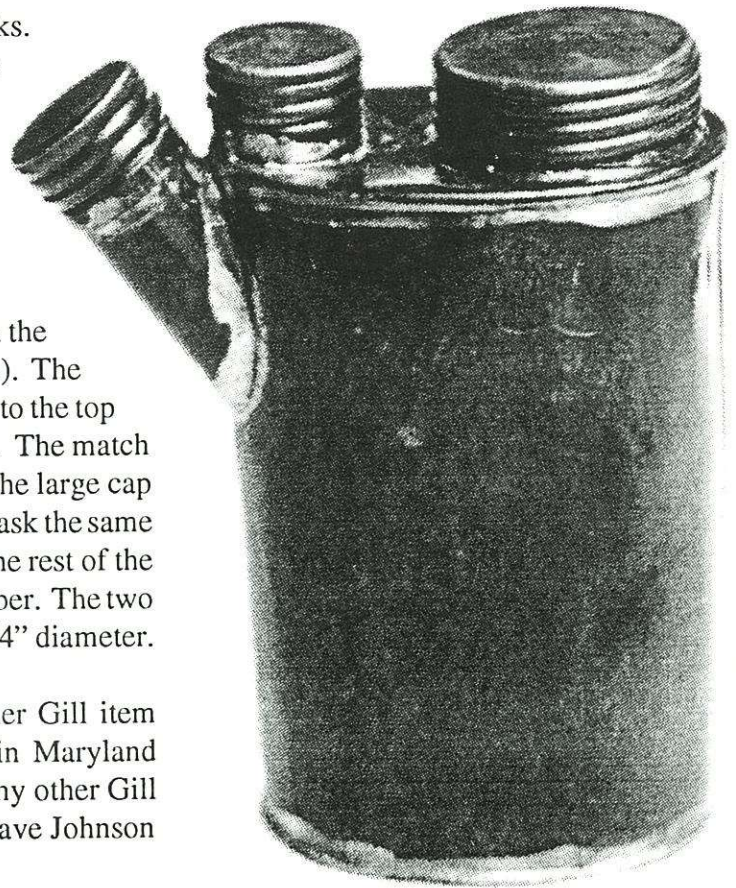


Gill Carbide Flask

The Gill name is well known to collectors of oilwicks. The Gill family firm of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, is known for producing a variety of oilwick lamps, as well as other mining related items (see article in April 1993 EUREKA). Apparently the Gill firm continued to produce and sell mining items in the carbide lamp period.

The pictured three compartment flask is marked with the John D. Gill's Sons shield stamp (see April '93 Issue). The body of the tin flask measures 5 5/8" tall, 6 5/16" tall to the top of the caps. The oval base measures 3 1/2" x 2 3/8". The match safe is the small center cap, the carbide chamber is the large cap with a cylinder going down through the body of the flask the same diameter as the cap. The water chamber makes up the rest of the body and surrounds the match safe and carbide chamber. The two small caps are 1" in diameter and the large cap is 1 3/4" diameter.

This collector had never seen or heard of any other Gill item related to carbide lamps until I found this piece in Maryland recently. Do any of our readers have or know of any other Gill carbide items?
Dave Johnson



Shanklin Manufacturing Co. Cigarette Case

The Shanklin Manufacturing Co., producer of the well-known Guy's Dropper carbide lamp, produced a variety of items in addition to carbide lamps. Among these was the aluminum cigarette case pictured here. Most likely produced in the 1920's, as lamp sales declined industry-wide this type of item can be conjectured as an attempt to diversify the firm's produce line. How many other items can be found with the Shanklin Manufacturing Co. name?

Dave Johnson

