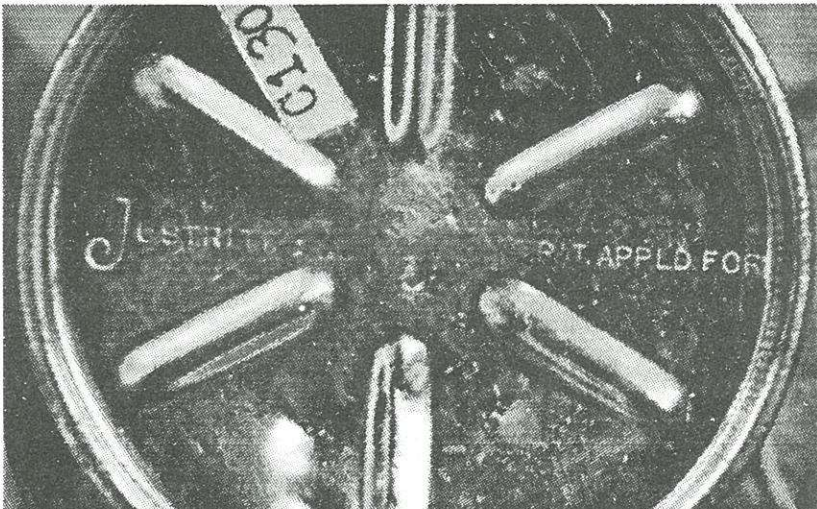


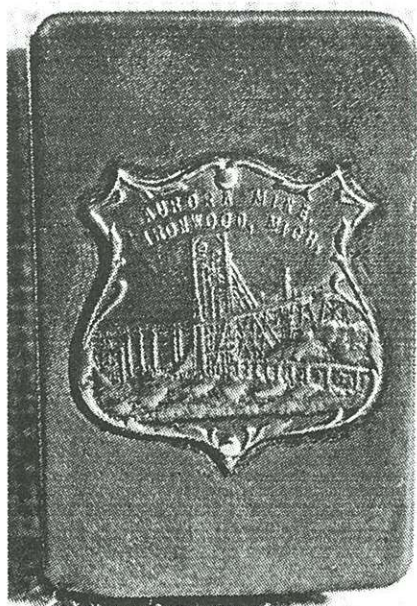
Justrite Ribbed Bases: Early and Earlier Stampings

Tony Moon submitted these photos of Justrite cap lamp bases. He writes:

"The first one (top photo) is one that I have had for some time and I originally thought that it was an example of the first ribbed base that Justrite manufactured. This lamp is a nickel plated horizontal Justrite cap lamp with 1912-13-15 dates and no "Made in USA" on the side. It has 12 water lever bumps and a Liberty feed plus the rubber gasketed water door (that is the reason I keep the lamp!).



The other photo and the main reason for this letter is the unusual marking on this Justrite ribbed base which I believe predates the one above. I had only seen one other lamp with this base until I found this one in California a month or so ago. The lamp is in horrible condition but for \$15 worth buying so I could take some pictures! The lamp is nickel plated with 1912-13-15 dates and no "Made in USA" on the side. It has also got 12 bumps, a lever feed and an oval water door."



Matchholder

This copper matchholder is a souvenir of the Aurora Mine in Ironwood, Michigan and depicts the mine's headframe. This particular area of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is part of the Gogebic Iron Range.

The Aurora Mine was part of the holdings of the Oliver Iron Mining Co. on the Gogebic Range, along with the Norrie, East Norrie, Pabst, Puritan, Tilden, Chicago, Atlantic, Geneva and Royal Iron Mines. The Oliver Iron Mining Co. was a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, better known as U.S. Steel. U.S. Steel also had subsidiary iron mining operations in Alabama (Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co.) and Utah (Columbia Iron Mining Co.). (Dave Johnson)