

Now that high summer is here and all you exhibitors have polished your lamps for display and all the other collectors have scoured the car-boot sales and autojumbles have any of you found anything about which you should be writing to me? Either in answer to previous questions or to pose questions for the future. Let me know, I'm waiting to hear and to write about it in B/N 9.

### Updates.

Folding handles (as B/N 5 {a}) -Alf Clark, from Canada, has given me a photograph of his Optimus 1322, a 5/8 pint petrol lamp which has a flattened, but not wide, cast brass burner nozzle.

Lee McGuckian has corrected his Plumbob logo and we all agree now that the colours are blue and red and not black and red.

No joy so far with "Hipolito". Maybe no one speaks English there so I'll check later in the year when I am over there again. Likewise no reply from M.H.Berlyn, but, though they are in the West Midlands, I doubt they can plead that no one speaks English.

### B/N 7 Handles.

(a) This is seen on Belgian lamps mostly named "Brevete" though I have one with just the markings "U & R Bruxelles" on the tank. It is interesting that the French and Belgian for Patent is "Brevete" yet the inscription on the base of the handle bracket includes the word "Patent" as well as "Brevete". I have received a neat drawing by the Ansleys of Ashford of the inscription on the lower part of the handle bracket which I will print next time, together with any further information about these lamps which comes to light. Does anyone have any further views?

(b) Is a flattened oval steel tube used on larger "Governor" paraffin lamps. Incidentally does anyone have any information on the fate of John Shaw & Son who until fairly recently were in Wolverhampton. There is evidence that the business was taken over by a Holding Company called Markoffer but a letter to their last address was returned by the Post Office as "Gone away". Back to the drawing board!

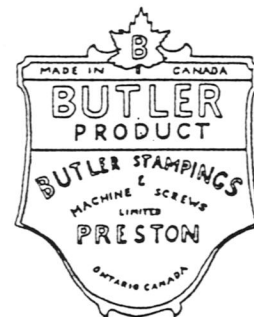
### Pump locking device.

This is used on some "Veritas" 1 pint lamps, but despite other similarities, like handles and the diamond logo on the front of the tank, I have not seen this pump-lock on a "Phoemax" lamp. Has anyone seen this elsewhere?

### Logo,

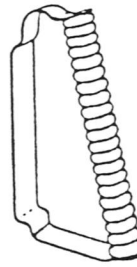
This was drawn from a "Butler" lamp and the full transfer is as shown alongside. I had a letter from Alf Clark in Canada with some photographs of his lamps, and also met him when he was over on a holiday recently. He has several "Coleman" lamps with the same shaped transfer, but "Coleman" replaces "Butler" and "C" replaces "B" in the Maple leaf at the top of the shield. The address is also different being Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Alf will check this. Coleman are still making camping and picnic equipment in the U.S.A so a contact there will try to get information about their earlier manufactures.

Tom Bartlett also has two similar transfers and is of the opinion that Coleman manufactures Butler lamps. He has sent me two sketches of the shield logos but they are not exactly the same shape. His drawing is usually very good so maybe these shields are a different shape from the others. Any views from anyone else? I've asked Tom to recheck this and perhaps send me a photograph- though after the Downs Rally perhaps photography is a touchy subject with Tom! Ask him when you next see him.



B/N 8 Handle.

Yes I have counted the Doughnut rings and there are 21!



Plaque.



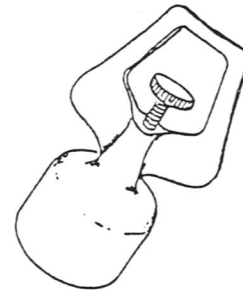
This is a brass embossed plaque soldered on to side of an old Sievert "Swedish Lamp" which carries only the simple inscription about genuine Sievert Soldering lamps bearing the name "Max Sievert Stockholm Sweden".

Filler caps. A new item which you may find of interest.

Many are interchangeable since the threads are common or with a bit of luck may just fit.

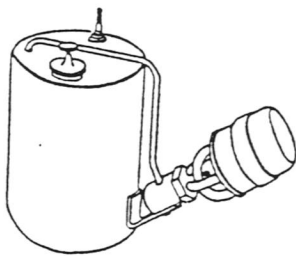
Functionally a dangerous practice without a good fit to the washer! A large number, especially petrol lamps, include spring loaded safety devices and some paraffin lamps as in this illustration include a central air-release screw.

This has also been described as a bleed screw or pressure release valve. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why John Byrne suggested we agree a standard terminology to use in B/N. I've had only one reply from the entry mentioned in B/N 6. What about some ideas?



What is it?

Another new feature to persuade members to send in their own queries and puzzles. I bought this lamp recently, largely because I'd not seen one before and didn't know what it was. The brass tank is black enamelled and is about 5/8 pint capacity. It has a standard Primus burner head with an Arabic-type inscription on it in addition to the name Primus. There are no other markings anywhere.



The cowl over the burner is machined with a collar probably to fit into a tube. Pressure appears to be provided via a ridged pipe in the top of the tank which suggests that a continuous pressure is needed. So what is it?

Logo.

This may not be easy to see on lamps which have been well used and the figure on transfers does not show very well.

Shows.

Ted Rawson Aug 23/24 Lincoln Steam Rally

Phill Taylor Aug 28/29 Honiton Hill

Aug 31/Sept 4 "Stourpaine"

Keith Hawkins: Aug 13/14 (?) Driffield

Aug 23/24 Lincoln Steam Rally Aug 31/Sept 4 "Stourpaine"

Sept 24/25 Barleylands Essex Oct ?? "Newark" at Wollaton Park

Self Aug 6/7 Redhill Aug 13/14 Detling Aug 19/20/21 St. Agnes

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Where I look forward to meeting many of you again.



Best wishes and happy collecting

Les