## MYSTERY LAMP SECTION

With this issue of the <u>MAC</u> a new feature of Collector's Talk is being initiated. Each issue will feature a photo of an unidentified mining artifact accompanied by a brief description.

Readers are urged to provide any information they may have on this lamp. Any information obtained will be printed in the following issue. Anyone having a mining lamp they wish to have identified in this section is urged to send a clear photo (no polaroids) and a brief description. If you don't want your item featured in this section but would like it identified you may send a clear photo taken at a slight angle downward along with a SASE to Dave Johnson who will be in charge of the MYSTERY LAMP section. We'll make every effort to identify your lamp for you.

## Current Mystery Lamp

Our first mystery lamp is made of tin with a flat screw cap. The wire hook is very heavy (compared to the average lamp) with a blunt clipped end. The spout is the double sunshine type. The base is a unique turned up stamping that rises 7/16" from table level. The font is 2 3/4" high to the top of the cap. The top of the spout is 2 9/32" high measured from table level. The cap is 1 1/32" outer diameter and the base is 1 1/2" outer diameter. The spout end is oval and measures 5/8" X 3/4". The lamp is well made and of very strong construction.

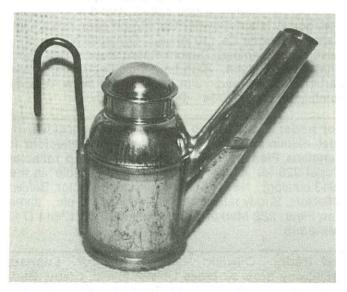


## Mystery Lamp Identified

In the Spring 1989 issue fo the <u>Underground Lamp Post</u>, an oil-wick lamp was illustrated with a unique coiled brass breather tube. It is stated that the lamp was patented December 21, 1909 as U. S. Patent No. 944,171. Neither the manufacturer or the patentee were identified.

I have since acquired that lamp for my collection and believe it to be a Trethaway Bros. product. It is identical (see photo) to an unfired Trethaway Bros. I possess which merely lacks the vent tube. The lamp with the tube must have been manufactured prior to the issuance of the patent since it is marked merely: PAT. APD. FOR and lacks the Trethaway Bros. name.





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