

A POCKET OIL WICK LAMP

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One of the most unusual lamps in my collection is a face size Grier lamp with a screw lid and a screw cap for the spout. The lamp has the common Grier Bros. "STAR" marking in a shield on the side and is $2 \frac{5}{8}$ inches high to the top of the lid and $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inches high to the end of the spout cap. The lamp is all brass, including the hook, except for the inner spout which is copper. The lamp is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

The only plausible explanation that the author can think of for manufacturing an oil wick of this design would be to provide a lamp that could be put in ones pocket. The large spout cap would act as a snuffer and would prevent the contents from spilling. If any reader has another explanation or has seen other lamps of this type, please let me know.



Figure 1. The brass Grier Bros. pocket oil wick lamp with the spout cap in place. (Author's collection)



Figure 2. The brass Grier Bros. pocket oil wick lamp with the spout cap removed. (Author's collection)

