

Another "Guy's Dropper" From Abroad

Remember the Demon Strike Light, a cap lamp looking quite similar to the Guy's Dropper? All known examples were found in Australia. Well, here comes another "Guy's Dropper" style lamp. Manfred Stutzer has sent us the photos below of a lamp he found in Sweden! To our knowledge, no one has found such a lamp in the U.S.A. The bottom, the waterlever and the notches are certainly reminiscent of the Guy's Dropper, but the barrel style watertank is quite unusual. The lamp apparently has no stamping whatsoever. Although we can conclude little about its manufacturer, this and the Demon certainly speak to the wide international prevalence of the Guy's Dropper design.

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Eastern Mining Artifact Collectors Meet

Dave Johnson reports:

"If the number of attendees and wealth of material offered is an indication of success, then the 1st Annual Eastern Mining Artifact Collectors' Swap Meet was successful. The event held Saturday September 15 in Indianapolis drew 52 collectors from 10 states. The amount and quality of material offered was enough to interest collectors from beginner to advance. Prices on sale items ranged from \$10 carbide cans to \$1500 nickel plated Hughes Bros. vest-pocket safety lamp.

Carbide lamps were well represented by a Surelight, 2 Britelites, a Gee Bee, 2 Gems, 2 Hansens, 2 Force Feeds, 4 Scrantos, 2 Springfields, and a large variety of lesser brand names. There were a large number of safety lamps available for sale and trade, as well as an even larger number of oil-wicks. Candlesticks were conspicuous for their absence with only about 20 examples offered.

Lester Bernstein purchased several nice safety lamps including a nice Everhart Davy. Mark Ballard traded for a C. Reed Davy and a JCB Clanny. Nelson Ressler acquired a Force Feed from Paul Johnson. Jane Girard got a nice Trethaway Bros. surveyor's lamp from John Podgurski. Kelly Deem acquired a Justrite #2 metal display and parts case from myself. I was fortunate to acquire an excellent open thimble Lindahl from Paul Johnson, 3 different surveyor's lamps, a Zar, a nickel-plated Gem, 4 oil-wicks, a very unusual Toplis Carbide Flask with built-in carbide measure made by the American Safety Mine Appliance Co. of Knoxville, Tennessee, as well as several other items.

Trading and selling began on Friday night in the hotel rooms. Activities included a side trip to my home by several groups who wanted to see my collection on Friday and Saturday.

Planning is already underway for next year's event and suggested locations range from Illinois to Pennsylvania. Hopefully we'll have an even larger turn-out next year."

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