

KNOW YOUR COVERS!

Lion Safety First

This particular Safety First footer was used by Lion Match Co. from 1919-1928. Diamond had also issued a Safety First, and other companies, especially in the 1930s, issued their own.

The earlier Lion S-F issues were significantly taller than the later issues., with even wider strikers.

Given the dates here, it's not surprising that these covers are highly sought after by collectors. Back in the 1980's, Jim Moffett sold me 150, and that got me started on my Lion Safety First collection.

A number of different manumarks are seen to accompany the Lion S-F footer, including L. Barth & Company and Nathan Straus & Sons, Inc.

There are 837 currently listed.

