

Miller Patent Candlestick

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This patented candlestick is from Ron Bommarito's collection. As far as we know, it is the only example of its kind to surface. Although the scissors-type handle is corroded, the sheet metal thimble is remarkably well preserved. Shown right is the patent drawing of Robert A. Miller (Menominee, Michigan). This "Mining Lamp" was patented on September 7, 1897, and assigned No. 589,441.

The thimble will accommodate either an oil wick lamp or a candle. Though other oil wick sticks are occasionally found, this is by far the most sophisticated.

