most sought after lamps, but they do make a nice addition to any collection.