

KNOW YOUR COVERS!

SAFETY FIRST CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH

Here's another of the hobby's treasures—a golden oldie scooped up by everyone who's lucky enough to come across one...*and if you don't, you're more than welcome to mail them to me!*

Diamond Safety First was an old Diamond Match Co. footer. According to the late Bob Oliver's research, Diamond Safety Firsts were issued from 1915-1920, so they pre-date the much more widely known Diamond Quality footers [discussed in our last issue]. All of these covers, given their age, are both XL's (Talls) and wide-strikers.

Ed Brassard, WA, reported having 300 Diamond Safety Firsts in October 1988. Only 289 are currently listed.

