

## Canary Cage Mystery Solved

In issue #9 of Eureka (Jan 1994), there is a picture of a canary cage with a partial label on it. The word "Justrite" appears on the label and I have often wondered if this was the same Justrite Manufacturing Co. we all know and love.

It is not. I picked up a catalog labeled "Justrite pet Foods" with the same logo that appears on the canary cage. The catalog is from The Justrite Co. which was based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The subtitle of the catalog is "Canary and Pet Owners Guide Book." The catalog is dated 1930. Inside the book is the promotional phrase: "Refuse imitations!" I wonder if they really had never heard of the lamp company? (Len Gaska)

## "Fireman's Searchlight" Revisited

Regarding Scott Brady's "Fireman's Searchlight," there are several similar items, two of which I have. One is an emergency light by Handlan, the other is a Lake Superior "man overboard" flare. Both seem to be basically sealed cans containing about two pounds of carbide. The Handlan light is meant to be immersed in a pail of water - it doesn't include an outer can in its construction. The other is meant to be thrown into the water after first tying its tether to the boat and the other end to a life buoy. I enclose Polaroids of uncertain quality.

I suppose Mr. Brady's water light could have been used for area illumination outside of a mine during rescue operations if electricity had failed, but my best guess is that it was stocked for use in case of mine railroad accidents and salvage, remote from electricity. (Dick Sears)

