

Patented Lantern Dinner Pail

Dave Gresko also sends word and photos of a patented "Combined Lantern and Dinner-Kettle" we have not seen before.

The tag attached to the handle and shown in some of the photos leads me to believe that this may be the original patent model. The patent, granted in Canada in 1875, describes the advantages for "those who have occasion to labor or travel in the cold . . ." Collectors of miners' lunch buckets, especially with lighting features, would not pass this item up, and it is available for sale or in trade for a rare safety lamp.

