



# C. B. Porter Oil Wick Lamp

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Thanks to the eagle-eye of Nelson Ressler there is another new name to add to the ever-growing list of miners' oilwick cap lamps. I recently was able to add this new oilwick to my collection. The stamping reads: "C.B. PORTER" over "PHILA.". The stamping of the letters ORTER are very light.

The lamp measures 2 1/2 " to the top of the lid. It is tinned steel

except for the separately applied collar below the cap and the hinge wire attaching the cap to the front, which are both brass. It has a single wall spout.

The only reference to a C.B. Porter & Co. in Philadelphia is a reference to James Fallows & Sons, later Frederick & Henry Fallows Toys, listed as a toy maker, originally organized under the name C.B. Porter Co., prior to 1894. Fallows is known to toy collectors today for their painted and stenciled tin toys. It would be no stretch for a company that produced tinned steel toys to produce oilwick lamps.

