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FOR SALE

A MAX SIEVERT BLOW LAMP

I HAVE POLISHED A SMALL PART AND IT BUFFS UP REALLY WELL

IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION WITH NO DAMAGE

THE REASON FOR THIS SALE IS AS FOLLOWS

First a short explanation on how a blow lamp works for those that do not know

This form of lamp was invented in Sweden by C.R. Nyberg in 1882: It is a simple heating torch, which burns liquid fuel (such as kerosene (USA) / paraffin oil (*UK), or more recently biodiesel), with ambient atmospheric air after vaporizing it using a coiled tube passing through the flame. They take time to start, needing pre-heating with burning methylated spirit. If there is any doubt as to the integrity of the pressurized fuel tank or any of the seals in the torch, it should be treated strictly as an antique — if the tank bursts there is a very real risk of explosion or fire.

Very technical I must say

Basically you pump the plunger up and down, this produces a very high pressured jet of paraffin which due to the pressure is vapourised. You then light this jet and hey presto you have a blow torch, or if the nozzle is not cleaned a small flame thrower.

I have added this description because I am still getting email asking what a Caravan Hitchdrive is (see story 11 on my web site).

The blow lamp is normally used for paint stripping or plumbing but my wife used it to light her Tibetan Yak dung tobacco pipe.

We found recently that due to EEC rules the octane rating of paraffin has been reduced, and as a result the flame was a lot cooler and would not ignite the dense and smelly Tibetan tobacco. The only effect it had was to char it slightly on the top. My wife sucking hard to aid the ignition would often cause the pipe and her mouth to implode with the vacuum sending the pipe down her throat which meant sending the ferrets down to retrieve it. This was very unfair to the ferrets. I would have tried the Heimlich manouvre but my arms were not long enough.

She did try petrol in the blow lamp but the super heated three foot jet of flame produced did little to ignite the pipe but took the hair off two people standing next to her at the bus stop. My wife now uses an industrial plasma gas lance to light up. The only problem now is that we have to wear welding goggles

I wish she would give up the pipe as her lungs are like an old steam train boiler. The only difference is that to decoke a steam boiler you use long rods with wire brushes attached. Whereas my wife clears her carbon deposits with an early morning routine of coughing and chest thumping. This gets louder and more energetic until, like a cat coughing up a fur ball, the lump of phlegm/carbon is ejected at great speed breaking anything in its path. She tries to aim for the dining room wall as we are slowly building up a lovely artex finish, when its dry I just emulsion over it. We should have the room finished in a few years.

What she will miss the lamp for is nostril and ear hair removal, also treating other unmentionable growths that readily plague my dear one. My wife has decided to let her ear and nostril hair grow, plait them into dread locks and loop them on top of her head to supplement her normal hair, which is thinning due to the pipe smoke acting like acid rain and eroding it.

The 'unmentionable' growths should not have been mentioned as they are 'unmentionable' and for this I apologize.

We also tried using the lamp at meals when having fondue, but the flame was a tad too fierce, and the small black charred blobs on the charcoaled sticks were uneatable. We tried steel skewers but they got red hot, this was ok for my wife as like most wives she has asbestos skin on her hands. For the rest of us it was a painful experience, (as are most meals the wife cooks).

Another use she put the lamp to was in the kitchen a la Mrs Beeton, Gordon Ramsey etc. Like most things my wife sees on the television she only took notice of a small amount, and just saw the blow lamp being played over a dish of food. We then had two weeks of charred meals as every dish received the flame treatment from the mashed potatoes and brussel sprouts on Sunday dinner, to the lads cornflakes at breakfast. It only stopped when she got a large piece of charred haddock stuck in her throat. I was going to leave her but the look on her face said that to hesitate would be more painful for me than her so again I had to send in the Ferrets.

I normally ask people to send in suggestions as to the different uses the things I sell can be used . The last few sales ie An Amber Beacon and Cigarette Lighter can only really be used as intended but I feel there may be a few different uses for this lamp. So just let your mind wander and send in a few suggestions.

3 Feb 2009 3rd day of the auction and my birthday.

I have had a few suggestions from various people.

Fred of Leicester They can burn you house down. *FD Fred could you expand on that statement a bit please.*

Bob The Builder..... *FD A Non de plume I think.* Put them on each side of the saddle on your bicycle, ignite, and off you go. A jet propelled push bike, or when skiing strap them to your back, ignite and ski uphill..... *FD Bob that appeals to the inventor in me. Sir Frank Whittle would have been proud of you as would Mr S Inclair.*

Delores of Soho-----*FD Yet another unprintable suggestion..... FD Delores why are all your suggestions so painful and unprintable? I know sex is a big thing in your life, and you do take a lot of work home with you, but have you no other interests? In answer to your unprintable suggestion the flame on this thing is blue, that is very very hot and I think would burn off any part of the anatomy it came close to. Or are you just heating up the steel "thingy" (the nearest printable word I could find). I would be interested to know where you put it once it is warm.....On second thoughts don't bother.*

Mrs Brenda Bucket of Ibstock..... Tie one on each side of the car....Hang on a minute RAY ... RAYStop doing that with the Hoover its disgusting go and wash the coal NOW Where was IOh yes Tie one on each side of the car pointing down in front of the wheels, when it snows they will melt the snow and you wont get stuck I have got to go now Raymond has got the Hoover tube stuck Hang on Raymond just getting my Marrigolds and the butter. FD I do hope Ray has not injured himself too much Very topical suggestion given yesterdays snow storm London Transport could have used that idea for their buses (Thats the snow melter not the Hoover).

TO BE CONTINUED

On 04-Feb-09 at 06:05:55 GMT, seller added the following information:

4 Feb 2009 4th day of sale

Well we have a bidder already, obviously a person of discerning taste who knows a thing or two about blow lamps and can spot a bargain when they see one. A person who wishes to stake a claim on this wonderful 'objet d' art', for that is what it is. Not only is it a blow lamp, it is an object of Scandinavian functional beauty that when polished up to a high finish could be placed on the Ikea coffee table of any lord of the land and he would be proud to own it.

At this time in an auction I normally quote from the bard

St Ebays day speech.

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers:
For he today that bids this auction with me.
Shall be my brother, be he ne'er so vile.
This auction shall gentle his condition:
And gentlemen in England now abed,
Shall think themselves accursed they did not bid.
And hold their manhood's cheap whiles any speaks
That bid with you on this fair auction and won.

Max Sievert liked it so much he bought the company.

On 06-Feb-09 at 06:10:37 GMT, seller added the following information:

6th Feb 2009 6th day of sale

Fred has explained his statement above that a blow lamp 'Can burn your house down'.

FREDS STORY

I have just had a very long telephone call from Fred of Leicester. A very slow deliberate talker, who measures every word before, and during saying it. Like a toffee he takes it out of the crumpled brown paper bag and slowly unwraps it marveling each time at its size shape and texture, chewing and ruminating. He would have sent an email but typing it would have taken days as he weighs each letter typed. (The phone call took two hours).

In his own words-----

FRED

I ... Decided ... To Strip The Paint. Off The Front door As The Missus Was Getting Right Stropky..... On..... Account Of Me Putting. (This is not a typing error, it is how Fred speaks. I am running out of capitals and full stops so will speed things up a little).

Below is a condensed form of my conversation with Fred

FRED...I decided to strip the paint off the front door. As the missus was getting right stropky on account of me putting a coat of car bitumen underseal on a few years back to protect the wood from rust, she said how it was unsightly, and it was the talk of the neighborhood was our front door. Take a look at the wife now that's unsightly. So after much thought and planning I got to it. I decided to use me old paraffin blow lamp, well not mine as it was a gift from a neighbour when I wanted to weed the lawn. Did a right good job it did, too good in fact it got rid of weeds, grass, and bushes the lot. We were just left with a sort of brown carpet where all the green should have been. So the wife didn't find out I painted the window glass green with pretty flowers on it and a nice blue sky. She was dead chuffed. She didn't find out until the next Monday which was wash day. She looked out the window, saw the painting and thought it were a lovely sunny day, did her washing and went to hang it out only to find we was in the middle of a storm with torrential rain, lightening and floods. Got a right ear bashing that day I can tell you. Anyway I started to strip the door. As much as I played the flame over the door the stuff would not come off it just bubbled and smoked"

FD... "Didn't you use your paint scraper?"

FRED... "No, no one told me I needed one of those things I just thought it would "go, like drop off". So I adjusted the flame up. The wood of the door started to smoulder and then smoke. Suddenly the door burst into flames, I panicked and I tried batting them out with my hands."

FD... (Trying to speed up the conversation). "Ah so that set fire to the house?"

FRED... "No that was the cat. Anyway when me wife heard the banging on the door she went and opened it thinking it was the vicar come to tea, but no, she was greeted by a burning door and a tongue of flame from me lamp. In her panic she knocked the blow torch out of my hands."

FD... "So then the house burnt down?"

FRED... "NO I told you the cat set fire to the house".

FD ...??????????

FRED ...“Yes the blow torch fell onto the cat whose tail set alight. Off the cat went straight up the curtains which caught fire. Thats what sent the house up. I was right peeved I can tell you, me missus had just put a steak and kidney pie in the oven and had to leave it. Right waste of good food that was. I told her to go in and get it and not to forget me Val Doonican collection but the fireman held her back for some reason. We had to have fish and chips from Marcos, down the road, nice batter he does too.

FD“What about the cat”? (I think I knew the answer looking down at the furry creature clawing at the wife’s wooden leg).(see story 16 on my web site. Witchery part 5 A home at last).

FRED.... “Oh the cat. He just ran off never seen him since. Me wife thought Id done it just to get out of doing the front door. In fact the only thing left after the fire was the blow lamp which stood on the front porch.

After a few commiserations and pleasantries I finished the call. Sad tale though and I am sure all our thoughts go out to Fred and his wife at this time. He told me that due to a mix up with the council and house allocations, he and his wife are staying at the Grand Hotel in Leicester for the next year or two, until their house is put right. Just goes to show every cloud has a silver lining.

On 08-Feb-09 at 11:29:34 GMT, seller added the following information:

8th Feb 2009 8th day of sale.

We have a few suggestions on alternative uses for the lamp

Johnny Craddock aka Hairy of BathYour beautiful wife could use it to shave in the morning just like Desparate Dan of Beano fame, She could also use it instead of waxing on her gorgeous legs.*FD Hello Johnny I see we are still living on the edge. If Fanny finds out you are complimenting my wife she would not be a happy Fanny I am sure.... In answer to your suggestion. As far as normal bodily hair goes she has tried it and the hair just singes a bit and curls up. As for waxing she has tried that too but instead of pulling the hair out it just makes it go frizzy which means that it takes longer to comb her legs/ underarms etc.*

Fanny Craddock of Bath I know what I would like to heat up and its got nothing to do with food, it involves a certain part of Johnnys nether regions. How could you Johnny as soon as my back is turned to the oven you start cavorting with Her.....*FD Oh come on now Fanny he was just paying her a compliment. My dearest takes great pride in her bodily hair, so much so in fact that she takes a Bob Martin pill every day.(For a healthy coat). As well as the weekly Chiropodist’s visits she also has the local poodle parlour lady in just for her legs. Now that’s dedication to looking good.*

Some more suggestions.

Mr S Inclair Make a fabric balloon, strap it too your body, fill it with hot air from the lamp and it will lift you up. When you are clear of houses and other obstructions point the lamp the opposite way you want to go and you will float along *FD What can I say. That is one daisy of an idea. I think you should contact Mr Sugar immediately.*

Skippy Des's mate.....I remember in the good old days in New Zealand on top of Mount Hagarepigigitopa as a lorry driver in the freezing weather having to light a small fire under the fuel tank to heat the diesel fuel which when cold turned to a waxy consistency. Nowadays they put an additive in to stop this. Lorry drivers today don't know they are born. *FD Good old days?*

Mr Woggle of Tipton I had one in the boy scouts we were supposed to make fires by rubbing sticks together not me straight to the bottom of me rucksack out with the blow lamp a few pumps and hey presto a roaring inferno. Ray Mears would have been proud. It all came to a sad end when as a treat we tried to make a midnight snack in the tent. The lamp tipped up and burnt the tent down this would not have been so bad but the grass outside our tent caught fire and soon the whole field was a raging inferno. We all thought it was great fun.

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