

# Lion Safety Firsts

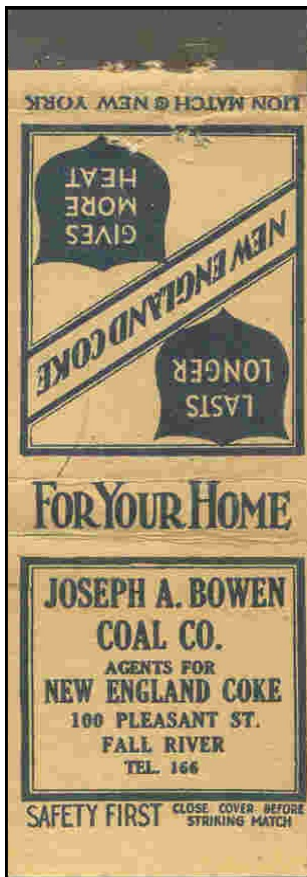
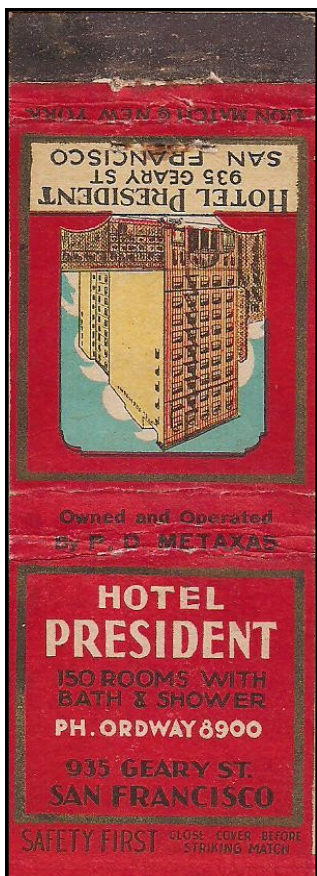
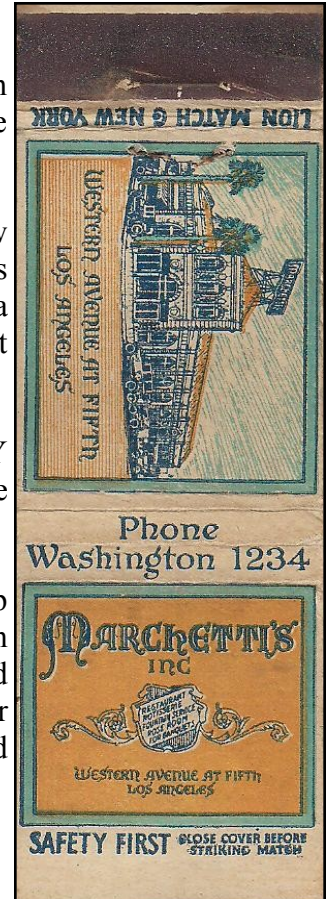
Definitely one of the golden oldies! Lion Match Co. issued them from 1919-1928. When you acquire one of these beauties, count yourself lucky!

And, as an added bonus, more or less, despite how old they are the strikers haven't normally corroded as seen so frequently in DQ's. Perhaps Lion used a different process, or possibly even a different combination of ingredients.

All of these covers carry the coveted SAFETY FIRST footer, but, as can be seen here, not all are wide strikers.

The artwork featured on these covers, while not up to Crown standards, is certainly on a par with contemporaneous Universal and Diamond covers and far ahead of that found on the later smaller companies, such as Manhattan, Jersey, Chicago, and the like.

There were 836 listed as of December 2014.



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