

Butterfly Lamps

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The Butterfly cap lamp was the first lamp I ever bought. A friend of mine and I were at Millers Surplus Store and were planing a camping trip. The year was 1972 and we were getting items we thought we might like for our trip. We saw these odd brass lamps on the shelf, and thought, light without batteries would be great. I still own that lamp today. While I have never put any value on these lamps, it seems most collectors own one. I found a tin box this summer at a flea market, it has a picture of what appears to be London, and the Big Ben clock tower on the front. On the sides of the tin, pictures of company

products are shown. One side has a camp stove the other pictures gas pressure lanterns, and one side shows Butterfly carbide lamps.

I have never seen any of these other Butterfly products. And why the picture of London on the top? I had always thought that Butterfly lamps were made in Hong Kong and imported by the Safe Sport Co. in Denver Colo. I am now wondering if the Butterfly name might be older than I thought. Has anyone seen the butterfly belt generator shown on this tin?

