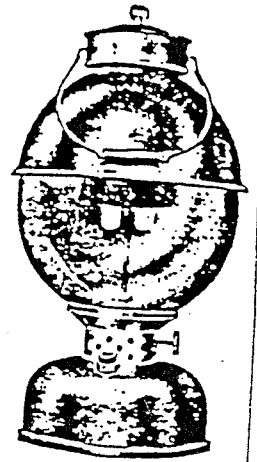


NAME AND TYPE LANTERN, Gasoline, Coleman Arc Lantern

MODEL NUMBER -- L

PRODUCTION -- 1914-1923

DESCRIPTION -- The first in a long succession of Coleman outdoor lanterns was introduced in January, 1914. From that time on the supremacy of the Coleman designed and manufactured lantern was never in doubt.



The Arc Lantern was designated by the letter "L". Eventually it became known as the Model L316. Later in the same year a companion lantern designated Model AL319 was successfully introduced.

With slight modifications, the L316 lantern was to remain in production for nearly 10 years during which time approximately 25,000 were shipped from the Wichita, Kansas, Coleman factory.

The Model "L" evolved from Coleman "System" lamps developed a few years prior to 1914. By adding a protective metal hood between the ventilator and the glass globe, the System lamp could be made virtually wind, rain and bug proof. A hollow wire leading from a pressurized tank conducted fuel to the light fixture. By 1914 Coleman had developed its Model 250 to a degree that made it an outstanding example of outdoor lighting.

It was a relatively simple matter to attach a fuel reservoir to the Model 250, add a sturdy base and sell it as an outdoor lantern. The fuel fount held two quarts of gasoline and when air was added by means of a small external pump the fuel was ample for up to 25 hours on a single filling.

Made of solid brass, nickel plated, the lantern's two mantles gave off 300 candlepower -- enough to illuminate a circle 100 yards in diameter.

