

# ON THE LIGHTER Side

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OTLS is pleased to welcome another new member this month - Welcome to Leonard Shafer. Since a new Roster just came out last month Leonard will appear on the next Roster - probably next month.

**CORRECTIONS:** Please note Bob Gee's Zip Code was incorrect on the Roster - his correct Zip Code is 90504. Also the correct spelling of the following name is De Forrest Kjosja.

Your Editor would like to know if any OTLS Members bought any of the lighters advertized in the July issue (from non-members)? When someone buys a lighter from a non-member I would appreciate your dropping me a postcard so I will know whether to run that ad again or not - also so I can notify the non-member if their lighter doesn't sell.

More later.....

*Judith*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

FROM OUR  
PARIS CORRESPONDENT!

Carlo Valerio is now in Paris, France and has written to tell us about his collection.

One point Carlo forgot to mention in his letter is whether he and his wife, Helena, have moved permanently to Paris, or just there on assignment? How about it, Carlo?

Carlo had been collecting Art Deco objects and fell in love the with Ronson "Bartender" - - and there began another lighter collection.

Carlo went to to say he collects a lot of table lighters, from the oldest to the first butane lighter. Although at present he not only has about 500 table lighters, he also has about 800 pocket lighters and close to 60 case lighters.

He went on to describe a few of his favorites from his collection. One of his oldest is a Tinder Pistol from the late 1700's. Among the more unusual ones, he has a Faberge gold and mother of pearl table lighter and a silver Dunhill table lighter with watch. But Carlo considers that his most unusual is a gold painted table lighter in the shape of a 'Cocker Springer Dog' with a striker hidden inside the head.

Recalling some of his experiences with buying lighters, Carlo said one of the funniest experiences he has had was when he found a 'Dunhill Lady Compact Case Lighter' - - which he discovered was not a lighter, but a fake lighter and a real compact!

Carlo's wife and friends help him find new additions to his lighter collection, as well as his collections of radios, safety razors and early plastics. He expressed the hope that OTLS will help add to his lighter collection. At present he is looking for the 'Champanze' and 'Bulldog' Ronson strikers. Also would like to buy any other Ronson touch tip or strikers and Deco lighters. So if any of you have any you want to sell, please let Carlo know.

It is always interesting to hear how another lighter collector displays lighters. Carlo told me he only displays the table lighters, and displays them by group of interest.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

Following are excerpts from an article contributed by Al Grosskopf on the Alfred Dunhill of London, Limited company.

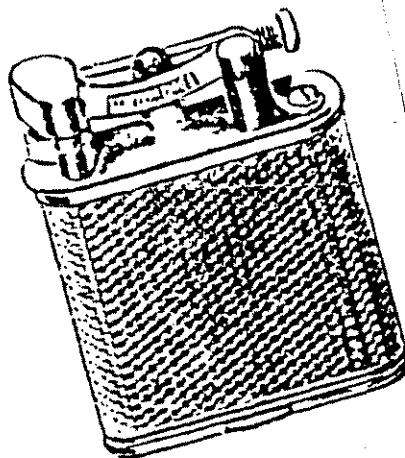
Alfred Dunhill Limited was formed in London on July 2, 1923, as part of the formation of two independent companies. Herbert Dunhill became Managing Director. And for the next five years, until his retirement in 1928, Alfred Dunhill remained Chairman of the Company.

The Dunhill Lighter appeared in 1924. As a sequel to the various crude and unreliable lighters that had appeared during and after the war, the Dunhill Lighter had spent a long time under test, and its reliability depended upon the simplicity of its design and the care with which it had been made. The horizontal flint wheel that could be operated by one hand was the essence of its patent. It is the action of the prototype which is used in numerous shapes, sizes and styles of Dunhill Lighters to this day.

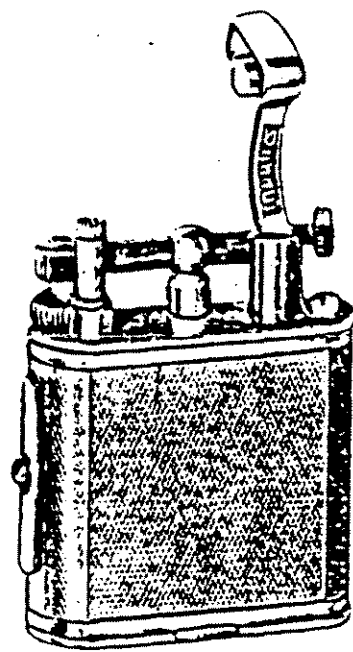
Later lighters in silver and gold were followed by designs in enamel and lacquer. The idea of having a watch and lighter combined led to other articles, such as powder compacts and cigarette cases, until it was obvious there was no end to ingenuity of the craftsman. Many jewelled lighters were made for special orders, and of these one representing a basket of flowers and costing what was a princely sum at that time, was the most elaborate lighter that has ever been made. Soon there were lighters for every occasion - lighters for the pocket, the table and novelty lighters ranging from those with hand-painted pictures to the well known representation of an 18th century tinder pistol and the graceful replica of a Roman lamp.

A 1932 catalogue shows the Dunhill "Watch" Lighters ranged in price from \$60.00 to \$250.00 for a "14 Carat Gold, Engine-Turned, 'Standard' Size".

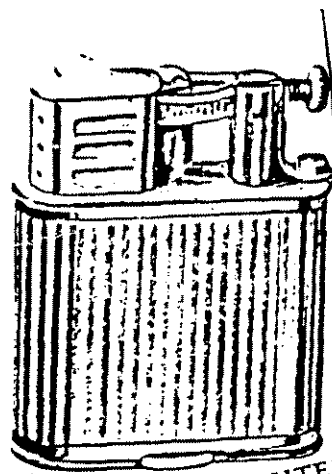
Following are some pictures of some Dunhill Lighters:



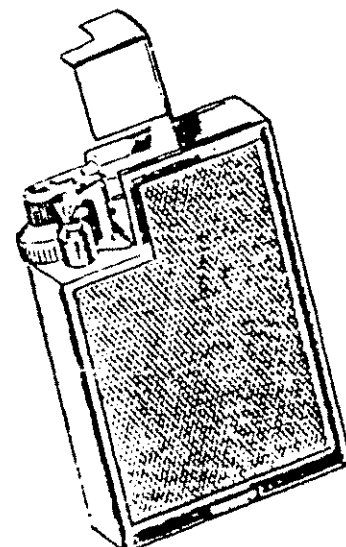
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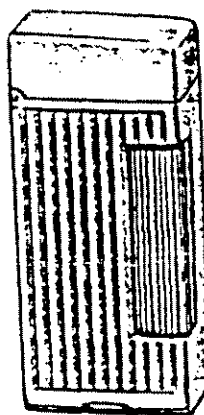
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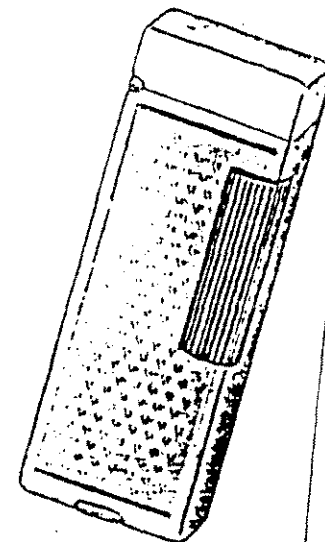
"SPORT" LIGHTER



"HANDY" LIGHTER



Ladies'  
"ROLLALITE"



Gentlemen's  
"ROLLALITE"

For Sale or Trade

Small collection for Sale - includes the following: Table lighters - 3 Ronsons; 6 Zippos with ads; approx. 35 other type pocket lighters with ads, some in original boxes, no duplicates, most all are at least 20 years old. This man would like to sell all of them in one lot - is willing to sell them at a reasonable price - your Editor has complete inventory for anyone who is interested. Owner is Thomas Costello (non-member) - his address is available for anyone interested.

I have a lot of pocket lighters I would like to sell. All in working order. Some old "Camel" lighter shape, some "Zippo" shape (but no Zippos). All have ads on them. Will sell for 50¢ ea. Judith Sanders

Metal: gold to bronze color. Picture of Napolian III front and letters on back are raised similar to a sculpture. Make an offer. (See photo below)  
 Frances L. Wepel, 6004 Bromley Ave., Apt. 1, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.



Wanted to Buy or Trade

Authentic flint & steel flintlock tinderboxes & other pre-lighter firemaking devices. Warren Gerber

14K gold lighter - must be in good working order and in good shape. Eddie Dektor

1910-1930's round, brass/copper, similar in size/shape to man's hunter case pocket watch, French, German, English, flint post pulls out, hole-fitting for wick, WWI scene or leaders or coins. NOT Japanese made "Belgium or French" coins. Warren Gerber

Wanted: Any ceramic lighter that is marked "Made In Occupied Japan". Will pay \$50 and up for those I can use for my Thesis! Bob Gee

Musical lighters. Warren Gerber

Interested in Ronson's from the 20's. Eddie Dektor

Interested in buying or trading for very old lighters from 1880's to 1920's, and any watch lighters, working or not. Ira Pilosof

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Interested in a 1932 Zippo and a 1943 black lacquer Zippo. Ira Pilosof

Want Dunhill lighters with watches in them. John Cuevas

Wanted Ronson Table Lighters, esp. unusual, or other working table lighters. Also need someone to repair Enalox-Norway table lighter, believe tank leaks gas. Also need reg. replacement (medium size) gold colored metal insert lighter for base. Says "Japan" - wheel frozen, etc. David Chase

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