Unusual Oil Wicks with Common Names

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The names of Trethaway Bros. and T. F. Leonard are commonly seen on oilwick lamps, but the two lamps pictured here, manufactured by these two firms, are very uncommon.



T. F. Leonard lamp.

The first of these is an all brass T. F. Leonard with a threaded cap, a spout brace, an unusual boot-kick and, most unusual, a hook that penetrates the font and is soldered on the inside of the lamp. The lamp measures $2\ 3/4$ " to the top of the cap, the font is $1\ 7/8$ " in diameter and the single spout is $4\ 1/2$ " long. This lamp bears no resemblance to any other T. F. Leonard product save for its stamping.

The second lamp, produced by Trethaway Bros. has a shoulder/collar piece unlike any other Trethaway product. I own 53 different Trethaway oilwicks and this is the only one made in this configuration that I have ever seen. The lamp measures $3\ 1/4$ " to the top of the cap, the font is $1\ 7/8$ " in diameter and the spout is $3\ 11/16$ " long. It has a heavy zinc-plated surface over tin.



Trethaway Bros. lamp.