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August 18th was a good day on eBay. Mid-afternoon a Buy-It-Now for \$47.00 showed up for an H-9-UL Crown Brewing opener from Cincinnati. I clicked as quick as I could and bought the item. Seller shipped and it arrived four days later. A little fine steel wool and it looked great. Above are all of its brothers and sisters. The Schlitz & Barmann, Crown Brewing, Fernando Cigar are the only examples known. About 4-5 examples of the Fremont have been found. The 1909 Polar Water from RI has 3-4 examples known. The bottom two are the only examples I know of with the advertising shown. Just tough styles to find.

- H-009-001 Schlitz & Barmann Beer. / J.J. Cuneo, Kingston, N.Y. (3 5/8") NY
- H-009-002 Crown Brewing Co. Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio. / Drink Crown Beer (3 1/4") OH
- H-013-001 Fremont Brewing Co. / Pilsener Beer NE 8
- CBO-HBO-15 Fernando Cigar Co. / Escanaba, Mich. (H-9 w/ CBO) MI 6
- H-009-999 Just Holler For Polar Sparkling Water Leicester Polar Spring Co. Worcester. / Souvenir Grand Council Meeting U. C. T. Providence, R. I. June 4 & 5, 1909 RI
- H-009-999 Henry Heumann's Thirst Parlor / Seward, Neb. NE
- H-009-999 W. & C. Ramsay, North Battleford. / Wines & Liquors (Saskatchewan) CAN

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Two can opener combination tools of Raymond Miner's 1915/16 patents with the top one advertising "P. P. I. E. 1915 (Pic of Western Hemisphere on Spoon Bowl)" for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915. The bottom piece advertises "Mfg. By R. C. Miner Faith, S. D. Geo. W. Jenks Faith, S. D. Your Money Back If Not Satisfied". Another example has been found and shown on the following page from The Dakota Plaster Co.

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The third example has been found (top 3 pics as found) and needed some serious cleaning (bottom 3 pics after cleaning). It advertises "The Dakota Plaster Co. of Rapid City, S. D.". Note the can opener is missing the spike end. Half of the ring handle was very pitted. Miner's Patents: 1916-07-18 Raymond C. Miner Faith SD #1,191,608 "Combination Tool" and 1915-04-13 Raymond C. Miner Faith SD #1,135,462 "Finger Nail Clipper"

Sometimes You Don't

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I never saw this pile of “stuff”. Listed under Collectibles & Art Collectibles Wholesale Lots Other Collectible Lots, I only saw it as a sold lot. The opener at the right was a B-37-UL and is a “rare bird” indeed. Lucky buyer got the pile for \$51.00 with free shipping. Life was good for someone.

