

MYSTERY LAMP SECTION

With this issue of the MAC 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 of the Underground Lamp Post, 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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