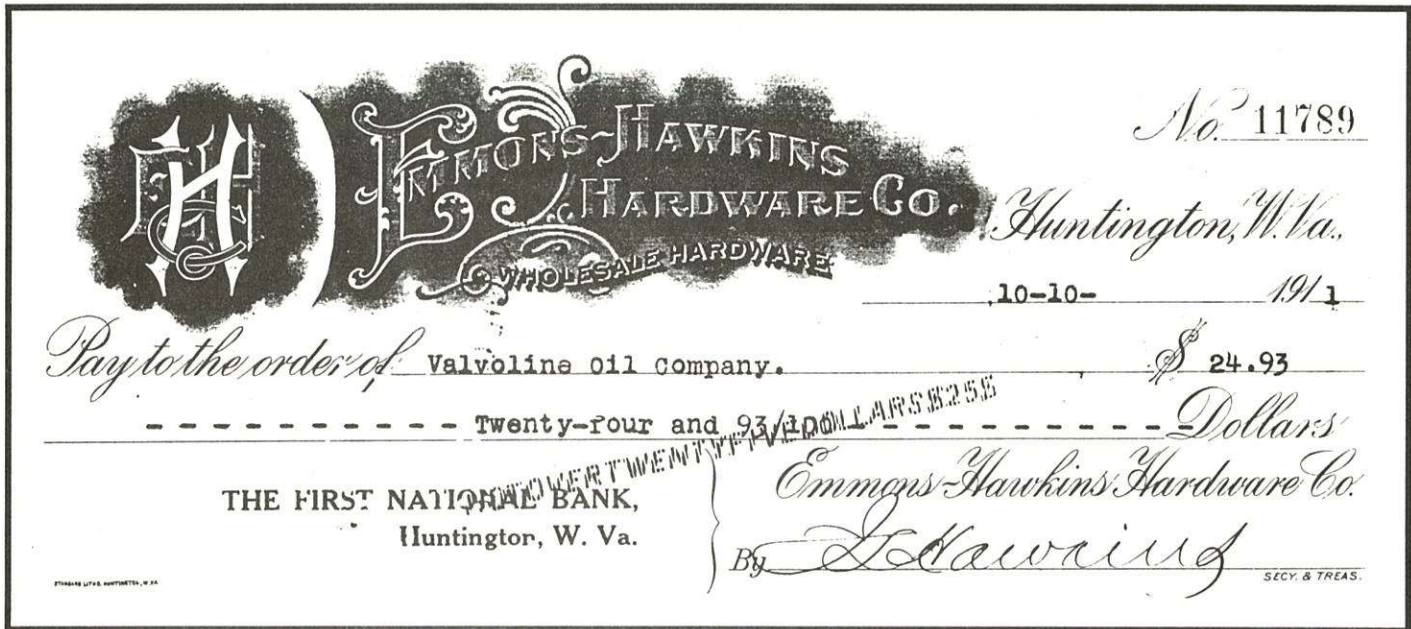


Special Justrite Lamps Sold by Two Hardware Companies

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Emmons-Hawkins Hardware Co. & The "Fulton" Cap Lamp

Justrite Mfg. Co. sold cap lamps to several other companies, complete with each company's own private-label stamping.¹

The "Fulton" was marketed by **Emmons-Hawkins Hardware Co.** of Huntington, West Virginia. Except for the bottom stamping, the lamp is identical to Justrite's X-RAY cap lamp, produced from around 1918 through the early 1920's.² The company was a large wholesale outfit, and its existence spanned the entire time that acetylene light was popular with mining.³

The logo bears the words: **EM HAW CO.** This has led to confusion for those who have sought information on the nonexistent "E. M. Haw Company". Neither the "E" nor the "M" represents initials, for no periods appear after the

letters. Rather, it is a contraction logo of the larger name. How the Fulton lamp may be related to Fulton Tool Works, also of Huntington, West Virginia is speculative.⁴



Bottom stamping of the Fulton cap lamp as compared to Justrite's X-RAY. (Illustrations by Wendell Wilson)

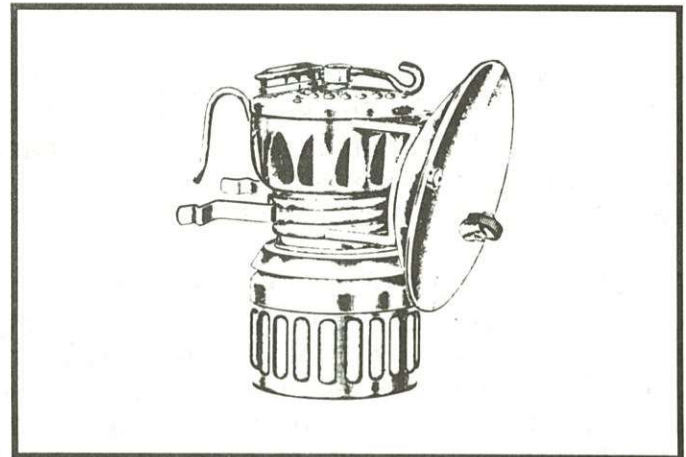
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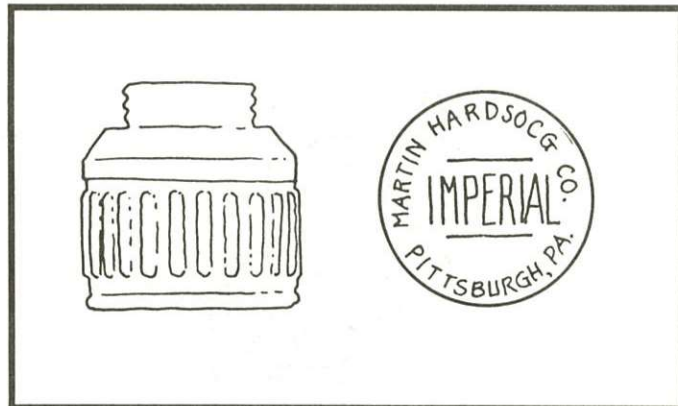
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**The Martin Hardsocg Co.
 &
 The "Imperial" Cap Lamp**

The Martin Hardsocg Co. of Pittsburg, PA was a major supplier of mining equipment in the east. Both Grier Bros. and Justrite manufactured private-label cap lamps for the company bearing their trademarked name: "Imperial". The Justrite-made Imperial was identical to their own X-RAY except for the bottom stamping.



Above: Justrite's X-RAY was identical in form to both Fulton and Imperial cap lamps. The latter are considerably rarer.



Left: Bottom stamping of the "Imperial" cap lamp. (Illustration by Wendell Wilson)

References and Notes

1. In addition to the lamps described here, Justrite also manufactured cap lamps for Abercrombie & Fitch.
2. First Catalog illustration of the XRAY cap lamp appears in 1919, although the unseamed base and unrolled tank flange predate more modern lamps introduced in these catalogs. A reasonable assumption is that the lamp was produced around 1918 and continued into the early twenties until the X-RAY name was applied to William Frisbies's Victor-style lamps. It is not yet known what years the hardware companies sold the lamps.
3. A promotional postcard from Emmons-Hawkins Hardware Co. shows that the company was in business continuously from 1884 through 1934. (James Lackey collection)
4. Personal communication by James Lackey with the son of a former employee of Fulton Tool Works. The son recalls his father bringing home several cap lamps from the factory bearing the Fulton name.