

What's The Rest of the Name?



This driver size oil-wick has a brass font, cap and riveted hook. The single spout is copper and 3 5/8" in length. The lamp is 3 1/8" high to the top of the cap and the straight-sided font measures 1 1/2" in diameter.

Near the base of the font the lamp is stamped: THE ___E VALVE CO. CHICAGO PATENTS 2278421, 2278422.

I have been unable to identify the missing three letters in the name. Neither patent number has anything to do with oil-wick lamps and are well past the period in which oil-wicks would have been patented, well past when carbide lamps would be patented for that matter.

As should be apparent from the photo, this lamp is unlike any other known. The greatest deviation from other lamps is the shape of the single piece shoulder/collar. The hook is both soldered and riveted to the font.

Can any of our readers shed any light on the origins of this unique lamp?

Souvenir Miniature Safety Lamp

This miniature brass Davy safety lamp, with a side font filler, measures just 3 1/4" in height and 5/8" in diameter. The raised letter inscription reads:

ROYAL INSTITUTION
7TH JUNE CENTENARY 1899
DR. MONDS GARDEN PARTY

This piece was apparently given away as a party favor.

