

Match Manufacturers:

Crown Match Co.

(1933-1942)

One of the hobby's most celebrated manufacturers, producers of sought-after covers, no matter what the category, the Crown Match Company's covers are recognized as treasures by all. Why? Well, age is part of it; they're all over 60 years old...but there are plenty of 60-year old covers that have never garnered the prestige or value of Crown covers. The company no longer exists anymore...but, then, most of the industry's well-known manufacturers don't exist anymore, and they've never been held in the unique esteem that we hold the Crown Match Company. No, more than anything else, the single most important factor here is the *quality* of Crown covers.

Crown covers are *noticeable* when you run across one. They're slightly longer than other covers, and they somewhat slimmer. With a little experience, when you pick up a Crown cover, you can tell it's a Crown cover without looking at the manumark. But, most of all, it's the marvelous art work on the covers which has given the name "Crown" the distinctive status it enjoys among collectors, especially seen in the Chinese Restaurant covers.

The Crown Match Co. took over, or came out of, The Hellman Match Co., Los Angeles, in 1934. The company's factory was in Los Angeles, as well. There are currently 2,794 Crowns listed, but the late Jim Moffett, CA, had 3,034 in his collection back in October 1987. So, always keep your eyes open for...*Crown covers!*

