



# Guy's Dropper No. 100 Superintendent's Lamp and Box

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Most carbide lamp collectors are familiar with the Guy's Dropper No. 100 Superintendent's Brass Nickel-plated hand lamp, manufactured by the Shanklin Manufacturing Co. of Springfield, Illinois. A 1926 advertisement stated that the No. 100 "Will Burn for 3 to 4 hours", "Has large hook and folding handles", Is "used by those who prefer a hand lamp" and is "also used by hunters and campers, etc.", "Packed one to a box", priced at "\$1.75 each".

While the lamp can be found by the diligent collector the same is not true of the box for this lamp. Pictured here are the six sides of the No. 100 box. One end has a picture of Frank Guy, while the other end states A BRILLIANT STEADY FLAME ALWAYS, along with the 6 patent dates, the last being July 21, 1925. All six sides of the box contain printing, including instructions for using the lamp. The Box front is printed with No. and a blank space. This box has "100 Supt." penciled in after the printed No. The box measures 5 1/2" long x 4" x 3 1/4" wide. While not beautiful, at least an interesting piece.

