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Bluefield Pocket Knife

The name Bluefield is prominent in West Virginia Coal Mining. Lamp collectors are familiar with the Bluefield Hardware Co. oilwick produced by Trethaway Bros., in both tin and brass models. Another Bluefield item is this advertising pocket knife produced for the Bluefield Coal & Coke Co. This patented knife has a single steel blade in a nickel-plated brass handle and measures 2" long when folded.

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Droop Spout Oilwick

One can only guess what reasoning was behind the design of this unusual lamp. Highspout lamps, lamps that have wick tubes attached to the shoulder of the font rather than to the base, are quite rare. This particular example of a highspout lamp is unique.

While the lamp is unmarked, I attribute it to W. B. Bertels of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The font, brass collar, cap and hook are identical in design and dimension of a marked Bertels lamp that is in my collection. The only difference is the unusual droop spout configuration.

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