

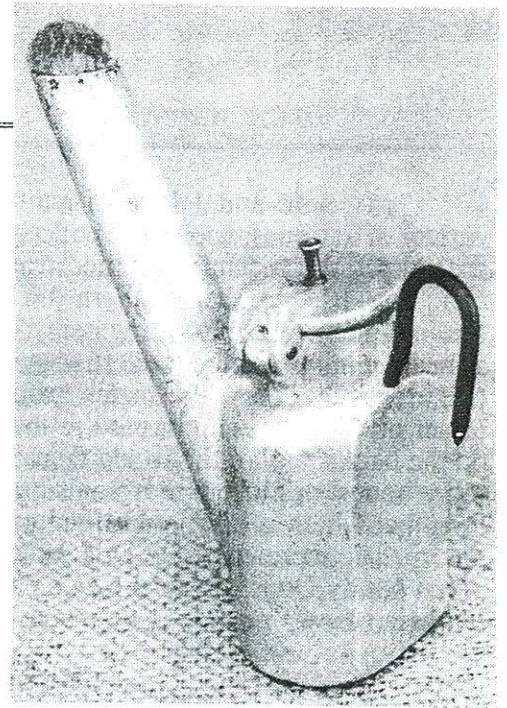
AN ALUMINUM OIL WICK IDENTIFIED

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I recently acquired the unmarked aluminum oil-wick lamp shown in Figure 1, with its distinctive flat back. The lamp has a steel hook, a brass vent tube on the lid, is 2.75 inches high at the lid and 4.1 inches high at the spout. The advertisement shown in Figure 2 indicates that the lamp was made by the American Safety Lamp and Mine Supply Co. of Scranton, Pennsylvania. A second advertisement from the company from 1912 (Figure 3) shows a similar, if not the same lamp, with the name "Indestructible" and a price of 50 cents. This was some three or four times the price of a tin lamp. No wonder aluminum lamps are hard to find--only the more affluent could afford them!

Now, who made the more commonly found aluminum lamps marked "PAT APD FOR" and who made the NO MELT?

Figure 1.
Aluminum
oil-wick
lamp.
(Author's
collection)



SAFETY LAMPS, ALL TYPES.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURE.

EVERY LAMP GUARANTEED PERFECT.

GLASSES, IRON OR COPPER GAUZES, AND ALL PARTS FOR ANY MAKE OF SAFETY LAMPS.

REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.

Seamless Aluminum Head Lamps

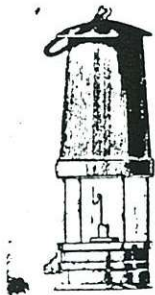
CAST IN ONE PIECE.

No Spout or Hooks to Melt Off.

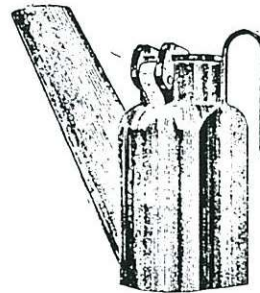
GREASE CUPS.

Brattice Cloth, Pneumatic Signal Gongs, Cotton Duck, Mine Whistles, General Brass and Aluminum Work.

Send for Catalogue.



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Seamless Aluminum Head Lamp

AMERICAN SAFETY LAMP & MINE SUPPLY CO.,
SCRANTON, PA.



Headlamps that Last a Lifetime

Your ordinary tin headlamp doesn't last very long. In fact, in a very short time, it is pretty well worn out, leaky and unreliable.

The "Indestructible" is all that its name implies--it cannot be broken, barring accidents, the spout and hook cannot be melted off, and it never leaks.

It is made from aluminum, holds the heat well and burns solid and semi-solid illuminants as well as ordinary oils.

The price is 50c each, postpaid--higher than tin lamps, of course--but then, they last a lifetime!

American Safety Lamp and Mine Supply Co.
SCRANTON, PA.

Figure 3. Ad for a "seamless aluminum head lamp cast in one piece" in the April 1896 issue of *The Colliery Engineer and Metal Miner*, vol. 16, no. 9.

Figure 2. Ad for the all-aluminum "Indestructible" in the May 1912 issue of *Mines and Minerals*.